

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

MAY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

29 April – 31 May 2021

COVID-19

During May, the further easing of restrictions continued, with many Council services returning to normal.

The public health advice continued to recommend that staff continue to work from home where possible and as such staff continued to work remotely where possible. Access to County Hall by members of the public is by appointment only, for urgent business.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

Libraries

All dlr Library spaces re-opened to the public on **Monday 10 May**. This is part of a gradual, responsible resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines. Services available during this phase include:

Return and borrowing of items, quick browse visits with restricted numbers in place and a return to usual staffed opening hours with late evenings and Saturday opening. Printing from home, from a personal device, or from a designated quick-use PC and use of self-service photocopiers resumed while use of Surf box postal printing service, for next day delivery, and the availability of all our online services continued. The national reserves system was also re-instated during this phase as was the national delivery service for inter-county reservations.

However, as per Government guidelines for this phase, we are unable at present to provide any service which involves seating, including general seating or study spaces.

We are unable at this time to provide full access to Internet PCs/laptops, or to programme live indoor events in our spaces.

Book

Drop

Service

Since the re-opening of library spaces, and the continuing roll-out of the national vaccination programme, the number of calls to the Book Drop Service has continued to decline. Over **1,900** calls have been received since April 2020, with almost **11,500** books delivered to the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community. The end of May saw the final deliveries to homes by our volunteers in Serve the City. Deliveries, where needed, will now continue via the dlr Library driver.



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

Community Response to COVID-19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 4,453 calls since it commenced on 30 March 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 70 calls were received in May. The majority of the calls relate to requests in relation to the HSE vaccination programme or for library books.
- The Community Response Forum is meeting every six weeks at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:

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

Keep Well Campaign 2021

The Keep Well campaign is a national campaign which the government is promoting to help people stay well through the winter months. The Campaign is focused on 5 themes: Staying Connected, Switching Off and Being Creative, Managing your Mood, Keeping Active and Eating Well.

A dedicated Keep Well page is set up on the Council's website to support the national campaign: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2021>

The promotion of the Keep Well Campaign in DLR continues. The 5 themes of the campaign are being promoted on social media. Each week focuses on a different theme with initiatives from the respective theme promoted.

Heritage

Planning Covid-safe heritage events for coming months. Online County Heritage Plan presentations and consultation. DLR Historian in Residence appointed to plan Covid-friendly hybrid events/exhibitions for dlr Decade of Centenaries programme. Filming recommencing in heritage properties.

Municipal Services

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

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

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

The Roads Control continues to grant and manage road opening licenses and permits for essential utility services, including electricity, water, gas and telecommunications as part of the Council's essential services operations implemented as part of COVID-19 restrictions introduced on Friday 8th January 2021.

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

Traffic: During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Council carried out several interventions to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. This included the provision of cycle lane protection at several junctions and routes and the provision of wider footpaths using bollards and cones to facilitate physical distancing in towns and villages. In addition, village improvement schemes were carried out at Blackrock, Dundrum, Glasthule and Dalkey. A number of these schemes ran over into Q2 2021 and a total of €5.6m was spent on these projects up to 2020-year end.

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

Beaches/Harbours/Piers: All services have resumed.

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

The Local Enterprise Office continues to offer grant and training supports to businesses impacted by Covid 19. A webpage has been setup for the specialised [LEO Covid supports](#) which contains details of all the government supports for businesses in these difficult times.

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment launched the [Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID](#) (SBASC) in March. The scheme targeted those businesses with operating costs that do not qualify for the COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS) operated by the Revenue Commissioners. Closing date for applications under this phase of the Scheme was April 21st 2021 and a total of 147 applications were received. This Scheme has now been extended to to include businesses operating from a non-rateable premises such as a home business or yard. This phase of the Scheme will be open for applications shortly.

In addition to helping companies adopt best practices in dealing with crisis, the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is continuing to provide a full range of training supports, details of which are available [here](#).

Fáilte Ireland has introduced a new [Outdoor Dining Scheme](#) which provides funding to individual businesses to introduce or expand their outdoor seating. The grant, which is for a maximum of €4,000, can be used to fund up to seventy-five per cent of the cost of purchases made since April 2020. The Scheme is open for applications until September 30

2021, and replaces the Street Furniture Grant which had been introduced by the Council last year.

The coming months will see the roll-out of a major initiative involving lighting up significant buildings. This is made possible by "Destination Towns" funding from Fáilte Ireland.

Work on *Dún Laoghaire Anseo*, a programme of street art for Dún Laoghaire town, is continuing. The project will be realised from June 22nd to 28th, and it is hoped that this will boost footfall in the town, subject to public health restrictions in place at the time.

Infrastructure and Climate Change:

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

- The Directorate continues to respond to environmental, waste and litter pollution incidents, as needed, and such incidents are recorded and managed as usual through the Civic Hub and the CRM system.
- The Council's waste recycling facilities remain open (at Ballyogan, Eden Park and Shanganagh) with social distancing and other HSE recommended protocols in place and the Council-operated Bring Banks continue to be serviced and made available for use by the public. Activity at these sites during Covid 19 has increased compared to the same months last year.
- Property Management continues to offer a full service.
- The Capital Projects Team continue to progress capital projects through design stages. Some delays are encountered with Covid restrictions on the construction sectors and associated services.
- Further engagement has taken place with representatives of Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club since the matter of the future of Glenalbyn Swimming Pool was raised at the May Council meeting. It is intended to provide a more detailed update to the members at the time of the July Council meeting.

Forward Planning Infrastructure

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

Architectural Services

In line with Government guidelines all construction has re-commenced. Conservation and Dangerous Buildings services continued.

Housing

- The Housing Department, as an essential service, continues to operate although with some additional health and safety restrictions, due to Covid-19. Housing services including Homeless, Allocations, HAP and essential Housing Maintenance works are being progressed with additional supports provided as required to the vulnerable including the Traveller Community. Given the limited access to homes, some services

such as standards inspections and minor maintenance calls continue to be suspended. Part V negotiations have continued and applications for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older Persons and People with a Disability continue to be processed.

- Staff continue to engage with home loan borrowers and tenants who have been affected by a loss of or reduced income as a result of the pandemic.

Finance

Rates: The Government announced a waiver of commercial rates for the first 6 months of 2021.

This 6-month waiver has been applied to customers' accounts. Customers have been informed of their revised balances. The Council continues to work in partnership with businesses who are experiencing difficulty paying their rates. Payment plans are entered into which are mutually acceptable to the business and the Council.

Accounts Payable: Accounts payable are continuing to work to ensure suppliers are paid as quickly as possible to assist with their cash flow requirements.

Financial Management: The impact of Covid-19 on the Council's financial position has improved since the receipt of the rates waiver support from the Department. Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely.

Small Business Assistance Scheme For Covid – SBASC: The Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment launched the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) on 11th March 2021 which was intended to target those businesses with operating costs that do not qualify for the COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS) operated by the Revenue Commissioners.

This scheme is now closed for applications. The closing date for applications was 21st April 2021 at 11.59pm.

The following is the position with the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID – SBASC Quarter 1.

Applications paid	67
Application approved but no paid	22
Applications awaiting further information from applicants	23
Applications rejected	<u>39</u>
Total	151

Planning:

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

Corporate Affairs:

- The monthly May Council meeting took place remotely on 10th May.
- Deputations continued to be held remotely.
- Group Leaders' meetings continue to be held on a monthly basis.
- The Communications Unit continue to provide information in relation to our services during Covid and continue to be active on all our media platforms.



