

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

AUGUST MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 August – 31 August 2020

While new measures to limit the spread of covid were introduced on the 18th August, they did not impact on the operation of services provided by the Council. The Council continued to provide full services, with some restrictions in place.

The new working arrangements including rotation of shifts/attendance, division of works teams to different locations, remote working and longer flexible office hours continued to be implemented to ensure the robust provision of our services during the pandemic.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

Libraries

In line with public health guidelines on social distancing and hygiene, permitted visitor numbers at any given time remain reduced, with sanitisation stations at entrances. We continue to look at innovative ways of enhancing user experience during this time e.g. dlr Libraries App to allow self-issue and self-return of library items to minimise using touch screens and handling library cards and a traffic-light system when entering library spaces to ensure maximum capacity numbers are being adhered to. Library staff continue to work remotely a portion of their working week, in order to facilitate social distancing in work spaces. Face coverings are now mandatory when visiting libraries.

dlr LexIcon piloted access to limited study spaces in August on Level 4, which we hope to expand to other levels in dlr LexIcon, and to some other library branches where study spaces with social distancing is feasible.

In line with public health guidelines on social distancing and hygiene, permitted visitor numbers at any given time remain reduced, with sanitisation stations at entrances. Shortly, we intend to carry out risk assessments to measure the feasibility of resuming live events in our library spaces, inside and out. This will all be done in line with Govt. guidelines. We continue to look at innovative ways of enhancing user experience during this time e.g. dlr Libraries App to allow self-issue and self-return of library items to minimise using touch screens and handling library cards and a traffic-light system when entering library spaces to ensure maximum capacity numbers are being adhered to.

Community Call Book Drop

Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. However, the number of requests to this service continue to decrease since the re-opening of all library spaces.

COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

The Community response to Covid-19 is being led and coordinated by **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** in collaboration with a wide-range of stakeholders in the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 3600 calls since it commenced on 30 March with almost 40 calls received in August.
- Issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- The Community Response Forum is meeting on a monthly basis at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:

Against the background of the Covid Restrictions, it was necessary to develop a range of initiatives to support health and wellbeing in our communities. The priority was to encourage communities to keep fit and active, stay connected and support them in looking after their mental health. Initiatives were rolled out across Libraries, Sports and Physical Fitness, Arts, Heritage and Biodiversity. The Council also partnered with Making Connections, that primarily looks after the elderly, in delivering a range of individual initiatives, in the community to help isolated individuals to connect with their neighbours.

Municipal Services

All sections are working closely with the Gardaí to assist in social distancing in public areas, including parks, open spaces, beaches, harbours and piers.

Water Services: all essential services continue to be provided, including water supply, drainage services including surface water management and flood management. All essential repairs, operational and maintenance works are continuing, routine and other works have resumed.

Parks: Playgrounds and outdoor gym equipment have reopened.

Essential maintenance and upkeep works are continuing in parks and open spaces, routine and other works have resumed.

Cemeteries: all services operating with revised protocols in place for cemeteries staff, funeral directors/undertakers and funeral groups. All funeral directors and undertakers have been advised of revised arrangements and procedures. Vehicular access to both cemeteries has been restored, and full services have resumed.

Road maintenance: the level of activity has returned to normal service with the majority of outdoor staff back in operation. Essential operations including emergency repairs and upkeep, winter maintenance, responses to Gardaí and traffic accidents continue to be dealt with, and Road Resurfacing & Footpath upgrade programmes are in progress.

Cleansing/Street cleaning: all Service are resumed, including litter removal, street sweeping/cleansing and litter bin emptying. Level of activity has increased with all outdoor staff back in operation.

Traffic: During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Council carried out a number of interventions to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. This included the provision of cycle lane

protection at a number of junctions and routes and the provision of wider footpaths using bollards and cones to facilitate physical distancing in towns and villages. In addition, village improvement schemes were carried out at Blackrock, Dundrum, Glasthule and Dalkey.

In July, as part of a Stimulus package, the Government announced total package of just over €100m to support sustainable mobility. As part of this, about €9.0 million was allocated to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for 65 schemes. This funding will be used for such interventions as cycle lane protection schemes, improved footpaths and road surfaces, and improved cycle links through parks.

Beaches/Harbours/Piers: All services have resumed.

Heritage: Adapted 6-week Covid-friendly Summer of Heritage programme rolled out from August 3rd with socially distanced outdoor tours complying with all HSE guidance. Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre re-opens in line with HSE guidance and the Fáilte Ireland Covid-19 safety charter.

Local Enterprise Office

The office was fully functional and operated at an increased capacity to cater for the extra supports being offered to support companies during the COVID crisis.

The following new products were introduced/ modified with significant interest:

- Microfinance Ireland provided a COVID Business loan of up to €50,000 with a 6-month holiday on capital and interest payments, with a 1% discount (effective rate of 4.5%) if applied for through the LEO. We are partners in this scheme providing mentoring assistance to support client's applications. Annual targets already exceeded. A new loan has recently been launched, providing up to €25,000 with similarly favourable credit terms, and an additional interest rebate available for months 7-12.
- In an effort to give companies specialist advice, a Business Continuity Voucher was introduced. Demand was extremely strong, with 462 applications received under this scheme before it closed on May 15th. Each voucher is worth up to €2,500 euro.
- An improved Trading Online Voucher scheme with 90% funding was introduced. The annual allocation for 2020 was originally 55, but this was increased in response to Covid-19. A total of 437 applications have been received by the end of August with 266 approvals granted. To date the numbers of applications received are up 900% on the annual application number.
- Mentoring applications have increased to date by 100%. There are approximately 100 applications annually. 280 applications have been received to date this year.

General Supports – An increase of at least 50% in general support queries, and requests for client meetings.

A special page has been setup for the specialized LEO COVID supports <https://www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Publications-Resources/COVID-19-Coronavirus/> which has details of all the government supports for businesses in these difficult times.

In addition to helping companies adopt best practices in dealing with crisis, the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is provided workshops on a variety of subjects including Re-opening Hairdressers, Barbers and Salons, and a Covid-19 Retail Seminar.

Infrastructure and Climate Change:

The Directorate is continuing its work on the following CoVid19 interventions and Active travel programme.

- Active Travel Programme for Schools Reopening
- Priority works on strategic sections of cycle/walking network for return to schools
- Covid-19 interventions: Coastal Mobility Route, Dundrum, Dalkey, Glasthule & Blackrock

Regular briefing sessions with the Elected Members on these works are continuing.

- The Directorate continues to respond to environmental, waste and litter pollution incidents, as needed, and such incidents are recorded and managed as usual through the Civic Hub and the CRM system.
- The Council's waste recycling facilities remain open (at Ballyogan, Eden Park and Shanganagh) with social distancing and other HSE recommended protocols in place and the Council-operated Bring Banks continue to be serviced and made available for use by the public. Activity at these sites during CoVid 19 has increased compared to the same months last year.

Forward Planning Infrastructure

- The Directorate continue to engage with applicants, their representatives and other state agencies as part of on-line systems to include tele / video conferencing to facilitate workshops and reporting in the assessment of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme.
- Work continues in progressing the project designs and tender documentation of the Cherrywood Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URFD) - Parks, Greenways and Attenuation project, as well as the Cherrywood LIHAF project for the Druid's Glen Road.

Architectural Services

Services have resumed with significant focus on public realm and mobility interventions.

Housing

- As an essential service, the Housing Department continues to operate although with some additional health and safety requirements. Essential services including Homeless & Welfare, Allocations, HAP and Emergency and Housing Maintenance are being progressed with additional supports provided as required to the vulnerable including the Travelling Community. Social Housing Construction projects are back onsite and we are continuing to accept and process Housing Adaptation Grants for Older Persons and People with a Disability.
- Staff continue to engage with home loan borrowers and tenants who have been affected by a loss of or reduced income as a result of the pandemic.

