

QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

October – December 2016

The Management Report is presented under the three Themes of the Corporate Plan in order to enable tracking of progress and to ensure consistency.

Capital Projects are listed in a single category

This report will continue to evolve to make it more comprehensive and user friendly.



CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Plans and Policies

1. Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

Work is underway to progress the implementation of the Local Economic and Community Plan www.dlrcoco.ie. This is a key statutory plan to support and promote economic growth and enhance the quality of life and well-being of our communities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The LECP was adopted and launched in April 2016.

An Implementation Advisory Group has been established consisting of the Chairpersons and representatives from both structures to support implementation of actions. The Steering Group met on December 9th and concluded that generally good progress has been made since the plan was launched in April 2016.

2. Tourism

A Tourism Working Group has been established to support the development of a Tourism Strategy & Marketing Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Following the conclusion of the public tendering process, consultants have been appointed to develop the Tourism Strategy & Marketing Plan for the County.

A presentation on the process for developing the Tourism Strategy & Marketing Plan was given at the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC on December 7th. The consultation phase of this project is now underway.

Relevant Statistics

Performance of the LEO (number of clients; grants given; number of companies assisted; number of jobs created, enterprise promotion initiatives).

Clients assisted in LEO activities for December 2016

	No of applications	No of clients	No of clients commencing	No of clients commencing	No of clients	Total no of clients
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	for financial assistance	attending networking events	training/attending workshops or seminars	mentoring assignments	attending business advice clinics	assisted
December 2016	0	40	0	10	11	61
December 2015	5	54	0	4	13	76

Client assisted in LEO activities 4th Quarter 2016

	No of applications for financial assistance	No of clients attending networking events	No of clients commencing training/attending workshops or seminars	No of clients commencing mentoring assignments	No of clients attending business advice clinics	Total no of clients assisted
4 th Qtr. 2016	5	151	173	34	59	422
4 th Qtr. 2015	19	238	54	30	74	415

Financial assistance approved in December 2016*

* *There was no Evaluation & Approvals Committee meeting in December*

	No of feasibility study approvals	No of business priming approvals	No of business expansion approvals	No of Trading Online Vouchers approved	Total no of applications approved
December 2016	0	0	0	0	0
December 2015	3	2	0	0	5

	No of applications processed for Microfinance Ireland
December 2016	1
December 2015	2

	Shop Front Improvement Scheme	Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	Business Promotion Grants
December 2016	0	0	0
December 2015	3	0	1

Financial assistance approved 4th Quarter 2016

	No of feasibility study approvals	No of business priming approvals	No of business expansion approvals	No of Trading Online Vouchers approved	Total no of applications approved
4 th Qtr. 2016	0	3	2	0	5
4 th Qtr. 2015	5	3	3	8	19

	No of applications processed for Microfinance Ireland
4 th Qtr. 2016	4
4 th Qtr. 2015	5

	Shop Front Improvement Scheme	Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	Business Promotion Grants
4 th Qtr. 2016	2	0	11
4 th Qtr. 2015	3	3	12

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance for December 2016*

December 2016 Jobs Created	0* No Evaluation & Approvals Committee Meeting
December 2015 Jobs Created	3

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance for 4th Quarter 2016

4th Qtr. 2016 Jobs Created	11.5
4th Qtr. 2015 Jobs Created	20

RETURN OF PLANNING STATISTICS

1st October 2016 – 15th December 2016

1st October 2015 – 15th December 2015

	Outline Permission		Approval		Permission		Total	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
New applications received*	0	1	0	0	285	327	285	328
Decisions Deferred	0	0	0	0	67	58	67	58
Decisions to Grant**	0	1	0	0	187	224	187	225
Decisions to Refuse**	1	1	0	0	34	34	35	35
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	1	2	0	0	216	256	217	258
Invalid Applications	0	0	0	0	12	45	12	45

Notes:

*Includes **28** Applications for Retention (**2015**), Includes **37** Applications for Retention (**2016**)

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

(**5** Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse) in **2015** and **2** Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse) in **2016**)

Planning Development Contributions Statistics 4th Quarter (1st October – 15th December)

Section 48	Amount Collected	Amount Invoiced
2016	€3,896,585.18	€6,673,874.27
2015	€2,189,768.83	€2,426,462.62

Active Land Management

The primary 'performance' indicator available to actively assess the issue of housing supply is the Dublin Housing Supply Coordination Taskforce (DHSCT) data - of which DLR contributes on a quarterly basis. The data utilised within the Household Taskforce is focused to capturing developments with planning permission for 10 or more units across the Dublin Region.

The most significant performance indicators - within DLR- are based on growth rates between Q3 2015 and Q3 2016. This includes:

- **22%** increase on the **number of sites** with planning permission from 60 sites to 73 sites.
- **29%** increase in the **total number of units** with planning permission from 5,631 to 7,274 units.
- **83%** increase in **active sites** from 23 sites to 42 sites.
- **73%** increase in the number of **units under construction** from 1,160 to 2,003.
- **865** completions over **first 10 months** of 2016 which is **above** completion rate for **the entire 12 months in 2015** of 651 units. This equates to a 32% increase in completions over a significantly - 2 months - shorter time period

This section requires comparison with HTF Q3 2016 data from the other 3 Dublin Local Authorities.

The most salient and positive performance indicators are based on DLR providing:

- **20%** of **units with planning permission** within the Dublin Region.
- **30%** of **Active Sites** within the Dublin Region.
- **31%** of **units under construction** within the Dublin Region.
- **17%** of all units currently being processed **within planning system** the Dublin Region.
- **25% of all housing completions across the Dublin Region (Jan-Oct 2016 based on ESB connections data)**



DRIVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL

Plans and Policies

1. Arts Policy Consultation

The Arts Development Plan 2016 – 2022 was approved at the November Council meeting. The plan will be published in Jan 2017.

Capital Projects

1. Cabinteely library

Finished.

2. Blackglan Road/Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme

The Part 8 for this scheme was approved on the 13th June 2016 by the Elected Members. RPS Consultants are preparing the detailed design and CPO drawings. Target date for publishing CPO is April 2017.

3. Foxrock Village Car Park

Works commenced on site early November 2016 and expected to be finished early February 2017

4. Corbawn Lane - Beach Access

The following tasks are programmed in Q1/2 2017
Landowner Agreements
Funding Application to OPW
Detailed design and tendering

5. Glenalbyn Pool

Representatives of the Council and Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club have met and agreed that they would work together to address all of the matters regarding the impacts of the pool refurbishment project on the Club's facilities in Glenalbyn in a comprehensive way and that engagement would have to involve consultation with the Club members

6. Cherrywood SDZ – Progress Report.

The **current Main Work Streams** to realise the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ include:

- Druid's Glen Road– Part 8 being advanced by dlr Road Projects in respect of Junction "Q" in advance of the overall Q-P3 scheme and it is proposed to go to public display on this shortly
- The Part 8 design preparation for the Bride's Glen to Shankill scheme being advanced by dlr Road Projects;
- The commencement of design scoping for the supporting greenway infrastructure with the SDZ area:
- Funding options for the delivery of the Infrastructure to support the SDZ including LIHAF and Cherrywood Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme;
- Town Centre – the Urban Form Development Framework (UFDF) – The DAPT's preparation of the Plan is well underway in collaboration with the relevant landowners (ref page 67 of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme). It should be noted that the preparation of the UFDF is a pre requisite to the approval of any planning applications for the Town Centre;
- The Amenity Open Space Guidance Document is in final draft stage and will provide guidance for the design and management of quality communal open spaces ; and
- Surface Water Attenuation Strategy – technical workshops are on-going with both landowner technical representatives and dlr Water Services to agree a collaborative approach on various aspects of the requirements of the Planning Scheme.

Planning Applications

The following major infrastructural projects have been granted permission, with a contractor appointed - the timeline proposed is for the works to be complete by the end of 2017 with some of the landscaping elements being completed Jan/Feb 2018.

DZ15A/0813 – Tully Park

DZ15A/0814 – Beckett Park

DZ16A/0570 – Ticknick Park

DZ15A/0758 – Roads and Infrastructure – Phase 1

A number of other applications have received permission as follows:

DZ16A/0585 – Retention of temporary Car Park in Carrickmines – granted 26/09/16

DZ16A/0597 – AGI (Above Ground Gas Installation) – granted 05/10/16

The other applications received for which Planning reports have been prepared by the Development Agency Project Team include:

DZ16A/0587 - Beech Park – Further Information received 25th November 2016

DZ15A/0385 – Beech Park – remittal from High Court

DZ16A/0816 – change of use – decision due in January 2017

A formal pre-planning request was received on 18th November 2016 in relation to the development of Block F (F1 & 2) and multi storey car park

Stakeholder Engagement

The delivery of the Scheme is complex requiring a number of stakeholders to engage and dlr as Development Agency is actively promoting the implementation of the objectives of the approved Planning Scheme through collaboration and engagement with all relevant stakeholders.

With Government's focus on the housing crisis the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has taken specific interest in progressing the Cherrywood Planning Scheme. Meetings with all key stakeholders are on-going and a presentation is to be given on 21st December 2016 to the elected members, with a further presentation to be arranged for those unable to attend in January 2017. The presentation will include a viewing of the 3D timber model built by Hines Real Estate Ireland, which provides a comprehensive overview of the entire development and associated infrastructure provision and a walk-through of the show apartment.

Funding

It is acknowledged that a suite of infrastructure and services are required for the full development of the Planning scheme. As a Planning Scheme, infrastructural facilities and services that benefit the

development can be funded by way of a supplementary levy scheme under Section 49 and /or an additional Section 48 levy scheme and /or a supplementary Section 48(2) (c) levy scheme as facilitated by the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2010 as amended. At the 14th December 2015 Council meeting, the Council provided for this to be progressed as part of the adoption of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2016 – 2020.

It is critical that a robust funding stream is established to ensure that infrastructure can be realised. Extensive progress has been made in relation to the funding mechanism required for the delivery of Cherrywood common infrastructure, to include a Cherrywood Section 48 Development Levy Scheme. The common infrastructure elements include for a road network in the order of 10km, storm water infrastructure in the order of 3.8ha and the delivery of 29.7ha of open space – class 1. An informed cost estimate for the delivery of the common infrastructure will be approx. €160,000,000 for construction alone. Discussions are ongoing with the Government's Housing Project Delivery Office and the DHP&LG is the assessment of options to fund the required funding in addition to a proposed Cherrywood Section 48 Development Levy Contribution Scheme. These discussions will inform the Cherrywood Section 48 Development Contributions Scheme to be brought to the Members. It is envisaged that these discussions will conclude shortly to allow a draft Scheme to be brought to Council as soon thereafter.

