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Message from An Cathaoirleach

Our winter edition of the dlr Times covered the adoption of the Council Budget for 2020 and also keeps you up to date on seasonal news and events. The recently adopted Council budget, was a challenging balance but I believe that it will provide the best level of service for our County, for residents, business and visitors alike.

There is a lot going on in the run up to Christmas in dlr. Christmas markets return to the Metals in Dún Laoghaire, complementing our weekly markets in Peoples Park and Marlay Park and the very popular festive funfair outside the Lexlcon returns for another year also. Local business are a cornerstone of our community so I would encourage you all to get out there and support our local shopkeepers and traders and pick up a gift or two. I'd like to wish everyone in our County a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

CLLR. SHAY
BRENNAN



Message from the dlr Chief Executive

As 2019 draws to a close we can reflect on a busy year in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Following the local elections of May you have elected a brand new Council, almost half of whom are first time Councillors and 50% of whom are female, a first in any local authority.

The Council has had a very successful year receiving national awards across a number of service areas; Georges Place received awards from the Irish Council for Social Housing for its Housing for Families Service and from the RIAI for quality of design. An award for Leadership in the public sector for best practice in energy usage from the SEAI and an award for biodiversity in Fernhill Park from Engineers Ireland were also received, among other awards. This Council will continue to be committed to pursuing and delivering on innovative solutions for your county.

In early November the 2020 budget for the county was adopted with investment of over €193m in services across the County. We look forward to a year when services remain at high standards with dlr continuing to have an exceptional public realm, innovative events and library programme, strong delivery on housing and planning and a number of public infrastructure projects underway including roads and amenity. You can read more on the 2020 budget in this edition.

I would like to join the Cathaoirleach in wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

PHILOMENA POOLE

CoCo Markets

PEOPLE'S PARK

Park Road, Dún Laoghaire

WHEN: Every Sunday

TIME: 11am – 4pm

MARLAY PARK

Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

WHEN: Every Weekend

TIME: Saturday 10am – 4pm | Sunday 11am – 4pm



EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Out of Hours : 01 677 8844
[after 5pm + weekends]

Homeless Persons: 1800 724 724
[after hours services]

Irish Water: 1850 278 278
[24 hours]

Your dlr parks



MARLAY PARK

TIME: Sep 9am to 8pm | Oct 9am to 6pm | Nov – Jan 9am to 5pm
Feb – Mar 9am to 6pm | Apr 9am to 9pm | May – Aug 9am to 10pm

SHANGANAGH PARK

TIME: Open Access

PEOPLE'S PARK

TIME: Dec – Mar 8am to 4.30pm
Apr – May 8am to 7.30pm | Jun – Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct – Nov 8am to 7.30pm

KILLINEY HILL PARK

TIME: Open Access

CABINTEELY PARK

TIMES: Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct 8am to 7pm | Nov – Jan 8am to 5pm | Feb 8am to 6pm | Mar 8am to 7pm | Apr 8am to 8pm | May – Aug 8am to 10.30pm

BLACKROCK PARK

TIME: Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct 8am to 7pm | Nov – Jan 8am to 4.30pm
Feb – Mar 8am to 6pm | Apr 8am to 8pm | May – Aug 8am to 9pm

KILBOGGET PARK

TIME: Open Access

FERNHILL PARK AND GARDENS

TIME: 9am - 6pm

Recycling information



BALLYOGAN RECYCLING

Ballyogan Road

TELEPHONE: 01 291 3600

TIME: Mon – Fri 8.30am to 5.30pm
Sat 9.30am to 5.30pm | Sun/Bank Hols 10.30am to 5.30pm.

CLOSED: Christmas Eve – St. Stephen's Day, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday.

EDEN PARK RECYCLING

Summerhill Road, Glashule

TIME: Mon – Thur 8.30am to 4pm
Fri – Sat 8.30am to 3.30pm.

CLOSED: Sunday, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays.

SHANGANAGH RECYCLING CENTRE

Cemetery Car Park, Shankill

TIME: Mon – Thur 8.30am to 4pm
Fri – Sat 8.30am to 3.30pm.

CLOSED: Sunday, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays.

Your dlr libraries



dlr LEXICON

Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire
TEL: 01 280 1147

TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm
Fri to Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Sun
12noon – 4pm

BLACKROCK

Blackrock Town Hall,
Main Street

TEL: 01 288 8117

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur
1.15pm – 8pm

CABINTEELY*

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely
TEL: 01 285 5363

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* & Sat*
10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue &
Thur 2pm – 8pm

DALKEY

Castle Street, Dalkey

TEL: 01 285 5317

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur
1.15pm – 8pm

DEANSGRANGE

Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange

TEL: 01 285 0860

TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to Thur
10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat
10am – 5pm. My Open Library
self-service 8am-10pm,
7 days a week, including bank
holiday weekends.

DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road,
Dundrum

TEL: 01 298 5000

TIMES: Mon, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue to Thur
10am – 8pm

SHANKILL*

Library Road, Shankill

TEL: 01 282 3081

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* & Sat*
10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue &
Thur 2pm – 8pm

STILLORGAN

St. Laurence's Park,
Stillorgan

TEL: 01 288 9655

TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to Thur
10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat
10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm

* Libraries with an asterisk are open either Friday or Saturday – please contact for further details.
- On Bank Holiday weekends, all libraries are closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday while Deansgrange opens in My Open Library mode.



2020

Council Budget Overview

The dlr Annual Budget 2020 commits to an investment of €193 million in the delivery of services for the County next year, an increase of almost €10 million on 2019 and which equates as a spend of approximately €885 per person in the county.

The annual revenue Budget provides funding for a very broad range of services from road, cycle lane and path maintenance and converting our streetlights to energy efficient LEDs and expanding provision of EV charge points, to enhancing our parklands and sports and community facilities, as well as providing business support grants and staging high quality cultural events. In fact the Council provide over 700 different services to the residents, businesses and visitors in our county!

In preparing the dlr Annual Budget, we must consider, hand in hand with our statutory obligations, our delivery of the Council's corporate objectives and balance the varied needs of individuals. This is an in-depth process, involving many months of consideration due to the amount of services areas that the Council are involved in. The operating environment for each annual budget must be considered as part of the County Councils deliberations including consideration of economic conditions which continue to remain strong in 2019 and is expected to remain robust for 2020.

The budget provision focuses on the maintenance and enhancement of existing service delivery levels. It also provides for housing maintenance, grants and developments, business supports designed to foster economic development, and assist us in attaining best practice in climate action policies, enhance the public realm and support our vibrant communities. The Council prides itself on the quality of its public realm and the cultural and recreational facilities it provides.

Housing will remain centre stage and we continue to be one of the country's leaders in terms of innovation. The first cost rental development in the country will be in dlr as well as being leaders in energy efficiency and housing design which is evidenced by the awards for Georges' Place from the SEAI and the Irish Council for Social Housing. Housing maintenance and adaptation grants have been allocated almost €10 million with an additional €3.85 million for homeless services.

The Council is obliged to run a balanced budget each year and income and expenditure must match. In order to ensure the balance and the delivery of services, Budget 2020 provides for a commercial rate increase of 3.5%. A full range of business supports have been retained for 2020 including the business support grant, which benefits eligible commercial rate payers, which number approximately 85% of all rate payers.

Following on from this years adoption of our Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2025, our Budget 2020 will allow for increased spend on specific climate action initiatives, including the appointment of a dedicated Climate Change Officer who will lead and co-ordinate the goals of our Climate Change Action Plan.

The adoption of this Budget for 2020 signals the Councils continuing commitment to providing an innovative, high quality, accessible public service to all. You can see more highlights of the dlr Budget 2020 on pages 5-8 of this issue.



Take a spin on the Ferris Wheel at the Dún Laoghaire Christmas Festival

Dún Laoghaire is all set to be 'electrifying' again this Christmas as the iconic Ferris Wheel takes centre stage at the annual Christmas Festival presented by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The twinkling lights are on and Santa is waiting for all his young visitors to arrive!

The vintage carnival will be placed at Moran Park beside dlr LexIcon to compliment the traditional Dún Laoghaire Christmas Market which runs from Saturday 30 November to Sunday 23 December.

It will include classic family attractions full of nostalgic charm such as colourful retro Hobby Horses, candyfloss, a rollercoaster, Santa's Post Box and a charming Christmas market with a traditional and nostalgic theme bringing the magic of Christmas and a winter wonderland for the festive season.

Aromas of gourmet sausages, Hungarian Lángos, German Gluhwein, Fresh Falafel, Gingerbread and steaming hot chocolate will fill the air as you wander through the Christmas Market. If you are searching for the perfect Christmas present the market has hand-crafted gifts and decorations, jewellery, limited edition photographic prints, Hurling watches and clocks, Trendy Socks, PaperBear Greeting cards, knitwear, fragrances and hemp products for people and pets.

Dún Laoghaire Town Centre has over 280 retail outlets and businesses so why not swap city centre crowds and stuffed out-of-town shopping centres to browse, shop, relax and soak up the festive spirit of our magical seaside town. We hope to see you there!

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown's first TD



Treaty Plenipotentiaries departing for London from Dún Laoghaire, October 1921. (L-R) Robert Barton, Arthur Griffith, Eamonn Duggan and George Gavan Duffy. Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland

The Centenary of the first meeting of Dáil Éireann occurred earlier this year. This brief introduction to the county's first TD commemorates this significant occasion in the history of the State, and of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The political landscape in the British Isles changed dramatically in the years between the parliamentary elections in December 1910 and December 1918, with the 1916 Rising having a particularly profound affect. Largely as a result of that event, popular opinion had moved from majority support for Home Rule, to support for independence, which politically was led by Sinn Féin, founded in 1905.

