

# **DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **JULY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**1 July – 31 July 2020**

The Council continued to operate under the phases of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business.

Essential services continue to be provided, under certain restrictions while ensuring all public health guidelines are followed. The Council implemented Business Continuity Plans in respect of our operations, including, community and leisure centres.

By operating under new working arrangements including rotation of shifts/attendance, division of works teams to different locations, remote working and longer flexible office hours, we have ensured the continuity in the provision of services.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

### **Libraries**

From Monday 29 June, the following Library spaces re-opened to the public: Blackrock, Cabinteely, Dalkey, Deansgrange, dlr LexIcon, Dundrum and Stillorgan. Shankill Library re-opened on Monday 20 July.

This was a gradual return to library services, bearing current public health guidance in mind. Based on the most recent health advice, visitors to our libraries are now requested to wear face coverings. Library services offered include a return to normal staffed opening hours, a quick browsing service, quick internet access, contactless printing & photocopying, self-service issue & return of library items and contactless self-checkout of library items using the dlr Libraries App. On 17 July, the national reserves system was re-activated allowing the public to once again reserve items from any public library authority in the country for free. Sunday opening returned in dlr LexIcon on 19 July with Level 3 open from 12pm-4pm. The Sunday re-opening ties in with the relocation of the CoCo market to Queen's Road and Moran Park at this time.

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

### **Community Call Book Drop**

Library staff continue to deal with requests received for the Bag a Book Contact & Collect service in addition to calls to the Book Drop phone line. The number of requests to both services has steadily decreased since the re-opening of all library spaces.

In order to provide resilience for continuity of services, new working arrangements including rotation of shifts/attendance, division of works teams to different locations, remote working and longer flexible office hours have been implemented. A number of services have also been suspended or discontinued, including all libraries, events, sports activities, markets and consultations.

The Council is participating in the public service programme for redeployment of releasable staff to other areas of the wider public service affected by the COVID-19 crisis. This is being coordinated through the Public Appointments Service (PAS), and all staff not currently engaged on-site or remotely have been referred for redeployment.

In line with the Government Roadmap for Reopening Society & Business, the council commenced a phased return to work on 18 May as the level of operations have stepped up in line with the easing of restrictions. The Crisis Management Team has finished its regular meetings, following the easing of restrictions, and services and activities are now being coordinated by the Business Continuity Team.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

### **Community, Culture and Arts**

From 29<sup>th</sup> June Samuel Beckett and Mounttown Community Centres along with some smaller centres reopened. The remaining centres continued to reopen on a phased basis throughout the month.

### **COVID-19 Community Call Helpline**

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

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 3570 calls since it commenced on 30 March with a reduction to over 50 calls during the month of July
- Issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- The Community Response Forum is meeting once a month at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19

### **Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:**

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

### **Municipal Services**

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

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

**Parks:** Playgrounds and outdoor gym equipment have reopened  
Essential maintenance and upkeep works are continuing in parks and open spaces, routine and other works have resumed.

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

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

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

**Traffic:** During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Council carried out a number of interventions to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. This included the provision of cycle lane protection at a number of junctions and routes and the provision of wider footpaths using bollards and cones to facilitate physical distancing in towns and villages. In addition, village improvement schemes were carried out at Blackrock, Dundrum, Glasthule and Dalkey.

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

**Beaches/Harbours/Piers:** All services have resumed.

**Heritage:** Summer of Heritage event programme deferred pending updated HSE guidelines. As part of a "heritage at home" offer, self-guided virtual tours developed of Marlay House, Cabinteely House, the National Maritime Museum and the Oratory – promoted on social media/website.

### **Local Enterprise Office**

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

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

- Microfinance Ireland provided a COVID Business loan of up to €50,000 with a 6-month holiday on capital and interest payments, with a 1% discount (effective rate of 4.5%) if applied for through the LEO. We are partners in this scheme providing mentoring assistance to support client's applications. Annual targets already exceeded.
- In an effort to give companies specialist advice, a Business Continuity Voucher was introduced. Demand was extremely strong, with 456 applications received under this scheme before it closed on May 15th. Each voucher is worth up to €2,500 euro.
- An improved Trading Online Voucher scheme with 90% funding was introduced. 260 applications were approved by the end of July, which is almost ten times the target. To date numbers of applications received are up 300% on the annual application number. Potential for year-end to be up 700% on annual figures.
- Mentoring applications have increased to date by 100%. There is approximately 100 applications annually. 100 applications have been received to date (17/06/20).

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

A special page has been set up for the specialised LEO COVID supports <https://www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Publications-Resources/COVID-19-Coronavirus/>, which has details of all the government supports for businesses in these difficult times. In addition to helping companies adopt best practices in dealing with crisis, the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is provided workshops on a variety of subjects including Re-opening Hairdressers, Barbers and Salons, and a Covid-19 Retail Seminar.

### **Infrastructure and Climate Change:**

The Directorate is continuing its work on the following Covid19 interventions and Active travel programme.

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

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

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

### **Forward Planning Infrastructure**

- The Directorate continue to engage with applicants, their representatives and other state agencies as part of on-line systems to include tele / video

conferencing to facilitate workshops and reporting in the assessment of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme.

- Work continues in progressing the project designs and tender documentation of the Cherrywood Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URFD) - Parks, Greenways and Attenuation project, as well as the Cherrywood LIHAF project for the Druid's Glen Road.

## **Architectural Services**

Other than disabled bathroom adaptations works, services have fully resumed.

## **Housing**

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

## **Finance**

### **Rates Collection and Rates Waiver**

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

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

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

### **Restart Grant**

The Government announced details of the Restart Grant on the 15th May. The grant is aimed at helping micro and small businesses with the costs associated with reopening and re-employing workers following COVID-19 closures. To avail of the Restart Grant, applicants must be a commercial rateable premise and:

- i. it is a rateable and trading commercial business, and
- ii. a micro or small enterprise with turnover in its last financial year of less than €5m and employing 50 people or less, and
- iii. is impacted by a 25% or more reduction in turnover in the period from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020, and

- iv. declares its intention that employees in receipt of the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme will continue to be employed in the business.

Qualifying businesses will receive a grant equivalent to their commercial rates demand for calendar year 2019, subject to a minimum grant of €2,000 and a maximum of €10,000. It is open to applicants to apply on the Council's website [www.dlrcoco.ie/restartgrant](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/restartgrant)

The Government has allocated €250m for the Scheme. We have received 1,008 completed applications to 25 June 2020. We have had a relatively low take up and are exploring ways in which we can increase awareness of across the business community.

#### **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 will not be known for some time. In the meantime budgets and cash flow continues to be monitored closely.

#### **Planning:**

- The Planning Department is operating in accordance with the revised time frames set out by the Ministerial Orders. The Orders disregard the period from the 29 March 2020 to the 23 May 2020 (inclusive), 56 days/8 weeks, when calculating statutory timeframes.
- The Planning counter re-opened to the public on Monday the 29th June 2020 between the hours of 10:00 – 16:00.

#### **Corporate Affairs:**

- DLR facilitated the holding of the Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly AGM in the Ferry Terminal on the 10<sup>th</sup> July. Arrangements were in place to ensure social distancing for all attendees.
- The July Council meeting also took place in the Terminal, with social distancing arrangements in place.
- Meetings of the Group Leaders continued to update Members on services and actions being undertaken during this period.
- While there are not generally Area Committee meetings during July, it was necessary to hold a meeting of the Dún Laoghaire Area in respect of an SHD application. This meeting was held remotely.
- The Communication Unit continues to put out content through all our media channels, to provide information, advice and updates on services to the public. New software has been put on the Council website which allows for the entire website to be read in over 100 different languages, by simply pressing the accessibility button at the top of the home page.