Finance

RATES COLLECTION and RATES WAIVER

Businesses continue to experience the impact of COVID 19 which has resulted in a significant reduction in the Council's rates income. However, the Government announced on 23rd July that the Rates Waiver Scheme has been extended to cover the 6 month period from 27 March 2020 to 27 September 2020 to all ratepayers except a small number of categories.

The rationale for the exclusion of these ratepayers is that their operations were not as severely impacted by the pandemic, coupled with the need to direct resources appropriately.

The waiver will be automatically applied as a credit in lieu of rates for the 6 month period covered in 2020.

RESTART GRANT

The Government launched Restart Grant Plus, the enhanced Restart Grant scheme, on the 10th August 2020. The grant is aimed at helping micro, medium and small businesses with the costs associated with reopening and re-employing workers following COVID-19 closures. To avail of the Restart Grant, applicants must be a commercial rateable premise and:

To qualify for the scheme, enterprises must have:

- 250 employees or less;
- Turnover of less than €100,000 per employee; and
- Reduced turnover by 25% as a result of COVID-19

Those that accessed funding through the previous round of the scheme are eligible to apply for a second top-up payment to a total combined value of the revised maximum grant level.

Under the Restart Grant Plus scheme, support will also be provided for enterprises that could not access the original grant scheme, including rateable sports businesses and trading charity shops. Non-rated B&Bs will be eligible for a grant payment of €4,000.

Qualifying businesses will receive a grant equivalent to their commercial rates demand for calendar year 2019, subject to a minimum grant of €4,000 and a maximum of €25,000. It is open to applicants to apply on the Council's website <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/finance/restart-grant-plus>

The Government has allocated a further €300m to the original €250m for the enhanced Scheme. We received 1,359 completed application for the Restart grant scheme and 425 for Restart Grant Plus to 3rd September 2020. For businesses which had been approved for Restart grant we have issued a declaration email, they have been asked to reply to the email in order to apply for the top up, which is in addition to the original scheme.

Planning:

- The Planning Department is operating in accordance with the revised time frames set out by the Ministerial Orders. The Orders disregard the period from the 29 March 2020 to the 23 May 2020 (inclusive), 56 days/8 weeks, when calculating statutory timeframes.

- The Planning counter re-opened to the public on Monday the 29th June 2020 between the hours of 10:00 – 16:00.

Corporate Affairs:

- It was necessary to hold a meeting of the Dundrum Area Committee to discuss an SHD application; this meeting was held remotely.
- Councillors, Senior Management Team and staff were introduced to the new Meetings system, developed for use at Council Meetings, which will be user friendly and ensure efficiencies at meetings.
- Group Leaders' meetings continue on an every four weeks basis.
- The Communications Unit was busy throughout August sharing information on services, works being undertaken and events occurring during the month.
- Activity within the Civic Hub is back to pre-COVID 19 levels with respect to telephone calls, emails etc.

Circulars and Relevant Documents

[Planning and Development during the Covid 19 Emergency Circular PL 02/2020](#)

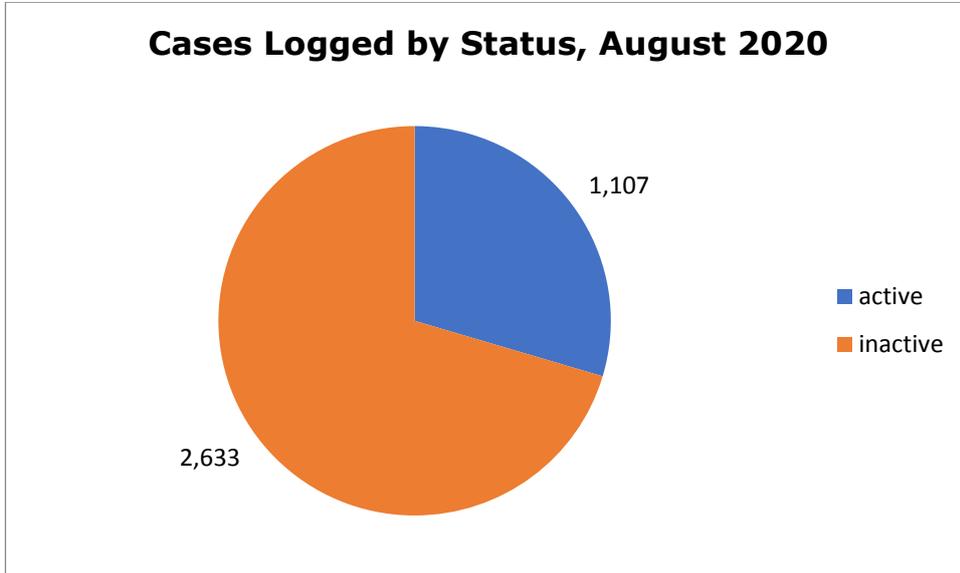
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Cases logged in August 2020



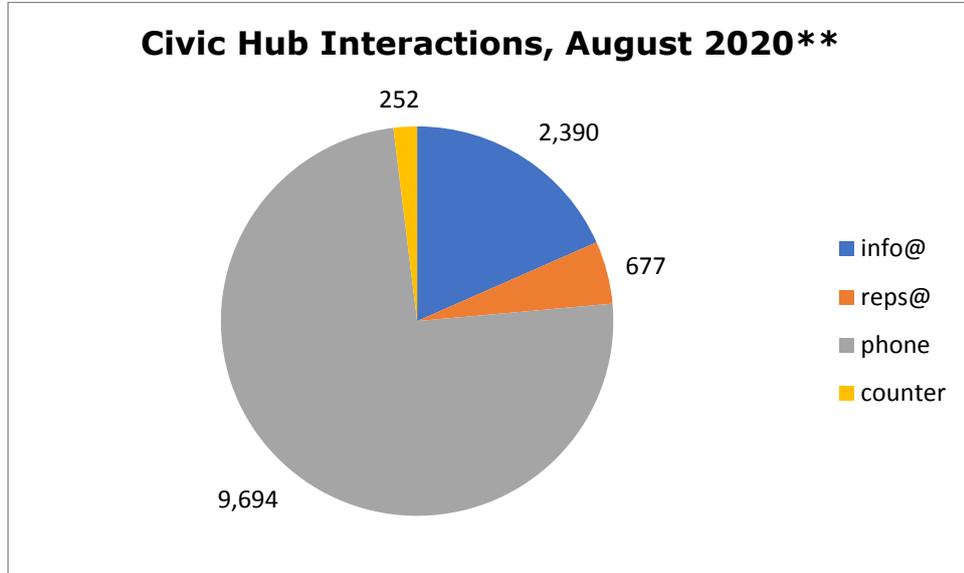
Open	1,107
Closed	2,633

Cases Logged in July 2020, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	4	2	6
Ballyogan Depot	2		2
CoCo	21	11	32
Comms & Civic Hub	27	741	768
Community	1		1
Corporate Services	10	8	18
dlrcoco	2		2
Enterprise	1		1
Environment	374	350	724
Finance	47	110	157
Housing	38	707	745
HR	4	5	9
Libraries	2		2
Parks	215	193	408
Planning	14	15	29
Property	9	18	27
Transportation	313	427	740
Waste Enforcement	16	33	49
Water Services	7	13	20
Grand Total	1107	2633	3740

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged in August 2020 * Pie chart excludes abandoned calls



Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	7,800	1,894

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,390	677	3,067

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	220	32	252

Social Media and Website Activity – August 2020

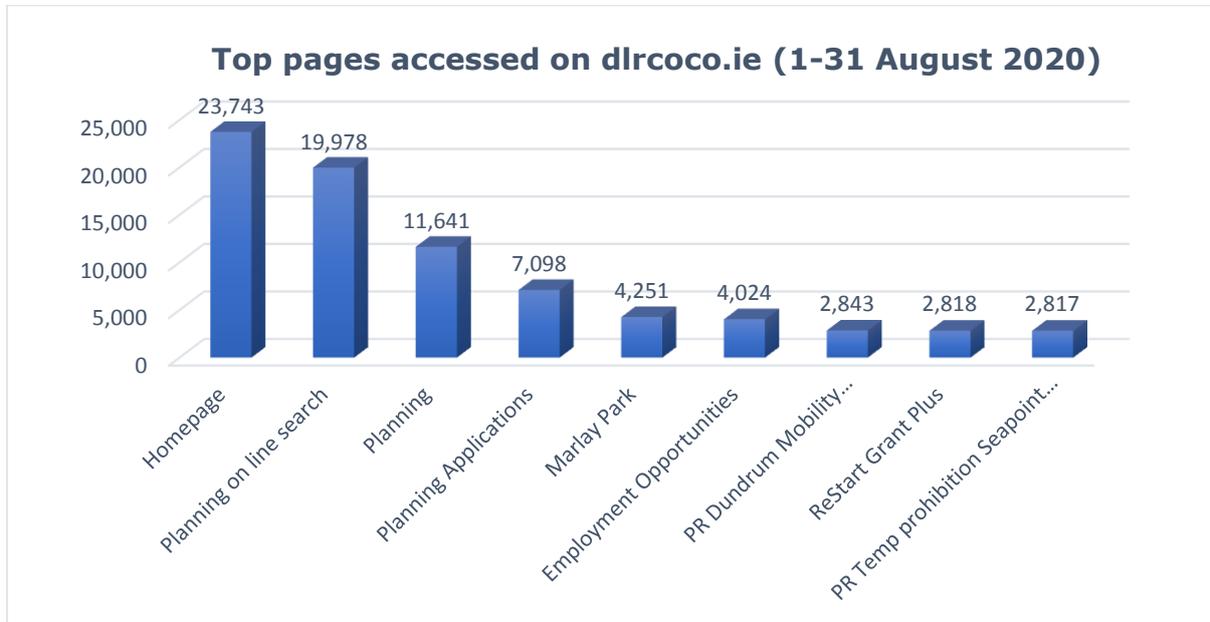
Social Media

Twitter Accounts*	Tweets	Followers	Impressions
dlr corporate	156	15,417	1.26M
dlr libraries	74	7,905	284k
dlr Tourism	30	2,978	30k
dlr events	0	5,556	2k
dlr LEO	2	5,415	5k

Facebook Accounts*	Facebook Posts	Followers
dlr Corporate	178	11,646
dlr events	1	9,863
dlr libraries	100	5,897
dlr Tourism	14	5,376
dlr LEO	2	1,625

Website Activity – page views

dlrcoco.ie 229,113
 dlrevents.ie 8,696
 dlrlibraries.ie 50,934



Press Queries

8 press queries in August

Freedom of Information

There were 9 FOI requests in August 2020.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report

Road Maintenance Management Report - August 2020						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Nutgrove Avenue			✓		Road element commenced
2	Ballinteer Avenue		✓			
3	Kilmacud Road Lower				✓	
4	Green Route		✓			
5	Sydenhnam Road		✓			on site end of September
12	Adelaide Road				✓	
13	Castle Park Road				✓	
14	Ballinclea Road	✓				
15	Corrig Road		✓			
16	Rathsallagh Estate		✓			
17	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
18	Rochestown Avenue	✓				
19	Saval Park Road		✓			
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Broadford Road		✓			
2	Woodpark - The Drive		✓			
3	Stillorgan Road (old N11)	✓				
4	Upper Kilmacud Road	✓				

5	Ticknock Road Edges		✓			
6	Ballyedmunduff/Bally betagh Road Edges		✓			
7	Heidelberg		✓			
8	Sandyford Village	✓				
22	Dalkey Avenue				✓	
23	Georges Place		✓			
24	Patricks Square		✓			
25	Casement Villas		✓			
26	Temple Crescent	✓				
27	Monkstown Farm	✓				
28	Georges Street Lower	✓				
29	Grotto Avenue/Grotto Place				✓	
30	Barnaslingan Lane	✓				
31	Shanganagh Terrace		✓			
32	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)		✓			
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley		✓			on site end of September
2	Sandyford Business District			✓		
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				
4	Westminster Road				✓	
5	Enniskerry Road		✓			
6	Cabinteely Close		✓			
7	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road		✓			
8	The Park, Cabinteely		✓			
17	Dún Laoghaire Town			✓		
18	Blackrock Town			✓		
19	Dalkey Village		✓			

20	Glasthule Village				✓	
21	Ashlawn Park/Coolevin	✓				
22	Wynberg Park	✓				
23	Watsons Estate	✓				
24	Woodbrook Glen				✓	
25	Glenavon Park	✓				
26	Ballybride Road		✓			
27	Ballycorous Road				✓	
28	Patrician Villas				✓	
29	Eaton Brae	✓				
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair	✓				
2	Woodside Road Retaining Wall	✓				
3	Belfield Flyover	✓				
4	Glenalua Wall Repair	✓				
	Category 3 Bridges	✓				
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Oakdown Road, Churchtown				✓	
2	De La Salle College, Churchtown				✓	
3	End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely	✓				
4	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh	✓				
5	Woodside Road	✓				
6	Beech Lawn, Dundrum	✓				
7	Mine Hill Lane				✓	
8	Bridesglen Road				✓	

9	Rathmichael Road				✓	
10	Clonkeen Road (At South Park)	✓				
11	Woodbine Park	✓				
12	Seafield Road Killiney	✓				
13	Ruby Hall	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme	✓				
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Lynnwood to Ballinteer		✓			on site beginning of October
2	Loreto Park	✓				
3	Mount Anville Road at Deerpark				✓	
4	Castlebyrne Park			✓		
5	Mt Albany Estate		✓			
6	Coolevin			✓		
7	Cloister Estate	✓				
8	O'Rourke Park				✓	
9	Laneway from Gleann na Smól to Stradbroom Road (part of)		✓			
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Brehonfield Road	✓				
2	Churchtown Road Upper	✓				
3	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)	✓				

4	Baker's Corner's junction	✓				
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Kilcross Estate	✓				
2	Rathsallagh Estate		✓			
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	Redesdale estate - certain laneways	✓				
5	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
	*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.					
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Proby Square (South)	✓				
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways		✓			
3	Devitt Villas	✓				

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA Schemes							
N11 Brewery Road Safety Improvement Scheme			✓				Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation A site investigation was carried out in August 2020
Sandyford Cycle Route (Drummartin Link Road / Rotary)					✓		Works recommenced on 18 May, 2020 and are progressing well
Sandyford Cycle Route (UCD to Clonskeagh) Phase 3	✓						Design is ongoing by CSEA. Public Consultation was held between July 3 to August 14, 2020
Stillorgan Road Cycle Route (UCD accessibility at Nova)					✓		Works recommenced on 18 May, 2020 and are progressing well
Sandyford Business District walking and cycling improvements	✓						Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation on three routes in the Sandyford Business District; Carmanhall Road, Blackthorn Road and Burton Hall Road.
Stillorgan Park Road cycle schemes			✓				Consultant CSEA appointed to carry out the detailed design work of the scheme.
Wyattville Road Cycle route – Stage 2	✓						Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation. Public Consultation was held between July 20 to August 20, 2020
Brides Glen Greenway	✓						Consultancy tenders received
East Coast Trail (Merrion Gates to Seapoint)	✓						Review underway in the context of the coastal cycle route
Nutgrove Avenue Cycle Route					✓		Cycle improvements on Nutgrove Avenue from the Bottle Tower to the church currently being carried out.
Dodder Greenway	✓						Work on the design of preferred option is being progressed by DCC
Cycle Parking						✓	150 cycle stands installed in 2020 (Jul/Aug cycle stands in Dun Laoghaire, Blackrock, Dundrum, Sandyford Road, Sandycove)
Protected cycle routes Benildus Avenue						✓	Works completed in August 2020
Protected cycle routes Goatstown Road					✓		Works to be completed in