In 1918 most of what is now Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown formed part of the Dublin South constituency. The seat was won by George Gavan Duffy, representing Sinn Féin. Full details of the first Dáil can be found on the website dail100.ie.

George Gavan Duffy was born in England in 1882. He was a solicitor in London when he first came to prominence acting for Roger Casement during the latter's trial for treason in 1916. He then moved to Ireland, became actively involved in politics, and was present at the first Public meeting of Dáil Éireann on 21 January, 1919.

On election, Gavan Duffy became prominent in Irish political life, attending the Paris Peace Conference and travelling throughout Europe on behalf of the newly declared Irish Republic. In October 1921 he was chosen as one of the five Irish plenipotentiaries at the Treaty Negotiations in London. He served briefly as Minister for Foreign Affairs, but resigned from Government in 1922, following events leading to the execution of Erskine Childers.

On leaving politics, Gavan Duffy returned to the legal profession where he was highly respected, becoming President of the High Court in 1946 until his death in 1951. Although no longer politically active, he was consulted extensively over the drafting of the 1937 Constitution and, while his political career was short, his lasting and probably most significant contribution to the new State was in the development of Irish law.

Looking to increase your fitness?



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership has some upcoming activities that may be of interest to you!

Buggy Brigade

A six-week back-to-exercise programme for mothers. Bring your baby along!

Multi-sports Junior Club For Kids With A Physical Disability

Children aged from seven to 12 years old meet once a week.

New Wellness Hub

Active Retired Pilates, post-natal Pilates, restorative yoga and Zen Pilates, all taking place in Ballyogan.



Junior Park Run

A 2km walk/jog for children and their parents. Every Sunday 9.30am, Ballyogan Green, Samuel Beckett Civic Centre. Hail, rain or snow!

Men On The Move

A 12-week programme for men to help increase strength, mobility and cardio, with some mindfulness and nutrition thrown in for good measure.

Operation Transformation

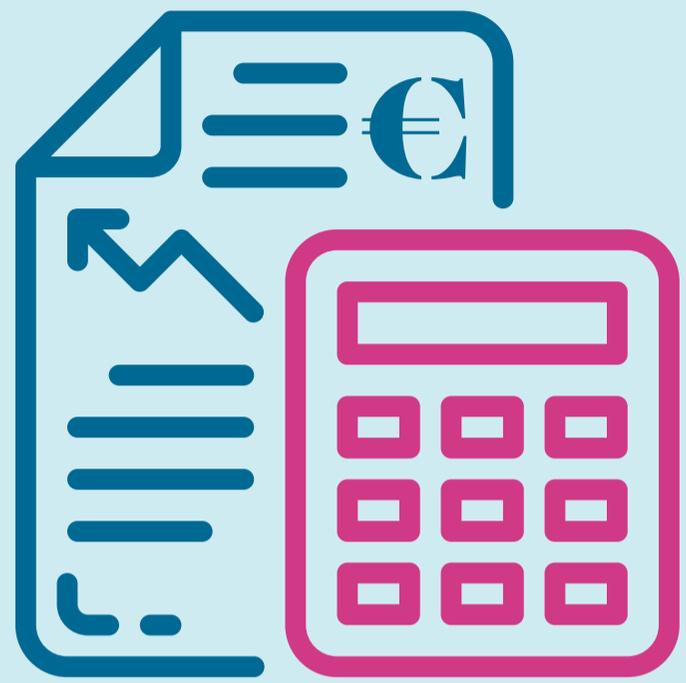
One for all the family! A 2km walk suitable for all fitness levels taking place in early January.

Walking For Health Programme

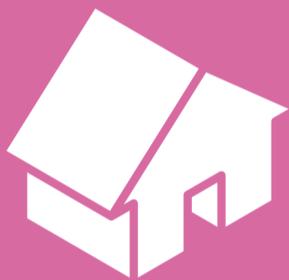
This six-week walking programme follows on from the Operation Transformation walk to help increase your fitness.

For more information on any of these programmes, or activities to suit you, call Dún Laoghaire Sports Partnership on 01 271 9502, or email sportspartnership@dlrcoco.ie

Budget 2020 highlights



In the following pages we briefly explain where the €193 million allocated to services in the dlr Annual Budget will be spent.



