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WINTER 2020

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## Message from An Cathaoirleach

The Winter edition of the dlr Times covers the adoption of the Council Budget for 2021 and also highlights a range of different events and news items from across the county. 2020 has been a challenging year and the COVID pandemic has impacted on Council services and finances throughout the year. In spite of this the 2021 Budget will ensure that the Council continues to provide a high level of service is maintained across the county.

This Christmas the Council will be putting up thousands of lights across the County and a very special 'Tree of Hope' has been installed in Marlay Park. Inside you will find lots of information on things such as the illuminated forest walk in Marlay Park, our Virtual Christmas Markets, the locations of Santa's Post Boxes across the county and Santa's new Vlog.

Finally, I'd like to ask you all to help our local businesses this year by shopping locally whenever you can.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

CLLR. UNA POWER



## Message from the dlr Chief Executive

And so we find ourselves at the end of a most extraordinary year for any of us – filled with challenge, loss and the disruption of familiar rhythms. COVID-19 has changed a great many things but one constant has shone through, provided strength, resilience and light and that is the community spirit that we have in every area of our county. When things were at the most difficult, organisations and individuals answered the call and ensured that nobody in our neighbourhoods was left forgotten.

The Council has also demonstrated flexibility and ability to adapt and innovate in the face of adversity. Expanded cycle lanes and pathways provided routes to home and school as public transport was restricted. Our town and village centres are being transformed with increased space, seating and planting, turning them into places where people genuinely want to spend time, bringing essential footfall to local retailers, café and restaurants.

The adoption of Budget 2021 by Councillors will be crucial in continuing to deliver and expand on services that we provide to the public. This is all the more important as we work with local communities, support local businesses, enhance our public realm and liveable spaces and protect our environment and come back stronger and brighter than ever.

You can read more on the budget in this edition of the dlr Times. I would like to join the Cathaoirleach in wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and hopeful New Year.

PHILOMENA POOLE

## CoCo Markets

PEOPLE'S PARK & DLR

LEXICON, Dún Laoghaire

Sunday 11am-4pm

MARLAY PARK

Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

Saturday 10am-4 pm & 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



### 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

### 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

### DEER PARK

TIME: Open Access

### FERNHILL PARK & GARDENS

TIME: 9am - 6pm

### KILBOGGET PARK

TIME: Open Access

### KILLINEY HILL PARK

TIME: Open Access

### 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

### 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

### SHANGANAGH PARK

TIME: Open Access

## 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



For updated information during COVID-19 restrictions, please see our website [libraries.dlrcoco.ie](http://libraries.dlrcoco.ie)