							September 2020
Cherrywood Cycle Links	✓						Design report to be finalised
Walkability Audits	✓						Works to be carried out at 3 locations to improve facilities for pedestrians
Non-NTA Cycle Schemes							
Cruagh Wood Greenway – Ballyogan Road to Cruagh Wood					✓		Construction completed. Awaiting agreement with landowners to open Greenway
Covid19 cycle Temporary Schemes							
Blackrock to Sandycove Coastal cycle route - two way-cycle track					✓		Works ongoing
Carysfort Avenue - two way-cycle track					✓		Works substantially complete
Newtownpark Avenue cycle track on both sides					✓		Works ongoing
Cross Avenue, Blackrock, cycle track on one side						✓	Works complete
Blackrock Village Improvement Scheme with contra flow cycle route					✓		Works substantially complete
Dundrum Village Improvement Scheme with contra flow cycle route and new cycle track on Dundrum Road					✓		Works ongoing
Dalkey Village Improvement Scheme					✓		Works ongoing
Glasthule Village Improvement Scheme					✓		Works ongoing
Roebuck Road cycle lane protection near St Killian's German School						✓	Works substantially complete
Enniskerry Road cycle lane protection near St Marys National school						✓	Works complete

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 2-Lower Kilmacud Road from 100m east of the junction with Upper Kilmacud Road to the access road into Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club. Works have commenced, 40% completed

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Crokes to the N11. Proposed layout complete but need to reach agreement with private landowners to determine site extents

Foxrock Village Improvements

Upgrade of footpaths on the corner of Brighton Road and Westminster Lawns. Works completed in early July 2020

Carysfort Avenue Pedestrian Signals

Construction was completed in August 2020.

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

The 82 Schools Wardens underwent mandatory training for Covid 19 return to work protocols on the 19^h and 20th of August 2020. The Council also provided PPE and additional PPE for Covid 19 where requested.

Hi -Viz vests and road safety promotional materials provided to Dundrum Library for National BEEP BEEP day on the 9th of October 2020. Hi Viz Vests were also provided to Harold's Schools in Glashule for walking Bus program.

Spirit 5K run in Sandymount Business District has been cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

TAG

No TAG meetings in August 2020

Deputations

There were no Deputations meetings during July and August, 2020.

Cycling

Tweeted about the various cycling and walking schemes/initiatives ongoing throughout the County. Press releases about Covid-19 initiatives and other schemes were also published on the Council website.

BusConnects Dublin Update

Design is continuing with a view to going to public consultation in October 2020. A planning application will be forwarded to An Bórd Pleanála in Q1 2021.

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in Dec 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4 to 5 year project. Data gathering is currently underway. Activities for Q2 2020 include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints study, Hydrological analysis and hydraulic modelling. Initial Public Consultation is proposed mid-September.

Contractors have been appointed to construct the new screen/flood storage structure in Kilbogget Park. Work on site will commence mid-September. In the meantime all the pre-start activities are well underway.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering and survey work will commence in September.

Drainage Section is working closely with the OPW as they commence the update process of the published flood maps as required by the EU Floods Directive.

Hydraulic modelling of the Dundrum Slang Stream is complete. Draft flood maps have been prepared and following a review are currently being finalised.

Tender documents are completed for consultants to prepare detailed flood risk maps for the Monkstown environs streams. This project has been tendered and the tenders are currently being assessed. Award of the project will commence following OPW and internal approvals.

Draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs)

The Flood Risk Management Plans were launched on 3rd May 2018 and these were adopted by the Council at the Council Meeting on the 10th September.

All three Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area (Deansgrange/Loughlinstown/Shanganagh, Carysfort-Maretimo and Old Connaught Wilford) have been included in the Ten-Year €1 billion Programme of Investment in Flood Relief Measures with Deansgrange/Loughlinstown/Shanganagh included in the first tranche of €257 million in funding for 50 new flood relief schemes to proceed to detailed design.

The OPW have asked DLR to project manage the scheme and have agreed to fund the necessary in-house project management personnel.

4. Parks

Parks & Landscaping Service:

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Realignment of bollards at Westminster Park implemented
- Clean up works following Storm Ellen & Francis
- Direct labour tree works ongoing
- COVID-19 protocols for staff being implemented
- Due to the large volumes of people in parks currently, there is a significant increase in litter to be picked up and bins to be emptied.
- Fernhill running track and car park works progressing, realignment works at entrance on Enniskerry Rd complete, light standard installation commenced, grasscrete parking bays complete, pedestrian crossing on Enniskerry Rd complete and attenuation pond at entrance complete
- Hudson Road – re-instatement of stockpile area completed
- Colaiste Eoin – works ongoing to new pitch
- Blackthorn Park – playground completed and opened

Biodiversity:

- Biodiversity Event for August was cancelled due to COVID-19- events to recommence from September subject to the updates in relation to Covid
- Biodiversity meeting in relation to the mapping of Locally Important Biodiversity Sites (LIBS) across the county.
- Biodiversity Officer applied for Grant for Invasive Species – part of the Govt July Stimulus Package.

- Creation of a Hedgehog Campaign to highlight checks in long grass etc before strimming or mowing.
- Biodiversity related Climate Change Actions updated
- All Ireland Pollinator Plan – Guidance for Ecologists in relation to development discussed with DLR Biodiversity Officer, CIEEM and the NBDC
- Dalkey Island Infographic now online
- Dalkey Island – Birdwatch Ireland completion of monitoring the nesting terns for this season. Ca 30 chicks fledged this year. Some problems with visitors ignoring signs and fencing that protect the terns. Report due by end of October.
- County Otter Survey Phase II complete. Reporting and Maps due in September.
- Invasive Species Action Plan – return of Section Leads comments/edits deadline September 30th.
- Review of County Habitat Mapping and Ecosystems Services will continue until September. No fieldwork required.
- Review of County Hedgerow Mapping and Ecosystem Services delayed due to Covid. Reporting due now in October.

Heritage:

- National Heritage Officers Network remote meeting with new Minister for State for Heritage – presentation given on Heritage Officer role in Programme for Government and resources required
- Summer of Heritage programme launch, August 5th – roll out of 6 week Covid-friendly adapted *Summer of Heritage* guided tours programme - almost fully booked within a week
- Process of new County Heritage Plan preparation commences - review of 2013-2019 Heritage Plan and preparation of briefing pack for Community, Culture and Wellbeing September SPC meeting
- Review of Heritage Team roles and responsibilities
- Input to heritage chapters and other sections of Draft County Development Plan
- Application made to Dept. CHG for small museum stimulus fund (Dalkey Castle)
- Promotion of new Heritage Council Community Heritage Grant stimulus funding - community groups make the application to the Heritage Council
- National Heritage Week 2020 (15th-23rd August) – focus on showcasing projects developed by individuals and groups rather than events - 16 DLR heritage projects uploaded to the NHW website including heritage research, online lectures and videos
- Commenced Dún Laoghaire pier Fáilte Ireland-funded interpretation project with DLR Tourism Team
- Input to Dalkey Island Visitor Management Plan
- Meeting of Trinity-led INCASE Natural Capital Accounting project stakeholders – project will develop systems to apply monetary values to ecosystem services (including cultural/heritage services), using the Dargle catchment as a test case (which extends as far north and west as Deansgrange/Glencullen)
- Distribution of Gardening for Biodiversity colouring books
- Commenced engagement with the Dublin Mountains Partnership in relation to Dublin Mountains archaeology and access

CoCo Markets

During the month of August, we received 11 applications (7 permanent and 4 seasonal (2 Summer & 2 Christmas seasonal)). These applications fell under the following categories: 7 permanent applications: 3 Hot Food; 2 Other Food & 1 Non-Food/Craft for Marlay Park; 1 Hot Food for Dún Laoghaire. 4 seasonal applications: 2 summer 1 Non-Food/Craft and 1 Hot Food for all 3 CoCo Markets and 1 Christmas 1 Hot Food for all 3 CoCo Markets and 1 Other Food for Dún Laoghaire.