€8.3m

allocated to Maintenance of Housing Stock



€578k

allocated to Roads Patching Programme

€3.85m



Homeless Service Provision (increase of €500,000)

€100k



allocated to Grant Funding for Business Promotion

€110k



allocated to County Development Plan

€752k



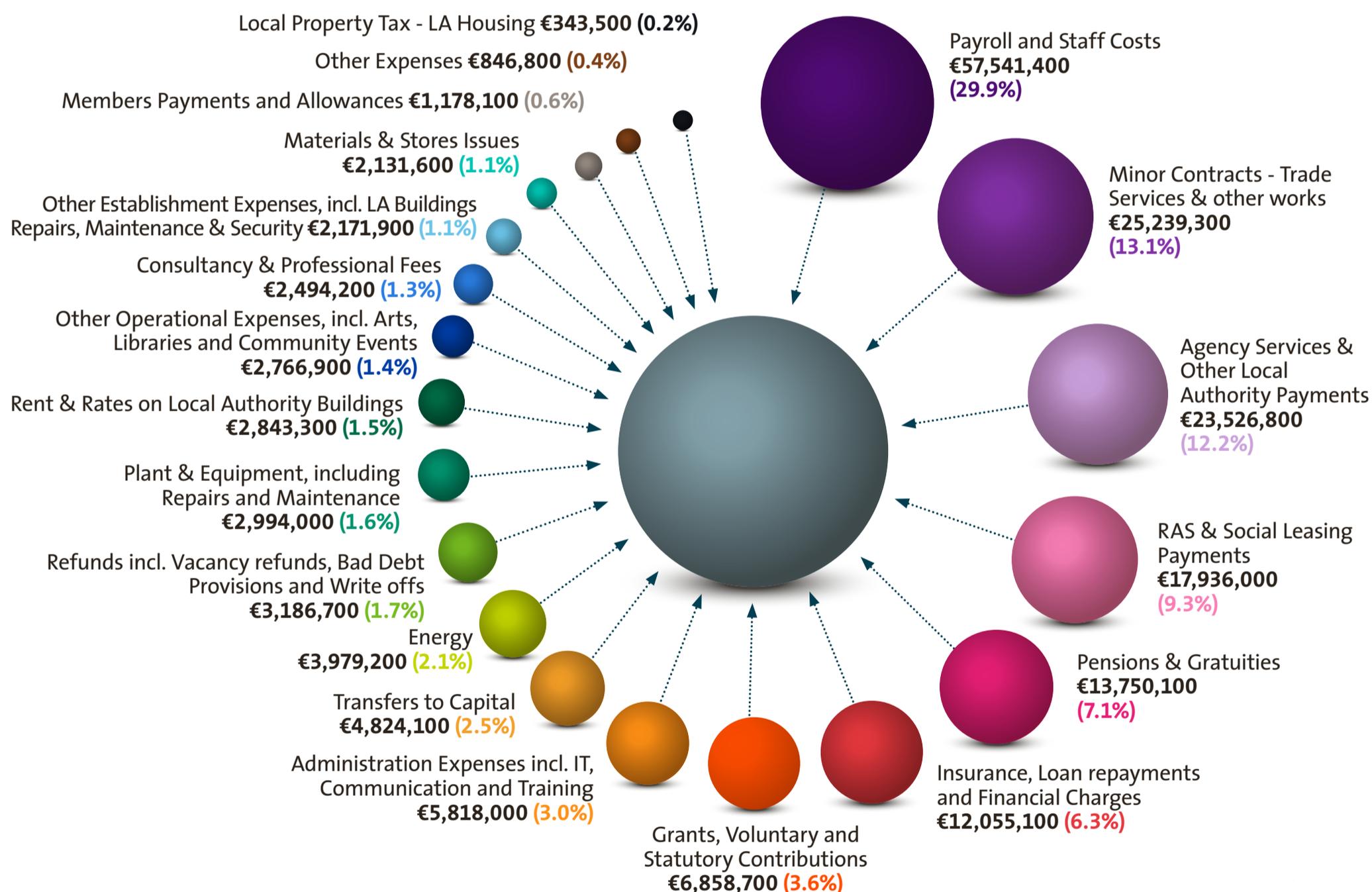
allocated to LED Lantern Upgrades

€850k

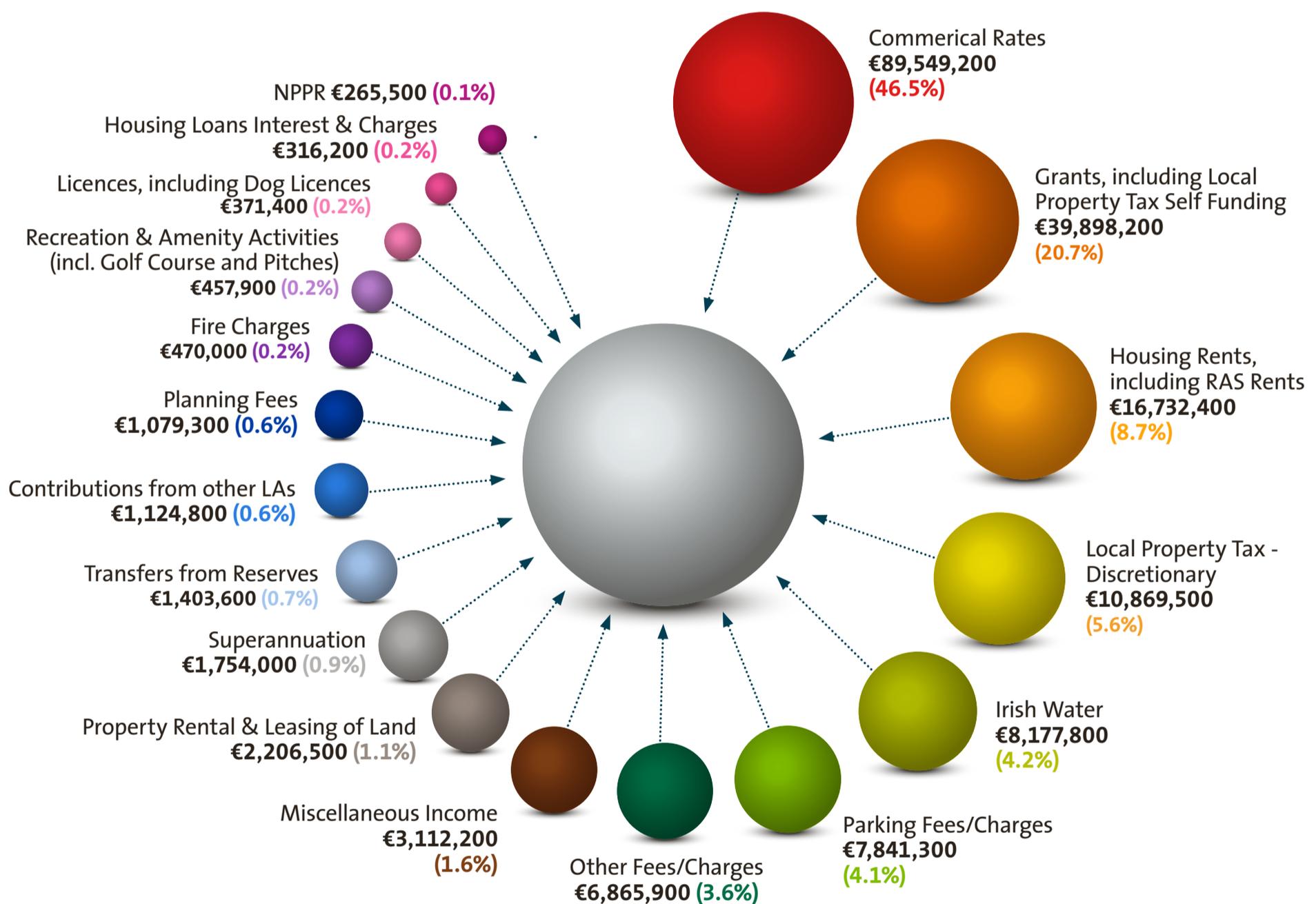


allocated to Business Support Grant

Main categories of Expenditure 2020



Main categories of Income 2020



Budget 2020 highlights



€169k

allocated to Climate Change Action Plan



€200k

allocated to Village Renewal Fund



€100k

allocated to Sports Development Fund



Continued Roll-out of Electric Charging Points

€27k

allocated to Cycling Initiatives & Promotion



€35k

allocated to Bathing App detailing Water Quality



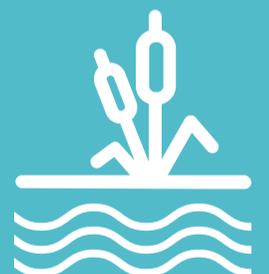
€50k

allocated to Disability Sports Inclusion Programme



€80k

allocated to EU Life Project (Improving Water Quality Streams)



dlr wins SEAI Leadership in Public Sector Award 2019



Eibhlin Curley, dlr Energy Co-ordinator, Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr Deirdre Donnelly, Richard Bruton, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Andrée Dargan, Energy Performance Officer and County Architect, dlr.

At the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) Awards in October, dlr won the Leadership in Public Sector category. The SEAI Awards encourage and reward excellence in energy management.

dlr prides itself on being at the forefront of energy innovation. In recent years this has included the adoption of Energy Elephant, a monthly energy-monitoring software system, to manage their ISO 50001 (Energy Management System). These innovations also include public amenities and energy-efficient housing construction techniques. Leading the way in dual-usage municipal infrastructure, dlr installed the first public lighting poles to be used for charging electric vehicles and the world's first solar-powered phone and electric bike charging benches, promoting sustainable transport. Forty per cent of public lighting in the County has been upgraded to LED, and the aim is 50% by year-end.

dlr and ARUP win Sustainability Award for Fernhill Park and Gardens



John Burgess (ARUP), Dara O' Daly, dlr Parks, Ruairi O'Dulaing, dlr Parks, Edith Blennerhassett (ARUP) and Eoin O'Brien, dlr Parks.

dlr Parks Department and ARUP are delighted to be the first recipients of the Engineers Ireland Sustainability Award for Fernhill Park & Gardens.