### 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

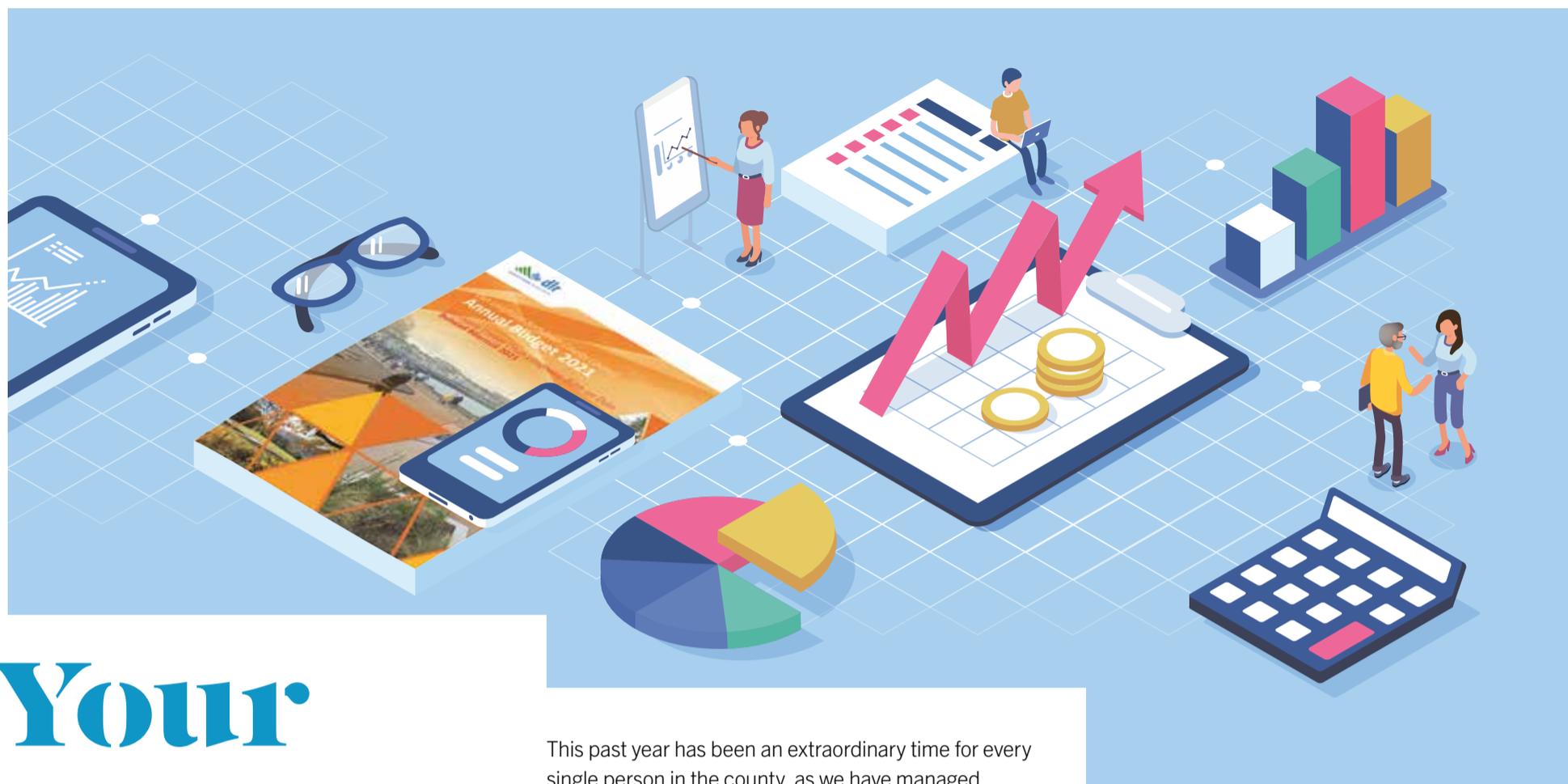
### STILLORGAN

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.



# Your Council Budget 2021

**The dlr Annual Budget 2021 commits to an investment of over €211 million in the delivery of services for the County next year, an increase of almost €19 million on 2020 and which equates to a spend of approximately €969 per person in the county.**

This past year has been an extraordinary time for every single person in the county, as we have managed COVID-19 together, even as it took its toll on everyone physically, emotionally & financially.

Personal and community resilience as well as volunteer spirit has seen our local area thrive as best it could in the face of great adversity. Your County Council has worked hard and innovated to maintain the highest level and standard of service provision during 2020 and is committed to providing you with the very best in high quality and accessible public services in all areas of service provision through 2021.

To that end your elected Councillors recently adopted an expansionary Annual Budget for 2021 of over €211 million.

The annual revenue Budget provides funding for a very broad range of services from road, cycle lane and foot path maintenance, energy efficient streetlighting, enhancing our parklands, sports and community facilities, developing biodiversity and heritage initiatives as well as providing grants for local businesses. The budget also provides for the maintenance and repair of the Council's assets including its houses, corporate buildings, parks and Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

The Council provides 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 dlr's corporate objectives and balance the varied needs of everyone in our area. 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 emergence of COVID-19 earlier this year had an immediate and very detrimental impact on the Council's finances with a significant reduction in several income streams, together with an increase in COVID-19 related expenditure.

The Council is obliged to adopt a balanced budget each year. If the rate of Local Property Tax was to remain unchanged from previous years it would have been necessary to implement a wide range of significant cuts to services in 2021, as a direct result of COVID-19.