Sports Development

dlr Leisure:

Set up and completed the following activities:

- Sallynoggin youth group on the 10th, 11th, 12th and 14th of August.
- Boylan Centre youth group on the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th of August.
- White house youth group on the 10th of August.
- Shankill youth service; 2 groups on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of August.
- Cois Cairn youth group on the 5th, 19th and 26th of August.
- Assisted dlr Sports Partnership with their camp in Larch Hill on the 11th and 12th of August.
- In terms of marketing, we set up a twitter account (@dlrsports) and we updated posts on Instagram and Facebook.
- We are currently booking groups in for September and a full report will be issued in September.

Leinster Rugby:

Leinster Rugby BOI Summer Camps was hosted in Blackrock College RFC from the 17th to the 21st of August (48 players attended).

- Leinster Rugby supported the dlr Sports Partnership 2 day Autism Camp in Larch Hill on the 11th and 12th of August.
- 2 DLR clubs (DLSP FC & BCRFC) have re-started Mini & Youth training They are working off strict protocols for the players safety with the remaining clubs re-starting in September 2020 (Seapoint RC, Old Wesley RFC, Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC & St Brigid's RFC).
- Blackrock College RFC started the IRFU "Give It A Try" on the 11th of August where they have 10 female players attending each week.
- Leinster Rugby is currently working on creating a template to support the schools on how we can return to running our tag rugby programs during the year.
- A list of dates have been sent to all DLR clubs for events that we are hosting during the year:
 - South Dublin 7s (Male).
 - South Dublin 10s (Male).
 - Primary School Tag Rugby Events (Male & Female).
 - Secondary School Tag Rugby Events (Male & Female).
 - Coaching Workshops (Mini & Youth).
 - Club visits (Male & Female).
 - Planning Coach Mentorship with DLR clubs & the clubs have been challenged to set the dates, purpose & outcome required.
 - Development Rugby Schools (Div3A) (Male).

FAI:

- Club Audit – continue to work with the 19 junior clubs to complete their FAI Child Welfare/Safeguarding requirements.
- Club Mark Award Project. Club Mark is a project to improve clubs' off field performance and governance, especially in relation to child protection, volunteering, coach qualification and safety policies. Clubs that meet the required criteria receive a Club Mark Award. Currently working with 5 local clubs.
- Provided local clubs with 'Return to Training' Protocols.
- Summer Soccer Schools – Successfully ran camps at Wayside Celtic FC and Ballybrack FC. 100 boys and girls attended.
- Girls ETP. Player ID, squad selection, equipment preparation, developing curriculum and preparing to implement COVID-19 regulations.
- Completed FAI working groups evaluating FAI programmes and recommending changes. Team meetings on a daily basis.
- Coach Education. Communicating with clubs on coach education needs and when courses can recommence.

Leinster Cricket:

- Continuing inspection of club co-vid protocols will stay in place until the season ends in Mid-September.
- Ongoing discussions are being held with schools as to how best to re-start cricket sessions within guidelines. Some schools have already indicated that this will not happen until October at the earliest.
- The "Let's play cricket video is now complete, we will begin distribution to schools and clubs shortly
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18khvR9dRW352JwxVFY3IO15zQNxsNcNO/view?usp=sharing>

Sports Partnership:

- Held a 2-day Outdoor Adventure Camp for teenagers on the Autism Spectrum in Larch Hill (17 participants)
- Roll out of a 4-week walking programme in Marlay Park for month of August.
- Basketball Skills programme rolled out for young teenagers in the Ballyogan Sports and Activity Hub with Crosscare Youth Service.
- Couch To 5K programme completed with nearly 160 participants – included a virtual event and medals posted out.
- Continuing roll out of an Eco Walks programme targeting cocooners in collaboration with the Libraries Dept. – weekly guided walks in local parks.
- Development and promotion of a COVID-19 Small Grants Scheme for local sports clubs. 46 applications received which will be reviewed by the Sports Partnership Board and sent to Sport Ireland for approval.
- First online Disability Awareness Training course held for local sports Development Officers, with two more scheduled for local club coaches/volunteers.
- The Sport Ireland Child Safeguarding training is now available to be delivered online and first workshop held on the 6th August – planned to now deliver at least 2 per month.
- Working with the event Steering Group to organise a virtual version of our annual dlr Community 5K that would allow families to take part in their local area and keep involved in this inclusive event.
- Planning initiatives and promotions for European Week of Sport and Bike Week in September.

- Reaching out to Primary and Secondary schools to understand their needs and concerns around PE and sport in the new school year and how the Sports Partnership could assist them.

5. Roads Control Unit August 2020

Reinstatement works

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out permanent reinstatements on behalf of Water Services Section as agreed under the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water, 406no. locations are inspected and reinstated between 1st January and 31st August 2020.

Restoration works

- Proby Square (South) part off, Blackrock, site investigations were completed.
- Devitt Villas, Dun Laoghaire, Anti-Skid surfacing treatment is proposed along this walking link to the National school to tie with the work along the coastal route- waiting for the completion of GNI works at Devitt Villas.
- Mariner's Court and nearby Laneways, Dun Laoghaire, a revised tender is under review due to the impact of Covid-19 on our Budget 2020.

6. Cleansing Section Information & Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Section Statistics: February 2020 – July 2020

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	194	223	201	198	253	286
Clean-Ups Assisted	42	44	20	38	43	46
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	21	16	6	23	12	24
Bathing Water Samples Taken	9	10	0	9	46	37
Gullies Cleaned	1277	368	685	1149	1779	1415
Dumping Incidents Managed	63	81	64	87	99	78
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	35	1	0	0	8	5
Street Bin Collections	3141	3271	3108	4043	4253	4091

* Statistics available up to the end of July 2020.

Cleansing & Beaches Project Updates – August 2020

- Cleansing works on the N11 (*gully cleaning, road sweeping and weed control*) are ongoing with completion anticipated the 1st week in September. Cleansing works on the Wyatville Road will be progressed after the N11 works.
- A digital screen installation at Killiney beach was completed in July. The final electrical connection and display was completed in August with the screen now displaying COVID 19 HSE Guidance. Screen content management will be finalised in the coming weeks with a view to utilising the full potential of the newly installed screens at Seapoint, Sandycove and Killiney to display key bathing related updates.
- Lifeguards continue at designated bathing areas as part of the bathing season. Lifeguard provision will cease on 15th September in line with the end of the bathing season.
- The Dun Laoghaire Town Centre Deep Clean initiative is nearing completion. Power hosing works are complete. Minor weeding and gully cleaning works remain. Works in Ballybrack have commenced and will progress to other town and village locations upon completion.
- The 2020 weeding programme is ongoing throughout the county.

7. Relevant Statistics

There were 2778 fixed charge notices/fines issued in August 2020 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	Tickets
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1272
Parking a vehicle on a footway	376
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	304
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	228
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	137
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	124
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	59
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	46
Overstaying 3 hour parking limit	43
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	36
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	34
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	21
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	18
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	16
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	14
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	14
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	11

OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	9
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	5
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	2
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	2
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	1
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Total No. of tickets issued in August 2020	2778

There were no convictions secured in August 2020, as the District Court is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions in place.

Public Lighting

Work continues on the replacement of the old lights with LED lighting which is more energy efficient, gives less maintenance and improved service. General maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns and Networks is also on-going.

