

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
County Council

Annual Report

2014



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Foreword 2014



We are pleased to introduce the Council's Annual Report 2014, which outlines the work of the Council in delivering important public services and a range of infrastructural projects during the year, all of which contribute to making Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown a smart, vibrant County which is attractive, inclusive and accessible.

Despite the challenges that Local Government has grappled with over the past few years; diminishing resources in terms of finance and staff, the pace of change and reform within local government with a new Local Government Act, the Council was in a position to maintain the broad range of services it provides during 2014 and managed to expand services in a number of areas. This was achieved by the efforts of all our staff who have embraced new ways of doing our business while maintaining a high level of service delivery.

2014 saw significant changes in the Council's operating environment. The key change has been the enhanced role for local government in areas such as economic development and community development through the enactment of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014. This Act provided for the establishment of a Local Enterprise Office and a Local Community Development Committee, both of which were established in 2014.

Water services previously operated by the Council transitioned to Irish Water on 1st January, 2014. Water Services continued to be operated by Council staff but now on behalf of Irish Water under a Service Level Agreement.

Following the Local Elections, held in May, 2014, the number of County Councillors increased from 28 to 40. To accommodate this increase, adaptations were carried out to the existing Council Chamber.

The Council allocated 151 dwellings to applicants on the housing lists. This included 11 dwellings owned by Voluntary Housing Associations, 45 Rental Accommodation Scheme Units, 94 dwellings in the Council's Housing Stock and 1 allocation to Long Term Leasing.

The Review of the County Development Plan 2010-2016 and preparation of a new County Development Plan 2016-2022 commenced.

The Council continued with our extensive capital programme in areas such as transportation, waste services, environment, culture and community facilities.

A number of significant projects were completed or were on-going during the year such as:

- dlr Lexlcon, the Central Library and Cultural Centre, opened its doors to the public on 8th December, 2014 and attracted over 30,000+ visitors in the first month of opening

- The commencement of Phase 2 of Rochestown House/ Terrace which will provide 34 energy efficient units of accommodation for the elderly
- Blackrock Library re-opened on 16 June, 2014 following extensive refurbishment
- Acquisition of Fernhill Estate
- Pottery Road Improvement Scheme
- Burton Hall Road Extension
- The installation of a new all-weather pitch in Marlay Park
- The commencement of Samuel Beckett Campus.

The Council received a number of Awards during 2014 which include:

- Wood Awards Ireland for Ballyogan Operations Centre
- LAMA Grand Prix and Best Public Building Awards for dlr Lexlcon
- Excellence in Local Government Award for "Musical Memories" Project
- Charles Thompson Award for the on-going commitment by the Council in promoting water safety
- Pride of Place Awards for Glasthule Buildings
- Royal Institute of Architects Award for Refurbished Deansgrange Library.

Finally, we want to acknowledge the leadership of all the Elected Members and to pay tribute to and thank the staff of the Council for their work throughout the year.

Councillor Marie Baker
An Cathaoirleach

Philomena Poole
Chief Executive

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Councillors' Committee Membership within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

✓ – Denotes membership for entire year

❖ – Denotes membership post-election 2014 only

* – Denotes membership pre-election 2014 only

Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee
Bailey, John (F.G.)	✓		❖
Bailey, Maria (F.G.)	✓		
Baker, Marie (F.G.)	✓		✓ Chair June – Dec
Bhreathnach, Niamh (LAB) – retired 1st June 2014	*		*
Boyhan, Victor (IND)	✓		*
Brennan, Aoife (F.F.) – retired 1st June 2014		*	
Brennan, Shay (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	❖
Cuffe, Jennifer (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	❖		
Curran, Chris (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	
Daly, Kevin (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	
Devlin, Cormac (F.F.)	✓ Chair June – Dec		
Dillon Byrne, Jane (LAB) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014	*		
Dockery, Liam (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	❖
Donnelly, Deirdre (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	
Fayne, Mary (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	❖		❖
Feeney, Kate (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	❖		❖
Fox, Tony (IND) – retired 1st June 2014		*	
Gill, Karl (P.B.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	❖		❖
Halpin, Melisa (P.B.P.)	✓		❖
Hanafin, Mary (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	❖		
Hand, Pat (F.G.)		✓	✓
Horkan, Gerry (F.F.)		✓	✓
Humphreys, Dr. Richard (LAB)		✓	✓
Joyce, Tom (F.G.) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014		*	*
Kingston, Deirdre (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	❖		❖
Lewis, Hugh (P.B.P.)	✓		*
Madigan, Josepha (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	
Marren, Donal (F.G.) – retired 1st June 2014	* Chair Jan – May		*
Martin, Catherine (G.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)		✓	
McGovern, Lynsey (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	

Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee
Merrigan, Michael (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	❖		❖
Murphy, Brian (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	❖
Murphy, Tom (F.F.)		✓	*
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	❖
O’Brien, Peter (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	
O’Brien, Shane (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	❖		
O’Callaghan, Denis (LAB)	✓		✓
O’Dea, Jim (F.G.) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014		*	
O’Keeffe, Gearóid (IND) – retired 1st June 2014		*	
O’Neill, Seamas (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014		❖	❖
Pierce, Donna (LAB) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014	*		
Richmond, Neale (F.G.)		✓ Chair Jan – May	
Saul, Barry (F.G.)		✓ Chair June – Dec	*
Smyth, Carrie (LAB)	✓		* Chair Jan – May
Smyth, Ossian (G.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	❖		❖
Stewart, Patricia (F.G.)	✓		
Tallon, Grace (LAB)		✓	❖
Ward, Barry (F.G.)	✓		✓

Councillor Name	Association of County and City Councils	Association of Irish Local Government	Association of Irish Local Government – Standing Policy Council	Audit Committee	Dalkey Heritage Town Company	DLR Properties	Dún Laoghaire Drugs and Alcohol Task Force	Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board	Dublin Employment Pact Strategic Policy Group	Dublin Regional Authority	Dublin Regional Authority EU Operational Committee	Dún Laoghaire BID Company
Fayne, Mary (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014						❖						
Feeney, Kate (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014				❖								
Fox, Tony (IND) – retired 1st June 2014												
Gill, Karl (P.B.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014												
Halpin, Melisa (P.B.P.)												
Hanafin, Mary (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014												
Hand, Pat (F.G.)	*	❖	❖					✓				
Horkan, Gerry (F.F.)		❖	❖	*		*		*		*		
Humphreys, Dr. Richard (LAB)				*								
Joyce, Tom (F.G.) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014												
Kingston, Deirdre (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2014												
Lewis, Hugh (P.B.P.)												
Madigan, Josepha (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014												
Marren, Donal (F.G.) – retired 1st June 2014								*				
Martin, Catherine (G.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014								❖				
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)						*				*		
McGovern, Lynsey (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014												
Merrigan, Michael (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014							❖					

Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Community Enterprise Society	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Enterprise Board	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Sports Partnership	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Leisure Services	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Theatre Company	Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly	Eastern River Basin District Advisory Council	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd	Joint Policing Committee	Local Authority Members Association	Local Authorities Members Committee on Strategic Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area	Local Community Development Committee	Local Policing Forum: R.A.P.I.D. Area of Loughlinstown & Shanganagh/Rathallagh	Local Policing Forum: Dún Laoghaire
Bailey, John (F.G.)														
Bailey, Maria (F.G.)														
Baker, Marie (F.G.)		*		❖					*					
Bhreathnach, Niamh (LAB) – retired 1st June 2014									*		*			
Boyhan, Victor (IND)														
Brennan, Aoife (F.F.) – retired 1st June 2014									*					
Brennan, Shay (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014									❖					
Cuffe, Jennifer (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014													❖	
Curran, Chris (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014									❖					
Daly, Kevin (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014														
Devlin, Cormac (F.F.)									✓					
Dillon Byrne, Jane (LAB) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014						*	*		*					
Dockery, Liam (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014									❖					
Donnelly, Deirdre (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014									❖					
Fayne, Mary (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014				❖	❖									
Feeney, Kate (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	❖												❖	
Fox, Tony (IND) – retired 1st June 2014		*												
Gill, Karl (P.B.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014														
Halpin, Melisa (P.B.P.)														
Hanafin, Mary (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014						❖			❖					
Hand, Pat (F.G.)		*								❖				
Horkan, Gerry (F.F.)	*					✓	❖							
Humphreys, Dr. Richard (LAB)									*					
Joyce, Tom (F.G.) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014									*		*			
Kingston, Deirdre (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2014									❖					
Lewis, Hugh (P.B.P.)									*					

Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Community Enterprise Society	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Enterprise Board	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Sports Partnership	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Leisure Services	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Theatre Company	Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly	Eastern River Basin District Advisory Council	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd	Joint Policing Committee	Local Authority Members Association	Local Authority Dublin Area	Local Authorities Members Committee on Strategic Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area	Local Community Development Committee	Local Policing Forum: R.A.P.I.D. Area of Loughlinstown & Shanganagh/Rathsalagh	Local Policing Forum: Dún Laoghaire
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Marren, Donal (F.G.) – retired 1st June 2014				*	*					*					
Martin, Catherine (G.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014			❖												
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)		*				❖			*						
McGovern, Lynsey (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014			❖						❖						
Merrigan, Michael (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014									❖						
Murphy, Brian (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014															
Murphy, Tom (F.F.)				❖											
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014															
O'Brien, Peter (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2014									❖			❖			
O'Brien, Shane (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014															
O'Callaghan, Denis (LAB)				*											
O'Dea, Jim (F.G.) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014									*						
O'Keeffe, Gearóid (IND) – retired 1st June 2014															
O'Neill, Seamas (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014															
Pierce, Donna (LAB) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014															
Richmond, Neale (F.G.)				✓		❖									
Saul, Barry (F.G.)			*				*		✓						
Smyth, Carrie (LAB)				*					*					✓	
Smyth, Ossian (G.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014									❖						
Stewart, Patricia (F.G.)									✓						❖
Tallon, Grace (LAB)			*												
Ward, Barry (F.G.)								✓	✓						

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Membership

*Table reflects SPC membership up to the Local Elections in May 2014

Councillors	Environment, Culture & Community SPC	Water & Waste Services SPC	Housing SPC	Planning SPC	Transportation SPC
Bailey, John (F.G.)			✓	✓	
Bailey, Maria (F.G.)				✓	✓
Baker, Marie (F.G.)		✓			✓
Bhreathnach, Niamh (LAB) – retired 1st June 2014				✓ Chair	✓
Boyhan, Victor (IND)				✓	✓
Brennan, Aoife (F.F.) – retired 1st June 2014	✓		✓		
Brennan, Shay (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Cuffe, Jennifer (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Curran, Chris (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Daly, Kevin (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Devlin, Cormac (F.F.)	✓				✓
Dillon Byrne, Jane (LAB) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014		✓	✓		
Dockery, Liam (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Donnelly, Deirdre (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Fayne, Mary (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Feeney, Kate (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Fox, Tony (IND) – retired 1st June 2014	✓				✓
Gill, Karl (P.B.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Halpin, Melisa (P.B.P.)			✓	✓	
Hanafin, Mary (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Hand, Pat (F.G.)		✓			✓ Chair
Horkan, Gerry (F.F.)		✓ Chair			✓
Humphreys, Dr. Richard (LAB)		✓			✓
Joyce, Tom (F.G.) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014			✓	✓	
Kingston, Deirdre (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					

Councillors	Environment, Culture & Community SPC	Water & Waste Services SPC	Housing SPC	Planning SPC	Transportation SPC
Lewis, Hugh (P.B.P.)	✓	✓			
Madigan, Josepha (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Marren, Donal (F.G.) – retired 1st June 2014	✓		✓ Chair		
Martin, Catherine (G.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)			✓	✓	
McGovern, Lynsey (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Merrigan, Michael (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Murphy, Brian (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Murphy, Tom (F.F.)		✓		✓	
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
O'Brien, Peter (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
O'Brien, Shane (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
O'Callaghan, Denis (LAB)	✓ Chair		✓		
O'Dea, Jim (F.G.) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014	✓			✓	
O'Keeffe, Gearóid (IND) – retired 1st June 2014		✓	✓		
O'Neill, Seamas (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Pierce, Donna (LAB) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014	✓	✓			
Richmond, Neale (F.G.)		✓	✓		
Saul, Barry (F.G.)	✓	✓			
Smyth, Carrie (LAB)	✓				✓
Smyth, Ossian (G.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014					
Stewart, Patricia (F.G.)	✓			✓	
Tallon, Grace (LAB)			✓	✓	
Ward, Barry (F.G.)	✓				✓

Sectoral Representatives	Environment, Culture & Community SPC	Water & Waste Services SPC	Housing SPC	Planning SPC	Transportation SPC
Beck, Margaret			✓		
Carroll, Dara				✓	
<i>Chamber of Commerce Ireland</i>		vacant			vacant (2)
Coleman, Matthew					✓
Crowe, Michael			✓		
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Community Forum</i>	vacant				
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Fitz Gerald, Orla				✓	
Fitzsimons, Ken					✓
Fitzsimons, Robert					✓
Gallagher, Matt				✓	
Hargreaves, Bill		✓			
Heywood, Veronica				✓	
<i>Irish Congress of Trade Unions</i>			vacant		
Keogh, Chris	✓				
Kirker, Roger	✓				
Kivlehan, Thomas		✓			
Merrigan, Michael	✓				
Morley, Catherine			✓		
Nolan, Tom					✓
O'Callaghan, Paul				✓	
O'Connor, Noel			✓		
O'Donnell, Martin				✓	
O'Hanlon, John		✓			
O'Neill, Hugh		✓			
O'Neill, Seamas			✓		
O'Shea, Stephen		✓			
O'Sullivan, Damien	✓				

Strategic Policy Committee Reports

Environment, Culture & Community Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2014.

The following is a summary of the issues discussed:

- Arts Office Implementation Plan
- Litter Action Plan/IBAL Survey
- DLR Grants
- DLR Inter Dublin Local Authority Initiative on Dog Fouling

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2014.

The following is a summary of issues discussed:

- Review of Housing Department 2013
- Draft Business Plan 2014 for the Dublin Joint Homeless Consultative Forum and Statutory Management Group
- National Strategy for People with a Disability

Planning Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2014.

The following is a summary of issues discussed:-

- Proposed variations to County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 – Overview of Architectural Conservation Areas – Priority List.
- Proposed County Development Plan 2016 – 2022 – Briefing of Pre-Draft Development Plan

Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2014.

The Committee considered the following items:

- DLR Cycling Forum and Cycling Policy Update
- Annual Evaluation of Road Safety Plan for Year 2013
- Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Strategic Cycle Network
- Introducing Bus Rapid Transit for Dublin

Water & Waste Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2014.

The following issues were considered:

- Solid Fuel Regulations
- Preparation of a Regional Waste Plan
- River Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management

Councillors Meetings Attendance 1st January to 31st December 2014

Councillor Name	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Meetings Attended	Total % Rate of Attendance
Bailey, John (F.G.)	36	35	98%
Bailey, Maria (F.G.)	34	30	89%
Baker, Marie (F.G.)	40	39	98%
Bhreathnach, Niamh (LAB) – retired 1st June 2014	19	17	90%
Boyhan, Victor (IND)	36	31	87%
Brennan, Aoife (F.F.) – retired 1st June 2014	19	6	32%
Brennan, Shay (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	20	20	100%
Cuffe, Jennifer (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	17	16	95%
Curran, Chris (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	18	17	95%
Daly, Kevin (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	18	17	95%
Devlin, Cormac (F.F.)	35	33	95%
Dillon Byrne, Jane (LAB) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014	18	17	95%
Dockery, Liam (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	19	19	100%
Donnelly, Deirdre (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	17	16	95%
Fayne, Mary (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	19	18	95%
Feeney, Kate (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	20	16	80%
Fox, Tony (IND) – retired 1st June 2014	18	17	95%
Gill, Karl (P.B.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	19	18	95%
Halpin, Melisa (P.B.P.)	36	32	89%
Hanafin, Mary (F.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	18	14	78%
Hand, Pat (F.G.)	39	37	95%
Horkan, Gerry (F.F.)	39	39	100%
Humphreys, Dr. Richard (LAB)	39	20	52%
Joyce, Tom (F.G.) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014	20	13	65%
Kingston, Deirdre (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	20	18	90%
Lewis, Hugh (P.B.P.)	36	31	87%
Madigan, Josepha (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	17	15	89%
Marren, Donal (F.G.) – retired 1st June 2014	18	18	100%
Martin, Catherine (G.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	18	17	95%
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)	37	35	95%
McGovern, Lynsey (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	18	13	73%
Merrigan, Michael (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	19	19	100%
Murphy, Brian (F.G.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	20	12	60%
Murphy, Tom (F.F.)	37	27	73%