Circulars and Relevant Documents

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

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV_0rE8rLp5_kgxBuCa?dl=0



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County Council of the Year Award

The Council has won the County Council of the Year Award as awarded by the Public Sector magazine.

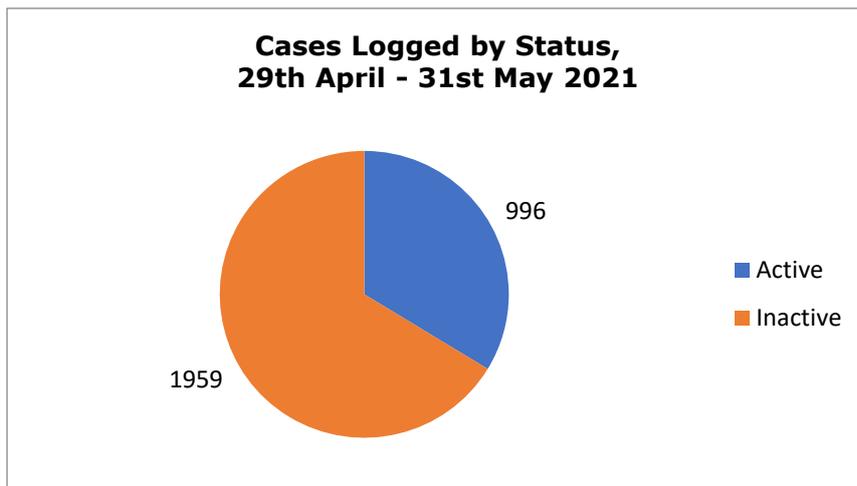
The magazine's 'EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARDS' to Local Government and P.P.P are awarded to companies who can demonstrate outstanding service, continuity, track record and general excellence in business to the Public Sector, Irish Companies, and to the people of Ireland.

Awards are also presenting the awards to key figures that have made an outstanding contribution in Ireland and to the Public Sector.

Public Sector Duty

The Cross Departmental Group has been established and will commence training in June with the appointed consultant, Social Lab, who have extensive knowledge and experience of the Duty. This group will develop a Values Statement for the Council.

Civic Hub Stats:



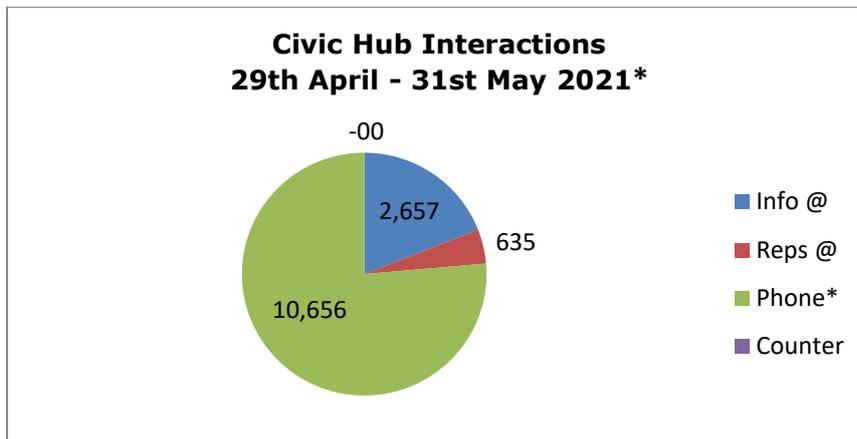
Cases logged from 29th April – 31st May 2021

Open	996
Closed	1959

Cases Logged from 29th April – 31st May 2021, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	3	4	7
Ballyogan Depot	1		1
CoCo	4	3	7
Comms & Civic Hub	42	164	206
Community	7	1	8
Corporate Services	1		1
dlrcoco	11	1	12

Enterprise	4	1	5
Environment	196	435	631
Finance	27	370	397
Housing	53	113	166
Libraries		1	1
Parks	291	298	589
Planning	10	21	31
Property	15	6	21
Sports	1		1
Transportation	318	464	782
Waste Enforcement	10	50	60
Water Services	2	27	29
Grand Total	996	1959	2955



* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from 29th April – 31st May 2021

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	8,318	2,338

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,657	635	3,292

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	0	0	0

Freedom of Information

There were 16 FOI requests in May.

Social Media Stats

Cross-Network Profiles

Review your aggregate profile and page metrics from the reporting period.

Profile ▲	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Apr 29, 2021 - May 31, 2021	66,296 ↗ 0.9%	498 ↘ 2.7%	931 ↗ 0.8%	2,175,760 ↗ 20.5%	92,571 ↗ 49%	4.3% ↗ 23.7%	9,600 ↘ 43.7%
Compare to Mar 27, 2021 - Apr 28, 2021	65,724	512	924	1,806,321	62,108	3.4%	17,050
 dlr Arts Office	2,597	14	90	118,194	1,711	1.4%	1,892
 dlr Heritage	3,723	27	5	3,764	45	1.2%	0
 dlr Libraries	8,312	29	84	162,360	4,011	2.5%	564
 dlrevents	10,645	-10	-	1,353	5	0.4%	25
 Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	3,752	182	177	135,505	3,834	2.8%	6
 Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	12,049	71	229	573,763	40,463	7.1%	2,217
 Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	17,185	193	252	1,131,564	41,936	3.7%	4,894
 Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	2,504	4	37	1,885	59	3.1%	0
 LEO DLR	5,529	-12	57	47,372	507	1.1%	2

1. Road Maintenance Management Report - May 2021						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Ballinteer Avenue			✓		
2	Meadowmount Estate	✓				
3	Roebuck Road	✓				
4	The Park Estate Cabinteely	✓				
5	Claremont Road		✓			
6	Ballinlea Road		✓			
7	Corrig Road			✓		
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
9	Saval Park Road			✓		
10	Glenageary Road Upper	✓				
11	Barnhill Road	✓				
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Stillorgan Road (old N11)		✓			
2	Upper Kilmacud Road			✓		
3	Ticknock Road Edges		✓			
4	Ballyedmunduff Road Edges	✓				
5	Heidelberg			✓		
6	Sandyford Village	✓				
7	Wyckham By-pass Roundabout		✓			
8	Georges Place	✓				
9	Patricks Square				✓	
10	Monkstown Farm	✓				
11	Georges Street Lower		✓			
12	Barnaslingan Lane	✓				
13	Shanganagh Terrace		✓			
14	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)		✓			

15	Rochestown Avenue			✓		
16	Proby Square (North, into Lindenvale)				✓	
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley				✓	
2	Sandyford Business District	✓				
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				
4	Cabinteely Close				✓	
5	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road			✓		
6	The Park, Cabinteely	✓				
7	Sweetbriar Lane				✓	
8	St Lukes Milltown	✓				
9	Dún Laoghaire Town	✓				
10	Blackrock Town		✓			
11	Dalkey Village		✓			
12	Ashlawn Park (Part of)	✓				
13	Wynberg Park (Part of)				✓	
14	Watsons Estate	✓				
15	Glenavon Park	✓				
16	Eaton Brae			✓		
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair				✓	
2	Glenalua Wall Repair				✓	
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely				✓	
2	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh	✓				
3	Woodside Road	✓				
4	Beech Lawn, Dundrum	✓				
5	N11 at The Rise & Trees Road Lower	✓				
6	Clonkeen Road (At South Park)	✓				
7	Woodbine Park	✓				
8	Seafield Road Killiney				✓	
9	Ruby Hall	✓				
10	Quinns Road	✓				
11	Stillorgan Park Road			✓		