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Aug 2020:	405
Percentage of lights out at the end of Aug 2020:	0.7%
Pole replacement carried out in Aug 2020:	4
Bracket replacements:	88
Tree trimming:	25
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	18
LED Upgrades	287

LED Upgrading Program

A list of these can be found on www.dlrcoco.ie

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	31
Inspections completed	1

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	2
Alterations:	5
Legal requests:	3

Road Opening Licences August 2020

Road Opening Licences received in August 2020 via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Application submitted	167
Application Granted	105

Road Closures, Street Furniture, event signage and filming applications

In August there were:

- 5 application for Road Closures
- 10 applications for Street Furniture. 1 application for Event Signage.
- 5 Film application

8. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

COVID-19 Measures

- Social Distancing reminders have been sprayed at the East and West Piers and the Marina Breakwater.
- Food vendors on the Pier and in the Battery have reopened with Social Distancing measures in place.
- Solar bin handles and handrails generally are being regularly disinfected.
- Additional steward/security personnel have been introduced on both piers alongside an increased Harbour Police presence to assist with pedestrian safety / social distancing. This initiative is working well and has been welcomed by the public generally.

Harbour Activities:

- The Marina has reopened fully to boat owners.
- The Yacht Club dining rooms have reopened in line with Government guidelines for restraints.
- Sailing schools have reopened on a limited basis with social distancing measures in place.
- A small funfair has opened on the Harbour Plaza with many COVID-19 protocols in place. This has been welcomed by local families with small children and has run successfully throughout August.

Filming

With the COVID-19 crisis, all filming within the Harbour has ceased.

Projects

East Pier Steps

The last set of steps between the Upper and Lower levels on the East Pier have been modified to provide a more even spacing. As the Pier is a protected structure, proper Heritage methods were utilised throughout.

Berth 4 Fenders

A project to repair and re-secure the berthing fenders on Berth 4, St. Michael's Pier has been given approval to proceed. LCF Marine have been appointed to carry out the works, due to commence in October 2020.

Real Estate Negotiations

- A lease has been signed for the 5th Floor of Block 2 Harbour Square.
- The 1st Floor of Block 2, Harbour Square is vacant and advertised for lease.
- Negotiations have been postponed with DMYC and INSS on renewal of their respective leases due to the COVID-19 situation.

Ferry Terminal

Planning Permission was granted for the ferry terminal project on the 7th February 2020. A planning appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála and is currently being determined. A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on the 25th February 2020. This matter will be brought to Council later in the year for disposal pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies

Work has commenced on developing the Economic Plans for Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Dun Laoghaire Town. The Stakeholder Engagement Campaign underpins both plans that will generate new ideas for the sustainable regeneration of the Town and the Harbour. The intention is that this exercise is undertaken across four phases:-

- **Inform: Initial Workshop/Meeting and Exploratory Interviews with key stakeholders that will inform key stakeholders of the project objectives**
- **Invitation for submissions**
- **Consultation: Preparation of detailed surveys**
- **Structured interviews**

Arising from the restrictions introduced to stem the spread of Covid-19, the Council has been unable to progress this campaign to date, however it is proposed to recommence the project in September 2020.

Social Media Platforms

Twitter – 4,460 followers

Facebook – 2,612 followers



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Finance and Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan - Aug 2020	Enterprise Ireland target to August 2020
Feasibility Study	11	9
Business Priming	7	11
Business Expansion	10	7
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	12	12
Trading Online Vouchers ¹	266	33
Microfinance Ireland	11	13
Business Continuity Vouchers ²	366	N/A
Total Approvals	683	

Note 1: The qualifying criteria for Trading Online Vouchers was expanded in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 situation, allowing previous recipients to avail of the scheme.

Note 2: The Business Continuity Voucher was available during March and April as a specific measure to assist businesses by providing access to specialist advice.

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	Jan-Aug 2020
No of jobs created	32.5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2020

	Total Jan-Aug 2020
Clients approved for Financial Assistance	683
Clients attending Networking Events	480
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	3729
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	170
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	264
Total No of Clients Assisted	5326

DLR Economic Development Supports

	Total Jan-Aug 2020
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	2
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	10
Business Promotion Grants	6

Enterprise Promotion activities in August 2020

DLR Enterprise News	LEO DLR Enterprise News August 2020 (sent 07/08/20). Open rate 38.8%. 2051 recipients. Open rate Industry average 11%
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Sessions throughout August
Enterprising Women Network Webinar	August 27 th 2020

Tourism Development

The Tourism sector continues to be severely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic, with bookings significantly reduced.

DLR Tourist Information Kiosk

The DLR Tourist Kiosk has initial indications that footfall is low during the week and busy at the weekends.

Destination Towns Fund "Dun Laoghaire"

A contractor has been appointed for the 3D lighting element of the Destination Town project. It is hoped to have this element of the project in place for November.

Dublin Coastal Trail

Further collaborations took place with Fáilte Ireland on the development of the new Dublin Coastal Trail.

Tourism Promotion.

DLRCC have agreed to be part of a new Travel programme which will promote Ireland in the USA (Jan – March 2021) Ireland, County By County, will be a 30 minute travel show featuring the main visitor attractions in DLR.

DLR Tourism ran a promotion campaign "Rediscover your County" encouraging local people to shop local and use local services.

DLR Tourism Social Media analysis August:

Social Media Analysis: August 2020				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	5,376	72	14	94,539
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	2,978	35	30	27,900

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/07/2020**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/07/2020 €
A Total Housing & Building	-11,150,942	14,536,486	-12,170,718	-8,785,173
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-9,485,702	3,302,062	-1,602,930	-7,786,570
C Total Water Services	-3,339,681	255,301	-176,152	-3,260,532
D Total Development Management	-58,562,198	5,668,808	-7,432,282	-60,325,672
E Total Environmental Services	-8,557,016	33,134	-320,742	-8,844,624
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-14,795,623	4,643,326	-3,039,225	-13,191,522
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,029,685	83,631	0	-3,946,054
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-37,024,959	1,819,971	-3,395,230	-38,600,218
Grand Total	-146,945,806	30,342,720	-28,137,279	-144,740,364

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/07/2020

	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Balance at 31/07/2020 €	Arrears from current year debit	Arrears >1 year
RATES	14,468,049	61,350,408	48,308,117	13,042,291

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*Please note the Second Moiety due July 2020 in the sum of €44,681,435

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/07/2020

58.33%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	28,024,849	49,324,900	56.82%
B Road Transport & Safety	17,351,995	30,748,700	56.43%
C Water Services	7,096,201	12,388,600	57.28%
D Development Management	17,094,447	21,872,800	78.15%
E Environmental Services	17,906,559	30,671,800	58.38%
F Recreation & Amenity	18,400,609	34,532,100	53.29%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,650,714	4,748,900	76.87%
H Miscellaneous Services	7,813,683	8,207,900	95.20%
Total Expenditure	117,339,057	192,495,700	60.96%

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	24,743,721	42,936,600	57.63%
B Road Transport & Safety	7,177,447	13,492,400	53.20%
C Water Services	4,990,811	8,557,300	58.32%
D Development Management	8,153,150	5,360,400	152.10%
E Environmental Services	3,301,178	5,627,200	58.66%
F Recreation & Amenity	2,668,183	5,551,400	48.06%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,673,492	3,934,400	67.95%
H Miscellaneous Services	3,935,035	6,617,300	59.47%
Sub Total	57,643,017	92,077,000	62.60%

LPT Local Property Tax	6,340,544	10,869,500	58.33%
RA Rates	52,004,812	89,549,200	58.07%
Total Income	115,988,373	192,495,700	60.26%

Deficit as 31/07/2020 €1,350,684

Planning Applications – monthly statistics

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	90	91
Decision Deferred	0	29	29
Decision to Grant**	0	101	101
Decision to Refuse**	0	13	13
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	63	63
Invalid Applications	0	21	21

*Includes 13 Applications for Retention

**Split decisions; Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (inc. For Retention) are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

1 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

Planning Applications received under section 4 of the P&D (Housing) & Residential Tenancies Act 2016

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
Subject to validation	IMRF II Frascati Limited Frascati Centre, Frascati Road, Blackrock, Dublin 102 no. residential units	28/08/2020	-	www.frascaticentreshd.ie	-

<http://www.pleanala.ie/shd/applications/index.htm>

Planning Counter Figures 1st Aug to 31st Aug

Customers Served	342
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*The public counter re-opened to the public on Monday the 25th May to facilitate the viewing of live planning applications by appointment.