An application under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) in support of infrastructure provision in Cherrywood was made by **dlr** & supported by the landowners in October 2016, with further information, requested by the DHP&LG, submitted on 3rd December 2016. Cherrywood was announced as one of 13 Pathfinder areas across the country and it is envisaged that LIHAF funding could play a key part in reducing the overall burden of infrastructural contributions.

Scheme Amendments

The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2015 <https://www.oireachtas.ie/documents/bills28/acts/2015/a6315.pdf> as recently published provides for streamlining the process for the making of modifications to SDZ planning schemes. The new legislation provides for a new procedure in making an application to An Bord Pleanála.

The DAPT has advanced the preparation of a number of amendments to include for the application of the new Apartment Guidelines 2015 http://www.environ.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/apartment_guidelines_21122015.pdf. Four amendments have been prepared that relate directly to the above apartment guidelines legislation in terms of addressing/clarifying apartment development within the SDZ to ensure consistency with Government policy. A further fifth amendment relates to the development of the Town Centre (retail element). In the preparation of the Urban Form Development Framework (UFDK) the form of the construction project for the Town Centre is crystallising for reasons to do with construction, cost and layout. This requires amendment to the sequencing of development within the Town Centre.

To accelerate delivery of housing on key strategic sites in line with Government policy and acknowledging the large scale of infrastructure of roads and public parks currently underway, a review of the Phasing & Sequencing element of the Scheme is well underway. It is envisaged that proposed changes will make the site more accessible for development in respect of all development, including accelerated residential delivery.

It is envisaged that further amendments will be considered by the DAPT in the coming months.

7. Brennanstown Road Traffic Management Scheme.

The scheme went out on Part 8 Public Consultation on 19th August 2016. The closing date for submissions was 14th October 2016, and a large number of submissions were received. These submissions are currently being reviewed and it is hoped to present the Part 8 Report to the Council for their consideration at the February Council meeting.

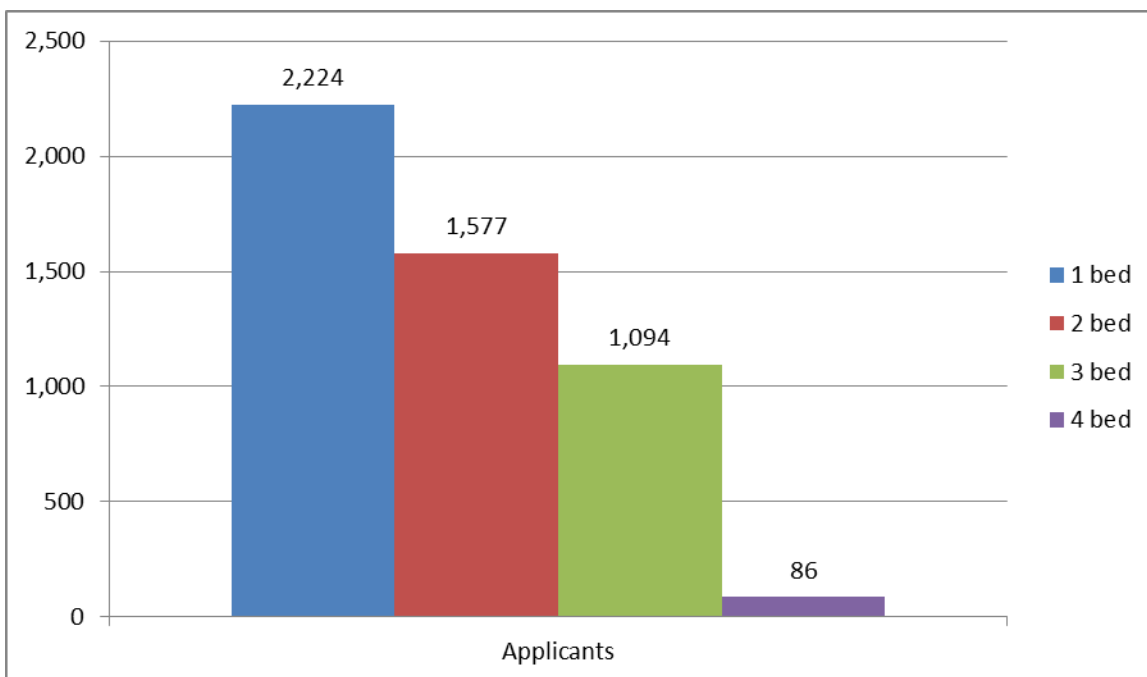
Quarterly Social Housing Progress Report

This report outlines the current situation up to 15th December 2016 regarding the provision, maintenance and management of social housing.

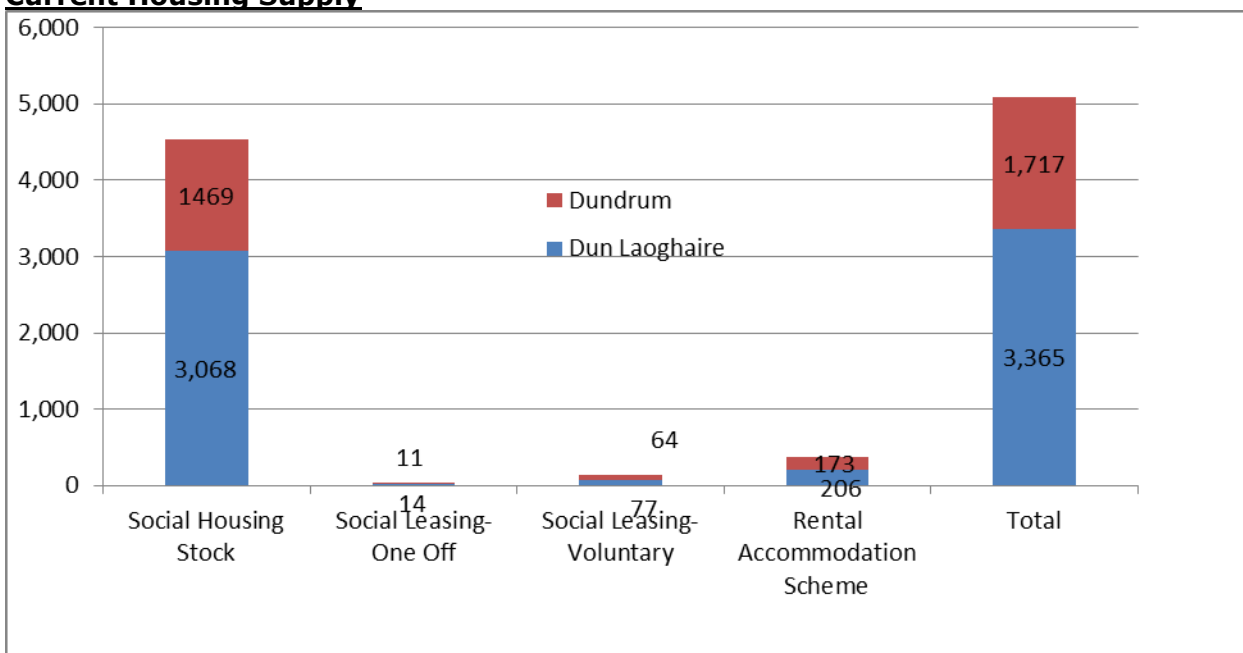
- Housing Demand
- Housing Supply
- Stock Maintenance
- Anti Social Behaviour/ Estate Management
- Rent collections and arrears
- Private Rented Stock
- Housing Support Services
- Current issues

Housing Demand

Total Number of Applicants on Social housing waiting list- 4,981



Current Housing Supply



ADDITIONAL SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS:

Social Housing Delivery Targets 2015 - 2017

Target 681 units €61.0 million

Type	2015 Units Delivered	2016 Units Delivered	2017 Estimated Units	2018 Estimated Units	Total Units
SHIP Construction	0	54	43	133	230
SHIP Acquisition	35	20	41	0	96
SHIP Part V	3	0	46	25	74
CAS Acquisition	2	28	23	0	53
CAS Construction	0	0	0	0	0
VOIDS	21	18	13	0	52
SHCEP Leasing	1	31	8	0	40
CALF	0	2	26	14	42
SCHCEP Part V (Leasing)	0	0	124	0	124
RAS (New Units)	35	27	37	36	135
Overall Delivery Total	97	180	361	208	846

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The table below sets out how we are achieving these targets, their current status and estimated completion date.

Completed schemes

Location	No of units	Current Position	On site date	Scheduled Completion
Rochestown House P2	34	Fully occupied	November 2014	Completed in August 2016
Cromlech Close	8	Fully occupied	April 2015	Completed in September 2016
Cromlech Close	7	Fully occupied	April 2015	Completed in November 2016
Clontibret	4	Fully occupied	December 2015	Completed in December 2016
Shanganagh Park Lodge	1	Fully Occupied	January 2016	Completed in May 2016
Total	54			

On site schemes

Location	No of units	Current Position	On site date	Scheduled Completion
St. Michael's Terrace	4	Construction in progress	August 2016	July 2017
Rochestown House Phase 3	14	Construction in progress	August 2016	Q4 - 2017
Fitzgerald Park	50	Construction in progress	December 2016	Q2 - 2018
The Mews, Site Adj 49 Sallynoggin Park	4	Construction in progress	December 2016	Q3 - 2017
Total	72			

Schemes with Part VIII Planning approval and DECLG Approval

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of Units</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Estimated on Site Date</u>	<u>Estimated Completion Date.</u>
Rosemount Court	44	Contract documents due for signing	Q1 - 2017	Q1 - 2018
The Brambles, Park Close, Sallynoggin	10	Contract documents due for signing	Q1 - 2017	Q4 - 2017
Asst. Harbour Masters	2	Tendered	Q1 - 2017	Q3 - 2017
<u>Location</u>	<u>No of Units</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Estimated on Site Date</u>	<u>Estimated Completion Date</u>
Broadford Rise	21	Tender documents being prepared	Q1 - 2017	Q1 - 2018
Temple Road	3	Tendered	Q1 - 2017	Q4 - 2017
Pottery Road	4	Tender documents being prepared	Q1 - 2017	Q4 - 2017
Georges Place	12	Tender documents prepared	Q1 - 2017	Q4 - 2017
Total	96			

The above totals **222** units which have been either completed, on site or have Part 8 approval.