Councillor Name	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Meetings Attended	Total % Rate of Attendance
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	20	19	95%
O'Brien, Peter (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	18	17	95%
O'Brien, Shane (S.F.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	17	16	95%
O'Callaghan, Denis (LAB)	37	37	100%
O'Dea, Jim (F.G.) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014	19	17	90%
O'Keeffe, Gearóid (IND) – retired 1st June 2014	18	1	6%
O'Neill, Seamas (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	19	19	100%
Pierce, Donna (LAB) – ceased Membership 1st June 2014	17	13	77%
Richmond, Neale (F.G.)	36	31	87%
Saul, Barry (F.G.)	37	33	90%
Smyth, Carrie (LAB)	39	39	100%
Smyth, Ossian (G.P.) – elected following Local Elections May 2014	19	18	95%
Stewart, Patricia (F.G.)	35	32	92%
Tallon, Grace (LAB)	38	28	74%
Ward, Barry (F.G.)	39	34	88%

List of Conferences/Training Attended During 2014

Date	Location	Conference & Training Details	Training/Conference	Number of Councillors attended
3rd – 5th January 2014	Cork	Public Presentation and PR Management Seminar – Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork.	Conference	1
17th – 19th Jan 2014	Cork	Branding in Political Elections – A New Quality of Political Communication	Conference	1
24th – 25th Jan 2014	Clare	How Councillors Can Access Grant Aid for Communities , Grainne Suite, Bunratty Castle Hotel, Co. Clare.	Conference	1
31st Jan – 1st Feb 2014	Monaghan	LAMA – Spring Conference Seminar 2014 Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan	Conference	2
14 – 16th Feb 2014	Louth	Waste Management Legislation Responsibilities of Local Authorities in Disposing & Recycling Equipment: Four Seasons Hotel Carlingford Co. Louth	Conference	1
20th – 22nd February 2014	Wexford	Training Seminar for Councillors: Seanad Reform & the Councillor , The Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Wexford.	Conference	1
21st – 23 February 2014	Limerick	Genealogy: Tracing your Ancestors & Family Tree Conference. Scotts Limerick, Ashbourne Avenue, South Circular Road, Limerick	Conference	1
21st – 22nd February 2014	Clare	Folklore – Heritage Tourism 25th Annual Tourism Conference, Falls Hotel, Co Clare.	Conference	1
21st – 22nd February 2014	Galway	Improved Protection for Consumers with New Building Regulations which came into effect on the 1st March 2014. The Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway City	Conference	1
21st – 23rd February 2014	Louth	Local Government Law Update: Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	Conference	1
6th – 7th March 2014	Cavan	Association of County & City Councils Annual Conference. Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan	Conference	5
21st – 22nd March 2014	Galway	Dealing with Vacant Space. The Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway City	Conference	1
11th – 12th April 2014	Wexford	Tourism in Local Communities. Talbot Hotel Wexford.	Conference	1
18th – 20th April 2014	Cork	Chambers of Commerce Building Business. Celtic Ross Hotel. Rosscarbery, Co. Cork	Conference	2
19th June 2014	Dublin	Induction Training for Councillors. Red Cow, Moran's Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin 22	Training	11

Date	Location	Conference & Training Details	Training/ Conference	Number of Councillors attended
11th – 13th September 2014	Wexford	Kennedy Summer School & Festival , New Ross, Co. Wexford.	Conference	1
18th September 2014	Dublin	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) Finance & Budgeting Training Seminar , Malahide Grand Hotel.	Training	5
17th – 18th October 2014	Donegal	LAMA – Autumn Conference Seminar 2014 Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal	Training	2
23rd October 2014	Westmeath	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) Housing Training Seminar Athlone.	Training	3
29th – 30th October 2014	Cavan	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) Inaugural Annual Conference , Hotel Kilmore Cavan	Training	3
6th November 2014	Kilkenny	Kilkenomics Festival , Kilkenny	Conference	1
14th – 15th November 2014	Galway	Aoife Conference 2014 , Annual Conference Association of Irish Festival Events	Conference	1
18th November 2014	Meath	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) Planning Training Seminar , Trim.	Training	3
12th December 2014	Dublin	Nuclear Free Local Authorities , All Ireland Forum. Dame Street, Dublin 2	Conference	1

Audit of Councillors' Motions Agreed at Council Meetings 2014

No.	Date	Minute No.	Motions
1.	13th January 2014	C/41/14 & C/45/14	<p>Standing Orders 2013</p> <p>“That the Council hereby adopts the following additional paragraph to the Standing Orders 2013 after paragraph 24(d), in accordance with Schedule 10 (16) (2) of the Local Government Act 2001:</p> <p>Where at a meeting of the Council, a motion is called by the Cathaoirleach, and the proposer (or some member authorised by him or her for the purpose) requests that instead of being moved and decided at the meeting, the motion be re-entered for the following meeting, the minutes shall record that the motion is to be re-entered for the following meeting, but the motion shall be listed on the agenda for that meeting and any subsequent meetings at the end of all motions that were listed for, but not reached at, the first-mentioned meeting, notwithstanding Standing Order 19(c).</p> <p>This paragraph does not apply to a motion that is re-entered because a Member has given apologies in advance of the meeting.” – Proposed by Councillor P. Stewart and seconded by Councillor R. Humphreys (Motion from the floor)</p>
2.	13th January 2014	C/51/14	<p>Glenalbyn</p> <p>“The Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notes the Manager’s report • requests the Manager to explore funding options in the capital budget for Option B, new build, at Glenalbyn, as the more sustainable option, and to report to the March meeting, • requests the Manager to pursue the issue of securing sustainable access to the site and requests all interested parties including Kilmacud Crokes to work towards ensuring sustainable access to the Glenalbyn facility going forward, • notes that the DKM report states that a fourth swimming pool would still leave capacity in the County for further facilities and on that basis requests the Manager to defer the multi criteria analysis and to consider it after the issue of Glenalbyn has been resolved with a view to assessing the extent of further capacity required in the County at that point.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillors B. Saul and G. Horkan (Motion from the floor)
3.	10th February 2014	C/87/14	<p>Local Community Development Committee</p> <p>“That the Chairs of the Planning, Environment, Housing and Transport Strategic Policy Committees be the Members of the Local Community Development Committee until the Annual Meeting.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor J. Bailey (Motion from the floor)</p>
4.	10th February 2014	C/91/14	<p>Polling Scheme</p> <p>“That the full Polling Scheme be referred to the Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee to examine the question of possible anomalies and further changes required.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor J. Bailey (Motion from the floor)</p>
5.	10th February 2014	C/91/14	<p>Killiney-Shankill LEA (formerly Ballybrack LEA)</p> <p>“That the Council write to the Minister of the Environment, Community and Local Government to amend name of the previous Ballybrack LEA to the Ballybrack/Shankill LEA.” – Proposed by Councillor H. Lewis and seconded by Councillor M. Halpin (Amended motion from the floor, original motion from the floor proposed by Councillor H. Lewis and seconded by Councillor M. Halpin)</p>