Building Control

Fire Safety Certs applications received	2
Regularisation Certs	0
Revised Fire Safety Certs	0
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	10
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	11
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted	16
Commencement Notices Validated	40
7 Day Notices received	0
Completion Certs Validated	22

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement

Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act): 0 (included below)
 Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines: 0 (included below)

Legal proceedings initiated: 0

Statutory notices issued by Environmental Enforcement:

LPA Warning notices: 2

Waste Warning notices: 0

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 47

Complaints closed 30

Litter

June 2020	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	27	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	1	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	0	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	169	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	136	Litter Section

Architects

Energy

Competitive dialogue commenced with 3 Energy Supply Companies (ESCOs) for potential dlr Leisure Energy Performance Contract.

Dangerous Buildings: August 2020

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	5
Not Dangerous	0
Total	6

Community and Cultural Development

Community Facilities

Community Staff continued to work with the Managers and Board of Management of Community Facilities to support them in the process of ensuring they are Covid compliant.

The Team continued to offer support to the Men's Shed Programmes County Wide to ensure they were keeping informed of changing Covid regulations and guidelines as they reopened.

Pride of Place

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Council had two entries in Pride of Place 2020. This annual all-island competition is run in conjunction with local authorities and aims to recognise and celebrate the efforts and endeavors of communities throughout Ireland, to make their place the best place to live.

There were two groups entered under:

Housing Estates – Patrician Villas & Grove

It is a housing estate of 130 houses. The residents formulated a Landscape Masterplan and have spent the last 6 years improving the estate through hard graft, grants and guidance from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Community Wellbeing Initiative - Airfield Estate

Is a Not for Profit established in 1974 for advancement of education and recreation with a mission to inspire and enable people to make better food choices we focus on food being better for people, pocket and planet

The Community team offered support to Stillorgan and Dundrum to enter the Bank of Ireland – Begin Together Awards

The awards bring business and community groups together to support local recovery and rebuilding as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and the overall winner will receive €50,000 and the title of Ireland's 'Most Enterprising Town'.

Estate Management

Service Plan 2 report submitted to MIT members which included Roads, Environment, Parks, Housing and Traffic for their review and confirmation of planned works to be carried out in 2020.

Dlr CE Programme

CE Supervisors continued to offer support and guidance to CE participants as they returned to their places of work in numerous centres, facilities and sports clubs across the County.

The 2020 Monitoring Report was completed for 2020 and we await official feedback from the DEASP in relation to this.

COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

The Community response to Covid-19 is being led and coordinated by **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** in collaboration with a wide-range of stakeholders in the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 3600 calls since it commenced on 30 March with almost 40 calls received in August.
- Issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- The Community Response Forum is meeting on a monthly basis at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:

Against the background of the Covid Restrictions, it was necessary to develop a range of initiatives to support health and wellbeing in our communities. The priority was to encourage communities to keep fit and active, stay connected and support them in looking after their mental health. Initiatives were rolled out across Libraries, Sports and Physical Fitness, Arts, Heritage and Biodiversity. The Council also partnered with Making Connections, that primarily looks after the elderly, in delivering a range of individual initiatives, in the community to help isolated individuals to connect with their neighbours.

1 Stakeholder Forum Multi Agency meetings was held.

The Community team undertook an assessment of people who had been availing of the support of the community call to identify those who would benefit from more long term support and identified appropriate referral pathways to other service to ensure they could avail of more long term support.

We continued to work in partnership with Southside Partnership and Serve the City to coordinate the temporary food bank established and over 640 hampers were delivered to vulnerable people in the Dlr area up to the end of August.

A Covid-19 Emergency Fund has been introduced by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Fund is designed to support groups/organisations involved in Community Call Covid-19 and Community Centres/Facilities seeking to reopen as the lockdown eases.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/bee6ea-minister-ring-announces-25-million-fund-for-community-groups-involve/>



The groups who have received support from this fund are:

- 10th Kilternan Scout Group
- Acquired Brain injury Ireland
- Airfield Estate
- Balally Family Resource Centre
- Ballinteer Isolation Support
- Ballinteer St.John's GAA Club
- Ballybrack Project Centre
- Ballyogan Family Resource Centre
- Barnardo's
- Belarmine Community Centre
- Coiscairn Youth and Community Facility
- COPD Support Ireland
- Crosscare
- Dun Laoghaire Mens Shed
- Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Outreach Project
- Enable Ireland
- Focus Ireland
- Hillview Resource Centre
- Holly House Community Resource Centre
- Kilcross Community Centre
- LBS Mens Shed
- Loreto Community Facility
- Loughlinstown Community Rooms

Making Connections

Mercy Law
Mounstown Community Centre
Multiple Sclerosis Ireland South Dublin branch
Muslim Sisters of Eire
My Project - minding you
Nutgrove & Loreto Community Association
Nutgrove & Loreto Mens Shed
Patrician Community Centre
Patrician Residents Association
Purple House Cancer Support
Rosemount Community Group
Rosepark Independent Living
Sallynoggin Community Preschool
Sallynoggin Youth and Community Facility
Samual Beckett Community Facility
Sandyford Community Centre
Serve the City
Shanganagh Community Gardens
Shanganagh Park House
Southside Partnership
Southside Travellers Action Group

Dun Laoghaire Men's Shed
Patrician Community Centre
Loreto Community Facility
Kilcross Community & Development Group
Samuel Beckett Community Facility
Loughlinstown Community Rooms
Ballybrack Project Centre Committee
SWAN
Coiscairn Youth and Community Facility
Sallynoggin Youth and Community Facility
Nutgrove and Loreto Mens Shed
Sandyford Community Centre

Cultural Development

Arts

Musicians in Residence

Dave Flynn completed his residency in August with the online world premiere performance of *Dún Laoghaire Guitars*, a new composition. Dave had collaborated online with young musicians from Dún Laoghaire Guitar Training Centre and their tutor Ciarán Swift over a number of months as part of the Residency. He was joined by the students in a video performance of his new work on Thursday 20 August. The performance was premiered via Music Network and DLR social media channels. Peak Live Viewers on

Facebook were 44 with 8.5K total viewers and 16.6K reach; YouTube Views were 348 and Reach was 1,273; Instagram Views were 167 and Reach was 437.
<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/music/dave-flynn-musician-residence-2020>

dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme 2020/21

The 2020/21 dlr First Frames Scheme was launched on 27 August with a photocall with the Cathaoirleach, and the President of IADT. The aim is to provide funding and support to emerging filmmakers looking to develop ambitious and creative short films based in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. dlr First Frames is fully funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office and Economic Development Unit, and managed by IADT. Funding will be available through the scheme to support two short films. Mentoring support will be provided by the National Film School, IADT with additional equipment and facilities from IADT.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/visual-arts-and-film/dlr-first-frames-202021>

Youth Arts Online

Young people from Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum-Rathdown Crosscare Youth Services worked with artists during lockdown, exploring and experimenting with art processes using digital platforms. Workshops took place over ZOOM.

A photography project with artist Aoife Giles explored the needs and motivations of a group of young women as the lockdown began to be lifted. Visual Artist John Conway worked with young people on an exploratory digital art project. The project experimented with ways to collaboratively use film to create artwork during and after lock down, using social distancing.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/children-and-young-people/youth-arts-online>

Arts Grants

3 types of grants were awarded to support artists and cultural organisations

14 Emerging Artist Grants to support the development of new work by emerging artist were awarded (Funded by The Arts Council). 66 applications were received and assessed by the Arts Office.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/funding-opportunities/emerging-artist-grants>

15 dlr Creative Ireland Artist Professional Development and Mentorship Bursary were awarded:

Funded by Creative Ireland, the objective of this bursary is to support further creative development among professional artists in dlr and to grow that capacity of the arts community by supporting professional development and mentorship. 20 applications were received and assessed.