**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](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV_0rE8rLp5_kgxBuCa?dl=0)

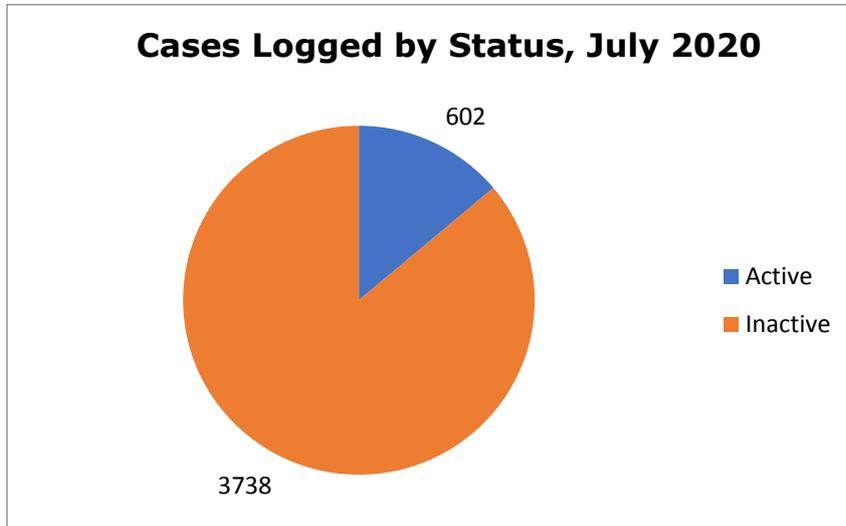
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\*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Cases logged in July 2020



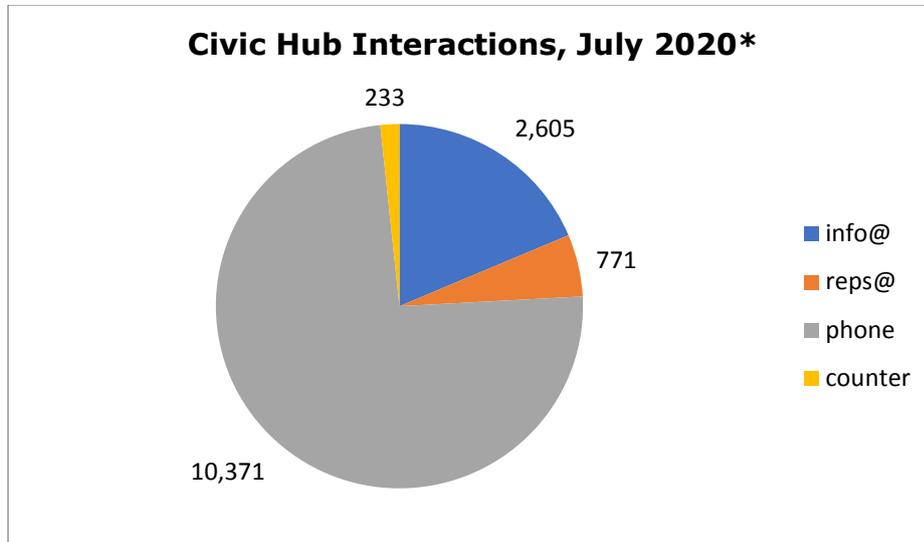
|        |       |
|--------|-------|
| Open   | 602   |
| Closed | 3,738 |

**Cases Logged in July 2020, by Section:**

| Section/Dept       | Open       | Closed      | Total       |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Architects         | 3          | 3           | 6           |
| Ballyogan Depot    |            | 5           | 5           |
| CoCo               | 9          | 16          | 25          |
| Comms & Civic Hub  | 11         | 794         | 805         |
| Community          | 2          | 1           | 3           |
| Corporate Services | 2          | 11          | 13          |
| dlrcoco            | 3          |             | 3           |
| Environment        | 132        | 551         | 683         |
| Finance            | 38         | 181         | 219         |
| Housing            | 98         | 1219        | 1317        |
| HR                 | 1          | 1           | 2           |
| Law                | 1          |             | 1           |
| Libraries          | 1          |             | 1           |
| Parks              | 123        | 292         | 415         |
| Planning           | 5          | 51          | 56          |
| Property           | 8          | 16          | 24          |
| Transportation     | 161        | 549         | 710         |
| Waste Enforcement  | 4          | 33          | 37          |
| Water Services     |            | 15          | 15          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>602</b> | <b>3738</b> | <b>4340</b> |

**Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged in July 2020** \* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls



| Phone Statistics | Answered Directly | Transferred to overflow |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                  | 8,105             | 2,266                   |

| Emails received | Info@ | Reps@ | Total Emails |
|-----------------|-------|-------|--------------|
|                 | 2,605 | 771   | <b>3,376</b> |

| Counter Interactions | Civic Hub | Appointments | Total      |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
|                      | 186       | 47           | <b>233</b> |

**Social Media and Website Activity – July 2020**

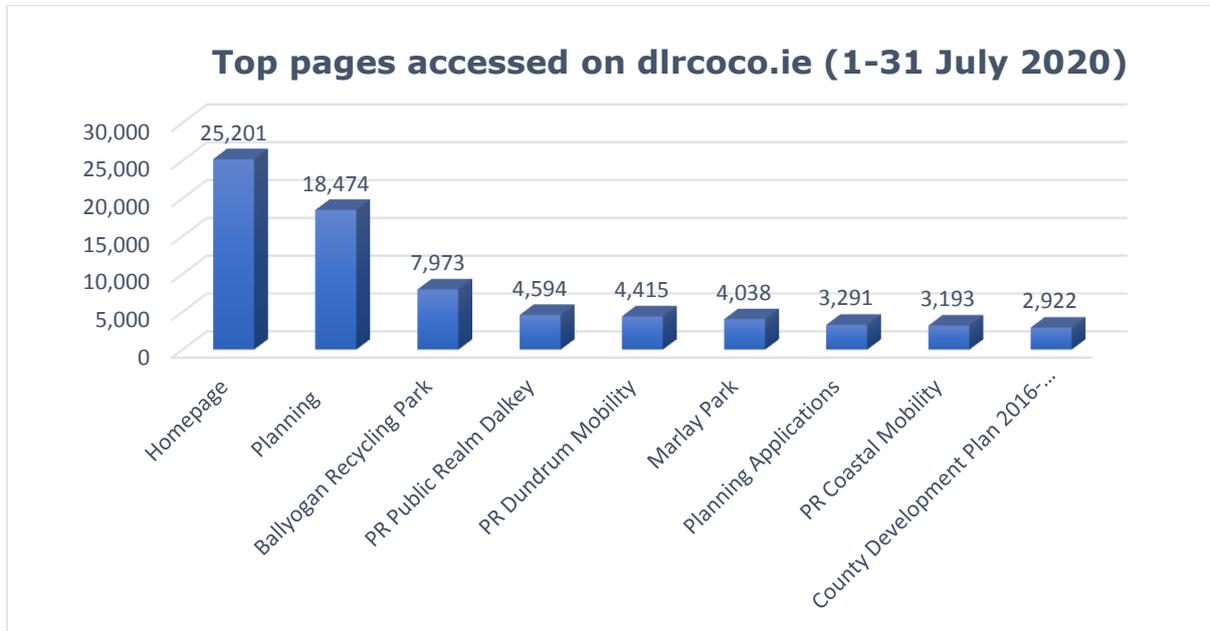
**Social Media**

| Twitter Accounts* | Tweets | Followers | Impressions |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|
| dlr corporate     | 216    | 15,004    | 1.26M       |
| dlr libraries     | 96     | 7,779     | 258k        |
| dlr Tourism       | 28     | 2,943     | 27k         |
| dlr events        | 0      | 5503      | 2k          |
| dlr LEO           | 9      | 5,403     | 4.3k        |

| Facebook Accounts* | Facebook Posts | Followers |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| dlr Corporate      | 185            | 11,485    |
| dlr events         | 12             | 9,855     |
| dlr libraries      | 120            | 5,861     |
| dlr Tourism        | 13             | 5,304     |
| dlr LEO            | 5              | 1612      |

**Website Activity – page views**

dlrcoco.ie 240,181  
 dlrevents.ie 5,538  
 dlrlibraries.ie 60,100



**Press Queries**

10 press queries in July

**Freedom of Information**

There were 16 FOI requests in July 2020.