The Council met in September to consider whether to vary the basic rate of Local Property Tax. In previous years it was reduced by 15%. As there was no decision to vary the basic rate for 2021 it reverted to the basic rate by default. As a result of the Local Property Tax reverting to the basic rate €7.8m of additional income will be available to the Council in 2021.

With this additional funding not only will it be possible to maintain the same level of services in 2021, but there are also several new initiatives included in the budget including the provision of additional bins and benches, beach accessibility works, new ladders and improved access at 40 Foot, additional business supports, extra tree planting and maintenance, summer camps for children with special needs, a cycle training programme for people with disabilities, cycleway cleaning and grants for high security locks for the elderly and grants for residents associations to provide additional planting, benches and wilding and a new dlr Beta Project. These new initiatives were selected because they will improve the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors to dlr by creating a more attractive and vibrant county.

You can see further details of your local Budget 2021 in this edition of the dlr Times or on [dlrcoco.ie](http://dlrcoco.ie)

# Spreading light and joy for Christmas 2020

This Christmas the county will be illuminated by thousands of new lights and several buildings will be bathed with a magical glow. A very special 'Tree of Hope' at Marlay Park will radiate with optimism for brighter times ahead as we emerge from the darkness of 2020.



A beautifully illuminated forest walk at Marlay Park is a lovely compliment to the Tree of Hope. The one-kilometre trail amongst the trees is fully accessible for wheelchairs and buggies and is an oasis of calm beneath the twinkling lights.

Santa Post Boxes will be in place at dlr LexIcon in Dún Laoghaire, Marlay Park in Rathfarnham, Deerpark in Mount Merrion and

Cabinteely Park by special commission of Santa Claus. The extra Santa post boxes are in place to encourage children to post their letters early this year so the elves have plenty of time to make presents.

Santa is going high-tech with a special Santa Vlog from the North Pole each Saturday before Christmas in December on dlr Events Facebook. This free online vlog will connect children with Santa Claus in a dramatically new and personal way "live" from the North Pole.

Our Christmas Market is going virtual this year and it is a great opportunity to showcase the wide range of exciting and innovative business across the county. Keep an eye out on [www.facebook.com/dlrevents](http://www.facebook.com/dlrevents) in December. Local shops lie at the heart of our towns and villages, and it's never been as important to support local retailers and suppliers. Even in extraordinary times, we can all make a difference by staying local, shopping local and clicking local.

Join us online on the evening of Monday 21 December to celebrate the Winter Solstice with a free concert of stunning music and songs of joy, hope and light. We wish to encourage everyone across the county and further afield to light a candle during this concert to remember those we have lost in 2020, and to look ahead with hope to 2021. This free concert will be streamed live at 8 pm on Monday 21 December via the dlr YouTube channel.

We would like to wish all our citizens a peaceful Christmas and hope to see you out enjoying the festive lights!



A survey earlier this year in response to COVID-19 showed that seventy per cent of Irish people were making an effort to shop locally. It's clear that people understand that now is the time to support local retailers and suppliers.

The good news is that even with all but essential retail outlets closed, businesses have been adapting to ensure that you can continue to support your local shops.

One of the biggest changes in the last few months is the number of outlets that have developed websites to let you to shop online. There's no longer any need to stick to the big international online retailers – check around to see what's available, you might be surprised to see how many great Irish producers and retailers will now deliver straight to your door.

What you can do to support local:

- Shop locally, safely - some retail shops have stayed open, providing essential services
- Buy gift cards online from local retailers or restaurants for future use
- Order take away from your favourite local restaurant
- When shopping online buy from local stores
- Even in extraordinary times, we can all make a difference by staying local, shopping local and clicking local.

## Age Friendly Magazine



The dlr Community Department has produced an Age Friendly Magazine for Winter 2020/21. The magazine contains local information and supports, health and wellbeing information, short stories, poetry, recipes, activities and puzzles.