12	Ulverton Road	✓				
13	Carysfort Ave/Convent Rd	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme		✓			
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Loreto Park	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (Part of)	✓				
3	Mt Albany Estate	✓				
4	Cloister Estate			✓		
5	Glenageary Park	✓				
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Brehonfield Road				✓	
2	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)				✓	outstanding snagging items
3	Baker's Corner's junction				✓	outstanding snagging items
4	Rochestown Avenue				✓	
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Kilcross Estate		✓			
2	Rathsallagh Estate	✓				
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
	*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.					
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Proby Square (South)				✓	
2	Marine Court			On site June 2021		Full road resurfacing

3	Devitt Villas			Not scheduled yet		Anti-Skid surface treatment to be scheduled
4	Kilgobbin Road				✓	
5	Enniskerry Road				✓	
6	Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue				✓	

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2021 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Brewery Road Junction (Brewery Road/St Brigid's, Church Road)			✓				The scheme is currently being reviewed in the context of the Bus Connects proposals
Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents being finalised
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave	✓						The preliminary design was presented to the Dun Laoghaire Area committee on May 24th with public consultation to take place after for 6 weeks
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes	✓						The preliminary design is being finalised and will be presented to the Dundrum Area committee in June
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)	✓						An engineering consultant has been about to be appointed to carry out the design of the scheme.
Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock				✓			A contractor has been appointed to carry out the improvements works
Leopardstown Road Cycle Lane Improvements	✓						Tender documents for the engagement of Consultants to be prepared.
Nutgrove Avenue - Phase 3	✓						Tender documents for the engagement of Consultants to be prepared.
Selected Green Schools Walkability Audits Infrastructure				✓			Works are nearly complete on Castlepark Road and Knapton Road and works on Albert Road and Station Road (Glenageary Dart Station) will commence in early June.
Cycle Parking Development					✓		62 stands have been installed in 2021. New stands to be delivered in June.

Roebuck Road (Fosters Avenue to Goatstown Road)	✓						Report on the cycle track element of the Road maintenance scheme brought to the Dundrum Area Committee in May
Protected Cycle Facilities	✓						List of locations to be prepared- junctions and routes.
Sandyford to City Centre Cycle Scheme (M50 to Drummartin Link Road)					✓		Scheme 90% complete. Waiting on installation of traffic signal equipment at Kilgobbin junction. Estimated completion- Summer 2021.
New Pedestrian and Cycle entrance to Belfield on N11 at Nova UCD					✓		Scheme 95% complete. Waiting on installation of traffic signal equipment at Foster's Ave Junction. Estimated completion - Summer 2021
Wyattville Road (Phase 2)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents ongoing
Covid 19 and July Stimulus Packed funded schemes – - Contractual Liability.							
Dundrum Village – Main Street						✓	Additional crossings completed and a trial section of concrete kerb was carried out.
Cruagh Wood Extension						✓	Landscaping works have been completed
Shanganagh Road - signalised Pedestrian Crossing adjacent to Abberley/Norwood.						✓	100% completed.
2020 Covid Measures and 2020 July Stimulus Package				✓			Outstanding works from 2020 active travel schemes ongoing.

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 2-Lower Kilmacud Road from 100m east of the junction with Upper Kilmacud Road to the access road into Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club. Landscaping works have been completed.

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club to the N11. Design works are ongoing with a new road layout being examined to provide additional public realm benefits.

Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

All sports clubs in the County were invited to apply for cycle parking via the online Public Consultation Hub and a press release was issued on May 14th, 2021 to encourage clubs to apply by September 2021.

<https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/cycle-scooter-parking-for-sports-clubs/>

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

There were two TAG meetings held remotely in May 2021

On 26th May, the Area 1 meeting took place. A total of 26 items were discussed.
On 25th May, the Area 2 meeting took place. A total of 34 items were discussed.

Bus Connects

The Core Bus Corridor (CBC) schemes are progressing to Final Design stage ahead of planning applications being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála with a target date now looking like July/August. CBC Route 15 - Blackrock to Merrion is to be included in the first tranche of planning applications to be submitted. Engagement with the Local Authority on both CBC routes (Bray to City Centre & Blackrock to Merrion) is on-going as final design is being progressed. The engagements focus on junction design, traffic signalling, public realm treatment, landscaping, drainage & public lighting.

Dundrum ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

Work on this project is progressing and it is anticipated that the ABTA Stage 1- Baseline Assessment, which will form the basis for the study, will be complete by the end of June.

Dundrum – Bus Interchange Project

Initial discussions have commenced with the NTA on this project which aims to address the need for improvements to bus interchange facilities in Dundrum to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects New Dublin Area Bus Network. It is envisaged that a series of meetings/workshops will be held over the coming months to progress this work and a multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist.

Old Conna ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

Work on this project had been put on hold pending further engagement with the NTA regarding the review of the Transport Strategy for the GDA and the transport infrastructural requirements to support new development areas in the southeast of the county. It is now anticipated that this project will recommence by the end of June.

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in Dec 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints study, Hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Initial Public Consultation is now complete. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders are underway. A Ground Investigation has commenced at key sites where alleviation measures may be practicable.

Work is now substantially complete on the Deansgrange stream advance contract, namely the Kilbogget Park Flood Storage Structure. The new screen will be taken back under the control of Drainage Operations mid June.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey commenced on site in February and is now complete. Topographical and CCTV surveys are underway. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost: beneficial scheme is achievable. It is planned to hold an initial public engagement event later in the year.

Drainage Section is working closely with the OPW as they commence the update process of the published flood maps as required by the EU Floods Directive. Hydraulic modelling of the Dundrum Slang Stream is complete. Flood maps have been completed and will be uploaded shortly by the OPW to their website.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is underway. Initial data gathering work has commenced and a topographical survey is currently being tendered.

4. Roads Control Unit May 2021

- Reinstatement works**

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out permanent reinstatements on behalf of Water Services Section as agreed under the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

- Restoration works**

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2021					
1	Proby Square (South)			Completed		
2	Mariner's Court			On site June 2021		Full road resurfacing
3	Devitt Villas			Not scheduled yet		Anti-Skid surface treatment to be scheduled.
4	Kilgobbin Road			Completed		
5	Enniskerry Road			Completed		
6	Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue			Completed		

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	410	385	217	196	246	229
Clean-Ups Assisted	49	37	34	29	65	65
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	30	16	28	35	22	13
Bathing Water Samples Taken	18	4	17	9	18	17
Gullies Cleaned	1653	699	462	793	1160	1037
Dumping Incidents Managed	69	45	91	69	95	78
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	6	23	8	15	1	0
Street Bin Collections	4858	4297	4561	4233	5201	5707

* Statistics available up to the end of April 2021.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Project Updates – May 2021

- Workforce have continued operating on staggered roster arrangements to maintain social distancing requirements
- DLR's Cleansing & Road Maintenance Sections are leading on critical enhancement works at Killiney Beach. Works recommenced in March 2021 and are ongoing.
- Coliemore Harbour southern pier temporary access proposal agreed with relevant DLR parties. Installation scheduled to take place w/c 31/05/2021. Arup proposal for longer term remediation measures under review.
- Engagement has recommenced with DLR architects with a view to progressing certain works as part of the 40 Foot accessibility enhancements.
- Annual weeding contract awarded to Redlough Landscapes and works commenced in May
- 40 additional smart bin installations ongoing across the county in line with additional budgetary allocation
- Temporary barrel and 1100L wheelie bins installed at coastal locations to meet challenges of increased demand on the street bin service

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2491 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 29th April and 31st May 2021 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1040
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	403
Parking a vehicle on a footway	231
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	201
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	152
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	120
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	62
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	61
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	53
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	45
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	21
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	17
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	15
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	12
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	11
Parking out of the limits of a bay	6
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	5
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	5
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	5
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	4
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	3

OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	3
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	3
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	3
Parking a vehicle endangering other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	2
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	2
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Total no. of tickets issued between 29th April and 31st May 2021	<u>2491</u>

There were no convictions secured in May 2021, as the District Court is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions in place.