## 1. Road Maintenance Management Report

| Road Maintenance Management Report - July 2020 |  |              |          |         |          |                       |
|--|--|--------------|----------|---------|----------|-----------------------|
| Ref.   | Programme Type   | STATUS       |          |         |          | Comments              |
|  |  | Design Stage | Tendered | On site | Complete |                       |
| <b>RRP Major</b>                               | <b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works</b>              |              |          |         |          |                       |
| 1  | Nutgrove Avenue  |              |          | ✓       |          | NTA element completed |
| 2  | Ballinteer Avenue  |              | ✓        |         |          |                       |
| 3  | Kilmacud Road Lower  |              |          |         | ✓        |                       |
| 4  | Green Route  |              | ✓        |         |          |                       |
| 5  | Sydenhnam Road   |              | ✓        |         |          |                       |
| 12   | Adelaide Road  |              |          | ✓       |          |                       |
| 13   | Castle Park Road   |              |          |         | ✓        |                       |
| 14   | Ballinclea Road  | ✓            |          |         |          |                       |
| 15   | Corrig Road  |              | ✓        |         |          |                       |
| 16   | Rathsallagh Estate   |              | ✓        |         |          |                       |
| 17   | Ashlawn Estate   | ✓            |          |         |          |                       |
| 18   | Rochestown Avenue  | ✓            |          |         |          |                       |
| 19   | Saval Park Road  |              | ✓        |         |          |                       |
|  |  |              |          |         |          |                       |
| <b>RRP Minor</b>                               | <b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')</b> |              |          |         |          |                       |

|           |  |   |   |  |   |  |
|-----------|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| 1         | Broadford Road                                   | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 2         | Woodpark - The Drive                             |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 3         | Stillorgan Road (old N11)                        | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 4         | Upper Kilmacud Road                              | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 5         | Ticknock Road Edges                              |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 6         | Ballyedmunduff/Ballybetagh Road Edges            |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 7         | Heidelberg                                       |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 8         | Sandyford Village                                | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 22        | Dalkey Avenue                                    |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 23        | Georges Place                                    |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 24        | Patricks Square                                  |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 25        | Casement Villas                                  |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 26        | Temple Crescent                                  | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 27        | Monkstown Farm                                   | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 28        | Georges Street Lower                             | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 29        | Grotto Avenue/Grotto Place                       |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 30        | Barnaslingan Lane                                | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 31        | Shanganagh Terrace                               |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 32        | Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K) |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
|           |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| <b>FP</b> | <b>Footpath Upgrade Programme</b>                |   |   |  |   |  |
| 1         | Pine Valley                                      |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 2         | Sandyford Business District                      |   | ✓ |  |   |  |

|            |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 3          | Kerrymount Ave                            | ✓ |   |   |   |  |
| 4          | Westminster Road                          |   |   |   | ✓ |  |
| 5          | Enniskerry Road                           |   | ✓ |   |   |  |
| 6          | Cabinteely Close                          |   | ✓ |   |   |  |
| 7          | Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road            |   | ✓ |   |   |  |
| 8          | The Park, Cabinteely                      |   | ✓ |   |   |  |
| 17         | Dún Laoghaire Town                        |   |   | ✓ |   |  |
| 18         | Blackrock Town                            |   | ✓ |   |   |  |
| 19         | Dalkey Village                            |   | ✓ |   |   |  |
| 20         | Glasthule Village                         |   | ✓ |   |   |  |
| 21         | Ashlawn Park/Coolevin                     | ✓ |   |   |   |  |
| 22         | Wynberg Park                              | ✓ |   |   |   |  |
| 23         | Watsons Estate                            | ✓ |   |   |   |  |
| 24         | Woodbrook Glen                            |   |   |   | ✓ |  |
| 25         | Glenavon Park                             | ✓ |   |   |   |  |
| 26         | Ballybride Road                           |   | ✓ |   |   |  |
| 27         | Ballycorous Road                          | ✓ |   |   |   |  |
| 28         | Patrician Villas                          |   | ✓ |   |   |  |
| 29         | Eaton Brae                                | ✓ |   |   |   |  |
|            |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| <b>BSP</b> | <b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b> |   |   |   |   |  |
| 1          | Blue Light Wall Repair                    | ✓ |   |   |   |  |
| 2          | Woodside Road Retaining Wall              | ✓ |   |   |   |  |
| 3          | Belfield Flyover                          | ✓ |   |   |   |  |

|             |  |   |  |  |   |  |
|-------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| 4           | Glenalua Wall Repair                     | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
|             | Category 3 Bridges                       | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
|             |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| <b>DGRP</b> | <b>Drainage / Gully Repair Programme</b> |   |  |  |   |  |
| 1           | Oakdown Road, Churchtown                 |   |  |  | ✓ |  |
| 2           | De La Salle College, Churchtown          |   |  |  | ✓ |  |
| 3           | End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely         | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
| 4           | Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh              | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
| 5           | Woodside Road                            | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
| 6           | Beech Lawn, Dundrum                      | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
| 7           | Mine Hill Lane                           |   |  |  | ✓ |  |
| 8           | Bridesglen Road                          |   |  |  | ✓ |  |
| 9           | Rathmichael Road                         |   |  |  | ✓ |  |
| 10          | Clonkeen Road (At South Park)            | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
| 11          | Woodbine Park                            | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
| 12          | Seafield Road Killiney                   | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
| 13          | Ruby Hall                                | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
|             |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| <b>NRP</b>  | <b>National Roads Programme</b>          |   |  |  |   |  |
| 1           | N31 Crofton Road                         | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
| 2           | N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme    | ✓ |  |  |   |  |
|             |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| <b>AWP</b>  | <b>Accessibility Works</b>               |   |  |  |   |  |

|             |  |   |   |  |   |  |
|-------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|
|             | <b>Programme</b>   |   |   |  |   |  |
| 1           | Lynnwood to Ballinteer                                   |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 2           | Loreto Park  | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 3           | Mount Anville Road at Deerpark                           |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 4           | Castlebyrne Park   |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 5           | Mt Albany Estate   | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 6           | Coolevin   |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
| 7           | Cloister Estate  | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 8           | O'Rourke Park  |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 9           | Laneway from Gleann na Smól to Stradbroom Road (part of) | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
|             |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| <b>CMP</b>  | <b>Cycleway Maintenance Programme</b>                    |   |   |  |   |  |
| 1           | Brehonfield Road   | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 2           | Churchtown Road Upper                                    | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 3           | Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jct)     | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 4           | Baker's Corner's junction                                | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
|             |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| <b>EMP</b>  | <b>Estate Management Programme</b>                       |   |   |  |   |  |
| 1           | Locations TBC  | ✓ |   |  |   |  |
| 2           | Rathsallagh Estate                                       |   | ✓ |  |   |  |
|             |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| <b>TICP</b> | <b>Taking in Charge Programme*</b>                       |   |   |  |   |  |

|   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| 1   | The Rise Mount Merrion                       | ✓ |   |  |  |  |
| 2   | Redesdale estate - certain laneways          | ✓ |   |  |  |  |
| 5   | Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway            |   | ✓ |  |  |  |
| <p><i>*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.</i></p> |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| <b>RCRP</b>   | <b>Roads Control Reinstatement Programme</b> |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1   | Proby Square (South)                         | ✓ |   |  |  |  |
| 2   | Marine Court and assoc. Laneways             |   | ✓ |  |  |  |
| 3   | Devitt Villas                                | ✓ |   |  |  |  |