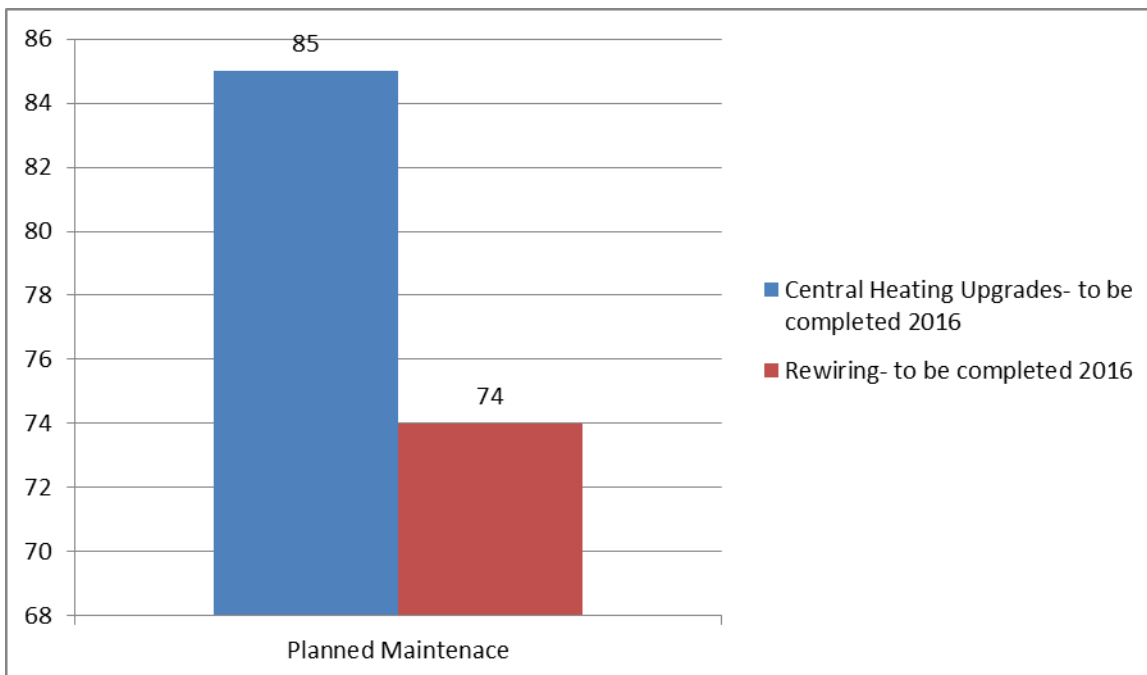
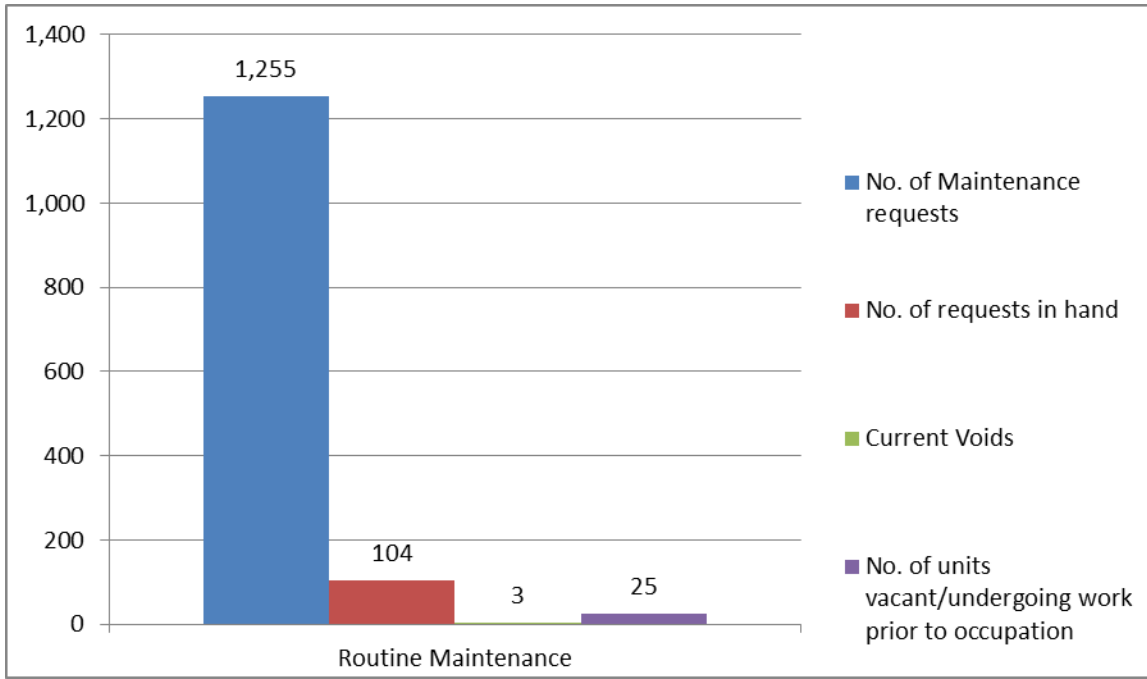
There are two further proposed schemes which will be progressed in 2017

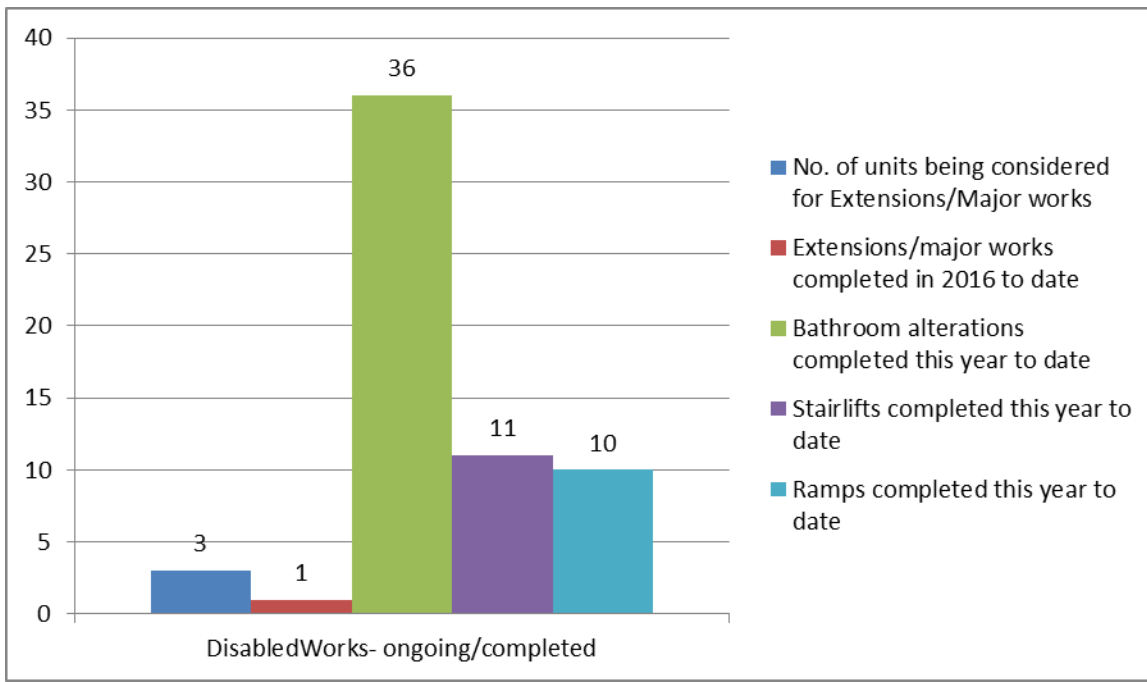
- Georges Street, Park House 4 units. (Due to go to Public Consultation under Part-8 shortly).
- Rapid Build delivery of approx. 10-14 units at Glenamuck, Rockville Drive (at feasibility stage)

The Council is also working with Approved Housing Bodies's and the Housing Agency to progress the delivery of 155 units at Enniskerry Road. The tender documents are currently being prepared.

Housing Management and Maintenance

Stock Maintenance

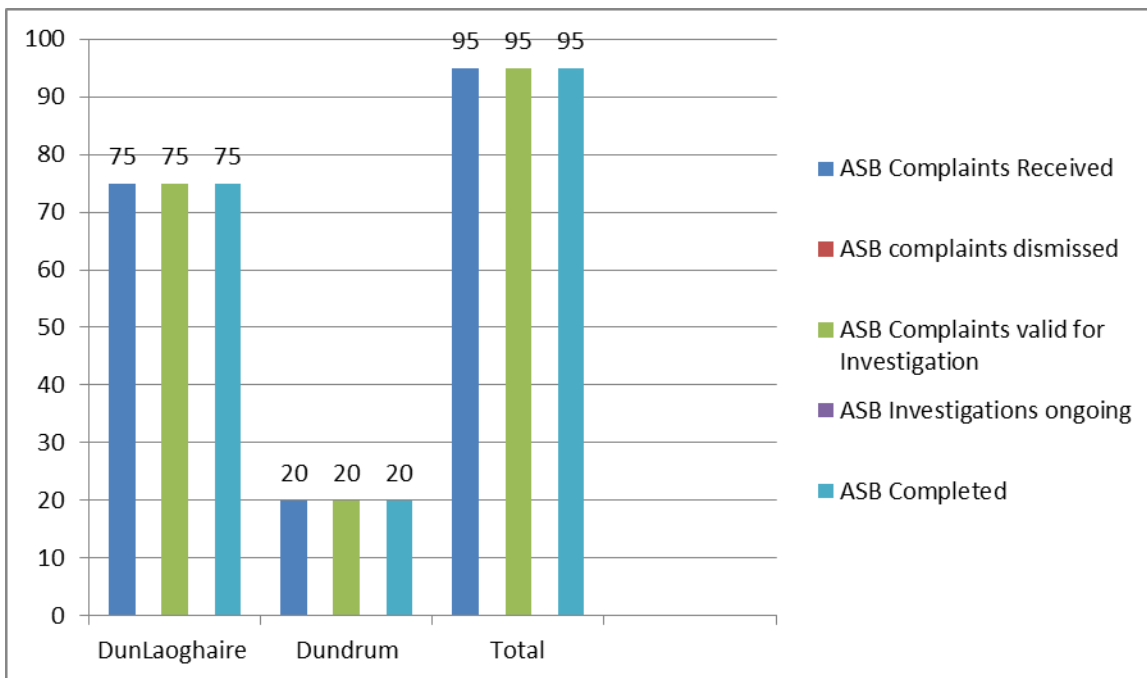




There are no energy upgrade works being considered or completed this year to date.