Public Lighting

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

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in May 2021:	422
Percentage of lights out at the end of May 2021:	0.8%
Pole replacement carried out in May 2021:	4
Bracket replacements:	318
Tree trimming:	35
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	21
LED Upgrades	306

LED Upgrading Program

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

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed.	69
Inspections completed.	4

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	4
Alterations:	10
Legal requests:	2

Road Opening Licences May 2021

Road Opening Licences received from 30 th March 2021 - up to date. via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	141
Applications Granted	82
Applications Withdrawn/Refused	8
Applications being processed	51

Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In May 2021 there were:

- 2 Applications for Roads closures
- 11 licences issued for Street Furniture (Tables and Chairs)
- 2 applications for film location
- 1 request for Event Signage

7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

COVID-19 Measures

- Social Distancing reminders have been refreshed at the East and West Piers and the Marina Breakwater.
- Food vendors on the Pier and in the Battery remain open with Social Distancing measures in place.
- Solar bin handles and handrails are being regularly disinfected.

Harbour Activities:

- The Marina has restricted opening with pontoon access only.
- The Yacht Clubs have lifted their boats into the Harbour but remain largely closed due to the level 5 restrictions.
- A number of Survey Vessels have visited the Harbour in the past few weeks in connection with the proposed Wind Farms in Dublin Bay.
- Several European fishing vessels have commenced landing their catch in Dun Laoghaire Harbour for onward transport to Belgium through Rosslare, thus avoiding the UK and the customs issued due to Brexit.

Harbour Safety Patrol Boat

Following a trial over 2 weekends, it is now proposed to provide the Water Safety Patrol boat for the months of June/July and August to promote responsible behaviour and offer safety advice on the water. Mainly aimed at Kayaks and Paddleboarders, this initiative has been universally welcomed throughout the Harbour.

Filming

Filming activity is beginning to increase as the national Covid-19 restrictions reduce, and some firm bookings are now being made.

Drive-in Covid Test Centre

Randex Travel Health Care have opened a temporary drive-in COVID-19 test centre in the HSS compound on a trial basis for 3 months. The tests can be booked on-line for those requiring them for work or essential travel. The centre opened for business on Monday 22nd February. Randex have agreed a further 3-month licence to 22nd August.

Projects:

Berth 2 Fenders

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to design / tender stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project is live on e-tenders with a view to confirming the actual project cost.

West Pier Survey

Malachy Walshe & Partners have been appointed to carry out a full condition survey of the West Pier and to report on the prioritisation of any repair works deemed necessary. This survey, along with an existing survey of the East Pier will dictate the most urgent infrastructure repairs required on both piers. Marine contractors have removed the marine growth from the seawalls to allow an accurate visual inspection. A dive survey inspection has completed below water level. A visual inspection above the waterline and a sample bore hole investigation in the Roundhead will be conducted in June.

St. Michaels Pier Sheet Pile Wall Survey

Doran Consulting have been appointed to carry out a full condition survey of the metal sheet pile wall that contains the infilled HSS vehicle compound area. This wall has never been surveyed previously, and the survey report will be important in determining the level of corrosion and future maintenance requirements of the wall.

Real Estate Negotiations

- The 1st Floor of Block 2, Harbour Square is vacant and advertised for lease. There has been some interest in recent weeks.
- The DMYC lease was presented to the Elected Members in February and is now awaiting signature to complete.
- Negotiations have been recommenced with the INSS on renewal of their lease, having been delayed by Covid-19

Ferry Terminal

Planning permission was granted for the ferry terminal project on the 7th February 2020. A planning appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála. An Bord Pleanála have now granted permission for the development.

A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on the 25th of February 2020. This matter will be brought to Area Committees and Full Council in the coming months for disposal pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies

Work is underway on developing the Economic Plans for Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Dún Laoghaire Town. The Stakeholder Engagement Campaign underpins both plans that will generate new ideas for the sustainable regeneration of the Town and the Harbour. The stakeholder engagement in respect of the Harbour Plan was completed on 28th Feb 2021. Indecon consultants are now preparing a draft of the Economic Plan document.

Social Media Platforms

Twitter – 4,686 followers

Facebook – 3,024 followers

**Finance and Economic Development
Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan-May 2021	Enterprise Ireland target May 2021
Feasibility Study	13	6
Business Priming	4	5
Business Expansion	6	4
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	6	4
Trading Online Vouchers	147	62
Microfinance Ireland	6	10
Total Approvals	182	

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	May 2021
No of jobs created	17.5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2021

	Total Jan-May 2021
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	178
Clients attending Networking Events	434
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1,210
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	111
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	183
Total No of Clients Assisted	2,116

DLR Economic Development Supports

	Total Jan-May 2021
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	3
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	20
Business Promotion Grants	3
Outdoor Dining Scheme ¹	19

Note 1: The Outdoor Dining Scheme was introduced on April 12th 2021 and replaces the Council's Street Furniture Grant.

Enterprise Promotion activities in May 2021

DLR Enterprise News	LEO DLR – Upcoming Training & Events for May (sent 10/05/21) Open rate 45%, 2518 recipients. DLR - Enterprise News June 2021 (sent 19/05/21) Open rate 27%, 2519 recipients Open rate Industry average 11%
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Sessions throughout May
Lean for Micro business programme	6 th May
Trading Online Voucher Information Seminar	11 th May
Financial Management for Beginners Workshop	12 th May
Enterprising Women Network Meeting	18 th May
8 Week Start Your Own Business Course	19 th May
Customs: Import & Export Procedures Workshop	20 th May
Lean for Micro business programme	20 th May
4 Week Employment Law Course	20 th May
Link Network Meeting	25 th May
LIFT positive leadership training	Online Roundtables throughout May

Tourism Development

DLR Tourism Information Kiosk

Visitor information services resumed at the Tourist Kiosk on May 22nd. There is still significant visitor footfall at the weekends both along the coast and in the mountains.

DLR Tourism Steering Committee

A meeting of the DLR Tourism Steering Committee took place on May 26th. A communications plan for the summer was presented and agreed. Updates were received from Fáilte Ireland and other committee members.

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Rural Task Force

DLR Tourism gave an overview presentation on tourism actions and related issues to the Rural Task Force on May 11th.