7 dlr Creative Ireland Innovation & Incubation Bursaries 2020 were awarded:

Funded by Creative Ireland these bursaries offer the opportunity for professional, dlr based not-for-profit cultural organisations and institutions to invest resources and time to develop innovative ways of working, engaging with their audiences or artists in new ways, test new ideas and practices or incubate a new project or strand to their work. 9 applications were received and assessed.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/funding-opportunities/creative-ireland-bursaries>

Libraries

Stay safe. Protect each other.

Face coverings are now mandatory when visiting libraries.

We continue to adhere to current public health guidelines in our library spaces. We continue to offer our normal staffed hours, but not My Open Library hours in Deansgrange Library for the moment. Sunday opening in dlr LexIcon resumed in July to tie in with the CoCo market which has moved to Queen's Road and Moran Park. dlr LexIcon piloted access to limited study spaces on Level 4 in August, which we hope to expand to other levels in dlr LexIcon, and to some other library branches where study spaces with social distancing is feasible.

In line with public health guidelines on social distancing and hygiene, permitted visitor numbers at any given time remain reduced, with sanitisation stations at entrances. Shortly, we intend to carry out risk assessments to measure the feasibility of resuming live events in our library spaces, inside and out. This will all be done in line with Govt. guidelines. We continue to look at innovative ways of enhancing user experience during this time e.g. dlr Libraries App to allow self-issue and self-return of library items to minimise using touch screens and handling library cards and a traffic-light system when entering library spaces to ensure maximum capacity numbers are being adhered to.

Community Call Book Drop

Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. However, the number of requests to this service continue to decrease since the re-opening of all library spaces.

dlr Libraries Online

We continue to adapt our usual events programme to an online environment where possible to offer a hybrid physical and online service to our users. This includes social media posts promoting local and national well-being initiatives and keeping our users abreast of updated public health advice.

We continue to offer an expanded suite of online resources including e-books, e-audio books, a music streaming/download service, online newspapers and magazines plus a variety of online courses via our website. See the full list of our online resources here: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library>

Dormant Accounts Funding Opportunity

dlr Libraries have submitted 8 proposals to the DRCD as part of the Library Supports for Marginalised, Socially Excluded and Disadvantaged Communities Programme 2020. Funding is available for online/small group programming and for purchase of literacy/digital skills apps or licences. Our submitted proposals include a STEAM programme, support for our Deaf users, ASD-friendly visual signage proposal and various reader development programmes focused on marginalised groups in the County.

Events for Adults

Online Book Club

The popular online book club met on Wednesday 26 August at 7.30pm via Zoom to discuss the title *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn. The club continues to grow in popularity and attract new members each month. The group will continue to meet virtually from September to November, taking a break in December. Physical copies of the chosen titles for discussion are available for collection in advance from dlr LexIcon with some titles also available online on our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

Guided Eco-Therapy walks

A mindful way to experience your local dlr parks! This is a joint initiative from Libraries and dlr Sports Partnership along with Kinship Psychotherapy & Counselling. The walks are aimed at adults who have previously been isolating or those who just want to improve their mental well-being. There are 3 sessions on each date, with a max of 6 per group and each walk last 45 minutes.

Dates & Venues

20 July: Killiney Hill Park

10 August: Fernhill Gardens, 17 August: Shanganagh Park, 31 August: Cabinteely Park

14 September: Dún Laoghaire Pier

Regular events for adults

We're continuing with our online quizzes, book-related discussions and local history posts to encourage our users to engage with us and to stimulate memories and discussion via our social media platforms.

Exhibition Programme

Sami Kero's Ice Holes

14 July – 31 August 2020 Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Sami Kero is an award-winning Finnish photojournalist who works for Helsingin Sanomat, a major subscription-based newspaper in Finland. This exhibition showcases a series of dramatic ice holes, photographed by Kero. Courtesy of the Embassy of Finland, Dublin.

Twenty Twenty: An Exhibition of Textile Work by The Irish Guild of Embroiderers with invited guests, The Northern Ireland Embroidery Guild

14 July – 31 August 2020 Level 3, dlr LexIcon

This display is a collection bringing together the work of the Irish Guild of Embroiderers and the Northern Ireland Embroidery Guild. Embracing fabric manipulation and embellishment, traditional and contemporary embroidery, dyeing and printing, this exhibition showcases a variety of forms including framed work, wall hangings, bunting and 3D objects.

Press Photographers Association of Ireland Exhibition 2020

15 July – 30 September 2020 Level 4, dlr LexIcon

For the sixth year in a row, dlr Libraries are delighted to showcase the Press Photographers Association of Ireland 'Press Photographer of the Year 2020' exhibition at dlr LexIcon. Mark Condren is the recipient of The Press Photographer of the Year Award 2020.

For more information on all our exhibitions, both on-site and online, please visit:

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

Events for Children

Online Storytime

Our online storytime sessions with librarian Shelley resumed in August with stories in English on Mondays and stories as Gaeilge on Wednesdays. The story sessions are part of our online programming for the Summer Stars reading programme.

Summer Stars 2020

Children all across DLR continue to register for Summer Stars, the national summer reading programme. Parents can register their children in person or via phone or email to their local library. Any child who fills in a reading card gets entered into the draw for various prizes, which include 5 family annual passes for Dublin Zoo, plus a variety of vouchers for local retailers within DLR. The Programme officially runs until the end of August, but we'll continue distributing Summer Stars rewards and encouraging children in DLR to keep reading for leisure in September, as they head back to school.

Summer Stars Online club

We've been running the Summer Stars Online Club since the end of July. The popular Club, online via Zoom, has featured workshop sessions with some of our favourite children's writers and illustrators, including Sarah Webb, Alan Nolan, Sadhbh Devlin, Shane Hegarty and Sharna Jackson. The aim of the workshops is to encourage leisure reading, creative writing, illustration and design. The final workshop with Dave Rudden took place on Saturday 29 August.

Further information on the national Summer Stars programme 2020 can be found here: <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>

Back to school events

In advance of children starting or returning to school at the end of August, we scheduled Facebook storytime sessions that included books about the big day. We also commissioned 3 videos with local dental hygienist Yvonne O'Sullivan on *Tip Top Teeth Tips* for children and parents, with tips on the best way to brush your teeth when tight for time on school mornings, and tips on healthy eating during the day when at school. We've also commissioned 3 videos with children's therapist Louise Shanagher, *Minding your mind at school*, aimed at helping those starting/returning to school to deal with any anxieties or concerns they have during these unprecedented times. These videos are part of the *dlr Healthy Ireland at your Library* programme. Puppets Bip and Bop have been entertaining us with their videos on introducing your child to music through sounds in books, based on Aistear and the Primary School Curriculum. All the above videos are available to view at any time on the dlr Libraries Facebook channel.

Lego Competition 2020

We've less than 3 weeks to go before the deadline for children and adults to leave their Lego builds with us in dlr LexIcon. A reminder that this year's theme is: '*Design your ideal outer space world using Lego*' and all builds must be received on Wednesday 16 September for judging and display.

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/dlr-libraries-lego-competition-2020>

Further info:

Keep up with what's happening in dlr Libraries by signing up for our fortnightly e-bulletin: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/dlr-libraries-ebulletin>

Statistics

Social media (August 2020)

Facebook	6,378 followers
Twitter	7,899 followers
Instagram	2,512 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	6,536 subscribers

Online resources (August 2020)

Resource	Description	Checkouts to Aug 24 2020
Overdrive	e-Audio	790
Overdrive	e-Book	1,611
Borrowbox	e-Audio	3,804
Borrowbox	e-Book	2,460
RB Digital	Audio + Comics	702
RB Magazines	Magazines	2,695
Freegal	Streaming + Download	1,296
Press Reader	Newspapers	15,740
Total		29,098