Estate management and Anti-Social Behaviour

The following is a report of the matters addressed up to 15th December 2016:-

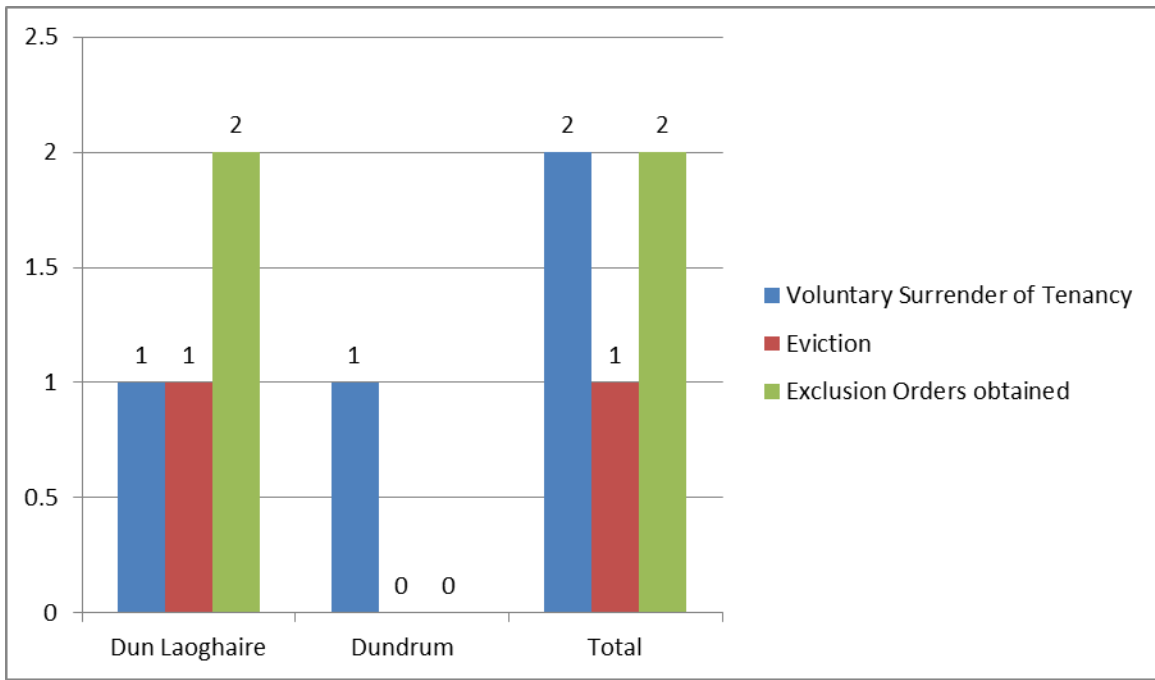


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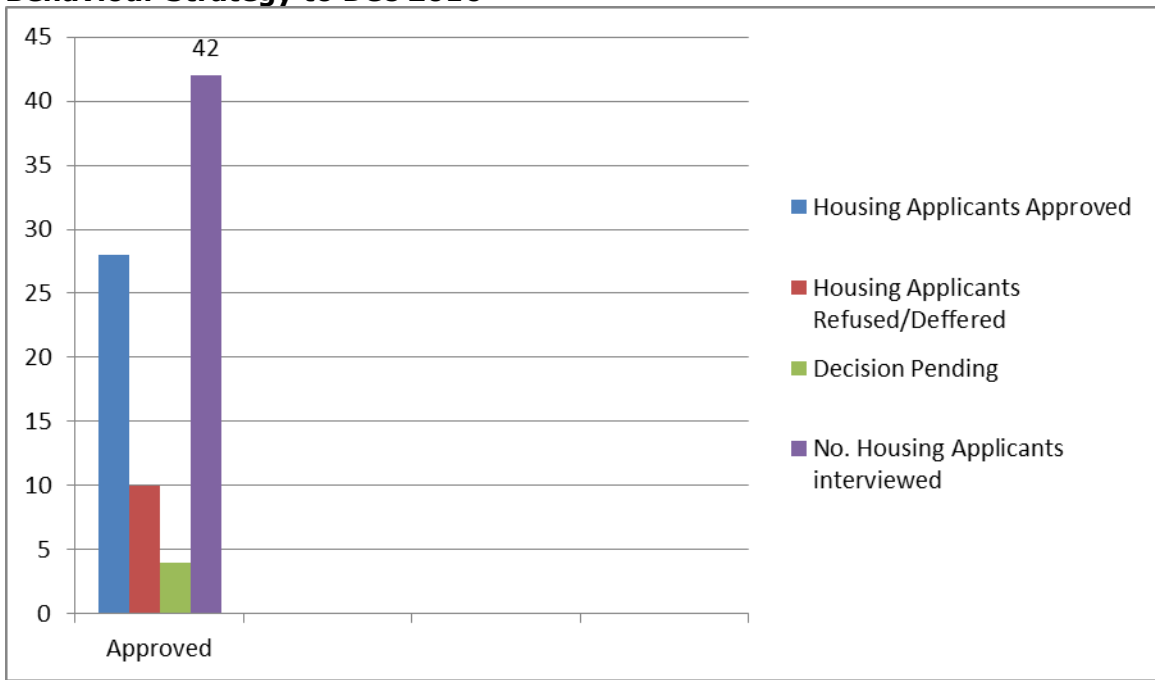
Action Taken	Dún Laoghaire		
	Dundrum	Dún Laoghaire	Total
Advice Given	6	32	38
Verbal Warning issued	2	18	20
1st Written Warning issued	0	2	2
2nd Written Warning issued	0	0	0
Final Written Warning issued	0	0	0
Tenancy Notification	0	1	1
Tenancy Warning	4	6	10
Protracted Enquiry	1	0	1

Refer Housing Welfare Officer	0	2	2
Refer to Maintenance	0	0	0
Refer to Allocations	1	3	4
Refer to Environment	0	1	1
Refer Gardai	1	1	2
Legal Action	0	3	3
Exclusion Orders sought	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Record Only	1	2	3
Possession application served	0	1	1
Total Action taken	16	72	88

Tenancy Outcome to Dec 2016



Estate Management Interviews/Background checks in accordance with Anti-social Behaviour Strategy to Dec 2016



A further 3 reports were investigated by Allocations relating to senior citizens accommodation, all 3 have been addressed.

Rent Arrears

Current Rent Arrears	DLRCC Rents	Value	DLRCC RAS	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	278	€96,996.04	35	€10,313.73
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	451	€265,027.98	62	€33,066.35
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	1,285	€4,152,656.65	146	€370,081.23
*TOTAL	2,014	€4,514,680.66	243	€370,081.23

*The above is the position at 30/11/2016. It does not include accounts with credit or zero balances. It does however include accounts that are currently keeping arrangements to reduce arrears as well as accounts that have had back dated debits applied as part of the Annual Rent Review. Furthermore, for payments made in post/offices/shops, there is a time lag of 3-5 days before they are credited to actual rent accounts.

Private Rented Stock

There are approximately 15,366 private rented properties registered with the Private Rented Tenancies Board at the 22nd June 2016*.

The following statistics apply to properties inspected from 1st January 2016 until 15th December 2016.

No. of properties inspected	143
No. of inspections conducted	268
No. of advisory notes issued to landlord (informal notices)	208
No. of improvement notices issued	9
No. of prohibition notices issued	4
No. of Rent Book Notices issued	0

Housing Support Services in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown

Housing Welfare Support Services	1 January 2016 – 15 th December 2016
Number of households currently engaging with Housing Welfare	63
Number of housing welfare cases completed	131
Number of new housing welfare cases	112

Homeless Services

Homeless Services	1 January 2016 – 15 September 2016
Number of individuals/households registered as homeless on 15 th September 2016 (41 or 19% of these registered as homeless for the first time in Q3)	233
Numbers offered advice, support, and information regarding Homeless Assistance Payment (HAP)	774
Number of individuals/families who have refused offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	63
Number of tenancies currently being supported through Sustainment Packages funded by the Housing Authority in order to prevent homelessness.	63
Number of Allocations to homeless individuals/families	24
Number of SHS offers currently accepted by homeless individuals/families	8
Number of Homeless HAP tenancies secured	98

Note: The Tenancy Protection Service managed by Threshold advise and provide assistance with tenancy issues and negotiations with landlords. This Service has played a key role in preventing families in the private rented sector entering homelessness since it was set up in June 2014.

Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled

Notification of the 2016 Allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability was received from the Department of the Environment on 5th February 2016.

1 January to 15 December 2016	No. of Grants	Value	Total Budget Provision 2016
No applications received	214	1,546,130.65	
Provisionally approved	172	1,203,677.32	
Grants Paid	158	1,123,993.32	
BUDGET 2016 PROVISION			1,255,200
DOE 2016 ALLOCATION			1,342,645
Total paid out in Grants during 2016			1,123,993

Traveller Specific Accommodation

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council have developed a proposal to provide 4 no. Halting Site bays (each to comprise a hard standing for mobile/caravan and a day house with kitchen/living room, utility room and bathroom) and access road at Glenamuck Road. The site is identified in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018. It is expected that the works will be completed by July 2017.

Housing and Disability Steering Group

Steering Group meeting took place in September 2016 to continue to progress the strategy.

<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Housing/FileDownload,28016,en.pdf>

Service Provision

1. Road Restoration Programme

- **Tivoli Terrace South – Dun Laoghaire**

Road re-construction and re-surfacing works commenced on site on the 12th September, 2016. Water Mains rehabilitation works required were carried out and completed satisfactorily by road re-surfacing Contractor.

Road restoration works progressing satisfactorily following completion of water mains rehabilitation.

- **Salthill Dart Station Access Road – Monkstown**

Road re-surfacing works completed satisfactorily.

Work by a Landscape Contractor to carry out agreed improvement works to grass margins and planted areas carried out and completed satisfactorily.

- **Hillside Estate & Environs – Dalkey**

Approved road re-construction works completed satisfactorily.

Extension of Contract approved in respect of additional restoration works at agreed locations. Works carried out and completed satisfactorily.

- **Fairlawns Estate – off Saval Park Road – Dalkey**

Road re-surfacing works completed satisfactorily.

Additional road re-construction and footpath restoration works on Saval Park Road adjacent to Fairlawns Estate also completed satisfactorily.

Extension of Contract approved in relation to additional restoration works nearby at Saval Park Gardens.