## 2. Traffic & Road Safety

|   | Preliminary Design Stage | Public Consultation | Detailed Design Stage | Tendered | On site | Complete | Comment  |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|----------|--|
| <b>NTA Schemes</b>                                      |                          |                     |                       |          |         |          |  |
| N11 Brewery Road Safety Improvement Scheme              |                          |                     | ✓                     |          |         |          | Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation A site investigation was carried out in August 2020 |
| Sandyford Cycle Route (Drummartin Link Road / Rotary)   |                          |                     |                       |          | ✓       |          | Works recommenced on 18 May, 2020 and are progressing well   |
| Sandyford Cycle Route (UCD to Clonskeagh) Phase 3       | ✓                        |                     |                       |          |         |          | Design is ongoing by CSEA. Public Consultation was held between July 3 to August 14, 2020          |
| Stillorgan Road Cycle Route (UCD accessibility at Nova) |                          |                     |                       |          | ✓       |          | Works recommenced on 18 May, 2020 and are progressing well   |

|  |   |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| Sandyford Business District walking and cycling improvements     | ✓ |  |   |  |  |   | Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation on three routes in the Sandyford Business District; Carmanhall Road, Blackthorn Road and Burton Hall Road. |
| Stillorgan Park Road cycle schemes                               |   |  | ✓ |  |  |   | Consultant CSEA appointed to carry out the detailed design work of the scheme.  |
| Wyattville Road Cycle route – Stage 2                            | ✓ |  |   |  |  |   | Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation. Public Consultation was held between July 20 to August 20, 2020   |
| Brides Glen Greenway   | ✓ |  |   |  |  |   | Consultancy tenders received  |
| East Coast Trail (Merrion Gates to Seapoint)                     | ✓ |  |   |  |  |   | Review underway in the context of the coastal cycle route   |
| Nutgrove Avenue Cycle Route                                      |   |  |   |  |  | ✓ | Cycle improvements on Nutgrove Avenue from the Bottle Tower to the church currently being carried out.  |
| Dodder Greenway  | ✓ |  |   |  |  |   | Work on the design of preferred option is being progressed by DCC   |
| Cycle Parking  |   |  |   |  |  | ✓ | 150 cycle stands installed in 2020 (Jul/Aug cycle stands in Dun Laoghaire, Blackrock, Dundrum, Sandyford Road, Sandycove)                                 |
| Protected cycle routes Benildus Avenue                           |   |  |   |  |  | ✓ | Works completed in August 2020  |
| Protected cycle routes Goatstown Road                            |   |  |   |  |  | ✓ | Works to be completed in September 2020   |
| Cherrywood Cycle Links   | ✓ |  |   |  |  |   | Design report to be finalised   |
| Walkability Audits   | ✓ |  |   |  |  |   | Works to be carried out at 3 locations to improve facilities for pedestrians  |
| <b>Non-NTA Cycle Schemes</b>                                     |   |  |   |  |  |   |   |
| Cruagh Wood Greenway – Ballyogan Road to Cruagh Wood             |   |  |   |  |  | ✓ | Construction completed. Awaiting agreement with landowners to open Greenway   |
| <b>Covid19 cycle Temporary Schemes</b>                           |   |  |   |  |  |   |   |
| Blackrock to Sandycove Coastal cycle route - two way-cycle track |   |  |   |  |  | ✓ | Works ongoing   |
| Carysfort Avenue - two way-cycle track                           |   |  |   |  |  | ✓ | Works substantially complete  |
| Newtownpark Avenue cycle track on both sides                     |   |  |   |  |  | ✓ | Works ongoing   |

|   |  |  |  |  |  |   |                              |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|------------------------------|
| Cross Avenue , Blackrock, cycle track on one side   |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete               |
| Blackrock Village Improvement Scheme with contra flow cycle route                                   |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ | Works substantially complete |
| Dundrum Village Improvement Scheme with contra flow cycle route and new cycle track on Dundrum Road |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ | Works ongoing                |
| Dalkey Village Improvement Scheme   |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ | Works ongoing                |
| Glasthule Village Improvement Scheme  |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ | Works ongoing                |
| Roebuck Road cycle lane protection near St Killian's German School                                  |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ | Works substantially complete |
| Enniskerry Road cycle lane protection near St Marys National school                                 |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete               |

### Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

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

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

### Foxrock Village Improvements

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

### Carysfort Avenue Pedestrian Signals

Construction was completed in August 2020.

### Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

The 82 Schools Wardens underwent mandatory training for Covid 19 return to work. Hi -Viz vests and road safety promotional materials provided to Dundrum Library for National BEEP BEEP day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.

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

### TAG

TAG meeting for Dundrum held on June 30<sup>th</sup> and there were 19 Items dealt with.

TAG meeting for Dun Laoghaire held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2020 and there were 34 Items dealt with.

### Deputations

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

### **Cycling**

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

### **BusConnects Dublin Update**

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

## **3. Water & Drainage**

### **Drainage and Flood Alleviation**

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

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

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

Tenders have been received for Contractors to construct the new screen/flood storage structure in Kilbogget Park. These are currently being assessed. It is planned to award in July subject to approval by the OPW/Project Governance Board. An advance contract was tendered in February to control Invasive Species on the site of the proposed works. This advance contract is now complete.

Tenders have been received for Engineering and Environmental Consultants for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. These have been assessed and a consultant has been identified as being the most economically advantageous tenderer. An award letter will issue following OPW and internal approvals. Drainage Section is working closely with the OPW as they commence the update process of the published flood maps as required by the EU Floods Directive.

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

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

### **Draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs)**

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

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

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

## 4. Parks

### **Parks & Landscaping Service:**

- West County essential tree works tendered
- Dogs off leash opened in Kilbogget Park.
- Landscape maintenance - Ongoing
- Loreto Park –new playground opened to public
- Cabinteely Park – some playground upgrade and replacement work carried out
- Seat installed in Beaufield Park
- Direct labour tree works ongoing
- Renovation works to the bank in front of Fernhill implemented in preparation for replacement planting of Rhododendrons
- COVID-19 protocols for staff being implemented
- Due to the large volumes of people in parks currently, there is a significant increase in litter to be picked up and bins to be emptied.
- Ground works for Fernhill running track and car park complete, works to entrance of Rosemont School complete
- Hudson Road – planting of picnic area implemented
- Colaiste Eoin – works ongoing to new pitch
- Blackthorn Park – ball stop netting installed
- Peoples Park- new gates and stonework at Parks Depot area completed

### **Biodiversity**

- Biodiversity Event for July was cancelled due to COVID-19
- Green Infrastructure meeting with UCD - DLR green roofs and Cherrywood green initiatives that can be studied by UCD in terms of performance for biodiversity and water retention/quality.
- Nature Based Solutions meeting with Trinity regarding a study of NBS in local authorities
- Natural Capital meeting with INCASE project ongoing
- Dalkey Island meeting with the boatman to further our visitor management actions. Development of signs to prohibit drones over Dalkey Island
- Biosphere meeting with DCC and FCC to further develop objectives of the Biosphere Education Strategy
- Meetings with residents in relation to the creation of pollinator areas.
- Dalkey Island Infographic now completed
- Dalkey Island BWI continue to monitor protection measures on island for the nesting terns
- Review of County Habitat Mapping and Ecosystems Services will continue until September.
- Review of County Hedgerow Mapping and Ecosystem Services delayed due to Covid. Will be completed by October.