Hard copy versions of the magazine are available in your local pharmacy. They are also available on request from the Community Section on 01 2054893 or [community@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:community@dlrcoco.ie). A soft copy version can also be downloaded from [dlrcoco.ie](http://dlrcoco.ie)

The magazine is generously funded by Creative Ireland, Healthy Ireland, Sláintecare and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

## dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2021–26

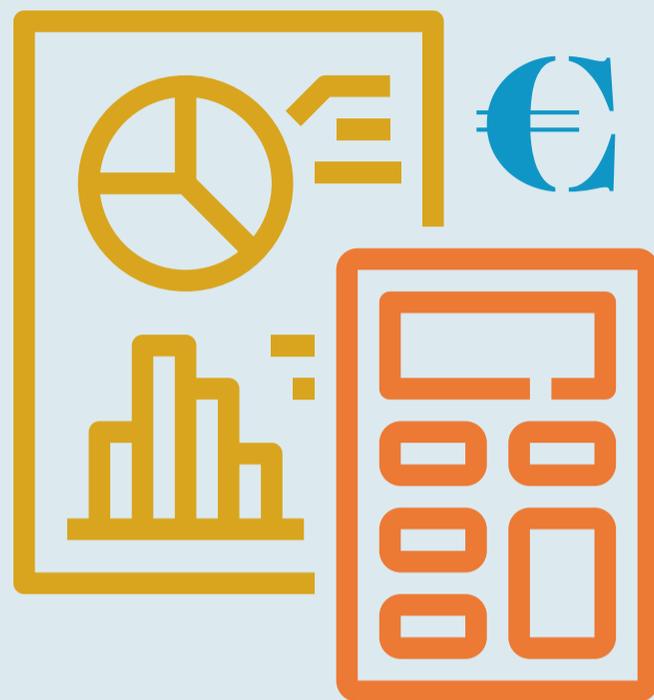
**Questionnaire – Closing date 19th January 2021**

dlr are preparing a new Age Friendly Strategy 2021 – 2026 and we want to hear from you! We would be delighted if you could take the time to fill out our questionnaire to let us know the areas which affect your life in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and what can be done to bring about positive changes for Older People in the County over the next 5 years.

Fill out the questionnaire at [dlrcoco.citizenspace.com](http://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com) Paper copies of the questionnaire are also available and an Irish language version by ringing the Community Section of dlr at 01 2054893 or email [community@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:community@dlrcoco.ie).

All submitted questionnaires will be entered into a draw for €50 One4All gift cards and looking forward to hearing from you!

# NEW INITIATIVES & HEADLINE FIGURES Budget 2021



The expansionary budget has allowed the Council to fund some new initiatives for next year. Some of those are highlighted here along with overall headline figures. For full details on the budget please see the Finance page on our website [dlrcoco.ie](http://dlrcoco.ie)