- **Brooklawn Estate, off Mount Merrion Avenue – Blackrock**

Road re-construction and re-surfacing works carried out and completed satisfactorily.

Footpath restoration works also completed satisfactorily.

- **Desmond Avenue, Dun Laoghaire (Road re-surfacing)**

- **Cross Avenue, Dun Laoghaire (Traffic Management Scheme Phase 1)**

Presentation of joint report by Road Maintenance & Traffic Sections to Dun Laoghaire Area Committee Meeting on 24th October, 2016 re current status of proposed works by both Sections. Schemes put out to Tender together with closing date of 18th November, 2016.

Contractor formally appointed following completion of procurement process and assessment of Tenders submitted.

- **Pearse Villas – 2 Cul de Sacs – Sallynoggin**

Road re-construction and re-surfacing works completed satisfactorily.

Footpath restoration works completed satisfactorily.

- **Annaville Avenue – Blackrock**

Tender formally accepted for road re-construction and re-surfacing works. Works not to be undertaken until "Water Mains Rehabilitation" works are completed.

"Water Mains Rehabilitation" work commenced on site on the 21st November, 2016 and was completed satisfactorily. Having regard to the date of commencement of the water services works, the road re-surfacing and footpath restoration works may need to be postponed until 2017

- **Allen Park Road & Drive – Stillorgan**

Works carried out and completed satisfactorily.

- **St. Bridget's Park & Gort na Mona Drive – Cornelscourt**

Works carried out and completed satisfactorily.

- **Bird Avenue – Clonskeagh (including Traffic Scheme)**

Road re-construction and re-surfacing, to include works required by the Traffic & Road Safety Section, carried out and completed satisfactorily.
Footpath restoration works also completed satisfactorily.

- **Woodbrook Glen – Bray (The Fairways)**

Contractor formally appointed following completion of procurement process and assessment of Tenders submitted. Works have commenced on site and are progressing satisfactorily. Works carried out and completed satisfactorily including additional agreed works in the area.

2. Road Patching Programme

This Programme of work has been commenced in 2016. "Road Patching" is a process where a section, or sections of a road, are re-constructed and/or re-surfaced by Contractors where pot hole filling or temporary repairs are no longer considered to be viable.

The process is beneficial in maintaining roads in a safe condition pending the carrying out of a full re-surfacing job, and extends the lifespan of the current road structure.

This work has been **completed** in the following locations to date in 2016 :-

- Bakers Corner, Deansgrange
- Wolfe Tone Avenue, Dun Laoghaire
- Tubbermore Road & Avenue, Dalkey
- Ballycorus Road, Shankill
- Rathmichael Road, Shankill
- Leinster Lawns, Clonskeagh
- Taney Road, Dundrum
- Carrickbrennan Road, Monkstown
- Cabinteely Village Crossroads, Cabinteely
- Kill Lane adjacent to Foxrock Close (Bus Land & Cycle Track)
- Dorney Court, Shankill

Procurement ongoing for works at the following locations :-

- **The Slopes, Sloperton** (at roundabout/turning area)

Tenders formally accepted and Contractor appointed to carry out agreed works. Works carried out and completed satisfactorily in December, 2016.

- **Cross Avenue, Blackrock** (adjacent to entrance to Blackrock College)

Tenders returned on 28th November, 2016. Contractor to be appointed following completion tender assessment process. Works will not be undertaken until January, 2017.

3. Footpath Programme

Bird Avenue – Dundrum

Footpath re-construction works being carried out in conjunction with road re-surfacing works completed satisfactorily.

The Rise – Mount Merrion

Kerbs and bituminous footpath re-construction works completed on **Phase 1**. Tender accepted for additional works (Phase 2) in lieu of works postponed at another location on the Programme. Works on Phase 2 carried out and completed satisfactorily.

Avoca Avenue - Blackrock

Tender accepted and Contract awarded for footpath re-construction works. Work progressing satisfactorily.

Upper Georges Street – Dun Laoghaire

Work on procurement documentation deferred pending completion of Roads Programme 2016. This is facilitate the allocation of resources to include public realm enhancements in tender documentation for the Scheme.

- **Farrenboley Cottages**

Contract awarded following completion of the tender assessment process. Works carried out and completed satisfactorily.

- **Highridge Green – Kilmacud**

Contract awarded following completion of the tender assessment process. Works carried out and completed satisfactorily.

- **Lynwood Estate & Beaumont Avenue**

Contract awarded following completion of the tender assessment process. Works commenced on site in December, 2016 progressing satisfactorily.

- **Shanganagh Road** (between Broomfield Court & Hazelwood)

Contract awarded following completion of the tender assessment process. Works commenced on site in December, 2016 progressing satisfactorily.

4. Roads Control & Reinstatements Office

- On-going works by Contractor to permanently reinstate roads & footpaths as a result of water & drainage operations.

- **Dublin Road and Corke Abbey, Bray**

Gas Networks Ireland carrying out trench works for a new gas main on the Old Dublin Road, Bray between the Wilford Roundabout and the entrance to Corke Abbey. Works completed by 2nd December, 2016 including temporary reinstatement of trench. Permanent reinstatement works to be undertaken at a later stage.

5. Road Maintenance & Footpath Works – Direct Labour Workforce

- Routine maintenance works on roads are carried out by direct labour crews in response to complaints – i.e pothole repair etc.

- Routine maintenance works on footpaths are carried out by Direct Labour crews in response to complaints via CRM

6. Parks

Parks & Landscaping Service:

Following works and projects associated with last Quarter of 2016

- Completion of Phase 2 of Marlay Craft Courtyard
- Changing Rooms provided in Rosemount, Bearna Park and Balally Park
- Replacement of Boardwalk in Cornelscourt
- Master Plans progressing for Marlay Park, Fernhill & Shanganagh Park
- Upgrade of footpaths Carysfort Park- Completed
- Dunedin Park Phase I path upgrade - Completed
- Hyde road park footpath upgrade - Completed
- O'Rourke Park path upgrade – On-going
- Clarinda Park Path upgrade - Completed
- Tree care Programme - On-going.
- Hanging Baskets and Civic Displays – Contract complete
- County Wide bulb planting - Completed
- County Wide Spring Bedding - Completed

7. Sports

Sports Partnership:

- LSP Events & Programmes - dlr Community 5K (1,200 participants), Active Dance (200 TY girls), Woodlands for Health (mental health intervention), Enjoy Tennis for people with disabilities, Gym based programme with Enable Ireland
- LSP Training - Child Protection in Sport (128 volunteers), Sports First Aid (14 volunteers), Disability Inclusion Training (10 attendees), Sports Leadership (students in St. Tiernan's school)
- Sports Forum – workshops on Gambling Addiction in Sport, Garda Vetting & Child Protection, consultation on Sports Facilities Strategy
- The Daily Mile – new initiative starting with primary schools where children take part in 15 minutes of exercise every day (23 schools)
- Sports Facilities Strategy – continued development of strategic plan and completion of initial draft

Sports Development:

- On average 275 participants took part in a wide range of activities from Archery – Golf per week.
- Emerging talent programme took place in Marlay Park astro with over 50 girls participating.
- Schools programme continued with the Fai and Leinster Rugby community programmes.
- Tag rugby blitz days blitz day took place in numerous locations throughout the county.
- Coach education programme continued through the partnerships with the FAI, Leinster Rugby & Leinster Cricket.

8. Drainage Works

- Dargle View Screen Upgrade (and flood alleviation works in environs): The works were tendered in August and works commenced on site in September. These works are now substantially complete with snagging work underway.
- Old Dublin Road (Woodbrook) Screen Upgrade: The works were tendered in August and the contract has recently been awarded. The works are nearing completion. The new steel screen will be installed in January 2017.
- Kilbogget Park Flood Storage: Design works have commenced and are expected to be completed mid-2017.

- Marlay Park enhanced flood storage feasibility study: The final consultant's report is scheduled to be completed in January 2017.
- Glenavon Park Flood Storage/Wetlands Feasibility: The Feasibility Study has been completed and has recommended further detailed flow measurement surveys and analysis. This additional survey/analysis work has commenced and will take until April 2017.
- Loreto Park Minor Flood Alleviation Works: Tenders were received in September and the contract has just been awarded. These works are now complete.

Draft Flood Risk management Plans (FRMPs)

The public consultation period on the draft plans for the Eastern River Basin District ended on 3rd December 2016.

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown's observations of the draft FRMPs were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 12th December 2016 and have now been forwarded to the OPW.

The draft Plans will be finalised taking on board the comments received and will then be sent to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform for approval. If approved, they will then be sent to the Local Authorities who may adopt them. A national prioritised list of flood risk management measures has not been developed as this can only be finalised when comments submitted during the consultation process have been taken account of.

9. Traffic and Road Safety

Public Consultations

- Commons Road – Road Safety Improvement Scheme: Public Consultation commencing in December 2016 following a presentation to the November Dún Laoghaire Area Committee
- Harold's School Safety Zone Public Consultation report presented at Dún Laoghaire Area Committee Meeting of 28/11/2016
- Report on N11 Corridor at Greenfield Road – Proposed Bus Stop Relocation from Mount Merrion Avenue: Public Consultation completed. Report on submissions to be presented to Dun Laoghaire Area Committee in 2017

Scheme updates:

- N11/Johnstown Road Junction Improvement scheme – Resurfacing works on Johnstown Road (both sides of N11) completed. Works progressing in the central median during December. Final re-surfacing on main N11 carriageways in March 2017.
- N11 Cycle Scheme- Design complete. Tender documents being prepared.
- N11 Bus lane markings (Johnstown Road to Commons Road) completed
- Killiney Road and Ballinclea Road Accident Investigation and Prevention Scheme: Construction underway. All concrete and path works completed. Ramp works on-going and will be completed in early 2017
- Convent Road, Blackrock Improvement Scheme: Construction completed
- Wyattville Road Cycling and Pedestrian Scheme: Tender process underway. Construction commencing early 2017
- Cross Avenue and Environs Traffic Improvement Scheme: Phase 1 (Desmond Avenue and Cross Avenue) has commenced and Phase 2 (remainder of features outside of Cross Avenue) tender has been issued
- Monkstown Village Road Safety Improvement Scheme: Tender has been issued with construction commencing in early 2017
- Commons Road – Road Safety Improvement Scheme – currently on public consultation

- Cruagh Wood to Ballyogan Road Greenway Link – preliminary design commenced
- St. Patrick's Park Improvements Scheme, Stepside: Works will be scheduled for January 2017
- Dom Marmion Car Park Improvements, Dundrum: Outline scheme design complete, liaising with Parking section to finalise, (line marking) works predominantly weather dependent.
- Sandyford Cycle Route – Preliminary design of route being progressed.
- Car Club-Report on setting up a pilot car clubs brought to Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire Area committees

Road Safety

- Held a Road Safety Working Together Group meeting in December and made a presentation of the review of the DLR Road Safety Plan 2015-2020
- Delivered presentation to the Transportation and Countywide SPC in December providing a review of Year 1 of the Road Safety Plan
- High Visual Vests give away at the Dominican Convent, Dun Laoghaire on 15th of December in conjunction with An Garda Síochána as part of the stay "Bright for Life" campaign

Cycling-Parking

- Cycle stands for 108 cycle spaces installed at each of Alma Road (Seapoint DART station); Station Road (Glenageary DART station); Main Street, Blackrock; Bird Avenue; Cabinteely Park and Stepside all-weather pitch
- Held a Cycle Forum meeting in December and made a presentation of cycling activities
- Delivered presentation to the Transportation and Countywide SPC in December on Cycle Parking Standards and Facilities for development

Sustainable Travel

Press release –issued by the National transport Authority- circulated regarding all Christmas Travel options and increased services.