Fáilte Ireland Urban Animation Fund

We are in the process of developing an application for the Fáilte Ireland Urban Animation Fund to reimagine the Square at the Lexicon.

New Well Worth the Climb Interactive Map

A new interactive map has been developed for the uplands area showing the main walking trails and service providers in these areas.

Centenary of the publication of Ulysses

Published in February 1922, Ulysses will be 100 years old next February 2022. We are working with the Friends of Joyce Tower to develop a programme of events to mark this occasion.

Tourism Promotion

A new social media campaign for June, July and August has been developed. This campaign will also link with the Fáilte Ireland "Keep Exploring" national campaign.

DLR Tourism Social Media analysis

Social Media Analysis: May 2021				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	6,128	17	15	16,004
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	3,274	50	25	36,500

Finance

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2021				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2021 €
A Total Housing & Building	-13,013,648	22,575,171	-21,180,976	-11,619,454
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-6,890,505	5,436,011	-3,525,373	-4,979,866
C Total Water Services	-2,309,719	297,262	254,959	-1,757,497
D Total Development Management	-116,460,990	422,182	-2,404,172	-118,442,980
E Total Environmental Services	-1,537,685	20,618	-172,232	-1,689,298
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-13,255,266	2,529,453	-1,639,909	-12,365,722
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,738,072	7,772	-256,300	-4,986,600
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-24,870,872	1,444,946	-1,766,011	-25,191,937
Grand Total	-183,076,756	32,733,414	-30,690,012	-181,033,354

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/04/2021

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Balance at 30/04/2021 €	Current year debit	Arrears >1 year
RATES	19,243,253	81,678,117	63,366,144	18,311,973

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2021

33.33%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	16,246,966	52,266,816	31.08%
B Road Transport & Safety	10,634,879	33,534,636	31.71%
C Water Services	4,080,068	12,722,256	32.07%
D Development Management	8,664,325	28,826,328	30.06%
E Environmental Services	10,412,699	32,172,192	32.37%
F Recreation & Amenity	10,514,926	33,995,580	30.93%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,600,294	4,376,928	36.56%
H Miscellaneous Services	13,806,500	13,454,724	102.61%
Total Expenditure	75,960,658	211,349,460	35.94%

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	14,016,884	45,772,836	30.62%
B Road Transport & Safety	4,965,523	14,718,996	33.74%
C Water Services	2,810,153	8,750,916	32.11%
D Development Management	3,389,378	11,073,324	30.61%
E Environmental Services	1,715,310	5,576,688	30.76%
F Recreation & Amenity	1,266,856	4,916,316	25.77%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	931,599	3,026,004	30.79%
H Miscellaneous Services	12,360,226	7,297,488	169.38%
Sub Total	41,455,929	101,132,568	40.99%

LPT Local Property Tax	6,211,232	18,633,696	33.33%
RA Rates	30,678,068	91,583,004	33.50%
Total Income	78,345,229	211,349,268	37.07%

Surplus as 30/04/2021 -€2,384,571

Planning Applications – monthly statistics: 29th April to 31st May 2021

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	144	144
Decision Deferred	0	27	27
Decision to Grant**	0	113	113
Decision to Refuse**	0	22	22
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	91	91
Invalid Applications	0	38	38

*Includes 12 Applications for Retention

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

1 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP 31010421	428 build to rent apartments development at Former Avid Technology International Site, Carmanhall Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18	30/04/21	03/06/21	https://carmanhallroadshd.ie/	19/08/2021
ABP 31013821	231 Residential Units at Lands at Mount St. Mary's and St. Joseph's, Dundrum Road, Dublin 14	06/05/21	09/06/21	www.msmshd.ie	25/08/2021

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

Planning Counter Figures 29th April to 31st May 2021

Customers Served	15
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*Planning counter is by appointment only from Monday the 21st September.

Building Control

Fire Safety Certs applications received	27
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	14
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn	1
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	13
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused	9/0
Commencement Notices Validated	114
7 Day Notices received	11
Completion Certs Validated	18

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 38
 Complaints closed 31

Litter and Waste Fines

May 2021	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	52	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	3	
Legal proceedings initiated	1	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	159	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	176	Litter Section

Architects

Energy

dlr Leisure signed an Energy Performance Contract (EPC) for 3 leisure centres - in Monkstown, Meadowbrook and Loughlinstown. This will help deliver energy savings at the centres for dlr Leisure and will assist DLR in meeting its Public Sector Energy and Carbon Reduction compliance targets of 50% improvement in energy efficiency by 2030 and help towards achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2050.

Conservation

The Conservation Section continued to work through 145 submissions relating to Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas in the County as part of the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Dangerous Buildings: 28th April – 31st May

Dangerous	4
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	0
Total	6

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

There was an LCDC meeting held remotely on 19th May. It included a presentation on the work of Crosscare by Conor Hickey, Chief Executive, Crosscare, member of the LCDC.

CEP Grants Scheme 2021

This national grant scheme allocated €142,108 to the DLR area and was launched on the 27th of May with applications to be submitted through the DLR online grants system with a closing date of the 16th of July. This scheme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Rural Task Force

A Rural Task Force meeting took place on the 11th May.

Joint Policing Committee

A meeting of the Joint Policing Committee took place on the 26th May on MS Teams. It included a presentation on a study commissioned by DLRCC into the assessment of need for the provision of a Domestic Violence Refuge in DLR. The JPC also approved the setting up of a new Local Policing Forum for the Dundrum and Stillorgan Area.

Age Friendly

A leaflet promoting the Age Friendly programme, Bealtaine and support services in dlr was delivered throughout the County. The leaflet was produced with funding from the Healthy Ireland/Slaintecare Community Resilience Fund and Creative Ireland.

Social Inclusion

Dlr Integration Forum, supported by the Social Inclusion Unit, ran two pilot Junior Integration Fora for TY students in Oatlands College.

Africa Day took place on 25 May. A number of virtual events were organised to celebrate the day, with financial assistance provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

County Fora and Estate Management Programme

The first meeting of 2021 took place with representatives from each of the 12 estate management areas. Some shared learning was facilitated on the topic of biodiversity.

Annual budget has been transferred to the County Fora to support the continued operation of County Fora, including employment of an administrator to support the function of the programme.

Two benches were funded from the Estate Management budget and installed in Moreen Blackthorn Estate to support the residents with staying connected and in addition to support older people as they re-engage with being active.

Pride of Place Competition

Pride of Place is an annual competition hosted by Co-Operation Ireland. Dlr has nominated two groups this year, Holly House under the category of Well-being, and Rosemount Family Resource Centre under the category of Community Resilience.

Community Development

The Community Team are continuing to support community groups and committees across the county as services begin to reopen. Funding from the Community Resilience Fund was allocated to LBS Men's Shed to purchase digital devices to support them with staying connected during restrictions. (See photo attached)

The Council supported the promotion of UCD REFOHCUS Programme and attended focused sessions. The programme aims to engage adults in STEM topics with a particular focus on Covid.

Work with a Youth Focus:

The Council are continuing to offer support to Crosscare as they engage youth at risk across the county. Grounds have been identified in Ballyogan to facilitate the development of a small allotment space.

An Interagency meeting took place in Ballyogan on 25th May attended by The Council, Crosscare, Ballyogan Family Resource Centre, Barnardos, DLR Sports Partnership, TUSLA and An Garda Síochána to ensure a cohesive response when it comes to identifying solutions to engage youth in positive activities.