Purchased by dlr in 2015, Fernhill Park and Gardens is Dublin's newest Public Park, and forms an important component of the historic landscape on the fringe of Dublin City and an impressive example of a small estate dating back to around 1823.

dlr and ARUP have set out an ambitious Sustainability Strategy for the Park, which is particularly relevant in today's Climate Emergency and dlr's own Climate Action Plan. From Power generation to growing of food, from community led tree planting to light touch stone work restoration and Natural Woodland Play, Fernhill will be a model of sustainability for future generations.



Dave Rice

FOREMAN, dlr CLEANSING DEPARTMENT

What do you do?

I have worked for dlrc for 33 years and my main current areas of responsibility are the gully-cleaning operation, keeping cycle lanes clear, and Smart Bins. My first job in dlr was in the refuse section driving a bin lorry. I was a Shop Steward with SIPTU for a number of years, and I then moved on to become Acting Assistant Foreman in the Refuse Section. When the bins were privatised I moved to the Cleansing Department as Assistant Foreman.

What is your typical work day like?

My day starts at 7am with the work distribution lists for staff that would include clearing blockages from gullies, the daily schedule for mini-sweepers and also for clearing the cycle lanes. Following the introduction of 400 Smart Bins we have moved from five crews down to two crews, and a seven-day service with the introduction of shift hours, and it has greatly improved the efficiency of how we work. Before the Smart Bins, we would have had five crews emptying bins, in order to get to them before the seagulls! One of our senior engineers introduced a new schedule for the Cleansing Department and that has improved our way of life greatly. We also work closely with the Civic Hub to make sure we are aware of all the areas that require immediate attention on any particular day.

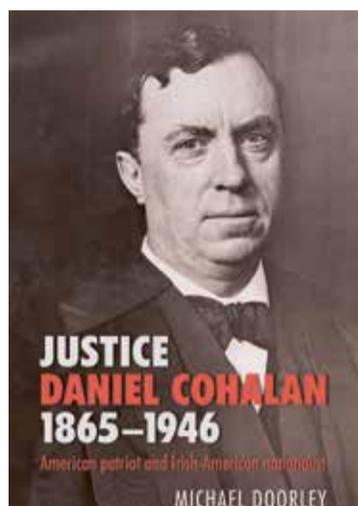
What is the most difficult part of your job?

There are 55,000 gullies in our area, and we have to clean these as often as we can. There is now more severe rainfall, due to climate change and this can be a challenge.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Each day brings new challenges, for instance a few weeks ago I retrieved a sum of money from a Smart Bin for a member of the public who had accidentally dropped it in. That is a rewarding part of the job when you can directly help a member of the public. We often receive requests to retrieve items such as phones, letters and, once, a lady dropped her dentures into one, but that is another story!

EXHIBITIONS AT dlr LEXICON



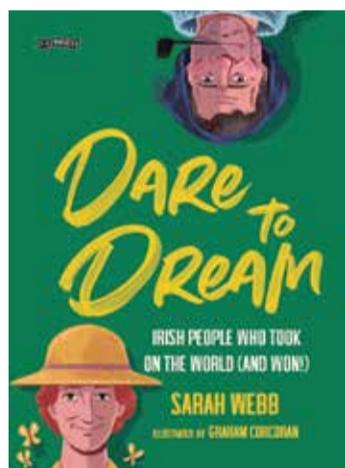
The Life And Times Of Justice Daniel Cohalan

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon. Monday 2 December, 7pm

Born in 1865, Daniel Cohalan played a crucial role in mobilising Irish-American support for Ireland's struggle for independence between 1916-'21. He is best remembered today for his bitter feud with Éamon de Valera during the latter's mission to the United States in 1919-'20. Cohalan spent many summers with his family in Glandore in Cork where visitors included Pádraig Pearse and Douglas Hyde. Cohalan stayed in the Royal Marine Hotel in Dún Laoghaire in 1923 where he met and corresponded with Free State

President of the Executive Council, William T. Cosgrave, Richard Mulcahy and Joe McGrath. In association with St. Joseph's College, Long Island NY and the Gardiner Foundation, the author of a new Cohalan biography, Dr. Michael Doorley, will give a talk on his momentous life. Booking for this free event on eventbrite.ie is essential.