No.	Date	Minute No.	Motions
6.	10th February 2014	C/95/14	Water, Sanitation and Legislation for Setting Up Irish Water “That this Council agrees that every citizen has the right to safe drinking water and sanitation, that the Government should reflect this in the policy statement of Irish Water, and calls on the Minister for the Environment and the Government to enshrine in the legislation setting up Irish Water that water and sanitation will always remain in the public ownership of the State.” – Proposed by Councillor D. O’Callaghan and seconded by Councillor J. Bailey
7.	10th February 2014	C/97/14	Call for Review of Flat Fee for Apprentices attending Institutes of Technology “That Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council call on the Minister for Finance, Minister for Education and Skills and the Minister for Social Protection to review the flat fee of €833.00 introduced in the October budget for apprentices attending Institutes of Technology. We call for the fee to be waived.” – Proposed by Councillor V. Boyhan and seconded by Councillor M. Halpin (Motion from the floor)
8.	10th February 2014	C/97/14	Call for Review of Fee for Apprentices attending Institutes of Technology “That the Council request the Minister for Education and Skills to review the fee for apprentices attending Institutes of Technology.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor J. Bailey (Motion from the floor)
9.	10th February 2014	C/100/14	Call for Waiver System for Homeowners unable to pay Property Tax “That the Manager write to the Minister and ask him to consider a waiver system for homeowners who can show an inability to pay the property tax.” – Proposed by Councillor M. Halpin and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis (Amended motion, original motion proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor C. Devlin)
10.	10th March 2014	C/137/14	Three-Year Capital Programme “That the Manager would please include multi criteria analysis of leisure facilities as part of the Capital Budgets Programme.” – Proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy and seconded by Councillor T. Joyce (Motion from the floor)
11.	10th March 2014	C/140/14	Business Improvement District (BIDs) Proposal for Dún Laoghaire “(1) That the Council appoint a Member to serve on the BIDs Committee for the life of the Council. (2) That Councillor J. Dillon Byrne be the Member of the BIDs Committee for that term.” – Proposed by Councillor J. Bailey and seconded by Councillor R. Humphreys (Amended motion from the floor, original motion proposed by Councillor J. Bailey and seconded by Councillor R. Humphreys)
12.	14th April 2014	C/209/14	Legal Advice in relation to Taking in Charge of St. Helen’s Wood “That this Council requires the Manager to provide copies of all legal advice in the Council’s possession, relating to any application for, or contemplation of, the taking-in-charge of St. Helen’s Wood or associated or attached land or lands, at Booterstown, Co. Dublin.” – Proposed by Councillor B. Ward and seconded by Councillors V. Boyhan and N. Bhreathnach (Motion pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001)
13.	14th April 2014	C/210/14	Residents Associations – Community Rooms “That the Manager would consider working with various Residents Associations representing large estates across the County who wish to have Community rooms in their estates – the equivalent to resource centres in our Local Authority estates.” – Proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy and seconded by Councillor B. Saul
14.	14th April 2014	C/211/14	Overflow Parking from UCD affecting Residential Communities “That the Manager adopt a strategic approach to the problem of overflow parking from UCD that is affecting a wide range of residential communities on both sides of the N11, that this approach ensures priority for parking for residents and that the Manager present her proposals to a Strategic Policy Committee meeting within 6 months.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor B. Ward (Amended motion, original motion proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor B. Ward)
15.	14th April 2014	C/214/14	Fines Issued to Motorists since 2010 “That the Manager give a detailed report on the number of fines issued to motorists since 2010 for parking in a Loaded Bay and that all 24 hour Loading Bay signage in this County should be amended to state “Strictly for Commercial Vehicles Only.” – Proposed by Councillor C. Devlin and seconded by Councillor V. Boyhan (Amended motion, original motion proposed by Councillor C. Devlin and seconded by Councillor V. Boyhan)

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16.	14th April 2014	C/216/14	Terms and Conditions Agreed with Housing Trusts “That this Council outlines for the Members the terms and conditions agreed with housing trusts who are managing our housing stock.” – Proposed by Councillor N. Bhreathnach and seconded by Councillor V. Boyhan
17.	14th April 2014	C/220/14	Overcrowding on the DART “That this Council requests the County Manager to write to Iarnród Éireann regarding overcrowding on the DART trains at peak times, due to the low number of carriages on some DARTs.” – Proposed by Councillor M. Baker and seconded by Councillor D. O’Callaghan
18	14th April 2014	C/223/14	Meeting the Housing Needs of Residents of the County “That the Council decides that meeting the housing needs of residents of the County will be a priority of the 2014-19 Council and a key element of the local authority service delivery plan to be developed under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, and asks the Manager to take every effort to maximise social housing provision within the County during that period, using the full range of provision options that are available to the Council, and to continue and intensify contacts with the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government to this end.” – Proposed by Councillor J. Bailey and seconded by Councillor R. Humphreys
19.	12th May 2014	C/229/14	Grange Estate, Pottery Road “I hereby request the Manager, to immediately instruct the contractor or sub-contractor in connection with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to remove the 72 metre wall at Grange Estate on Pottery Road, as can be seen from the enclosed photographs (details supplied) the condition of same is a danger to the residents and the children living in the area. One of the gardens No 32 already has a temporary shuttering in position. I ask this Council to instruct the Manager to immediately demolish the wall and replace it with a granite finish wall, similar to what’s adjoining it.” – Proposed by Councillor J. Bailey and seconded by Councillors M. Bailey and B. Saul (Motion pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001)
20.	7th July 2014	C/360/14	Management Report “Amend the motion set out in the Chief Executive’s report by deleting “with the monthly Council agenda” and adding “as part of the Document Pack for the monthly Council meeting, and the Management Report shall appear as a headed item on the monthly Council agenda.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillors V. Boyhan, H. Lewis and S. O’Brien (Amendment from the floor to headed item no. 15 on agenda)
21.	7th July 2014	C/360/14	Management Report “That the Chief Executive shall issue a Management Report as part of the Document Pack for the monthly Council meeting, and the Management Report shall appear as a headed item on the monthly Council agenda.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy (Motion as amended by motion from the floor)
22.	7th July 2014	C/361/14	Immediate Release on Humanitarian Grounds of Ibrahim Halawa an 18 year old Irish Citizen held without Trial in Egypt “That Standing Orders be suspended to discuss the following motion: That this Council calls for the immediate release on humanitarian grounds of Ibrahim Halawa an 18 year old Irish Citizen held without trial in Egypt, and for his early return to Ireland and that, a copy of the motion be forwarded to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and to the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt H.E. Mr. Sherif Elkholy, Embassy of Egypt, 12, Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillors H. Lewis, S. O’Brien, S. Nic Cormaic, M. Halpin, K. Gill, M. Merrigan, D. O’Callaghan, D. Donnelly, K. Daly, S. O’Neill, V. Boyhan, D. Kingston and P. O’Brien (Motion to suspend of Standing Orders)
23.	7th July 2014	C/362/14 (3)	Possible Closure of Dún Laoghaire Courthouse “That the Council opposes the closure of Dún Laoghaire Courthouse and writes to both the Courts Service and the Minister for Justice and Equality, outlining its opposition in the strongest terms, and highlighting the reasons why such a decision does not make sense on organisational, policing or economic grounds.” – Proposed by Councillor B. Ward and seconded by Councillor J. Bailey

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24.	7th July 2014	C/362/14 (3)	<p>Possible Closure of Dún Laoghaire Courthouse</p> <p>“That this Council instructs the Chief Executive to convey its outright opposition to the proposed closures of the Dún Laoghaire District Courthouse and District Court Office and its concern at the totally inadequate timescale set for making submissions on proposals of such importance for the residential and business communities in the Council area.” – Proposed by Councillor S. O’Neill and seconded by Councillor M. Merrigan</p>
25.	7th July 2014	C/365/14	<p>Current Book Tender</p> <p>“That the Chief Executive be directed to review the current book tender on the grounds that an excessive percentage of the tender has been allocated to cost.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor D. Kingston</p>
26.	15th July 2014	C/369/14	<p>Reducing the Rate of the Local Property Tax</p> <p>“After the word “budget” to include:</p> <p>In a manner which protects and maintains local services and amenities.” – Proposed by Councillor S. O’Brien and seconded by Councillors S. Nic Cormaic and C. Curran (Amendment from the floor to motion no. 22 on agenda, original motion proposed by Councillor N. Richmond and seconded by Councillor G. Horkan)</p>
27.	15th July 2014	C/369/14	<p>Reducing the Rate of the Local Property Tax</p> <p>“That this Council commits to reducing the rate of Local Property Tax in the County by 15% in the upcoming budget in a manner which protects and maintains local services and amenities.” – Proposed by Councillor N. Richmond and seconded by Councillor G. Horkan (Motion as amended by motion from the floor)</p>
28.	15th July 2014	C/371/14	<p>Call on the Minister for Foreign affairs to exert Ireland’s influence to condemn the atrocities carried out in Gaza under operation ‘Protective Edge’</p> <p>“To suspend standing orders to discuss the following motion:</p> <p>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council calls on the Minister for Foreign affairs to exert Ireland’s influence to condemn the atrocities carried out in Gaza under operation ‘Protective Edge’ that have left 184 Palestinians dead including over 34 children and maimed over 1300 people. Further calling for an immediate cessation of violence and expresses our solidarity with the people of Gaza and the broader community of Palestinians living under Israeli occupation.” – Proposed by Councillor H. Lewis and seconded by Councillor C. Curran, S. O’Brien, M. Halpin, K. Gill, M. Merrigan and V. Boyhan (Motion to suspend Standing Orders)</p>
29.	15th July 2014	C/373/14	<p>Housing and Homeless Crisis</p> <p>“That this Council campaigns to deal with the housing and homeless crisis by way of calling for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased provision of social housing 2. Increased provision of emergency accommodation 3. The “void” houses to be opened up as a matter of urgency <p>and that the Council will call a well-advertised public forum on the issue, using DLR Times and the Council website to inform the public.” – Proposed by Councillor M. Halpin and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis</p>
30.	15th July 2014	C/373/14	<p>New Social Housing Schemes</p> <p>“That the Chief Executive report to this Council on her plans for the delivery of New Social Housing Schemes across the County to include this year’s allocation and what potential exists for the Voluntary Housing Sector, including Co-Operatives and N.A.M.A to deliver further housing units in order to address the Council’s waiting lists and that this Council acknowledges the difficulties in relation to social housing in this County and agrees as per the agreed Fianna Fáil/Fine Gael/Green Party programme to arrange to have a feasibility assessment be undertaken of all Council owned sites suitable for housing and report back by December 2014.” – Proposed by Councillor G. Horkan and seconded by Councillors J. Bailey, C. Martin, O. Smyth, M. Bailey, M. Fayne, J. Madigan, P. Stewart, M. Hanafin, C. Devlin, J. Cuffe, P. Hand, S. O’Brien, B. Ward and S. Brennan (Amended motion from the floor, original motion proposed by Councillor D. O’Callaghan and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy)</p>