**€440k**

Additional bins / waste reduction programme



**€25k**

High security locks scheme for the elderly



**€200k**

Additional weed control



**€150k**

Economic development initiatives



**€100k**

dlr Beta project



**€300k**

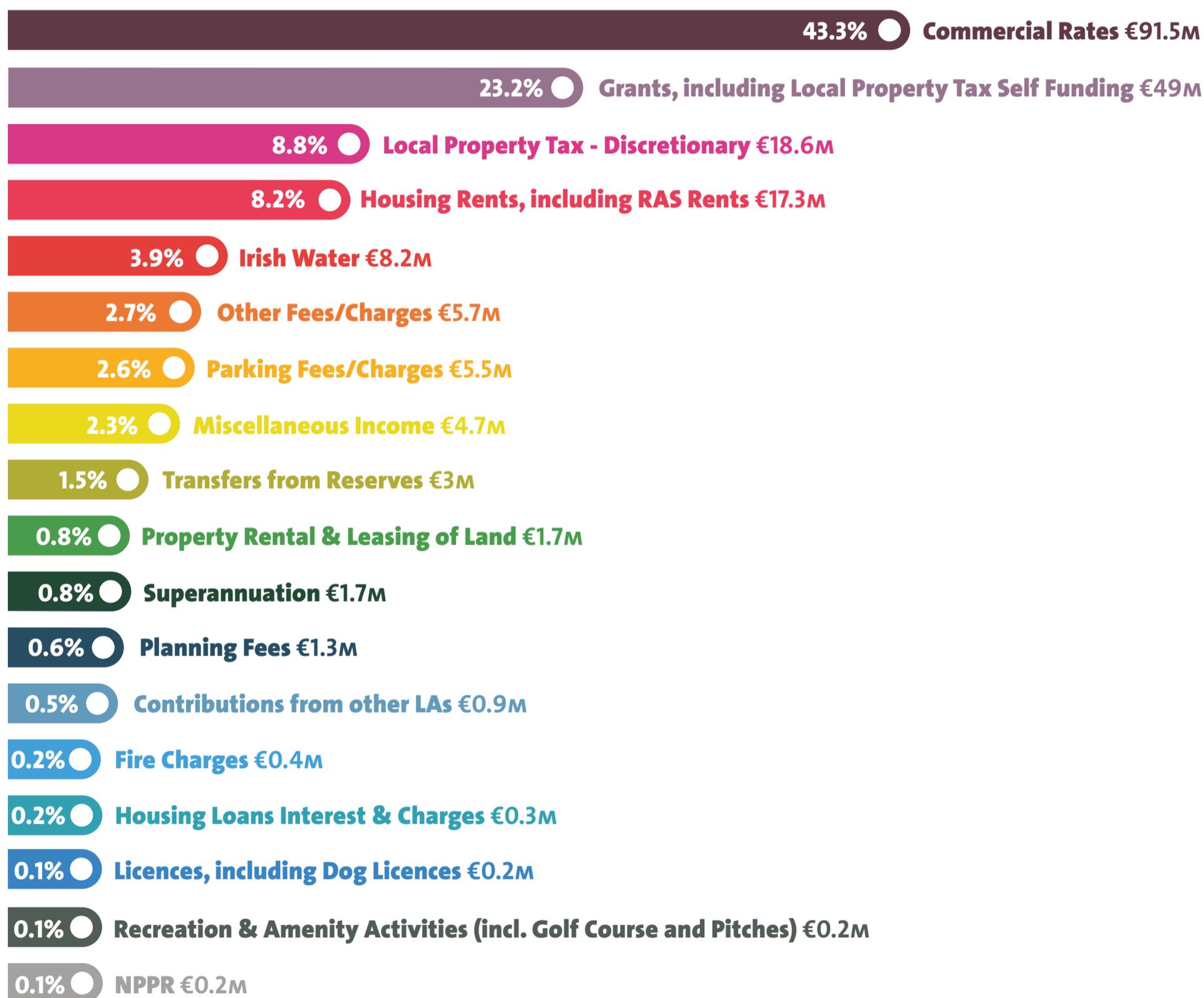
Additional tree care



**€20k**

Summer camps – children with special needs

# Main categories of Income 2021



# Main categories of Expenditure 2021



# NEW INITIATIVES & HEADLINE FIGURES

## Budget 2021



**€50k**  
Beach accessibility  
improvement works



**€150k**  
Additional public toilets  
(incl changing places facilities)

**€20k**

Wheelchair  
adapted bikes



**€40k**  
Expansion of 30km/h  
streets scheme



**€12k**

Contactless water fountains  
with dog facilities

**€70k**

Cycle track sweeping



**€70k**

Residents association  
grants- planting/  
benches/wilding

**€25k**

Disability cycling  
training



## Public information



## dlr Coastal Mobility Route Wins Engineers Ireland Award

dlr's Coastal Mobility Route project has won an award in the Infrastructure and Buildings category in the Engineers Ireland - Engineering Excellence Digital Series 2020. The Coastal Mobility Route, delivered by dlr with project partners, Clonmel Enterprises and the National Transport Authority, is a two-way segregated cycle-lane with buff surfacing, extending over 3.6km in two uninterrupted sections from Newtown Avenue in Blackrock to Coal Quay Bridge, and from Queen's Road to the Forty Foot in Sandycove. With a further 0.9km section through quiet streets, the route is about 4.5km in length.