Dare To Dream: Irish People Who Took On The World (And Won!)



Level 4, dlr Lexlcon. Until Sunday 4 January

According to Sarah Webb, our country is built by brave people who dared to dream of a new Ireland that was independent, equal and free.

"I wanted to shine a light on Irish dreamers from all walks of life: sportspeople; activists; scientists; adventurers; creators; writers; and even rock stars," she reflects.

A celebration of remarkable people, the exhibition is running in tandem with Sarah's new book of the same name, which is published by The O'Brien Press. The book's illustrator, Graham Corcoran, joins her in hoping that it will inspire people to follow their own dreams.

Bicentenary Of Bullock Harbour

Level 5, dlr Lexlcon. Until Tuesday 7 January

Celebrating the bicentenary of the construction of Bullock Harbour in 1819, this exhibition is organised by the Dublin Port Archive in association with Bullock Harbour Preservation Association and dlr Lexlcon. Based on the substantial archive of maps, engineering drawings, photographs and paintings held by the Dublin Port Company, it examines the 200-year-old history of the Harbour.

Competition – dlr Leisure and Fitness



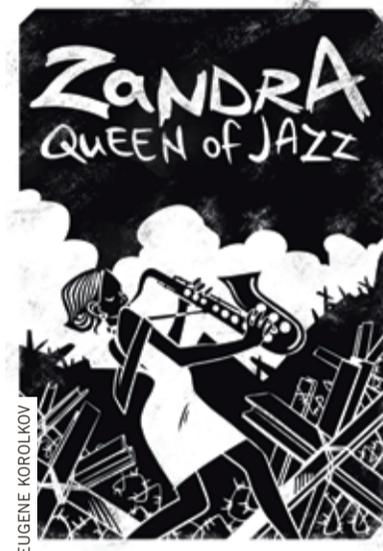
It's the time of year to start rethinking your fitness goals for 2020. To help get you started we are giving you the chance to win one of two annual passes for one of our dlr Leisure Centres. Located across the County at Ballyogan, Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook and Monkstown, these fully equipped gyms with pools, fitness studios and all-weather pitches will be available to you!

Enter this competition by simply signing up to receive the dlr times by email. Log on to dlrcoco.ie/dlrleisurecompetition and register your details by Thursday 16 January. The lucky winners will be notified the next day.

THEATRE

Zandra, Queen Of Jazz

Friday 6 December and Saturday 7 December, 7pm. Studio Theatre, Level 1. Tickets priced at €16 can be booked on eventbrite.ie.



Armed with just her sax and a suitcase, Zandra Mitchell joined a jazz band and toured the world. Born in Phibsborough, Dublin in 1903, she was Ireland's first female saxophonist. While the 1920s roared she travelled her way through Europe to Berlin. The dictators rose, the books burned, the bombs dropped... and Zandra kept playing her sax. Darn Skippy Productions present *Zandra, Queen of*

Jazz – a play based on her extraordinary true story that's written and performed by Roseanne Lynch.

With Katherine Soloviev directing, and original music, arrangements and sound design by Richard Lennon, it's a stunning piece of work. Supported by dlr Libraries and an Emerging Artist Bursary from dlr Arts Office.

dlr Lexlcon Family Day

Various Venues, dlr Lexlcon. Saturday 1 February 2020, 10.30am to 4.30pm.



Dragon and Lion Dance at Family Day 2018

Save the date and watch out for a colourful flier with full details of all our exciting Family Day events. We can tell you that it's going to be a fun-filled ringing in of the Chinese New Year of the Rat. In a special Irish twist, we'll also be celebrating St. Brigid, whose feast day it is, and the arrival of spring. Admission to all events is free on a first-come, first-served, basis.

Arts & Library Events

WHAT'S ON IN THE MUNICIPAL GALLERY IN dlr LEXICON



Utopia/Dystopia

Friday 13 December – Sunday 26 January

Curated by the Director of Highlanes Gallery, Aoife Ruane, this biennial open-call exhibition features visual artists who are from, have studied in, or are living in the County.

With *Utopia/Dystopia* as the theme, the work is wonderfully broad in its scope and highlights the wealth of talent we have in our corner of Dublin.

Brian Fay: A Mobile Living Thing

Saturday 8 February to Sunday 29 March

This solo show by Brian Fay, an artist based in the County, draws its inspiration from four Mainie Jellett paintings that are in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Art Collection. Using these small works on paper as a catalyst, he has produced a new series of drawings, watercolours and sculptural objects that look at three forms of time. Visitors will be able to compare and contrast these with the Jellett paintings, which will also be on display. The exhibition is accompanied by a Learning Programme which includes talks, guided tours and a range of workshops for all ages; as well as our regular Dementia Inclusive Gallery Tours, and the Open Arts Studios for kids and adults.