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31.	15th July 2014	C/374/14	<p>Call on the Minister for Foreign affairs to exert Ireland's influence to condemn the atrocities carried out in Gaza under operation 'Protective Edge'</p> <p>"To suspend standing orders to discuss the following motion:</p> <p>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council calls on the Minister for Foreign affairs to exert Ireland's influence to condemn the atrocities carried out in Gaza under operation 'Protective Edge' that have left 184 Palestinians dead including over 34 children and maimed over 1300 people. Further calling for an immediate cessation of violence and expresses our solidarity with the people of Gaza and the broader community of Palestinians living under Israeli occupation." – Proposed by Councillor H. Lewis and seconded by Councillors C. Curran, S. O'Brien, M. Halpin, K. Gill, M. Merrigan and V. Boyhan (Motion from the floor, suspension of Standing Orders agreed at C/371/14)</p>
32.	15th July 2014	C/375/14	<p>Promotion of Mental Health and Well Being</p> <p>"That the Chief Executive ensure that in its work the Council will seek to promote mental health and well being amongst the whole local population." – Proposed by Councillor P. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor D. Kingston</p>
33.	15th July 2014	C/376/14	<p>Toilets at Killiney DART Station</p> <p>"That the Chief Executive writes to Iarnród Éireann and request they re-open the toilets at Killiney DART Station." – Proposed by Councillor C. Smyth and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy</p>
34.	15th July 2014	C/378/14	<p>Frequency of Buses going to Cherrywood</p> <p>"That the Chief Executive write to Dublin Bus and request they increase the frequency of buses going to Cherrywood i.e. Luas." – Proposed by Councillor C. Smyth and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy</p>
35.	15th July 2014	C/385/14	<p>Housing Assistance Payment Scheme</p> <p>"That this Council write to the Minister expressing its total opposition to the removal of applicants to the HAP scheme from the waiting list for standard Council housing and recognizes the legitimate aspiration of those on the housing list for standard social housing units and the long term sustainable economic benefit of constructing traditional standard Council housing." – Proposed by Councillor P. Stewart and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis (Amended motion from the floor, original motion proposed by Councillor H. Lewis and seconded by Councillor M. Halpin)</p>
36.	15th July 2014	C/386/14	<p>Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance</p> <p>"That the Council decides that the maximum allowance to an SPC chair shall be € 5000 per annum given the increase in the number of SPCs, so as to ensure no overall increase in the amount of money paid to SPC chairpersons." – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor D. O'Callaghan</p>
37.	15th July 2014	C/388/14	<p>Housing Support</p> <p>"That the Chief Executive in light of the significant increase in the number of families contacting the Council in need of housing support, as they have lost their private rental tenancy or are unable to source private rental accommodation in the Dublin area, identify sites within Council ownership for potential housing initiatives and or housing partnerships, and report on same." – Proposed by Councillor V. Boyhan and seconded by Councillor J. Bailey</p>
38.	15th July 2014	C/389/14	<p>Sutton to Sandycove Cycleway</p> <p>"That this Council supports the development and construction of the Sutton to Sandycove cycleway and commits to its completion in the lifetime of this Council, provided there is the fullest protection of the environment and the integrity of the seafront, total compliance with all EU directives on environmental and wildlife protection, full compliance with the Aarhus Convention particularly in relation to public consultation." – Proposed by Councillor M. Halpin and seconded by Councillors, H. Lewis, S. O'Brien, C. Curran, K. Gill, V. Boyhan and M. Merrigan (Amended motion from the floor, original motion proposed by Councillor D. Kingston and seconded by Councillor B. Ward)</p>

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39.	8th September 2014	C/452/14	<p>Support Valuable Work Undertaken by the National Collective of Community Based Woman's Networks</p> <p>"This Council supports the valuable work undertaken by the National Collective of Community based woman's networks. We also support the important work carried out by SWAN throughout Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. We oppose the decision by the former Minister for the Environment Phil Hogan to cease funding these groups through their National Network and call on the Council to write to the new Minister for Environment Alan Kelly on our behalf to restore this funding for 2015 pending a full review of the projects and their funding, as the new Minister has done with a number of disability advocacy organisations." – Proposed by Councillor S. O'Brien and seconded by Councillors C. Curran, C. Smyth, D. O'Callaghan, M. Merrigan, S. Nic Cormaic, J. Bailey, M. Bailey, M. Fayne, N. Richmond, B. Ward, K. Gill, V. Boyhan, H. Lewis, J. Madigan, P. Stewart, K. Daly, D. Donnelly, S. O'Neill and M. Halpin (Motion from the floor)</p>
40.	8th September 2014	C/455/14	<p>Poolbeg Incinerator Project</p> <p>"That the Chief Executive makes a statement on the current status of the Poolbeg Incinerator Project and provides a detailed statement on all Council funds paid towards this project to date, and the future financial exposure and legal obligations that are expected to arise as a result of the Councils joint involvement in this project." – Proposed by Councillor V. Boyhan and seconded by Councillor B. Ward</p>
41.	8th September 2014	C/455/14	<p>Project Agreement for the Dublin Waste to Energy</p> <p>"That this Council agrees that, in the interests of the environment, health and safety and economic probity, the Chief Executive should not sign the project agreement for the Dublin Waste to Energy." – Proposed by Councillor M. Halpin and seconded by Councillors S. O'Brien, S. Nic Cormaic, C. Curran, H. Lewis, K. Gill, G. Tallon, S. O'Neill, K. Daly, D. Donnelly and M. Merrigan (Motion from the floor)</p>
42.	8th September 2014	C/461/14	<p>Dublin LGBT Pride Committee</p> <p>"That this Council commits to engage with the Dublin LGBT Pride Committee to contribute towards the celebration of diversity in the County" – Proposed by Councillor C. Curran and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy</p>
43.	8th September 2014	C/463/14	<p>9% VAT Rate for Food, Tourism and Hospitality</p> <p>"That Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council supports the call from the Restaurants Association of Ireland and, in particular, from its members in this County, for the on-going retention of the 9% VAT rate for the food, tourism and hospitality sectors, that has helped create one in four of the jobs in the economy and is so important to the towns of Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire and Dalkey which depend greatly on tourism and visitor revenue. That this Council urge the Minister for Finance to keep VAT at 9% into 2015 and beyond." – Proposed by Councillor M. Merrigan and seconded by Councillor V. Boyhan</p>
44.	8th September 2014	C/464/14	<p>9% VAT Rate for Food, Tourism and Hospitality</p> <p>"That the Council supports the call from the Restaurants Association of Ireland for the ongoing retention of the 9% VAT rate for food, tourism and hospitality sector, that this Council requests the Minister of Finance to keep the VAT at 9% into 2015." – Proposed by Councillor C. Smyth and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy</p>
45.	8th September 2014	C/465/14	<p>9% VAT Rate for Food, Tourism and Hospitality</p> <p>"That this Council supports the retention of the 9% VAT rate for the food, tourism and hospitality sector." – Motion in the name of Councillor R. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor C. Smyth in his absence and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy</p>
46.	8th September 2014	C/467/14	<p>Call for Minister to Meet with Cross Party Delegation from Dublin Local Authorities regarding Housing Crisis</p> <p>"That this Council calls on the Minister for Housing to meet with a cross party delegation of Councillors from all four Local Authorities across Dublin to discuss what measures can be taken in the short, medium and long term, to tackle the housing crisis which exists throughout Dublin City and County. The delegation should include the chairs of the 4 housing SPCs." – Proposed by Councillor S. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor S. Nic Cormaic</p>
47.	8th September 2014	C/467/14	<p>Rent Controls and Outlaw Practice of "No Rent Allowance Accepted"</p> <p>"That this Council agrees to call on the government to introduce rent controls and to outlaw the practice of "No Rent Allowance Accepted" as a matter of urgency considering the spiralling current housing crisis." – Proposed by Councillor K. Gill and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy</p>