## Heritage

- New Heritage Officer, Deirdre Black, in place – internal and external consultation and policy/communications review underway
- Annual Heritage Plan funding application submitted to Heritage Council for a number of outstanding 2013-2019 Heritage Plan actions
- National Heritage Officer network remote training and development workshops
- Commenced 2020 review of Carrickmines Castle Conservation Plan 2015-2025 and co-ordinated on site meeting with TII archaeologist and Council staff
- Distribution of 400+ *Gardening for Biodiversity* booklets to individuals, community groups and organisations
- Self-guided “*heritage at home*” virtual tours developed for Marlay House, Cabinteely House, the National Maritime Museum and the Oratory – promoted on social media/website
- Strategic review of DLR-owned heritage resource commenced - properties, artefacts and archives
- Internal and inter-agency liaison in relation to heritage and Cherrywood SDZ
- Devised solutions for a damaged wall and unsafe trees at the Oratory and damage to a wall at Carrickbrennan graveyard (in consultation with National Monuments Service)
- Expenditure and budget reviews

## CoCo Markets

The markets reopened on the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July. During the month of July, we received 11 applications (7 permanent and 4 seasonal (3 Summer & 1 Christmas seasonal)). These applications fell under the following categories: 7 permanent applications: 1 Hot Food & 1 Non-Food/Craft for Marlay Park; 1 Artist; 1 Non-Food/Craft; 2 Hot Food and 1 Other Food for Dún Laoghaire. 4 seasonal applications: 3 summer 1 Non-Food/Craft for Marlay Park; 1 Other Food and 1 Non-Food/Craft for Dún Laoghaire and 1 Christmas 1 Non-food/Craft application Dún Laoghaire

## Sports Development

### dlr Leisure:

- Helped the sports partnership in their mini-camp on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July
- Arranged meeting with Carmon services to start their archery programme in September
- Booked in 6 groups to start in August for the month
- Advertised our services on schools.ie
- Updated our social media platform
- Full report on how activities went will be included in August report

### Leinster Rugby:

- Leinster Rugby BOI Summer Camps started back on July 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 & will run for 5 weeks. The venues of the camps are across Leinster, working on a limited basis of 48 players per camp when hosted in a rugby club & 32 players per camp in Donnybrook. The Donnybrook camps are being run weekly. The groups are U8, U10 & U12. There are 2 coaches per group of 16 which is further broken down into 1 coach per 8 players. The groups in Donnybrook rotate on a weekly basis, for example, week 1 U10 & U12, week 2 U8 & U10 etc. The camps in the rugby clubs, the groups are always U8, U10 & U12 with 16 players in each group broken into groups of 8 per coach etc. There will be only one camp in DLRCC this year which is hosted in Blackrock College RFC.

- Leinster Rugby supported the DLR Sports Partnership taster sessions hosted in Ballyogan on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July with WDO Emily McKeown running the session & there were 6 girls in attendance.
- 5 of the DLRCC clubs have started back on the "Return to Rugby" & all submitted extensive safety plans to make sure the players are safe to train. No mini or youth teams have gone back training as of yet but DLSP FC will have training starting again for those sections on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2020. The other clubs are happy to wait longer to start back training but they will all be back in action under the safety plans of their clubs by the end of August or start of September 2020.
- Leinster Rugby staff in DLRCC are hosting meetings to review goals further & adjust where required. 3 have taken place so far with them being completed by the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2020. The purpose of the meetings is to follow up on "The Challenge" meetings that took place in April 2020. Detailed emails will be sent to each club on the plans for 2020/21.
- Leinster Rugby coaching course are being adjusted so that we take full use of the new IRFU GainLine system & host as much as we can online hosting only practical sessions in a limited capacity.
- Leinster Rugby age grade teams are back training in a limited capacity & delighted to say WDO Emily McKeown is part of the Metro Female Development U18s & also the Leinster Rugby Female U18s teams. Emily is working one evening a week with each group.
- Blackrock College RFC are hosting the IRFU "Give It A Try" for female rugby again this year & the program starts on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.
- Leinster Rugby community staff are working on creating new game development content for the school teachers with a focus on increasing the number of teachers coaching tag rugby to their classes but to increase the sports offered to the students.

#### **FAI:**

- Club Audit – continue to work with the 19 junior clubs to complete their FAI Child Welfare/Safeguarding requirements.
- Summer Soccer Schools – Have managed two camps at Wayside Celtic and St Mary's FC. Over 100 children took part. Managed all COVID-19 protocols and requirements in partnership with the clubs, assisting colleagues in Wicklow and Dublin with their camps.
- Continue to participate in FAI working groups evaluating FAI programmes and recommending changes. Team meetings on a weekly basis.
- Coach Education – Answered queries from clubs on Coach Education plans.
- Girls Emerging Talent – Currently planning return for the South Dublin Girls ETP at Stepside.

#### **Leinster Cricket:**

- Currently inspecting clubs during return to play to ensure all safety protocols are being observed.
- District cup u11 competition completed With DLR side recording two wins and a draw to share cup.
- U13 Girls Fifty ball League competition completed DLR side recorded two wins from 4 matches.
- We are currently talking to schools in the area with the view to providing as much cricket as possible.
- "How to play cricket" video in final stages of editing and licensing. We should be able to distribute to teachers, schools, parents and clubs during September.

- Provided a “taster session” at Ballyogan resource centre.

### **Sports Partnership:**

- Sports Taster Camp held in the Ballyogan Sports and Activity Hub with the Family Resource Centre and dlr Leisure.
- 3rd Couch To 2K programme complete with a total of 450 participants.
- A Couch To 5K programme ongoing to progress participants activity (160 participants).
- Involved in the development of a Covid-19 Protocols & Procedures document for all Local Sports Partnerships to be used in rolling out all programmes and events.
- Started roll out of an Eco Walks programme targeting cocooners in collaboration with the Libraries Dept. – weekly guided walks in local parks.
- Outdoor Athletics programme with Open Spectrum for teenagers on the Autism Spectrum.
- Volunteer training – promoting awareness and participation in Sport Ireland COVID-19 readiness for clubs. Also working with Sport Ireland to provide the child Safeguarding training in an online platform.
- Continuing a positive social media campaign around opportunities and ideas to be active in your local area.
- Steering Group meeting of Ballyogan Sports Hub held to build on multi-agency work to increase activity among local young people.
- Details finalised for the Sports Partnerships Club Participation Grants Scheme (Sport Ireland fund of €25,000 available) that will be administered in line with the Councils annual grants programme. Projects targeting women in sport, people with a disability and volunteer training will be supported.
- Working with the Parks Dept. to roll out the Map My Park project funded through Healthy Ireland.

## **5. Roads Control Unit July 2020**

### **Reinstatement works**

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out permanent reinstatements on behalf of Water Services Section as agreed under the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water, 272no. locations were inspected and reinstated between 1st January and 31st July 2020.

### **Restoration works**

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

## 6. Cleansing Section Information & Statistics

### Cleansing & Beaches Section Statistics: January 2020 – June 2020

| Cleansing & Beaches Stats                                 | January 2020 | February 2020 | March 2020 | April 2020 | May 2020 | June 2020 |
|---|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes) | 349          | 194           | 223        | 201        | 198      | 253       |
| Clean-Ups Assisted  | 50           | 42            | 44         | 20         | 38       | 43        |
| Animal Removals from Public Spaces                        | 29           | 21            | 16         | 6          | 23       | 12        |
| Bathing Water Samples Taken                               | 5            | 9             | 10         | 0          | 9        | 46        |
| Gullies Cleaned   | 1474         | 1277          | 368        | 685        | 1149     | 1779      |
| Dumping Incidents Managed                                 | 76           | 63            | 81         | 64         | 87       | 99        |
| Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected                | 0            | 0             | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0         |
| Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water | 7            | 35            | 1          | 0          | 0        | 8         |
| Street Bin Collections                                    | 3259         | 3141          | 3271       | 3108       | 4043     | 4253      |

\* Statistics available up to the end of June 2020.

### Cleansing & Beaches Project Updates – July 2020

- Cleansing works on the N11 (*gully cleaning, road sweeping and weed control*) commenced in July and are ongoing. Cleansing works on the Wyatville Road will be progressed after the N11 works.
- A digital screen installation at Killiney beach was completed in July. The final connection and display will be established in the coming weeks.
- Lifeguards continue at designated bathing areas as part of the bathing season.
- The Dun Laoghaire Town Centre Deep Clean initiative is currently in progress consisting of power hosing footpaths, street sweeping, weeding and gully cleaning works. Works will progress to other town and village locations upon completion of Dun Laoghaire.
- The 2020 weeding programme commenced in July with the appointment of a specialist subcontractor to carry out weeding in priority locations throughout the county.