Delivered in less than eight weeks, the project reconfigured the public realm to respond to COVID-19 risks, creating safer and improved facilities for walking and cycling, but also enhancing the public space to provide safe and inviting places.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Director of Infrastructure & Climate Change, Robert Burns said *"I would like to pay tribute to the excellence and dynamism of dlr's engineers, staff and contractors who worked on delivering this safety-critical active mobility infrastructure project to such a high standard and in such a short timeframe."*



**DLR PPN**  
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown  
Public Participation Network

## Community Wellbeing Survey

In April 2020, dlr Public Participation Network contacted a number of our groups to get a feel for what was happening on the ground in relation to COVID-19 and how the community was responding. Now with uncertainty still in the air, we are reaching out by way of a survey to find out: how your community or group is coping and functioning in the current environment, what needs you have identified, ideas and projects that would support your community and funding requirements.

All groups who fill in the survey will automatically enter a draw for €100. Please find the survey on our website at [www.dlrppn.ie/community-wellbeing-survey/](http://www.dlrppn.ie/community-wellbeing-survey/) or contact Simone Sav, Network Manager at [simone@dlrppn.ie](mailto:simone@dlrppn.ie) or 087 455 7945.

## dlr staff profile



**Vanessa  
O'Donnell**

DUNDRUM AREA OFFICE

### What do you do?

I am the Senior Staff Officer with responsibility for the management of the Dundrum Area Office which has been in the heart of Dundrum Village for 25 years. I work with a great team and together we deliver a range of services including the generation of the Register of Electors for the DLR Electoral area of over 166,000 electors. We also host the Dundrum Area Committee meetings and Deputations meetings (pre-COVID) and the facilitation of other key services such as, submission of planning applications, the payment of housing rents and commercial rates, the display of engineering projects including new road schemes, CPO's and the inspection of Culture events licences. This makes the Dundrum Office a one stop shop for many of our Council services and saves customers the journey to County Hall.

### What is your typical work day like?

Every day is different when you work in a public office, and particularly now during these challenging times of COVID restrictions. Both the public and local businesses call to our office for a variety of queries. We support them directly or by liaising with other Departments on their behalf.

### What is the most difficult part of your job?

Presently, not being able to interact with our customers face to face, many of whom we know by name, is challenging. However, they are able to engage with us by phone or email and we continue to assist the public in relation to the services they require. In the run up to an election, the office is extremely busy dealing with queries and meeting deadline requirements for an Election. The dedicated team in the Dundrum Office work round the clock to get everyone included onto the Supplement to the Register so they can vote in upcoming Elections.

### What is the most rewarding part of your job?

The range of work we do and our daily interaction with the public is very rewarding, knowing we are making a positive impact on people's lives. It's also rewarding when someone comes into the office that has just turned 18 and wants to be added to the Register. It is great to see young people eager to vote. Don't forget to check if you are registered to vote at [www.voter.ie](http://www.voter.ie)

# UPDATE - Draft County Development Plan

Following on from the pre-draft consultation period that was held in early 2020, the Chief Executive's Draft County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 has been prepared taking into account submissions received from the public, national policy and also directions issued by the councillors.

This Chief Executive's Draft Plan which sets out the Vision for development of the County over the six years from 2022- 2028 was circulated to the 40 dlr Councillors at the end of October.

The development plan team have presented the plan to the councillors at a series of Council meetings held in November and the Councillors will during the month of December amend and make the Draft County Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

It is envisaged that this Draft Plan will be on display early in 2021 when you the public will have an opportunity to make a submission.

We will have more information on this process in a special County Development Plan edition of the dlr Times in January 2021.



Aerial view of Honeypark - Photo by Tomasz Juszcak

## EU Clean Up for the Carrickmines Stream



Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is working in partnership with South Dublin County Council (SDCC) in the EU funded Dublin Urban Rivers Life Project. The Project will address river pollution in the Carrickmines and Lucan areas respectively.

For dlr the project will principally focus on the Cabinteely Stream (which flows through Cabinteely Park) and the Ballyogan Stream, both of which flow into the Carrickmines Stream at Loughlinstown.