Traffic Advisory Group

In December a joint Dun Laoghaire/ Dundrum TAG meeting dealt with a total of 41 items. Previous meetings were held in October (65 items in total) and were brought to area Committee.

Deputations

Greenville Road Residents Association meeting on 16th of November 2016

10. Climate Change and Environmental Awareness

- The Council agreed to the signing up to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate Change and Energy at its November meeting
- The Council agreed to the Strategy towards Climate Change Action Plans for the Dublin Authorities at its December meeting.

- Ballyogan Recycling Park was awarded the “Bring Centre of the Year Award” sponsored by the Irish Waste Management Association, at the annual Pakman Awards 2016 hosted by Repak Ltd.
- The Council supported DLR Chamber to organise and host the tenth Envirocom Awards to encourage the business community, public sector and not for profits of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown to become more sustainable by adopting better environmental practices. Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Mary Mitchell - O’ Connor, TD and An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Cormac Devlin co-presented 11 organisations with Awards for excellence in environmental management in waste prevention, water conservation, energy management and awareness, engaging communities in environmental projects and environmental innovation. The winners ranged from household names like Aldi and AIB to sectors as diverse as hospitality, healthcare and construction and from corporates to microenterprises
- DLR won a Chambers Ireland award for Excellence in Local Government for its Biodiversity program
- The four Dublin Local Authorities completed work on a draft Climate Change strategy for presentation to the four Councils in December 2016.

The Eastern-Midlands Waste Office is responsible for the overall coordination of the implementation of the Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021. Their annual report is now available and summarises the progress made up to mid-2016 towards the policy actions set out in the Plan. This report includes the current key waste-related statistics for the Region as well as outlining the Region’s priorities and goals during 2016/2017. To read the full report, [click here](#).

DLR Events Highlights

1. LEO Enterprise Events & Activities

Enterprise promotion activities in December 2016

DLR Enterprise News	http://leodlr.newsweaver.com/Newsletter3/6g8vr1u878pgm7os4rp42l?email=true&a=11&p=51193809
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	7 th , 14 th & 21 st December.
Group Business Information Sessions	8 th December.
Networks Festive Event	Tuesday 6 th December.
Mastermind Group – Enterprising Minds	Thursday 8 th December.

- **Nordic Now: Designing Sustainably and Sustaining Design**
Conference held on 26 October 2016 in the dlr LexIcon, *Organised by the Embassies of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden in collaboration with Design & Crafts Council Ireland and the National College of Art and Design.* This conference provided the opportunity for representatives to discuss a strategic approach to the development of the craft and design sectors from cultural, educational and economic perspectives.
- **DojoCon – October 21st to 23rd**
Over 250 people attended the Dojocon which opened in the dlr Lexicon on Friday 21st October, with visitors from countries including Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Romania, Switzerland, Turkey, the UK and the United States. Children’s workshops were held in the dlr Lexicon and a “DojoCamp” in the People’s Park on Sunday.
- **Trading Online Voucher (TOV) Seminar – Wednesday, 16th November – Dún Laoghaire**
LEO Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown organized a free 3-hour morning digital marketing workshop for local entrepreneurs and micro-enterprise owners. The training event, held in the Royal Marine

Hotel, provided guidance to 44 attendees who had expressed an interest in applying for up to €2,500 in grant aid to support the development of their business' online presence. The next workshop will take place in January 2017.

www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Financial-Supports/Types-of-Funding/Trading-Online-Vouchers/

- **'Student Enterprise Programme' Workshop – Friday, 18th November - Stillorgan**
The Local Enterprise Office provides a range of enterprise education supports to DLR secondary schools. To promote the national LEO's Student Enterprise Programme previously called the Student Enterprise Awards, LEO DLR hosted a facilitated idea generation workshop for students in Talbot hotel Stillorgan. A total of 82 students from 4 local schools attended. The next workshop is scheduled to take place in February 2017.
www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Student-Enterprise/Secondary-School/Enterprise-Workshops/
www.studententerprise.ie
- **Staging of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Final of 'Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE)' Competition 2016 – Wednesday, 30th November – Dun Laoghaire**
The Best Young Entrepreneur for the county was named by as Ciara Clancy (26), founder of Beats Medical in Sandyford. Ciara also won the category for Best Established Business and an investment fund from the Local Enterprise Office worth €15,000. In the Best Start-Up category, Gianni Clifford (25) took first prize of €15,000 for his Dún Laoghaire-based company Fillit, while Aidan Kilgannon (32) of Stillorgan took first prize of €7,000 in the Best Business Idea category. All three category winners will represent DLR County at the IBYE Dublin Regional Finals scheduled to take place on 25th January 2017. Three category runners-up shared an investment fund of €13,000.
www.ibye.ie
- **Successful Completion of 8 Week STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Enterprise Bootcamp – Wednesday, 30th November – Dun Laoghaire**
The Local Enterprise Office and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Libraries collaborated on a successful Student Enterprise Bootcamp in STEM for 25 Transition Year students from 8 local secondary schools. The final session featured a presentation by students of their product ideas. These included a smart fridge model and other devices inspired by the internet of things.
<http://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-blog/teen-entrepreneur-stem-camp-october-november-2016>
- **Tourism Information Centre** – Plans for a new Tourism Kiosk for the Metals in Dun Laoghaire will be presented to Dun Laoghaire Area Committee at the January meeting.

2. Community Development and Social Inclusion Events & Activities

Comhairle na nÓg

The AGM of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Comhairle na nÓg was held in County Hall on Thursday 17th November 2016. Attendance at the AGM was open to all young people in the County, aged from 12 to 17 years. Comhairle na nÓg is the council for young people in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown that gives them a voice on the development of local policies and services and is the recognised structure for participation by young people in decision-making in the local authority.

Consultation with the young people in advance of the AGM resulted in the topic *Mental Health and Young People* being selected as the topic for discussion at the AGM and will be the focus of the Comhairle's work in 2017.

The first meeting of Comhairle na nÓg took place on 8th December 2016 with 21 young people in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 19th January 2017 at which attendees will be elected to fill various roles on the Comhairle.

Age Friendly Strategy

The DLR Age Friendly Older Persons Support Service, which is one of the goals (8.1) set out in the Age Friendly Strategy, commenced on 1st November 2016. The purpose of the service,

which is being delivered by ALONE with support from this Council, is to assist and support older people in their efforts to access and navigate social, cultural, health and public services.

Work is underway, in conjunction with the DLR Chamber of Commerce, to develop the *Petal Project*, which encourages businesses to make their toilet facilities available to older people without fuss and it is hoped to pilot this initiative early in 2017.

Social Inclusion

The Social Inclusion Programme of Events ran from 7th October to 15th October 2016, with four (4) major events and numerous locally based community events promoting the positive work done by local communities, in collaboration with the Council and partner agencies, to eliminate disadvantage and social exclusion.

Community Awards

The Community Awards Ceremony was held on 13th October 2016 with awards presented across seven (7) categories to representatives of community and voluntary groups. Supporting community engagement, participation, volunteerism and active citizenship is one of the Council's key objectives. A public exhibition of the entries and the Awards Ceremony help to recognise and reward the role that community groups play in developing and improving their communities in partnership with the Council.

Pride of Place 2016

The annual Pride of Place competition, which is an all-island initiative, promotes and celebrates the best in community development and recognises the selfless efforts of people in making their local communities better places in which to live. Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council had submitted 2 entries in the 2016 competition, in partnership with the Shanganagh Rathsallagh Clifton Estate Management Forum and Ballyogan Estate Management Forum.

At the IPB Pride of Place Gala Awards Ceremony in November 2016, Ballyogan Estate Management Forum was announced as the runner up in the Urban Neighbourhoods category.

Estate Management Programme

Each year, the Estate Management County Fora, with the support of the Council, makes provision for skip collections in the lead up to Halloween. The purpose of the skip collection programme is to reduce the level of pollution and damage to parks and open spaces from Halloween bonfires. Approximately 200 tons of waste was collected as part of this programme in 2016.

Training for the 12 Estate Management Groups took place on 3rd December 2016 and was delivered through Carmichael House. The training focussed on two key areas:

- Enabling groups to showcase work they have done throughout the year
- Recruiting and retaining volunteers.

The training helps build capacity within the groups and enables a stronger focus on estate management work within local communities in the coming year.

Rural Development Programme

A Rural Taskforce was established in September 2016 to support the implementation of the Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020 in the catchment areas of Glencullen and Tibbradden.

The Taskforce has a remit to provide a strong voice for rural communities, support the development of rural Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and optimise the impact of the Rural Development Programme. In support of this remit, public information events were held in Glencullen Community Hall on 15th November 2016 and Larch Hill Scouts Den on 17th November 2016 to publicise the Rural Development Programme and provide information to community groups, individuals and new or existing businesses.

Dublin Rural Leader has recently issued 2 open calls inviting applications for funding under:

- Community Training, Animation and Capacity Building Programme to support vibrant towns in rural Dublin

- Support for small scale product development, interpretation and marketing of rural Dublin's unique Heritage and Cultural attractions to maximise potential arising from Fáilte Ireland's "Dublin: A Breath of Fresh Air initiative".