Visit dlrcoco.ie/arts, or call 01 236 2759 for further information.

Musicians-In-Residence Concert Programme

Organised by dlr Arts Office, the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Musicians-In-Residence scheme is jointly funded by the Arts Council, and managed by Music Network.



Éamonn Cagney in concert

Éamonn Cagney

Studio Theatre, level 1, dlr Lexicon. Thursday 5 December, 7pm. Booking for this free event on eventbrite.ie is essential.

In the final performance of his dlr Lexicon residency, Éamonn will be joined by long-time collaborator Niwel Tsumbu on guitar, keyboard wizard Darragh O'Kelly, and sound artist Eoin Murphy for a performance of new musical pieces inspired by the heroic and humorous folktale, *Young Conall Of Howth*.



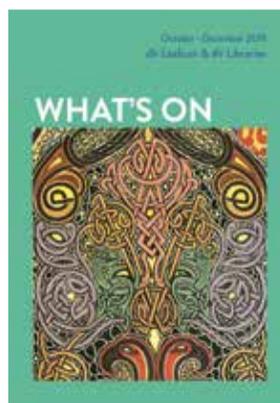
Further information:

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

What's On Event Guide

See our October to December What's On Event Guide for more information on dlr Libraries events and services. Our next What's On Event Guide will be available in early January in every dlr Library and many other locations around the County.

Highlights include Healthy Ireland events, the dlr Lexicon Family Day in February, Seachtain na Gaeilge events and much, much more!



Healthy Ireland At Your Library

As part of the national *Eat Well, Think Well, Be Well* initiative, dlr Libraries will continue to stage health and well-being events throughout 2020.

Each dlr Library has a collection of books on health topics and physical and mental well-being with a growing selection of titles also available online.

Further details of specific events can be found in our next What's On Event Guide, which will be available in early January.

Mountains To Sea dlr Book Festival 2020

Thursday 26 to Sunday 29 March



With *The State Of Us* as its theme, the 2020 festival will contemplate our own personal situation, that of the island of Ireland, and further afield.

We're delighted to announce that tickets will go on sale before Christmas. Follow us on social media for updates.

The full line-up can be found in the Festival brochure, which will be available from early January, or visit mountainstosea.ie for further details.

ASC – Autism Spectrum Collection



Our new reading guide and lending collection was launched in Stillorgan Library in October by An Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr Deirdre Donnelly.

ASC is a dedicated collection of resources collated with the needs of the autism community in mind. The reading list includes books with sensory elements, those that tell stories visually, and ones about and by autistic people. Pick up a copy in your local dlr Library.

The ASC lending collection includes sensory/tactile toys and equipment, which are designed to help build motor skills and, indeed, life skills. Housed in Library HQ, these items can be requested through any dlr Library. The plan is for the collection to expand over the coming years in response to community needs. Please email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie for further information.

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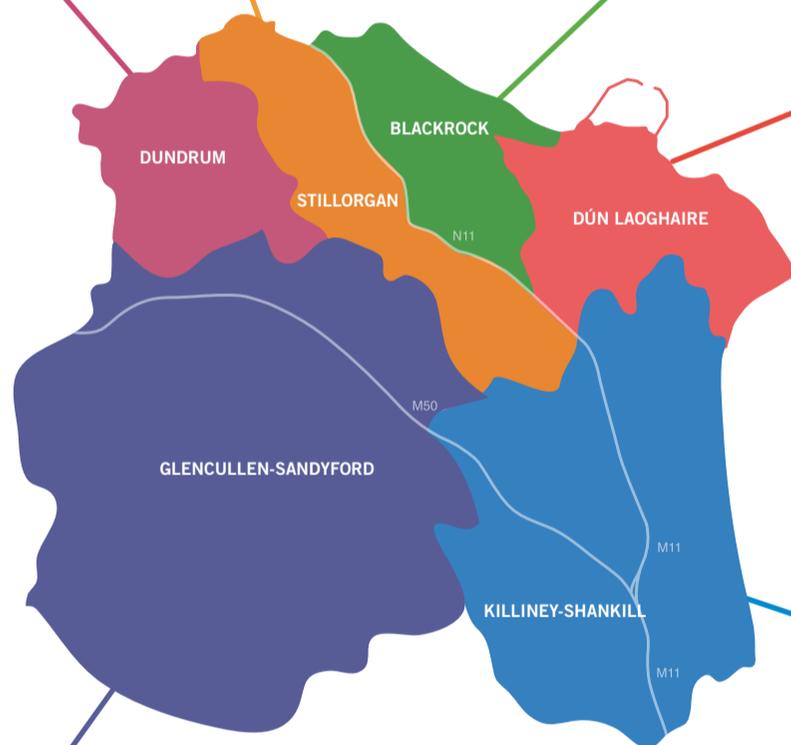
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