The Council have continued to act in an advisory role to a similar interagency meeting in the Loughlinstown and Ballybrack area. These meetings have been attended by An Garda Síochána, LAB Project, Crosscare and Holly House with an innovative and solution focused approach.

Comhairle na nOg Steering Committee meeting held on the 25th May attended by Council Rep, DDLETB, Crosscare, PPN and Foroige.

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and being promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with over 4,453 calls since it commenced on 30 March 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation.
- 70 calls were received in May. The majority of the calls relate to requests in relation to the HSE vaccination programme or for library books.
- The Community Response Forum is meeting every six weeks at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.

Cultural Development

Arts

Municipal Gallery Programme

The exhibition **Tangled** opened on 15 May. It is curated by Michael Fortune who worked in collaboration with staff and participants from the **Southside Travellers Action Group** (STAG) in 2019 and 2020. During this period, Michael introduced the group to the work of several Irish contemporary artists; the selected artists and the themes running through this exhibition reflects his collaboration and engagement with STAG. The exhibition features the work of Ursula Burke, John Byrne, Alice Maher, Breda Mayock, John Power, Dermot Seymour and Michael Fortune. A photocall to mark the opening of the exhibition was attended by Cathaoirleach Cllr. Power; Michael Fortune, Curator; Director of Service Therese Langan; Nan O'Brien, Board member, Southside Travellers Action Group <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/tangled-exhibition-curated-michael-fortune-southside-travellers-action>

Musicians in Residence

Traditional flute player Iarlaith Mac Gabhann has been awarded the Emerging Musician-in-Residence for 2021. Over his Residency, he will use archival material to investigate tunes by lesser known musicians, in addition to engaging with local musician and founding member of The Chieftains, Michael Tubridy. Audiences will be offered regular online updates from Iarlaith on dlr's and Music Network's social media channels. The Scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and is managed by Music Network.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/music/emerging-musician-residence-2021-iarlaith-macgabhann>

Online Gallery Learning Programme for 2021

The online Gallery Learning Programme continues this May to make sure that everyone can still access lots of opportunities to get creative at home. The programme is packed with talks, conversations, demonstrations and art making workshops. From Meet the Artist in the Studio Conversations, workshops for children, adults and families ranging from seasonal art making to colour mixing, a range of online workshops is available through the Summer weeks.

The What's On section of the Arts Office website is updated on a weekly basis and bookings are via Eventbrite: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/whats-latest-news>

dlr Arts Grants

The dlr Arts grants scheme was live for applications and included general Arts grants, community small arts grants, Emerging Artist Bursaries and arts access grants for older persons. 78 applications were received and assessed and 46 were recommended. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/funding-opportunities/arts-grants>

Call for Poet in Residence

A call continued for a poet in residence for the period September 2021 to June 2022. The residency is envisaged as a part-time residency which will allow time for the poet's own work in addition to engagement and interaction with both the general public and, more specifically, with those with an interest in writing poetry themselves. The closing date is 8th June at 12 noon. Read More: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/call-writer-residence>

Bealtaine

Bealtaine is a month-long festival in May featuring performances, exhibitions, discussions, workshops and readings by artists working in different art forms all over Ireland. Bealtaine Festival engages people from all over Ireland to foster and inspire creativity among older people and to promote the skills, experiences and exposure that can lead to a rich creative life. 'Bealtaine at Home' is organised by dlr Libraries, dlr Arts Office and the Age Friendly Office with the co-operation of the PPN, Dublin South FM and Southside Partnership. <https://events.dlrcoco.ie/event/bealtaine-home-2021>

Cuairt agus Cultúr Summer 2021

Cuairt agus Cultúr is a cultural programme run by Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council Libraries and Arts Office in Residential Care Settings for Older People in the County. This May and June the programme is taking place in 4 residential care settings in the County, Dance, Storytelling, Visual Art and Music workshops are taking place online and where possible in person. This programme is funded by the Healthy Ireland Community Fund. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts-community/cuairt-agus-cult%C3%BAr>

Primary Arts Programme Online

dlr Arts Office in partnership with Blackrock Education Centre are offering free online resources and workshops to primary schools in the County for May and June 2021. Dance,

Puppetry and Visual Arts resources and workshops are offered free to primary schools in the County. <https://www.blackrockec.ie/cpd-courses-2/primary-courses.html>

Libraries

All dlr Library spaces re-opened to the public on **Monday 10 May**. This is part of a gradual, responsible resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines. Services available during this phase include:

Return and borrowing of items, quick browse visits with restricted numbers in place and a return to usual staffed opening hours with late evenings and Saturday opening. Printing from home, from a personal device, or from a designated quick-use PC and use of self-service photocopiers resumed while use of Surfbox postal printing service, for next day delivery, and the availability of all our online services continued. The national reserves system was also re-instated during this phase as was the national delivery service for inter-county reservations.

However, as per Government guidelines for this phase, we are unable at present to provide any service which involves seating, including general seating or study spaces.

We are unable at this time to provide full access to Internet PCs/laptops, or to programme live indoor events in our spaces.

Book Drop Service

Since the re-opening of library spaces, and the continuing roll-out of the national vaccination programme, the number of calls to the Book Drop Service has continued to decline. Over **1,900** calls have been received since April 2020, with almost **11,500** books delivered to the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community. The end of May saw the final deliveries to homes by our volunteers in Serve the City. Deliveries, where needed, will now continue via the dlr Library driver.



dlr Libraries Online

While in this phase, we continue with our events programme in an online environment.

All our online services/resources remain available. You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!

- Tumble Books – Online collection of ebooks for children
- Borrowbox & Overdrive - download eBooks and eAudiobooks
- PressReader - read newspapers
- Overdrive– read magazines & comics
- Transparent Language Online – learn a language
- Universal Class – take a course
- Freegal – stream or download music

Events for Adults

Bealtaine 2021

The Bealtaine festival takes place in May every year and is a national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age. This year all activities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown took place online and *Bealtaine at Home* featured a variety of great free activities, including story telling; theatre performances; arts and crafts workshops; gardening and cookery demonstrations; Dance Theatre Ireland-dance well at home; chair yoga; flower arranging; Beginners Zoom computer lessons; workshops on accessing the digital services that dlr libraries offer as well as creative writing; Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge and much, much more! The *Bealtaine at Home 2021* programme was co-ordinated by dlr Libraries, dlr Arts Office and dlr Age Friendly. <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/bealtaine-home-2021>

Well-being talks with Stella O'Malley

We welcomed back clinical psychotherapist Stella O'Malley in May for two talks focussing on the impact of Lockdown on our young people and how we as a society can prepare to emerge from the effects of the past year with the gradual easing of restrictions.

Coming out of Lockdown: Managing anxiety, renewing well-being Monday 17 May, 7.30pm

Many of us have been severely impacted by Covid and as we edge towards the easing of restrictions and greater freedoms, there are associated anxieties which may get in our way. Stella will help us work through this anxiety and show us ways in which we can reconnect with the joy in our lives.

How Lockdown has impacted Teenagers and Young Adults Monday 24 May, 7.30pm

The impact of Covid on teenagers and young adults has often been overlooked and yet life has been very challenging for this cohort. This talk will focus on strategies that can help young people manage their anxieties and emotions.