3. Arts & Culture Events

Arts Events

- **Municipal Gallery Programme**

'Lines of Negotiation: Mapping the Land' exhibition finished on Sunday 6 November. During the exhibition run from 15 September to 6 December, over 7,800 people visited the gallery. Over 150 people directly participated in the Learning Programme events and workshops as part of the exhibition programme.

<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/past-exhibitions/lines-negotiation-mapping-land>

'Swing of the Sixties: Trinity's College Gallery' exhibition opened on Thursday 24 November, attended by 131 people. The exhibition was launched by renowned artist Robert Ballagh and featured a talk by the curator Richard Wood. The exhibition features a special collection of 20th century works including key Irish and international pieces by Josef Albers, Roy Lichtenstein, William Scott, Camille Souter and more.

<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/current-exhibition-0>

- **Literature Commission for Blackrock**

Writer David Butler was awarded a literature commission focusing on the Blackrock area, as part of the dlr Arts Office public art programme. He will be based in the area from October 2016 – May 2017. Part of this will include writing a sequence of poems that draw inspiration from the rich visual, cultural and historical heritage of the area. David is also engaging with various local groups through Blackrock Library; <http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/public-art-art-collections/public-arts-programmes/current-public-art-programme-0>

- **Grainstore, Youth Arts Facility**

During the period 1 - 26 November there were 1633 visits to the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility.

<http://www.dlrgrainstore.ie>

- **Artist's Professional Development**

Continued support of the dlr Artists Network .

- **Arts Grants**

The Arts Grants and the Arts Access grants for 2017 were selected.

- **Storyteller in Residence**

The Storyteller in Residence held a Wisdom Fair in dlr LexIcon on Sunday 9th of October. It was targeted at adults and children 7+ and storytellers included Fiona Dowling, Aideen McBride, Pat Speight, and Michael Phelan.

Libraries: Major Events/Announcements/Launches during 4th Quarter 2016

- dlr Library Voices autumn/winter series - This series continued with Robert Harris in conversation with Hugh Linehan on 4th October and Margaret Atwood in conversation with Declan Hughes on 9th October.
- **Roald Dahl Family Day** – major event on 8th October, attracting footfall of over 2,500. Included The Great Big Dahl Show x 2, art and craft workshops on a Dahl theme, Punch Lion Kids' Comedy shows, Big Friendly Giant animation workshops in the LexIcon Lab with createschool.ie and Street Theatre Ireland.
- **Children's Book Festival throughout month of October** – heralded by Roald Dahl Family Day in the LexIcon, this Festival brought authors and book-related events to all dlr branch libraries during October.

- **David Butler awarded a literature commission focusing on the Blackrock area** – commenced October 2016-May 2017. Further details soon re engagement with local groups through Blackrock Library.
- **Open House events at dlr LexIcon** – Sunday 16th October.
- **DojoCon 2016** – annual Global CoderDojo Conference held in Royal Marine Hotel with numerous events held in dlr LexIcon on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd October.
- **Seminar in association with Marine exhibition, curated by the Irish Guild of Embroiderers. 1st October 2016.** The exhibition included a further workshop for adults (5th October) and children (2 on 15th October), including 2 sessions for autistic children (10th and 17th October).
- **New initiative 6 Choral Masterpieces in 6 Great Cities with Tim Thurston** – highly successful course of events held on Mondays. October dates included Mozart and Vienna and Handel and Dublin.
- **Tuesday Talks at dlr LexIcon** – autumn series of talks included talks by Julie Parsons (Life, Love and Death in the Mariners' Parish 1900-39), Cecil Allen (The Queen's Theatre, Dublin) and PJ Brady (Celebrating the work of Patrick Kavanagh).
- **Sarah Webb, Writer in Residence 2016-2017 continued series of autumn events.** This included book clubs, writing clubs and drop-in sessions.
- **dlr LexIcon's Adult Education classes in partnership with UCD. Ireland 1916-1923 – Revolution and Reaction** with Michael Doran (commenced 4th October) and **The Sublime and the Beautiful – An introduction to Romanticism** with Jessica Fahy (commenced 29th September). 8 week courses.
- **dlr Library Voices.** The autumn/winter series continued with Sebastian Barry in conversation with Joseph O'Connor in Pavilion Theatre on 1st November (sold out) and the series came to a close with Margaret Drabble in conversation with Niall MacMonagle on September 23rd. Margaret Drabble's event was originally scheduled for the Studio but ticket sales surpassed venue limit and it was moved to Level 4, dlr LexIcon for a capacity audience.
- **LexIcon Reader and Writers' Day on 5th November.** Organised by dlr Writer in Residence Sarah Webb, this full day event attracted an excellent audience and included authors such as Catherine Dunne, Adrian White, Sue Leonard, Dave Kenny, Martina Devlin, Lia Mills, Eelyn Conlon, Hazel Gaynor and Sinéad Crowley.
- **Global Designathon in dlr LexIcon Studio on Saturday 12th November – 1 day, 10 cities and 300 children.** Children worked in parallel to design solutions for circular economy – designing future cities, imagining sustainable solutions and building prototypes using recycled materials and electronic parts. Dún Laoghaire twinned with Tunisia and children communicated via live link on Skype. Updates from other cities throughout day.
- **Science Week events launched in dlr LexIcon with a full day of events with Physics Busking - indoors and outdoors on Saturday 12th November** (in addition to Global Designathon above). Audience participation with numerous fun experiments. Spin FM visited and covered it on social media. On Monday 14th November James Soper presented the REAL Science of the Circus with 3 fully booked sessions of school children. Covered by RTÉ news – shown on Six One and Nine O'Clock News and photo in Irish Times on Tuesday 15th. Further events during the week in all dlr branch libraries with events including 3D printing workshops, meet the animals sessions and Rediscovery workshops.
- **Launch of The Pale Project: Personal Psychogeographies from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Monday 14th November.** Launched by dlr Writer in Residence 2015-2016 Selina Guinness. Celebration of year- long project where each participant celebrated their individual 'pale', a territory documented in field notes, sketches, maps and photographs. Extensive coverage of launch in Gazette.
- **How to publish independently with Amazon.** Event held by Writing.ie and Amazon, with a team of bestselling authors, in Davenport Hotel, Dublin on 19th November and live streamed into Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon and selected libraries nationwide.
- **Launch of Jon Berkeley's 1916 Centenary Portraits by Laureate na nÓg PJ Lynch.** dlr LexIcon Tuesday 22nd November. Berkeley's portraits used for Irish Independent series earlier in the year. Articles x 2 in Irish Independent. Launch attended by An Cathaoirleach Councillor Cormac Devlin and other Councillors plus musicians from Craobh Phiarais, Monkstown.
- **Crime Evening with Sam Blake, Liz Nugent and Catherine Ryan Howard.** Dlr LexIcon 24th November. Session on 'How to Slay a Literary Agent: The Deadly Opening Chapter'.
- **Choral Masterpieces with Tim Thurston:** Popular series continued on Mondays 7th (Fauré and Paris), 21st (Monteverdi and Venice) and 28th November (Tallis and Cambridge). Packed audiences each week.

- **College Awareness Week.** Took place from 21st-27th November with brochures from local Colleges such as Blackrock and Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institutes, UCD, IADT and the Open University.
- **Transition Year STEM Project Camp** – 30th November. Culmination event celebrating highly successful project arising from partnership with dlr LexIcon and LEO and coordinated by Technical Curator Jake Rowan Byrne. Students from 10 local schools participated. Final event attended by Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor.
- **Library Ireland Week.** Took place from 28th November-4th December.

Library Events

• **Adult Events**

- **Positive ageing week (26 Sept-2nd October) events in Blackrock Library** – Dementia talk and talk on playing Bridge.
- **Dalkey Creates** – Creative writing festival with events in Dalkey Library on 15th and 27th October.
- **Creative Writing Workshops with Lucinda Jacob** – Deansgrange Library October-December.
- **Creative Writing Workshops with Yvonne Cullen** – Stillorgan Library October x 3 week course.
- **Weekly Smartphone Classes with Vodafone Ireland.** In dlr LexIcon throughout October.
- **Tai Chi for arthritis with osteopath Marion O'Connor and physiotherapist Barbara Mullan.** Course of 6 weeks in dlr LexIcon commenced end of October. There is a large waiting list for these popular classes.
- **Celebrating female Irish literary voices with Ciara Murphy. Thursdays in November in Stillorgan Library.** Exploration of plays and novels.
- **Dyslexia information sessions.** Two sessions held by Dyslexia Association of Ireland on 2nd and 3rd November.
- **Talk on The Cold War by Paul McDonald. Held in Cabinteely Library on 8th November.**
- **dlr LexIcon's Tuesday Talks.** Series continued with Tim Carey on 8th November, discussing his book Dublin since 1922 and Marie Bourke on 29th November giving a talk on The Meeting on the Turret Stairs.
- **Weekly Smartphone Classes with Vodafone Ireland. In dlr LexIcon throughout November.**
- **Tai Chi for arthritis with osteopath Marion O'Connor and physiotherapist Barbara Mullan.** Course of 6 weeks in dlr LexIcon commenced end of October and finishes 2nd December. There is a large waiting list for these popular classes. Further classes booked for Feb/March.
- **dlr LexIcon's Adult Education classes in partnership with UCD completed. Revolution and Reaction with Michael Doran finished on 22nd November and The Sublime and the Beautiful – An introduction to Romanticism with Jessica Fahy finished on 17th November.** Two further 8-week courses scheduled to commence in January.
- **Talk by Dr Mary O'Kane : Blackrock Library on November 22nd.** Talk on 'How to support self esteem and resilience in children'.