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48.	22nd September 2014	C/470/14	<p>Reduction in Local Property Tax</p> <p>“It is hereby resolved in accordance with Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended by Section 5 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013, and having considered the required matters set out in Article 8 Part 4 of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council hereby determines that the basic rate of local property tax should stand varied downwards by fifteen per cent (15%) for the period of one year from the next Local Property Tax liability date in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.” – Jointly proposed by Councillor J. Bailey, Councillor G. Horkan and Councillor C. Martin and seconded by Councillors S. O’Brien, K. Daly, G. Tallon, D. Donnelly and L. McGovern (Motion from the floor)</p>
49.	13th October 2014	C/532/14	<p>Percent for Art Scheme</p> <p>“That this Council continues its support for the “percent for art scheme” and for the display of any public art that is currently in storage.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor D. Kingston</p>
50.	13th October 2014	C/533/14	<p>“Emma’s Voice” Campaign</p> <p>“That the Chief Executive with the knowledge that Anaphylaxis is on the rise following a W.H.O. survey in 2010, and considering the preventable death of 14 year old Emma Sloan from Anaphylaxis, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council commits to giving their full support to the campaign “Emma’s Voice” and requests that HSE and Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar, ensure legislation and codes of practices be put in place to ease the restrictions on the availability of Epinephrine auto injectors (commonly known as EpiPens) and other Anaphylaxis medicines and make them available in public areas, AND that the Council explore the possibility of having staff training in the administering of EpiPen applications and that the Council write to Minister Varadkar to request he examine the possibility of rolling out a pilot project around the awareness of anaphylaxis and how to administer the EpiPen. Also to supply the EpiPen in areas where you would find a defibrillator such as schools, leisure centres etc.” – Proposed by Councillor M. Bailey and seconded by Councillors J. Bailey, N. Richmond, B. Murphy, M. Fayne, P. Hand, B. Saul, P. Stewart, L. McGovern and V. Boyhan (Amended motion from the floor, original motion proposed by Councillor S. Nic Cormaic and seconded by Councillor S. O’Brien)</p>
51.	13th October 2014	C/534/14	<p>County Hall and DLR Lexlcon School Tours</p> <p>“That the Chief Executive with the assistance of Corporate Services and the Arts/ Heritage Department will formulate a tour package incorporating County Hall and the Lexlcon for the benefit of all schools in our County inviting them to come and see what’s on their doorstep.” – Proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy and seconded by Councillor C. Smyth</p>

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52.	13th October 2014	C/545/14	<p>Bon Secours Sisters Institution Scandal</p> <p>“That this Council:</p> <p>‘Recognises:</p> <p>The need to establish the facts regarding the deaths of almost 800 children at the Bon Secours Sisters Institution in Tuam, Co. Galway between 1925 and 1961, including arrangements for the burial of these children.</p> <p>Acknowledges:</p> <p>That there is also a need to examine other “mother and baby” homes operated in the State in that era.”</p> <p>Welcomes:</p> <p>The establishment of a commission of investigation with full statutory powers to investigate both the Tuam case and the wider issues surrounding mother and baby homes</p> <p>Calls for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The terms of reference for the investigation to be comprehensive – For the scope of the investigation to be inclusive taking into account related issues regarding forced adoption and vaccine trials; and institutions including the Magdalene Laundries and protestant mother and baby homes, – That consultation take place with survivors and their advocates, – That supports for survivors such as counselling services be put in place, – That appropriate memorials to the dead buried in unmarked graves be erected, – That the report of the investigation be published in a timely manner befitting the gravity and depth of hurt felt on this issue.” – Proposed by Councillor L. Dockery and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy (Amended motion from the floor, original motion proposed by Councillor S. O’Brien and seconded by Councillor S. Nic Cormaic
53.	4th November 2014	C/562/14	<p>Installation of a Video Monitor in the Front Window at the Entrance to County Hall</p> <p>“That a sum of €8,000 be charged to H0905 to provide for the following motion adopted at the Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee meeting held on September 10th 2014 “That the Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee requests the Chief Executive, in accordance with Section 46 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and in the formulation of a Framework for Public Participation in Local Government, to provide for the installation of a suitably sized video monitor in the front window at the entrance to County Hall to relay, with sound, the webcast of the Council Meetings live to persons on the street given the restrictions on the numbers permitted to attend the Council meetings. When the Council is not in session the facility can be used to provide public information and to promote the business and services of the County Council.” – Proposed by Councillor M. Merrigan and seconded by Councillor K. Feeney and Councillor V. Boyhan (Amended motion from the floor, original motion from the floor proposed by Councillor M. Merrigan and seconded by Councillor K. Feeney and Councillor V. Boyhan)</p>
54.	4th November 2014	C/562/14	<p>Formal Proposal of Adoption of Budget</p> <p>“That the County Council adopts for the financial year ended 31st December, 2015 the annual budget as set out in Tables A – F as submitted by the Chief Executive subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>Code B0901 – Maintenance and management of car parks: reduce by €200,000</p> <p>Code F0201 – Library Service Operation: reduce Sinking Fund by €55,000</p> <p>Code F0501 – Administration of the Arts Programme: reduce the Sinking Fund by €45,000</p> <p>Division E – Other Income; Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins: increase income by €120,000</p> <p>And the resultant nett expenditure reduction be used to further reduce the 2015 Annual Rate on Valuation by a further 0.5% to €0.1624” – Jointly proposed and seconded by Councillors G. Horkan, C. Martin, J. Bailey and L. McGovern (Motion from the floor)</p>

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55.	10th November 2014	C/596/14	Use of Council Owned or Operated Community Facilities “That this Council appoint a cross party subcommittee tonight to examine and to report back to the next meeting of the Council in December 2014.” – Proposed by Councillor J. Bailey and seconded by Councillors G. Horkan, V. Boyhan, H. Lewis, K. Daly, L. McCarthy, C. Martin, M. Merrigan and S. O’Neill – (Motion from the floor)
56.	10th November 2014	C/600/14	CRM Systems for Citizens “That the Chief Executive arranges to provide an overview of the CRM system and explore the possibilities of extending the system so that members of the public can track progress on items submitted.” – Proposed by Councillor V. Boyhan and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy
57.	10th November 2014	C/606/14	Repeal of the 8th Amendment of the Constitution “That this Council, in solidarity with Ms X, Ms A, B, C & D and in memory of Savita Halappanavar and the young migrant woman who was recently forced to have a Caesarean Section at 25 weeks and the 160,000 women who have travelled to Britain for abortions since 1983 calls for a referendum to repeal of the 8th amendment to the constitution.” – Proposed by Councillor M. Halpin and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis (Amended motion from the floor, original motion proposed by Councillor M. Halpin and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis)
58.	10th November 2014	C/608/14	Fox Problem in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown “That this Council would write to the National Parks & Wildlife Service, highlighting the urban fox problem in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, and seek details of what action has been or will be taken in the County to deal with the problem.” – Proposed by Councillor B. Ward and seconded by Councillor J. Bailey
59.	10th November 2014	C/609/14	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council’s Irish Language Scheme “That the Chief Executive circulates a copy of the current Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council’s Irish Language Scheme as provided for under the Official Languages Act; and to indicate what monitoring arrangements are in place to ensure that the Council is delivering on the various commitments set out in the Scheme and will she agree to establish an in-house group made up of interested staff and elected members (one nominee of each Group) to seek ways of promoting further use of the Irish language in the Council’s affairs.” – Proposed by Councillor D. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor K. Daly (Amended motion from the floor, original motion proposed by Councillor D. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor K. Daly)
60.	10th November 2014	C/610/14	GLEN Diversity Champions Programme “That the Chief Executive commits to engage with the GLEN Diversity Champions Programme with the aim of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council becoming members of the programme. Noting that over 1 in 4 Irish LGBT people surveyed had experienced verbal harassment at work and almost 1 in 10 missed work as a result. Given that Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people make up an estimated 170,000 members of the Irish workforce, and a majority of the Irish workforce comes from one or more diverse grounds including gender, age and sexual orientation this can only be viewed as a positive step from the Council.” – Proposed by Councillor D. Kingston and seconded by Councillor P. O’Brien
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62.	10th November 2014	C/611/14	Carnegie Library Buildings “That this Council reaffirms its support for the Carnegie Library buildings as libraries or, where this is not practicable, as public access community facilities.” – Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy
63.	10th November 2014	C/612/14	The Summer of Heritage “That the Chief Executive will please ensure that all future programmes of the Summer of Heritage will provide fairer distribution of events amongst all electoral Wards.” – Proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy and seconded by Councillor P. O’Brien