Reveal & reset 6 week series of workshops with Mentor and wellness Champion Lisa Quish helping participants develop skills to summon resilience and calm when needed.

Backyard BBQ with Chef Neven Maguire

With the hope of fine weather over the coming summer months, and the opportunity to enjoy outdoor dining at home, we welcomed back the ever-popular Neven Maguire for a talk on his favourite BBQ and outdoor dining recipes.

Regular events for adults

All our events remain online for the moment during this phase of re-opening. We're continuing with our online quizzes, arts and crafts posts, book-related discussions and nature and local history posts, to encourage our users to continue to engage with us and to stimulate memories and discussion via our social media platforms.

Online Quizzes

We continued with our Tuesday quizzes in May, along with the ever-popular Family Quiz each Friday and Quiz for Adults each Saturday night. The average number participants over the weekend is +1,000, including families in different locations connecting to play with, or against each other! Quizzes in May included Star Wars, Local History and a Quiz League of the top teams from our weekly quizzes. We also held 2 quizzes as part of Bealtaine.

Online Book Clubs

Our popular online monthly book club with Mary Burnham takes place on the last Wednesday of May at 7.30pm with a Zoom discussion of *The Tie that Binds* by Kent Haruf. The club continues to attract new members each month. With library spaces now open again, members can call in to collect the chosen titles or continue to download them from our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox. Blackrock Library book club continues to meet monthly online.

Local History Directory

In May, we announced the publication of a new Local Studies Directory, compiled by Nigel Curtin, former Local Studies Librarian at dlr LexIcon. The publication lists articles, book chapters and websites published on subjects relating to the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. It is based primarily on material available in dlr Libraries Local Studies Collection and is a snapshot of material identified by the Local Studies Librarian from 2014-2021. Its purpose is to assist the researcher in identifying topics of interest from the wide-ranging resources in the Collection. Each dlr branch library will have a copy of the Directory to view/consult.

Exhibition Programme

Newpark Arts Exhibition - Haigh Terrace/ LexIcon Lab

On 18 May, we launched an exhibition of artwork by TY students from **Newpark Comprehensive School** in the grounds of dlr LexIcon along Haigh Terrace and also inside in the LexIcon Lab. The work is the culmination of Arts Week at the school where students got the opportunity to try out a variety of art projects including: hand weaving and textile art using found and upcycled materials. The exhibition includes 30 decorated bicycle wheels outdoors on Haigh Terrace with stop motion animated short films on display in the LexIcon Lab along with kinetic art installations. The exhibition will run until mid-July.

Press Photographer of the Year Awards 2021 – Moran Park

The 21 award-winning images from the PPAI **Press Photographer of the Year Awards 2021** outdoor exhibition at Moran Park, continue to attract many visitors.

For information on all our online exhibitions, please visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

Events for Children

Tumble Books - New e-book resource for children

We recently launched a new addition to our e-library.

Tumble Books is an online collection of e-books for children. You can use a computer, tablet, or mobile phone to access the collection. There are no downloads - books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.

Junior Online Book Club

Join library staff online via Zoom at 4.30pm on the last Wednesday of each month for our book club especially for younger readers.

LexIcon Lab afterschool club

This ongoing STEAM initiative sees weekly online workshops for children aged 7-12yrs. This month participants explored the science of Harry Potter with workshops facilitated by the team at Anyone4Science.

Further info:

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

Statistics

Social media (May 2021)

Facebook	7,050 followers
Twitter	8,316 followers
Instagram	2,873 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	7,530 subscribers

Online resources

Resource	Description	Checkouts 1-24 May 2021
Overdrive	eAudio	1,498
Overdrive	eBook	2,236
Borrowbox	eAudio	5,242
Borrowbox	eBook	3,098
Overdrive	Comics	25
Overdrive	Magazines	512
Press Reader	Newspapers	14,827
Freegal NEW	Music Downloads & Streaming	898
Total:		28,336

Parks

Parks & Landscape Services:

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Direct labour and contract tree works ongoing
- Litter management ongoing
- Re-doing COVID signage where required ongoing
- Loughlinstown linear park NTA Shared surface project works phase 3 complete
- Widening and resurfacing of Paths completed at Loreto Park, Deerpark, Castlebrook.
- Watering of newly planted trees ongoing

- Pitch aeration improvement works on going pitches west county
- Lawn aeration improvement works Peoples Park completed
- Hard surface and fencing of goal post storage area Hudson Park
- Gate installation Eden Terrace Park complete
- Japanese Knotweed treatments on site this month

Biodiversity:

- Biodiversity Events – Biodiversity Week online events – Trees and Insects, Badgers Talk, and DLR Volunteers Gardening for Biodiversity Stories
- Launch of two videos – *Let's draw a Biodiversity map for you garden, balcony or local park.*
- DLR Biodiversity and Climate Change poster created to raise awareness of the impacts of climate change on biodiversity.
- Natural Capital Policy Working Group – Nature
- Consultations for draft DLR Biodiversity Action Plan with conservation groups, universities and interested parties.
- Presentation of the draft DLR Biodiversity Action Plan to internal staff - Seniors
- Presentation of the draft DLR Biodiversity Action Plan to PPN.
- NBAP government biodiversity grant awarded.
- DLR County Townland Boundary Hedgerow survey commenced.
- Giant Hogweed treatment ongoing.
- Dalkey Island Tern monitoring continues.
- DLR Important Birds Study commenced.

Heritage

- Issuing of draft Heritage Plan to SPC for comment
- Councillors briefing on draft Heritage Plan
- Draft County Heritage Plan finalized and currently online for public feedback until June 11th
- Appointment of dlr Historian in Residence to develop Decade of Centenaries programme for roll out in Q4 (funded by Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media)
- Assessment and recommendations made for recipients of dlr Heritage Grant scheme Round 2
- Collaboration with Dublin Mountains Partnership/SDCC on Uplands Community Archaeologist contract to be tendered by SDCC
- Four dlr community groups supported by Heritage Officer successful in grant applications to Heritage Council's national 2021 Community Heritage Grant
- Initiation of dlr Oral History programme
- Dlr Memorials Committee convened
- Progression of work with cemeteries/parks team on Deansgrange integrated management framework

CoCo Markets

During the month of May, we received 5 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 1 Permanent Application for Marlay Park for Saturday and Sunday
- 2 Permanent Application for Dún Laoghaire Saturday (Non-Food/Other)
- 1 Permanent Applications for Marlay Saturday (Non-Food/Other)
- 1 Permanent Applications for Marlay Saturday (Hot/Food)

The markets are currently closed, and all market applications are on hold due to Covid. However, the Market Managers are keeping the applications on file.

Sports Development

dlr Leisure:

Set up and completed the following activities in May.

Youth group programmes taking place in May;

1. Boylan Centre
2. Sallynoggin
3. Shankill
4. Carmona Services (3 groups)
5. Dun Laoghaire Youth Service (girls group)
6. Balally Youth Group
7. Mounttown Youth Service

Have booked in additional programmes in June with the following groups;

1. Ballybrack Youth Group (15-17 years)
2. Whitehouse Youth Group
3. Dún Laoghaire Youth Service (boys group)
4. Ballyogan Family Resource Centre (girls group)

Update on June programmes will follow in June report.

Have booked in the following summer activities with youth groups;

1. Sandyford Youth Group - 1st week in August
2. Cois Cairn - 2nd week in August
3. Balally - 8th and 22nd July
4. Have met with Rosemount, Nutgrove and Dundrum youth service and they are coming back with confirmed dates.