• **Christmas Events for Adults**

- Christmas Card Printmaking workshop for adults with Jason Deans in dlr LexIcon
- Christmas Card workshop for adults with Aoife Munn in dlr LexIcon and in Stillorgan Library.
- Wreath Making demonstrations with Aoife Munn x 2 in dlr LexIcon, also in Shankill and Stillorgan Libraries

• **Children's Events.**

- **Author visits in all dlr branch libraries** plus arts and crafts for Halloween.
- **Science Week events.** Took place in all branch libraries with visits from Rediscovery Centre, Animal Magic, Marvellous Mars,

- **Reader in Residence Julianne Mooney commenced in Blackrock Library on 21st November and dlr LexIcon on 22nd November.** Four weekly sessions x 2 in each library.
 - **Baby Book clubs continued in Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum, Stillorgan and dlr LexIcon.** Further special sessions x 3 in dlr LexIcon with artist Helen Barry on Monday 28th November.
 - **Sarah Webb, Writer in Residence 2016-2017.** Autumn/Winter series of book clubs, writing clubs, videos, promotions and drop-in sessions continued throughout November.
 - **Yoga for parents, babies and toddlers.** Dundrum Library 4 Mondays in November.
- **Christmas Events for Children**
 - **Christmas Storytime with Fiona Dowling, dlr Storyteller in Residence in Blackrock Library**
 - **Christmas Crafts with Aoife Munn in Cabinteely Library and Dundrum Library**
 - **Christmas Recital** in Dalkey Library on 8 December in association with Kingston Academy. For all ages.
- **LexIcon Lab**
 - The popular series of weekly events for adults and children continued during October in dlr LexIcon. They included coding classes for children, introduction to 3D printing for adults, maker evenings and introduction to Raspberry Pi classes.
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4. Environmental Awareness Events

- Continued Support for Tidy Towns, Residents Associations, Community Groups and Schools
- Continued management of Councils Green Schools Programme
- Reuse Month event – Barnardos Fashion Show, LexIcon Theatre held in October
- Planning ECO conference for January 2017
- Ongoing management of LA21 LEPF and Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti grants
- Recycled Christmas Tree Decorations competition held in December
- Support Dublin Bay Biosphere Conference
- Production of Stop Food Waste Calendar
- Advice regarding Halloween circulated to Residents Groups, Libraries and Schools

DLR Events Highlights

Dlr Events

The Samhain haunted forest walk took place in Marlay Park on 30 October. Approximately 17,500 people attended throughout the day.

The Dún Laoghaire Christmas Festival on Ice launched on 25 November. The Festival featured a Christmas market with craft and food stalls, an ice rink next to LexIcon, free Christmas movies in the LexIcon studio, Santa's arrival and fireworks in the harbour on 26 November. The Festival ran until 8 January 2017.

Heritage Events

Draft Carrickmines Castle Conservation Plan brought before Transportation SPC for recommending to Council.

Tender for Dublin Uplands Archaeological Trail Report – a joint Project with South Dublin County Council and Dublin Mountains Partnership.
 Heritage Officer takes part in Steering Committee for the 200th Anniversary of the Construction of Dun Laoghaire Harbour.
 Phase One of Roger Casement Sculpture Commission – Expressions of Interest – completed.
 Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere Conference held in UCD.
 Heritage Grants reviewed and recommendations made.

Statistics

1. Parking Unit

- There were circa 5,900 fixed charge notices/fines issued during the period October/November/December (up to the 14/12/2016).
- There were 213 successful convictions relating to unpaid parking fines secured through the District Court Service, during the period October/November/December 2016.

2. Public Lighting

Public lighting continuation of the old lighting upgrading to new LED lighting which give more energy efficient light, less maintenance and improved service. Upgrading of brackets, columns and Networks is on-going.

Energy Consumption and Finance:

Intensive investigation in progress to match the energy unmetered registers and the payment process for energy usage as part of the ISO 50001 certification process.

Public Lighting Maintenance Oct-Dec 2016:

Number of repairs carried out	1200
Percentage of lights out	0.6%
Pole replacement carried out	47
Bracket replacements:	188
Tree trimming:	91 locations
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	15

LED Upgrading Program

DUNDRUM ROAD	9
SHANGANAGH ROAD	27
BOOTERSTOWN AVENUE	1
GOATSTOWN ROAD	8
HACKETSLAND ROUNDABOUT	1
HARBOUR CRESCENT	2
KILMACUD ROAD UPPER	30
SANDYFORD ROAD	2
ST. BRIGIDS CHURCH RD	1
THE RISE(MOUNT MERRION)	4
TII N31	8
DRUMMARTIN LINK ROAD	67
WALKWAY B/T CHURCH ROAD	4
CORBAWN DALE	1
DORNEY COURT	12
ENTRANCE TO RALAHINE	1
KILMACUD ROAD UPPER	1
KINGSTON ESTATE	1
LAMBOURNE WOOD*****	1
OVEREND WAY	6

AIKENS VILLAGE MAIN - CLUAIN SHEE	1
KILL LANE	12
KILL AVENUE	18
KILGOBBIN ROAD	9
BALLINTEER ROAD	2
DODDER ROAD LOWER	5
LEOPARDSTOWN ROAD	4
MULGRAVE STREET	1
ROEBUCK ROAD	12
SANDYFORD ROAD	2
TANEY ROAD	1
THE OAKS	5
BROADFORD ROAD	2
CHURCH ROAD KILLINEY	3
WYATTVILLE DC	4
WYCKHAM BY PASS	2
CALLARY ROAD	1
TII N11	8
FOXROCK MANOR	1
HAZELWOOD	3
ROCHESTOWN AVENUE	1
WYATTVILLE ROAD	9

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	40
Inspections completed	6

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	5
Alterations:	7
Legal requests:	2

3. Dangerous Buildings:

1st October 2016 - 15th December, 2016: 10 Dangerous Buildings were reported. Of these, 1 was dangerous, 8 were potentially dangerous and 1 was not dangerous.

4. Litter Control

Litter Fines

Month	Total
January	12
February	105
March	51
April	21
May	30
June	11
July	29
August	18
September	15
October	19
November	16
December	7

Graffiti Removal

Month	Total
January	110 Sqm
February	271 Sqm
March	171 Sqm
April	450 Sqm
May	783 Sqm
June	340 Sqm
July	376 Sqm
August	202 Sqm
September	782 Sqm
October	729 Sqm
November	594 Sqm
December	1007 Sqm

5. Libraries:

- Membership stands at 76,029 or 37% of population
- 120,143 items issued in November 2016
- 93,721 people crossed our doors in November
- 73% of issues were borrower moderated



TRANSFORMING HOW WE WORK

Plans and Policies

Payroll Shared Services Project

Work on this project by the Council's Project Team continues with regular engagement with the Local Government Management Agency and the Council's service provider CoreHr. The envisaged date for participation in the national payroll shared service centre has been revised to June 2017

Service Provision

1. CoCo Markets

Three business start-ups traded in Marlay Park Saturday market in quarter 4 2016 as part of the Inspire & Grow initiative with the LEO. These entrepreneurs have undergone the LEO's Kickstart programme and spend 8 weekends plying their goods at the CoCo markets to get exposure to the public and to roadtest their products in a real trading environment.

Eight DIT students were welcomed to the Marlay Park markets in November to trade as part of the DIT's Entrepreneurship programme during the month. This experience forms part of their project work and is an annual event that proves very popular with the students and public alike.

The Christmas season began in December with 3 new vendors in Marlay Park and 1 in the Peoples Park, adding to the variety by trading for the month and many of our regular vendors augmented their offerings with some additional festive fare.

Statistics

1. Traffic

- 1 Temporary Road Closure (Extension) in the 3 months to December 2016
- 2 Renewals of street furniture licences in the 3 months to December 2016

2. CRM Statistics

The following DLR CRM Corporate Cases were dealt with from 1st October to 15th December 2016

Department	Open	Closed	Grand Total
Environment	257	1588	1845
Finance	210	698	908
Housing	177	541	718
Transportation	380	279	659
Parks	239	230	469
Planning	21	60	81
Communications	4	69	73
Waste			
Enforcement	22	25	47
Co Co Markets	1	27	28
Water & Drainage	12	5	17
Corporate Services	3	13	16
Community	2	8	10
Property	2	2	4
Architects	2		2
Libraries	1	1	2
Enterprise	1		1
Grand Total	1334	3546	4880

3. Finance

Overdraft Facility

Overdraft facility of €5.5m in place but not availed of in 2016 to date.

Sandyford Bid Scheme:

Members at the November Meeting of the Council approved implementation of a bid scheme for the Sandyford Business District Area.

Budget 2017:

Adoption of Budget - The Council's 2017 Budget was adopted by Members at the Budget Meeting held on the 8/11/2016. The ARV for 2017 & the Vacant Property Rates Refund Rate were also determined by Members at the Budget Meeting

The Annual Financial Statement 2015 & Section 60 Report from Audit Committee were submitted to & considered by Members at the November Meeting of the Council.

Non Domestic Water Charges:

The billing and collection of non - domestic water charges has reverted to Irish Water with the transfer of financial data & other records from the Council to Irish Water having taken place during period 20-22 October 2016.

Financial Reports

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure to 30th November 2016
Capital Account Income & Expenditure to 30th November 2016

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2016

11 months = 91.67%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	33,732,762	37,232,000	90.60%
B	Road Transport & Safety	26,466,437	28,384,000	93.24%
C	Water Services	12,119,043	13,644,500	88.82%
D	Development Management	13,268,463	14,977,100	88.59%
E	Environmental Services	30,608,462	33,124,300	92.40%
F	Recreation & Amenity	25,994,252	28,489,400	91.24%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	559,523	494,900	113.06%
H	Miscellaneous Services	9,357,667	10,281,000	91.02%
Total Expenditure		152,106,608	166,627,200	91.29%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	29,204,450	33,097,200	88.24%
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,195,250	11,012,200	101.66%
C	Water Services	8,902,575	10,056,900	88.52%
D	Development Management	3,790,142	4,092,800	92.61%
E	Environmental Services	7,100,133	7,593,500	93.50%
F	Recreation & Amenity	4,689,575	4,563,200	102.77%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	225,317	197,300	114.20%
H	Miscellaneous Services	5,469,475	4,258,300	128.44%
Sub Total		70,576,917	74,871,400	94.26%
	Provision for Credit Balance	1,375,000	1,500,000	91.67%
LPT	Local Property Tax	7,697,800	8,397,600	91.67%
PRD	Pension Related Deduction	1,587,470	2,375,000	66.84%
RA	Rates	72,859,600	79,483,200	91.67%
Total Income		154,096,787	166,627,200	92.48%

Surplus at 30/11/2016 **1,990,178**

* Based on budgeted outturn as adopted on 08/11/2016

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2016

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2016 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/11/2016
A Total Housing & Building	-5,067,329	19,759,340	-34,027,992	-19,335,981
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-25,105,271	5,522,114	-1,821,204	-21,404,361
C Total Water Services	-3,545,714	288,151	-137,347	-3,394,910
D Total Development Management	-10,827,131	9,005,800	-17,865,116	-19,686,448
E Total Environmental Services	-12,027,826	1,437,352	-1,875,775	-12,466,249
F Total Recreation & Amenity	9,758,876	6,156,656	-4,670,091	11,245,441
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-5,250,903	5,695	0	-5,245,209
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-4,953,751	583,447	-669,312	-5,039,616
Grand Total	-57,019,049	42,758,553	-61,066,837	-75,327,333