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64.	10th November 2014	C/618/14	Local Policing Forums “That this Council recognises the excellent work done by the Local Policing Forums throughout Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.” – Proposed by Councillor S. O’Brien and seconded by Councillor B. Ward
65.	10th November 2014	C/619/14	Vision of Change Document “That this Council writes to the Minister for Health for an explanation as to why the recommendations of the Vision of Change document have, as yet, not been implemented. The Vision of Change document offers radical change in the management of mental health services in Ireland.” – Proposed by Councillor C. Curran and seconded by Councillor B. Ward
66.	10th November 2014	C/621/14	Speed Limits in Housing Estates “That this Council welcomes Circular RSD 01/2014 on the control of Vehicle Speeds in Housing Estates, issued by Paschal Donohoe TD, Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, to all Local Authorities (following his meeting with the ‘Jake’s Legacy Campaign’) requiring an examination of speed limits in residential areas and housing estates to improve road safety for cyclists and pedestrians, especially children; and requests the Chief Executive, in line with the circular, to initiate consultation with residents across our County with a view to determine the need for new bye-laws for 30 km/h limits for residential estates and additional selected safety zones.” – Proposed by Councillor J. Madigan and seconded by Councillor J. Bailey
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68.	8th December 2014	C/666/14	Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2014-2019 “That references to ‘Ageing’ be amended to read ‘Positive Ageing’ in the remit of the Community Development, Culture and Ageing SPC.” – Proposed by Councillor M. Merrigan and seconded by Councillors K. Daly, S. O’Neill, S. O’Brien, V. Boyhan and P. Stewart (Amended motion from the floor, original motion from the floor proposed by Councillor M. Merrigan and seconded by Councillors K. Daly, S. O’Neill, S. O’Brien, V. Boyhan and P. Stewart)
69.	8th December 2014	C/667/14	S2S Joint Committee “That this Council, pursuant to its powers under section 52(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), resolves to establish a joint committee, with Dublin City Council, to be known as “The S2S Joint Committee”, consisting of a total of twelve members — six members from this Council and six members from Dublin City Council — to coordinate the approach of the two Local Authorities on all matters relating to the project known as the Sutton to Sandycove Coastal Promenade and Cycleway around Dublin Bay, including, but not limited to, the design, promotion, planning, construction and completion thereof, within the functional areas of the two Councils.” – Jointly proposed and seconded by Councillors B. Ward, P. Stewart, O. Smyth, K. Feeney, C. Devlin and D. Kingston

Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999

Candidate	Total Election Expenditure	Donations received in excess of 600 Euros	Donation from
Dr. Cara Augustenborg	3557.49		
Cllr John Bailey	6085.50		
Cllr Maria Bailey	8314.36		
Cllr Marie Baker	7494.33		
Cllr Victor Boyhan	1780.57		
Cllr Shay Brennan	4886.00		
John C Byrne	6109.74		
Anne Colgan	4044.92		
Angela Collins-Timlin	4930.00		
Terence Corish	4519.00		
Cllr Jennifer Cuffe	5739.98		
Cllr Chris Curran	2411.25		
Nicola Curry	1262.35		
Cllr Kevin Daly	11038.00		
Cllr Cormac Devlin	6418.75		
Jane Dillon Byrne	3450.00		
Cllr Liam Dockery	5070.87		
Maurice Dockrell	5948.06		
Cllr Deirdre Donnelly	11079.79		
Cillian Doyle	2985.04		
Vinny Duran Kearns	4886.04		
Aileen Eglinton	4911.00		
Cllr Mary Fayne	3549.50		
Cllr Kate Feeney	4695.11		
Donal Fingleton	6522.50		
Tony Fox	2344.60		
Jim Gildea	4547.63		
Cllr Karl Gill	3039.53		
Simon Gillespie	842.79		
Simon Hall	951.58		
Cllr Melisa Halpin	2979.63		
Cllr Mary Hanafin	5171.00		
Cllr Pat Hand	2290.00		
Miriam Hennessy	872.21		
Cllr Gerry Horkan	2010.00		
Cllr Dr. Richard Humphreys	11324.20		
Lola Hynes	2700.80		
Tom Joyce	2681.00		
John Kane	2837.61		
Jeanette Kavanagh	1353.36		
John Paul Kearney	2864.89		
Tony Kelly	3912.11		

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John Kennedy	8267.52		
Anthony Kenny	No declaration furnished		
Peter Kerrigan	1000.00		
ClIr Deirdre Kingston	4515.76		
Tom Kivlehan	2278.44		
Caitriona Lawlor	4394.45		
Peter Leonard	6184.88	2500.00	Labour Party Dublin South Rathdown
ClIr Hugh Lewis	2985.04		
James McCann	5430.70		
ClIr Lettie McCarthy	3789.94		
Garrett McDermott	6203.87		
ClIr Lynsey McGovern	6029.38		
Mary McHale	3301.30		
Brian McNally	No declaration furnished		
ClIr Josepha Madigan	10240.12		
ClIr Catherine Martin	2483.03		
ClIr Michael Merrigan	1913.52		
Celine Moorkens	1428.15		
ClIr Brian Murphy	10421.53		
ClIr Tom Murphy	7734.82		
ClIr Sorcha Nic Cormaic	1576.76		
ClIr Peter O'Brien	3547.66		
Rita O'Brien	300.00		
ClIr Shane O'Brien	2510.00		
ClIr Denis O'Callaghan	3051.51		
Ellen O'Connor	7124.35	1000.00	Joseph Kinahan
Jim O'Dea	8388.16		
John O'Dowd	750.00		
ClIr Seamas O'Neill	12604.09		
Alan Patrick O'Reilly	No declaration furnished		
Stephen O'Shea	3597.49		
Donna Pierce	4362.50		
ClIr Neale Richmond	3648.50		
Lisa Rogerson	5427.34		
Sarah Ryan	4288.90	806.38	Fianna Fail Constituency
ClIr Barry Saul	6490.00		
ClIr Carrie Smyth	5171.25		
ClIr Ossian Smyth	3795.23		
Madeline Spiers	4492.71		
Stewart Stephens	2427.00		
ClIr Patricia Stewart	4442.33		
ClIr Grace Tallon	9201.00		
ClIr Barry Ward	8215.06		

Payments to Councillors in 2014

Councillor: – 49 Councillors in Total (Current & Former)	Total Mobile Phone Bill 2014 per Councillor	Amount paid by Councillor for 2014 (Max)	Amount of Phone Bill Paid by Council 2014 SI 236/14	Amount of Broadband Expense Paid by the Council 2014	Salary / Rep- resentational Payment 2014 LG 03/14 (LG 26/09 Pre-June 14)	Gratuity LG 17/2014
Bailey John SPC Chair from June 2014	€850.58	€604.46	€246.12	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Bailey Maria Broadband – Dec 13 – Dec 14 SPC Chair June – 13th October 2014	€593.61	€296.78	€296.83	€396.37	€16,565.04	
Baker Marie	€232.75	€127.26	€105.49	€365.88	€16,565.04	
Boyhan Victor	€330.30	€168.30	€162.00	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Bhreathnach Niamh SPC Chair January to May 2014	146.87	73.43	73.44	€0.00	€6,948.11	€48,830.36
Brennan Aoife	€178.58	€89.30	€89.28	€0.00	€6,948.11	
Brennan Shay	€883.18	€583.18	€300.00	€108.84	€9,662.94	
Cuffe Jennifer	€143.18	€71.58	€71.60	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Curran Chris	€540.21	€278.71	€261.50	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Daly Kevin	€147.14	€73.57	€73.57	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Devlin Cormac SPC Chair June – December 2014	€741.74	€401.78	€339.96	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Dillon Byrne Jane 15th Broadband – November 2013 – May 2014	€133.28	€66.64	€66.64	€179.67	€6,948.11	€64,169.62
Dockery Liam	€144.71	€72.35	€72.36	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Donnelly Deirdre	€176.83	€88.41	€88.42	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Fayne Mary	€286.89	€143.42	€143.47	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Feeney Kate	€144.77	€72.38	€72.39	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Fox Tony Broadband – April 2013 – May 2014	€146.80	€84.61	€62.19	€426.86	€6,948.11	€57,693.95
Gill Karl	€143.78	€71.84	€71.94	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Halpin Melisa	€348.58	€174.28	€174.31	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Hanafin Mary	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	