Representing dlr on the Project is Senior Executive Engineer Paul Buggy. *"It comes as a surprise to many that the grey water they see in their local stream most often comes directly from nearby houses and apartments and not from a factory. During home renovations, it is common for new pipes from dishwashers, showers, washing machines or sinks to be mistakenly connected to the rainwater pipe from the roof of a house (which flows to the local river). These misconnections can cause serious pollution in local rivers."*

In the initial desktop phase of the Project, new computer mapping technology will be used to pinpoint homes in the catchment that have been renovated. Then, it's the old-fashioned shoe leather work of carrying out home surveys. In total, the project funding will enable 12,000 such surveys to be carried out - 5000 of which will be in dlr. Between 6% and 8% of properties are misconnected in urban areas, so it is anticipated that pollution from approximately 800 houses will be removed from the streams. This will have an enormous impact on water quality in the streams.

Mr Buggy added *"We are in the desktop phase of the project now. All going well we will begin our surveys in January. Initially, the surveys will be in the Carrickmines, Cabinteely and Foxrock areas. We will be in touch with local residents, explaining the process, well in advance of our surveys."* For more information: [dublinriverlife.ie](http://dublinriverlife.ie) email: [durl@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:durl@sdblincoco.ie) or Phone: 01 4149000.



The Lake in Cabinteely Park fed by the Cabinteely Stream

## dlr exceeds carbon reduction targets

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council improved its energy performance by 37.2% based on its 2019 return, compared to the baseline year of 2009. This means that dlr has exceeded the 2020 public sector target of 33% energy efficiency early, as reported by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's Monitoring & Reporting (M&R) System.

In terms of greenhouse gas emissions, dlr has also achieved its 40% reduction target for 2030. Compared to the baseline year, dlr's CO2 emissions by end of 2019 had reduced by 40.5% to 8,800 tonnes, 11 years ahead of the 2030 target of 40%. This is a total reduction of 6,000 tonnes CO2 since 2009.

dlr was the first Dublin local authority to achieve full compliance with the international standard ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System.

In 2019, Public Lighting accounted for 55% of dlr's primary energy consumption. The roll out of LED public lighting is ongoing across the County, 62% of lights have been upgraded to date with 14,577 converted to LED's, out of a total of 23,510.



LED twin head with WI-FI

## Online Dementia Inclusive Tours for Winter 2020



'Night Ferry' by Linda Uhlemann, part of the dlr County Collection

Are you living with dementia or would you like to try something different with your loved one living with dementia? While you can't come and see our exhibitions in the Gallery at the moment, Julie, Claire and Orla have adapted our tours to an online experience that we hope you will enjoy.

Explore and discuss a selection of artworks from our County Collection in these specially created online tours that you can easily join using a mobile phone, tablet or computer.

There will also be time to enjoy a cup of tea at the end of the tour with everyone from the comfort of your own home. We look forward to seeing you back in dlr Municipal Gallery as soon as possible.

These tours are free and funded by the HSE/dlr County Council Arts and Health Partnership and supported by the Azure network. To book please ring Máire or Pia on (01) 236 2759 or email [artbookings@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:artbookings@dlrcoco.ie)



## Cuairt agus Cultúr

We are delighted to offer a wonderful selection of online cultural activities for all care settings in the County for Winter 2020. From dancing, storytelling, singing to art workshops there's plenty for everyone to join in and enjoy! All workshops are available online and free of charge to Nursing Homes from November 2020 until February 2021.

Cuairt agus Cultúr is a cultural programme run by dlr Libraries and Arts Office in Residential Care Settings for Older People in the County.

For more information on how to get involved and booking information please email [cagusc@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:cagusc@dlrcoco.ie) or phone the Arts Office (01) 2362759 or Libraries (01) 2362700

Cuairt agus Cultúr is generously funded by Creative Ireland and supported by dlr.

## Sara Keating announced as new Writer in Residence

dlr is delighted to announce Sara Keating as the new writer in residence based in dlr Lexlcon. Sara Keating is a writer and cultural journalist from Dublin. Her work has been published in The Irish Times, the Business Post and she has contributed to a wide variety of arts programming on RTE Radio One. She has spent the last 10 years researching and writing her first book *Fall and Recover*, about the dancer Lucia Joyce, much of whose story has been excised from official histories. During her residency Sara will work on completing *Fall and Recover* which engages with issues of feminist history, motherhood, mental health, and stages a debate about art on the canvas of a young woman's body. Also during her residency look out for her upcoming interviews with authors about places in the County. For more information [www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/artist-residencies/writer-residence](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/artist-residencies/writer-residence)



An Cathaoirleach Cllr Úna Power and Sara Keating

## dlr Concert of Light



Join us online on the evening of Monday 21 December to celebrate the Winter Solstice with a free concert of stunning music and songs of joy, hope and light.