## 7. Relevant Statistics

There were 2772 fixed charge notices/fines issued in July 2020 a breakdown of which is as follows:

| <b><u>Violation</u></b>   | <b><u>No. of Tickets issued</u></b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations                 | 1314                                |
| Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay  | 343                                 |
| Parking a vehicle on a footway  | 261                                 |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations                             | 246                                 |
| Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line            | 116                                 |
| Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line   | 113                                 |
| Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay  | 55                                  |
| Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand   | 49                                  |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations               | 48                                  |
| OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT  | 41                                  |
| Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins  | 26                                  |
| Parking a vehicle on a cycle track  | 26                                  |
| Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited   | 22                                  |
| Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time                                      | 21                                  |
| Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway   | 16                                  |
| Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction  | 14                                  |
| Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop  | 13                                  |
| OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT  | 11                                  |
| Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles   | 11                                  |
| Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay  | 6                                   |
| Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side | 4                                   |
| Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place   | 3                                   |
| Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic  | 3                                   |

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Parking a vehicle on a grass margin                          | 3           |
| Parking a vehicle in a bus lane/street                       | 2           |
| Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay                            | 2           |
| Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging | 1           |
| OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT                             | 1           |
| Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic                  | 1           |
| <b>Total No. of tickets issued in July 2020</b>              | <b>2772</b> |

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

### Public Lighting

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

### Public Lighting Maintenance

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Number of repairs carried out in July 2020:       | 416  |
| Percentage of lights out at the end of July 2020: | 0.5% |
| Pole replacement carried out in July 2020:        | 21   |
| Bracket replacements:                             | 475  |
| Tree trimming:                                    | 23   |
| ESBN Connections/ Requests:                       | 2    |
| LED Upgrades                                      | 331  |

### LED Upgrading Program

A list of these can be found on [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie)

### Planning and Building Control

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Applications analysed | 31 |
| Inspections completed | 1  |

### Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Additions:      | 0 |
| Alterations:    | 6 |
| Legal requests: | 2 |

### Road Opening Licences July 2020

| Road Opening Licences received in July 2020 via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System |     |
|--|-----|
| Application submitted  | 201 |
| Application Granted  | 138 |

### Road Closures, Street Furniture, event signage and filming applications

In August there were:

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

## 8. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

### COVID-19 Measures

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

### Harbour Activities:

- The Marina has reopened fully to boat owners.
- The Yacht Club dining rooms have reopened in line with Government guidelines for restraints.
- Sailing schools have reopened on a limited basis with social distancing measures in place.
- The Panoramic Wheel was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.
- A group of Marine Artists have been displaying their works at various weekends during July at the veranda at the base of the Carlisle Pier. This has been a success, particularly in conjunction with the more dispersed Market on Sundays.

### Filming

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

### Real Estate Negotiations

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

### Ferry Terminal

Planning Permission was granted for the ferry terminal project on the 7th February 2020. A planning appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála and is currently being determined. A

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

### **Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies**

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

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

Arising from the restrictions introduced to stem the spread of Covid-19, the Council has been unable to progress this campaign. In agreement with the consultants, the project has been paused until the restrictions and protocols around social distancing have been lifted.

### **Social Media Platforms**

Twitter – 4,399 followers

Facebook – 2,457 followers



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## Finance and Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

| <b>Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date</b> |  |   |
|--|--|---|
|  | <b>Total approved<br/>Jan - Jul 2020</b> | <b>Enterprise Ireland<br/>target to July 2020</b> |
| Feasibility Study                                      | 11                                       | 8   |
| Business Priming                                       | 7  | 9   |
| Business Expansion                                     | 10                                       | 6   |
| Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters               | 12                                       | 11  |
| Trading Online Vouchers <sup>1</sup>                   | 266                                      | 29  |
| Microfinance Ireland                                   | 11                                       | 11  |
| Business Continuity Vouchers <sup>2</sup>              | 335                                      | N/A   |
| <b>Total Approvals</b>                                 | <b>652</b>                               |   |

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

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

| <b>Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance</b> |                      |
|--|----------------------|
|  | <b>Jan-July 2020</b> |
| No of jobs created   | 32.5                 |

### Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2020

|   | <b>Total Jan-July<br/>2020</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Clients approved for Financial Assistance                       | 652                            |
| Clients attending Networking Events                             | 454                            |
| Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars | 3729                           |
| Clients commencing mentoring assignments                        | 141                            |
| Clients attending Business Advice clinics                       | 235                            |
| <b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>                             | <b>5211</b>                    |

### DLR Economic Development Supports

|                                   | <b>Total Jan-July<br/>2020</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme | 1                              |
| Shop Front Improvement Scheme     | 7                              |
| Business Promotion Grants         | 6                              |

### Enterprise Promotion activities in July 2020

|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| One-to-One Business Advice Sessions | Remote Sessions throughout July |
| Enterprising Women Network Webinar  | July 21 <sup>st</sup> 2020      |
| Mentor Meeting                      | July 24 <sup>th</sup> 2020      |

### Tourism Development

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

#### DLR Tourist Kiosk

The DLR Tourist Kiosk reopened the information service in July.

#### Tourism Friendly Cities Network

Following a meeting of the Dún Laoghaire project Committee (ULG) a series on individual meetings to discuss the project and plan the next steps took place in July.

#### Destination Towns Fund "Dún Laoghaire"

The public procurement process for the contracting of the 3D lighting element of the Destination Town project was advertised on etenders in July. Contractor to be appointed in August.

#### Dún Laoghaire Town Team

A presentation was given to the Town Team highlighting the tourism projects currently under development in the Town and exploring opportunities for collaboration.

#### New Failte Ireland Shared Facilities Scheme opportunity

We are exploring the opportunity to develop a new Water Sports Shared facility in Dun Laoghaire in collaboration with Failte Ireland.

#### Tourism Promotion

In July, FM 104 and Failte Ireland filmed tourism promotional videos in DLR for an upcoming radio and social media campaign.

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

#### DLR Tourism Social Media analysis July:

| Social Media Analysis July 2020 |                 |                     |             |             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Facebook                        | No of followers | No of New followers | no of posts | Impressions |
| dlr Tourism                     | 5,304           | 90                  | 13          | 117,757     |
| Twitter                         | No of followers | No of New followers | no of posts | Impressions |
| dlr Tourism                     | 2,943           | 51                  | 28          | 27,000      |

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2020**

| SERVICE DIVISION   | Balance at<br>01/01/2020<br>€ | Expenditure<br>YTD<br>€ | Income<br>YTD<br>€ | Balance at<br>30/06/2020<br>€ |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>                        | -11,150,942                   | 13,051,634              | -10,737,330        | -8,836,637                    |
| <b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>                   | -9,485,702                    | 2,081,549               | -1,523,721         | -8,927,874                    |
| <b>C Total Water Services</b>                                | -3,339,681                    | 232,101                 | -48,669            | -3,156,249                    |
| <b>D Total Development Management</b>                        | -58,562,198                   | 5,571,602               | -6,492,023         | -59,482,619                   |
| <b>E Total Environmental Services</b>                        | -8,557,016                    | 33,133                  | -285,350           | -8,809,232                    |
| <b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>                      | -14,795,623                   | 3,709,645               | -2,994,410         | -14,080,388                   |
| <b>G Total Agriculture, Education,<br/>Health&amp;Safety</b> | -4,029,685                    | 83,632                  | 0                  | -3,946,053                    |
| <b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>                        | -37,024,959                   | 1,649,624               | -3,239,180         | -38,614,515                   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>-146,945,806</b>           | <b>26,412,920</b>       | <b>-25,320,682</b> | <b>-145,853,568</b>           |

**SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/06/2020**

|              | Balance at<br>01/01/2020<br>€ | Balance at<br>30/06/2020<br>€ | Arrears from<br>current year<br>debit | Arrears >1<br>year |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>RATES</b> | <b>14,468,049</b>             | <b>67,780,327</b>             | <b>54,581,964</b>                     | <b>13,198,363</b>  |

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

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2020**  
50.00%

| SERVICE DIVISION         |  | EXPENDITURE       |                                  |                       |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                          |  | Expenditure<br>€  | Adopted Full<br>Year Budget<br>€ | Exp as % of<br>Budget |
| A                        | Housing & Building                       | 23,818,857        | 49,324,900                       | 48.29%                |
| B                        | Road Transport & Safety                  | 14,381,749        | 30,748,700                       | 46.77%                |
| C                        | Water Services                           | 5,883,886         | 12,388,600                       | 47.49%                |
| D                        | Development Management                   | 12,038,552        | 21,872,800                       | 55.04%                |
| E                        | Environmental Services                   | 14,813,051        | 30,671,800                       | 48.30%                |
| F                        | Recreation & Amenity                     | 15,716,483        | 34,532,100                       | 45.51%                |
| G                        | Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 3,239,177         | 4,748,900                        | 68.21%                |
| H                        | Miscellaneous Services                   | 6,693,025         | 8,207,900                        | 81.54%                |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> |  | <b>96,584,780</b> | <b>192,495,700</b>               | <b>50.18%</b>         |

| SERVICE DIVISION |  | INCOME            |                                  |                       |
|------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                  |  | Income<br>€       | Adopted Full<br>year Budget<br>€ | Inc as % of<br>Budget |
| A                | Housing & Building                       | 20,839,457        | 42,936,600                       | 48.54%                |
| B                | Road Transport & Safety                  | 5,379,373         | 13,492,400                       | 39.87%                |
| C                | Water Services                           | 4,228,467         | 8,557,300                        | 49.41%                |
| D                | Development Management                   | 4,385,154         | 5,360,400                        | 81.81%                |
| E                | Environmental Services                   | 2,862,076         | 5,627,200                        | 50.86%                |
| F                | Recreation & Amenity                     | 2,550,432         | 5,551,400                        | 45.94%                |
| G                | Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 2,415,323         | 3,934,400                        | 61.39%                |
| H                | Miscellaneous Services                   | 3,322,344         | 6,617,300                        | 50.21%                |
| <b>Sub Total</b> |  | <b>45,982,626</b> | <b>92,077,000</b>                | <b>49.94%</b>         |

|                     |                    |                   |                    |               |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| LPT                 | Local Property Tax | 5,434,752         | 10,869,500         | 50.00%        |
| RA                  | Rates              | 44,580,662        | 89,549,200         | 49.78%        |
| <b>Total Income</b> |                    | <b>95,998,040</b> | <b>192,495,700</b> | <b>49.87%</b> |

**Deficit as 30/06/2020** €586,740

### Planning Applications – monthly statistics

|   | Outline Permission | Permission | Total |
|---|--------------------|------------|-------|
| New application Received*   | 0                  | 123        | 123   |
| Decision Deferred   | 0                  | 87         | 87    |
| Decision to Grant**   | 0                  | 119        | 119   |
| Decision to Refuse**  | 0                  | 27         | 27    |
| Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks<br>(Includes the freeze period) | 0                  | 111        | 111   |
| Invalid Applications  | 0                  | 15         | 15    |

\*Includes 13 Applications for Retention

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

1 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

### Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

| Case No     | Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development  | Date Application Received | Last Day for Submissions/ Observations | Application Website                       | Due to be decided by ABP |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| ABP30750620 | Heronvale Developments Ltd<br>Lands at Shaldon Grange (a protected structure), Kiltiernan, Dublin 18<br>130 no. residential units (55 no. houses, 75 no. apartments) and associated site works.  | 08/07/2020                | 11/08/20                               | www.landsatshaldongrangekiltiernanshd.com | 27/10/20                 |
| ABP30754520 | Walled Orchard GP3 Limited<br>Walled Garden, Gort Muire, Dundrum, Dublin 14<br>Modifications to previous permitted ABP-304590-19 to provide an additional storey on each of the 4 no. permitted blocks to provide a total of 26 no. additional apartments and associated site works.                               | 13/07/2020                | 17/08/20                               | www.walledgardenshd2.ie                   | 02/11/20                 |
| ABP30768320 | Greenacres GP3 Limited<br>Green Acres<br>Convent, Drumahill House and the Long Acre, Upper Kilmacud Road, Dundrum, Dublin 14<br>Provision of 54 no. additional apartments on previously permitted development of 253 no. apartments under ABP-304469-19, increase in childcare facility and associated site works. | 24/07/2020                | 27/08/20                               | www.greenacresshd2.ie                     | 12/11/20                 |

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

**Planning Counter Figures 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July**

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Customers Served | 318 |
|------------------|-----|

\*The public counter re-opened to the public on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> May to facilitate the viewing of live planning applications by appointment.

**Building Control**

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Fire Safety Certs applications received      | 5  |
| Regularisation Certs                         | 0  |
| Revised Fire Safety Certs                    | 1  |
| Fire Safety Certs applications Granted       | 14 |
| Fire Safety Certs applications Refused       | 1  |
| Disability Access Cert Applications Received | 11 |
| Disability Access Cert Applications Granted  | 18 |
| Commencement Notices Validated               | 66 |
| 7 Day Notices received                       | 1  |
| Completion Certs Validated                   | 20 |



Comhairle Contae County Council

## Infrastructure and Climate Change

### Environmental Enforcement

Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act): 0 (included below)

Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines: 0 (included below)

Legal proceedings initiated: 0

Statutory notices issued by Environmental Enforcement:

LPA Warning notices: 2

Waste Warning notices: 0

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 42

Complaints closed 44

### Litter

| July 2020  | Number | Comment        |
|--|--------|----------------|
| Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws) | 100    |                |
| Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines               | 4      | Waste Bye-laws |
| Legal proceedings initiated                                | 7      |                |
| Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)                              | 246    | Litter Section |
| Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)                              | 266    | Litter Section |

## Architects

Energy Assessment Reports for County Hall, Harbour Square, dlr LexIcon and Ballyogan Operations Centre were completed. The Energy Assessments and Initial Appraisal reports were 50% funded by SEAI.

### Dangerous Buildings: July 2020

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Dangerous             | 0 |
| Potentially Dangerous | 4 |
| Not Dangerous         | 2 |
| Total                 | 6 |

## Community and Cultural Development

### **Dlr Comhailre na nÓg**

Dlr Comhairle na nÓg meetings have continued in an online format with discussions taking place around the Comhairle 5-year plan.

### **The Local and Community Development Committee**

The LCDC met on the 1<sup>st</sup> July in support of developing, co-ordinating and implementing an integrated approach to local and community development. The meeting included a presentation on DLR COVID-19 response and also an update on SICAP. Healthy Ireland Steering Group met on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **Community Facilities**

Community Staff continued to work with the Managers and Board of Management of Community Facilities to support them in the process of preparing Community Facilities for re-opening. A covid policy and template pack was provided to all centre managers to assist them with the process. We arranged Covid Compliance training for managers and board members from over 20 centres as well as for all the CE supervisors.

17 Community Centres in total opened across the county during the month operating under comprehensive policies, procedures and protocols in line with public health advice. All centres continued to facilitate access to office space for Crosscare Youth Workers.

Over 90 CE participants took part in a comprehensive Covid Safety Presentation to prepare them to return to the workplace safely.

### **Community Health and Wellbeing Initiatives**

#### **Community**

The Community team continued to promote the Flag to Sea event. We started to receive flags from members of the public with images capturing their experience of the covid crisis. The launch date has been delayed due to continued concerns relating to Covid.

#### **Estate Management**

The Estate Management groups have continued to meet online to stay connected and to discuss plans of work for the year ahead once restrictions lift.