Other activities in May

- Assisting sports partnership with Hola Summer Programme.
- Have joined in on the Ballyogan sports hub meeting group, working with local group leaders and community guards to help youths in the Ballyogan area. Meetings occur once a month.

Leinster Rugby:

Clubs

Return To Play:

- All DLR rugby clubs are back training
- The IRFU are still hosting webinars to support the clubs in Ireland at various levels covering fitness, injury prevention, transition between different grades, return to contact & skill development etc.
- The IRFU have launched a support for schools that can be accessed for free to assist teachers in teaching subjects <https://www.irishrugby.ie/playing-the-game/age-grade/aldi-play-rugby-main/class-lessons/>
- The IRFU have also given access to their skill videos to assist teachers with PE lessons <https://www.irishrugby.ie/running-your-club/levelup/level-up-skills/>

DLR Club Visits/Activities:

- Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC (JS) – 2nd of May
- St Brigid’s RFC (JS) – 15th of May, Coach observation – 22nd of May, Session held – 29th of May
- DLSP FC (JS) – 16th of May
- Blackrock College RFC – 23rd of May
- Old Wesley RFC – 30th of May
- Seapoint RC – 6th of June

EMcK visits

- Old Wesley RFC – 2nd & 9th of May
- Blackrock College RFC – 2nd of May
- Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC – 6th of May, hosted school blitz 27th of May
- Seapoint RC – 16th of May
- DLSP FC – 11th & 16th of May
- St Brigid’s RFC – 22nd of May

Meetings & project ideas

- All meetings are still being hosted online with a focus on club support & assisting schools in a short time frame

Schools

(JS)

Primary – 3 schools – 98 boys & 83 girls

Secondary – 0 schools – 0 boys & 0 girls

(EMcK)

Primary – 2 schools – 64 boys & 161 girls

In house blitz, Our Lady’s GNS hosted by Stillorgan Rathfarnham, 237 girls

Secondary – 2 schools – 0 boys & 145 girls

FAI:

- Safeguarding 1 – Continue to plan courses where needed.
- Club Development - Planning a Volunteer Workshop.
- Presented a Return to Play Workshop to Region 2 clubs, including DLR clubs.
- Club Mark – Ongoing contact with 5 clubs, 1 has submitted all criteria, other 4 close to having all documentation ready.
- Coach Education – Currently planning with clubs for the summer months.
- 2021 Planning – Providing further plans for programmes in 2021 to Regional Manager.
- Summer Soccer Schools – Continue to plan for the summer camps, assigning coaches, checking Garda Vetting and coaching qualifications. Attended a new online booking workshop.
- Began Club Visits on Return to Play from Monday April 26th. Observing coaching and return to play protocol in local clubs.
- Attending Weekly meeting with FAI Regional Manager to discuss plans and reporting on FAI programmes.

Leinster Cricket:

- Sessions have recommenced in schools, we’ve worked with 5 schools so far: St Anne’s, Shankill 4 x 4th class, Kill of the Grange N.S 4th and 5th classes and 3 new schools to the program: Our Lady’s Girls National School Ballinteer 4 x 3rd and 4 x 4th classes, St. Attracta’s National School, Dundrum 4 x 4th classes and Our Lady’s National School, Kiltiernan 1 x 4th class. The three new schools are all close to Marlay park and would provide excellent feeder schools to Sandyford Cricket Club when they get their junior section started.
- Work is underway to provide a full summer of District Cup cricket with the DLR U13 side competing in the league during the latter part of June. Early July will see the U11 side compete in a similar fashion with Shanganagh Park hosting two matches in competition
- Big thanks to DLRCC for organising the repair of Shanganagh Park’s cricket mat and all looks good for cricket there this season.

- We ran a course for coaches in Shanganagh during the early part of May. We had 12 local junior coaches, all aged between 14 and 17, complete the second practical module of their coaching course.
- Working with local clubs to ensure all appropriate documentation is in place i.e. safeguarding, Garda vetting etc. and providing online courses to facilitate this.
- Working with DLRCC to assure their continued participation in Cricket Leinster competitions this season and to develop their facilities at Shanganagh Park.

Sports Partnership:

- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – processing the final 10% payments to remaining 18 clubs. A second round of this grants scheme to be run in Quarter 2.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme** – clubs can now start delivering supported projects, but flexibility may be required on parameters. 75% of grant amounts paid.
- **The Governance Code** – The Sports Partnership Board are on target to meet the Sport Ireland requirement of full compliance by end of 2021.
- **Active Dublin** - Working with Sport Ireland and other Active Cities LSPs (8) around National coordination, common messaging and objective setting.
- **Stepping Out Together** – delivering a pilot walking/activity/social initiative targeting older adults who were cocooning and inactive (50 participants).
- **Hola Summer** – new online activity programme for busy mums with yoga, Pilates, cardio and strength sessions (53 participants). Supported by dlr Leisure.
- **Couch To 3K** – completed another 6-week walking to jogging programme for adults looking to return to activity (126 participants).
- **Older Adult Activity Classes** - currently delivering a range of online classes for older adults including Zumba Gold, Yoga, Mobility & Stretch, Strength & Balance (125 participants). Looking to bring these programme outdoors now.
- **Bealtaine** – organised a number of online taster activity classes for older adults during the month of May as part of this National festival.
- **Schools Skipping** – rolling out of this physical literacy programme in 17 primary schools with focus on areas of disadvantage. (Keep Well funding).
- **Launch of Ability Swing** – new swing for wheelchair users in Cabinteely Park launched with significant interest and traction on social media.
- **Summer Camps** – SIDO organizing 4 weeks of inclusive camps on the water from mid-June. Each week catering for a different disability type with focus on children who would not otherwise have an opportunity (48 places).
- **Inclusive Bike Fleet** – working with The Bike Hub (social enterprise) and Cycling Without Age to establish a user friendly booking/hire system for older adults and people with disabilities to access cycling in Dun Laoghaire. Two Tri-shaws purchased to add to the existing inclusive bikes fleet.
- **Inclusive Cycle Training**– delivered online training to support adults to teach children with a disability to cycle (45 attendees across 3 workshops).
- **Urban Outdoor Adventure Project** – working with Open Spectrum to organise a series of outdoor adventure activities for teenagers in summer 2021.
- **Xcessible Award** - started the process and actions for the Bronze Award for inclusion of people with disabilities in sport through CARA.
- **Autism in Sport** – 3hr workshop held on the 25th May (22 attendees).
- **Disability Awareness Training** – online workshop on 12th May (15 attendees).
- **Child Safeguarding in Sport** – 4 workshops delivered in May (48 attendees).
- **Ballyogan Sports & Activity Hub** – continuing to liaise with local partners as well as developing potential initiatives that can be rolled out from 26th April.
 - Primary Schools – basketball and dance programmes (240 participants)
 - Secondary Schools – rowing, dance, basketball sessions (125 participants)
 - Crosscare – organising 4-week programmes in June in soccer (12 boys), volleyball (8 girls) and kickboxing (12 boys and girls).



- Family Resource Centre - organizing 4-week multisport taster sessions in June for 10 to 12 year olds (12 children).
- **Staffing** – still awaiting derogation from Department Local Gov. for 3 new positions with funding already secured through Sport Ireland.