The Winter Solstice falls on the shortest day of the year and is considered a turning point by many, a time of reflection but also of looking ahead. Our musical ensemble will be led by cellist Gerald Peregrine, who has established a career as a soloist, chamber and orchestral performer in Ireland and across Europe. The programme will be 50 mins duration and will include classical, operatic and popular Christmas favourites. We wish to encourage all those in dlr and further afield to light a candle during this concert to remember those we have lost in 2020, and to look ahead with hope to 2021.

This free concert will be streamed at 8pm on Monday 21 December via the dlr YouTube channel. Supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

## dlr Libraries: New Ways of Service Delivery

As we all try to get used to living with COVID-19, dlr Libraries have had to adapt our services. Depending on what Level we're at on the Government's Plan for Living with COVID-19, our library spaces may or may not remain open. However, this doesn't necessarily mean you can't get your books.

- Levels 1-2: Library spaces open fully. All services available as usual.
- Level 3: Library spaces are open for browsing, Contact & Collect service and printing/photocopying. No seating, Internet browsing, study spaces or live events available. Reserves and all online services remain in operation.
- Levels 4 & 5: Library spaces closed. Book Drop Service in operation (in all levels). Online services available.

## Book Drop Service



Our Book Drop Service operates in Levels 1-5.

We continue to operate our Book Drop Service for older members of our community or those who are particularly vulnerable during this time, who can't physically get to the

library. You let us know what type of books/CDS/DVDs you like to read/listen to/watch and a selection will be delivered to your door by one of our volunteer drivers. This service is currently operated from dlr Lexlcon. For more information on how to avail of this service, please contact the dlr Community Call helpline on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2723199 or email [covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie). Alternatively, you can contact dlr Lexlcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at [dlrlexlconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexlconlib@dlrcoco.ie)

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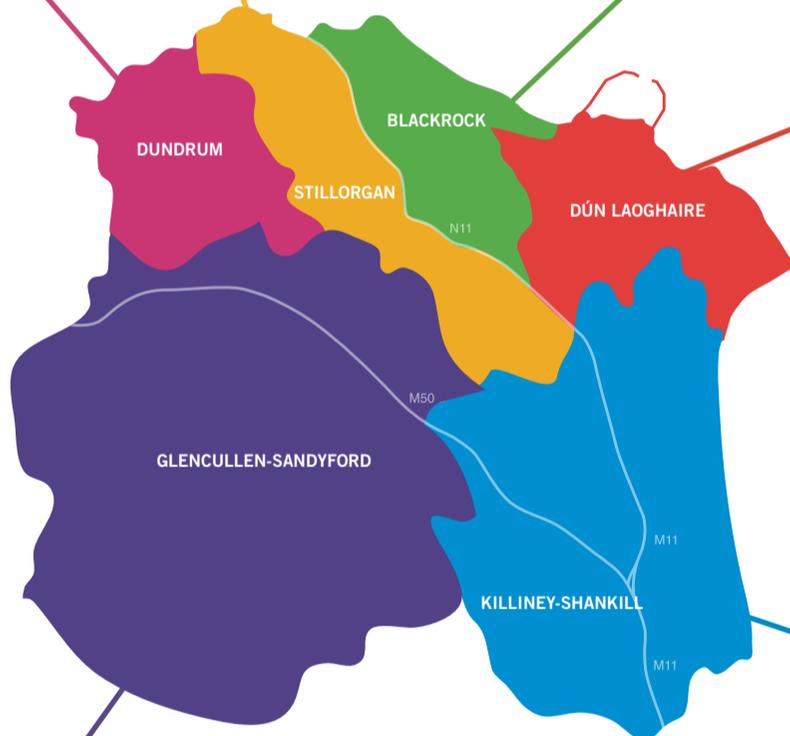
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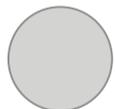
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