#### **Age Friendly Alliance**

The Age Friendly Alliance met on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **COVID-19 Community Call Helpline**

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

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 3570 calls since it commenced on 30 March with a reduction to over 50 calls during the month of July.
- Issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- The Community Response Forum is meeting on a monthly basis at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19

### **The Family Support forum met on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July.**

### **The Health and Wellbeing Forum met on 2 occasions**

#### **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.

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

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

The groups who have received support from this fund are:

10th Kilternan Scout Group  
Acquired Brain injury Ireland  
Airfield Estate  
Balally Family Resource Centre  
Ballinteer Isolation Support  
Ballinteer St.John's GAA Club  
Ballyogan Family Resource Centre  
Barnardo's  
COPD Support Ireland  
Crosscare  
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Outreach Project  
Enable Ireland  
Focus Ireland  
Hillview Resource Centre

Holly House Community Resource Centre  
Making Connections  
Mercy Law  
Multiple Sclerosis Ireland South Dublin branch  
Muslim Sisters of Eire  
My Project - minding you  
Nutgrove & Loreto Community Association  
Patrician Residents Association  
Purple House Cancer Support  
Rosemount Community Group  
Rosepark Independent Living  
Serve the City  
Southside Partnership  
Southside Travellers Action Group  
St.Columbanus National School

## **Cultural Development**

### **Arts**

#### **Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon**

The Gallery reopened with the exhibition *Our Colours*, artworks from the dlr County Collection. Many of the artists represented in this exhibition have connections to the County, living or coming from here. The Collection includes works purchased from younger artists, recent graduates and from degree shows. Work by Imogen Stuart, Carey Clarke, Maeve McCarthy, Lee Welch, Paul Hallahan, Fiona Hackett, Clifford Collie, Alison Kay and Kate MacDonagh, amongst others, were on show.

#### **Musicians in Residence**

Dave Flynn, the first musician in residence for 2020, continued his online residency. Weekly videos from Dave about his composition progress and influences are posted on the website and via social media. The scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/music/dave-flynn-musician-residence-2020>

#### **Creative Packs for children and young people**

As part of Cruinniú na nÓg 2020 dlr Arts Office distributed Creative Packs of art materials during June and July to community organisations and services in the County working with disadvantaged children and young people. Packs were delivered to the following: Rosemount Family Resource Centre, Southside Travellers Action Group, Monkstown Family Hub, Blackrock Family Hub, Ballyogan Family Resource Centre, Holly House Community Centre, Patrician Villas, Sallynoggin and Hillview Family Resource Centre.

### **Online Art Challenges**

During July dlr Arts Office continued the online Art Challenges. Children were asked to create masks, portraits, reimagine rainbows and to decorate their windows and to share their endeavours with the Arts Office. Art and Hobby Shop vouchers were awarded as spot prizes for this popular online project. Images of the childrens work were shared on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. The spot prizes were funded by Creative Ireland as part of Cruinniú na nÓg 2020.

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

### **Libraries**

From Monday 29 June, the following dlr Library spaces re-opened to the public: Blackrock, Cabinteely, Dalkey, Deansgrange, dlr LexIcon, Dundrum and Stillorgan. Shankill Library re-opened on Monday 20 July.

This was a gradual return to library services, bearing current public health guidance in mind. Based on the most recent health advice, visitors to our libraries are now requested to wear face coverings. Library services offered include a return to normal staffed opening hours, a quick browsing service, quick internet access, contactless printing & photocopying, self-service issue & return of library items and contactless self-checkout of library items using the dlr Libraries App. On 17 July, the national reserves system was re-activated allowing the public to once again reserve items from any public library authority in the country for free. Sunday opening returned in dlr LexIcon on 19 July with Level 3 open from 12pm-4pm. The Sunday re-opening ties in with the relocation of the CoCo market to Queen's Road and Moran Park at this time.

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

### **Community Call Book Drop**

Library staff continue to deal with requests received for the Bag a Book Contact & Collect service in addition to calls to the Book Drop phone line. The number of requests to both services has steadily decreased since the re-opening of all library spaces.

### **dlr Libraries Online**

We continue to adapt our usual events programme to an online environment where possible to offer a hybrid physical and online service to our users. This includes social media posts promoting local and national well-being initiatives and keeping our users abreast of how local authority services are gradually re-opening and how they may have changed over the past six months.

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

## Events for Adults

### Guided Eco-Therapy walks

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

Dates & Venues

20 July: Killiney Hill Park

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

14 September: Dún Laoghaire Pier

### Online Book Club

The popular online book club met on Wednesday 29 July at 7.30pm via Zoom to discuss the title *Prayers for the Stolen* by Jennifer Clement. The club is growing in popularity and will continue to meet virtually from September to November, taking a break in December. Physical copies of the chosen titles for discussion are available for collection in advance from dlr LexIcon with some titles also available online on our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

### Regular events for adults

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

### Exhibition Programme

On 15 July Cathaoirleach Cllr. Una Power launched 3 physical exhibitions in dlr LexIcon:

#### Sami Kero's Ice Holes

##### 14 July – 31 August 2020 Level 3, dlr LexIcon

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

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

##### 14 July – 31 August 2020 Level 3, dlr LexIcon

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

#### Press Photographers Association of Ireland Exhibition 2020

##### 15 July – 31 August 2020 Level 4, dlr LexIcon

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

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

## Events for Children

### Online Storytime

Our daily online storytime sessions took a break in July and will return in August as part of the ongoing Summer Stars programme.

### Summer Stars 2020

Children from DLR continue to register for Summer Stars the national reading programme. Parents can register their children in person or via phone or email to their local library. Any child who fills in a reading card gets entered into the draw for various prizes. The Programme runs until the end of August.

### Summer Stars Online club

As we cannot yet hold physical events for children in-branch, we're running the Summer Stars Online Club for 6 weeks from Saturday 25 July. The Club, online via Zoom, will feature workshop sessions with some of our favourite children's writers and illustrators, including Sarah Webb, Alan Nolan, Sadhbh Devlin, Shane Hegarty, Sharna Jackson and Dave Rudden. The workshops will encourage leisure reading, creative writing, illustration and design.

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

### Summer Art competition: Online exhibition

We were so impressed with all the entries in our recent Summer Art Competition for children that we just had to put them all together in an online exhibition to share with everyone. The theme of the competition was 'Summertime is for...'

The winners were announced at the beginning of July. Their entries can be viewed here: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/winning-entries-art-competition-children-2020>

To see all the entries, please visit: <https://sway.office.com/x5iLpch6xDhTJi6i?ref=email>

### Lego Competition 2020

Children and adults are invited to participate in dlr Libraries Lego Competition 2020, a perfect project to work on over the summer months. This year's theme is: '*Design your ideal outer space world using Lego*'. We have several age categories and team builds are also accepted, so buddy up with a sibling or family member. As in previous years, we hope to display all the Lego builds we receive in dlr LexIcon in the autumn. All submissions to be brought to dlr LexIcon on 16 September, where they will remain on display following the judging process.

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

### Further info:

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

**Statistics**

**Social media (July 2020)**

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Facebook                 | 6,313 followers   |
| Twitter                  | 7,842 followers   |
| Instagram                | 2,443 followers   |
| dlr Libraries e-bulletin | 6,316 subscribers |

**Online resources (July 2020)**

| Resource     | Description             | Checkouts<br>July 2020 |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Overdrive    | e-Audio                 | 1,056                  |
| Overdrive    | e-Book                  | 2,287                  |
| Borrowbox    | e-Audio                 | 5,039                  |
| Borrowbox    | e-Book                  | 3,325                  |
| RB Digital   | Audio + Comics          | 954                    |
| RB Magazines | Magazines               | 3,646                  |
| Freegal      | Streaming +<br>Download | 1,831                  |
| Press Reader | Newspapers              | 22,604                 |
| <b>Total</b> |                         | <b>40,742</b>          |