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Hand Pat Broadband Sept 13 – Oct 14 SPC Chair January to May 2014	€345.80	€172.90	€172.90	€424.38	€16,565.04	
Horkan Gerry SPC Chair January – December 2014	€324.88	€162.44	€162.44	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Humphreys Dr. Richard	€369.32	€184.64	€184.68	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Joyce Tom	€132.32	€66.16	€66.16	€0.00	€6,948.11	
Kingston Deirdre	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Lewis Hugh	€512.77	€256.30	€256.47	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Madigan Josepha	€54.99	€27.49	€27.50	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Marren Donal SPC Chair January to May 2014	€115.42	€57.56	€57.86	€0.00	€6,948.11	€62,445.96
Martin Catherine	€152.14	€76.06	€76.08	€0.00	€9,662.94	
McCarthy Lettie Broadband – December 2013 – December 2014. No August Bill submitted	€301.76	€150.87	€150.89	€365.88	€16,565.04	
McGovern Lynsey	€158.60	€79.30	€79.30	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Merrigan Michael	€134.22	€66.80	€67.42	€213.43	€9,662.94	
Murphy Brian	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€9,662.94	
Murphy Tom	€295.28	€147.85	€147.43	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Nic Cormaic Sorcha	€142.92	€71.46	€71.46	€0.00	€9,662.94	
O'Brien Peter	€173.07	€86.52	€86.55	€0.00	€9,662.94	
O'Brien Shane SPC chair from 13th October 2014	€151.88	€75.94	€75.94	€0.00	€9,662.94	
O' Callaghan Denis SPC Chair January to May 2014	€204.51	€102.25	€102.26	€0.00	€16,565.04	

Councillor: – 49 Councillors in Total (Current & Former)	Total Mobile Phone Bill 2014 per Councillor	Amount paid by Councillor for 2014 (Max)	Amount of Phone Bill Paid by Council 2014 SI 236/14	Amount of Broadband Expense Paid by the Council 2014	Salary / Rep- resentational Payment 2014 LG 03/14 (LG 26/09 Pre-June 14)	Gratuity LG 17/2014
O'Dea Jim	€109.44	€54.73	€54.71	€127.00	€6,948.11	€13,078.17
O'Keefe Gearóid Broadband – October 2013 – April 2014. 14th May – 30th May (17 days) @€16.46. January €17.95 & February €9.93 mobile phone Deducted from Salary	€163.98	€81.99	€81.99	€226.39	€6,832.84	€33,264.21
O'Neill Seamas	€142.93	€71.46	€71.47	€118.81	€9,662.94	
Pierce Donna	€155.30	€77.64	€77.66		€6,948.11	
Richmond Neale Broadband – Feb 2012 – Sept 2013 & Nov 13-Nov 14. SPC payment from June to 13th October 2014	€410.46	€212.77	€197.69	€890.06	€16,565.04	
Saul Barry	€237.32	€118.66	€118.66	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Smyth Carrie SPC Chair from 13th October 2014 .	€319.82	€159.88	€159.94	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Smyth Ossian	€154.30	€77.14	€77.16	€182.94	€9,662.94	
Stewart Patricia	€950.96	€585.52	€365.44	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Tallon Grace	€474.16	€246.57	€227.59	€0.00	€16,565.04	
Ward Barry SPC Chair from June 2014	€1,215.22	€607.72	€607.50	€364.90	€16,565.04	
	€14,217.55	€7,620.90	€6,596.66	€4,391.41	€570,412.28	€279,482.27
€1,145,501.07						

Mobile Bills 2014: As per Circular SI 236/14 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co pays half of each of the Councillor's Mobile Phone up to a Maximum of €600.00 Euros per annum. The Balance of the Bill is paid by the Councillor e.g. if the Councillor Total Bill is €1,500.00. The Council will pay €600.00 and the Balance of €900.00 will be paid by the Councillor in question. 40 Councillors availed mobiles provided by the Council; 33 have mobiles currently chosen by the Council. Half the mobile Bill is deducted from the Councillors Meeting payments. 4 Councillors who are currently with different providers submit their own bills and the Council will pay up to a max of €50.00. 3 Councillors do not claim Mobile or Broadband Expenses .

Broadband 2014: – The Councillors can avail of broadband allowance up to maximum of €30.49 to a chosen provider 14/49 Councillors avail/or have availed of this. The Councillors must submit their own bills & recoup half of their broadband bill up to the maximum. 3 Don't avail of Broadband . 33 Councillors avail of Split Billing.

Councillor: – 49 Councillors in Total (Current & Former)	An Cathaoirleach/ An Leas Cathaoirleach & County Board Chair Allowance 2014 Local Govt. (Expenses of Local Authority Members Regulations 2014 (SI No 236 of 2014))	Travel & Subsistence for attendance at meetings for 2014 (Includes deductions of Mobile Phone Bills) LG 12/14 (LG 33/06 Pre – June 14)	SPC Allowance 2014 for Chairpersons only 2014 LG 236/14(LG 02/10 Pre – June 14)	Conferences Fees 2014 as per Circular LG 12/236 /14 (LG 02/10 Pre – June 2014)	Estimated Travel & Subsistence for attendance at Conference and Training – Not claimed yet. LG 12/236/14 / 02/10 LG 03/2015 (LG02/10 Pre – June 2014)	Total Amount Paid to Councillors 2014
Bailey John SPC Chair from June 2014		€5,877.21	€2,842.49			€25,530.86
Bailey Maria Broadband – Dec 13 – Dec 14 SPC Chair June – 13th October 2014		€6,184.89	€1,753.77	€594.13		€25,791.03
Baker Marie	€17,083.33	€6,354.41	€0.00			€40,474.15
Boyhan Victor			€0.00	€385.60		€17,112.64
Bhreathnach Niamh SPC Chair January to May 2014		€2,629.22	€2,500.00			€60,981.13
Brennan Aoife		€1,277.51	€0.00			€8,314.90
Brennan Shay		€3,195.84	€0.00			€13,267.62
Cuffe Jennifer		€3,707.44	€0.00			€13,441.98
Curran Chris		€3,500.31	€0.00			€13,424.75
Daly Kevin		€3,705.45	€0.00			€13,441.96
Devlin Cormac SPC Chair June – December 2014		€6,079.89	€2,842.49			€25,827.38
Dillon Byrne Jane 15th Broadband – November 2013 – May 2014		€2,635.99	€0.00			€74,000.03
Dockery Liam		€3,694.15	€0.00			€13,429.45
Donnelly Deirdre		€3,690.61	€0.00			€13,441.97
Fayne Mary		€3,635.60	€0.00			€13,442.01
Feeney Kate		€3,706.64	€0.00			€13,441.97
Fox Tony Broadband – April 2013 – May 2014		€2,617.94	€0.00	€2,093.03		€69,842.08
Gill Karl		€3,707.18	€0.00			€13,442.06
Halpin Melisa		€6,307.35	€0.00			€23,046.70
Hanafin Mary		€0.00	€0.00			€0.00

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Hand Pat Broadband Sept 13 – Oct 14 SPC Chair January to May 2014		€6,308.77	€2,500.00	€2,230.86		€28,201.95
Horkan Gerry SPC Chair January – December 2014		€6,319.23	€5,342.49		€1,656.00	€30,045.20
Humphreys Dr. Richard		€4,917.42	€0.00			€21,667.14
Joyce Tom		€2,340.51	€0.00			€9,354.78
Kingston Deirdre		€3,779.02	€0.00			€13,441.96
Lewis Hugh		€4,804.36	€0.00			€21,625.87
Madigan Josepha		€3,751.53	€0.00			€13,441.97
Marren Donal SPC Chair January to May 2014		€2,636.33	€2,500.00	€1,101.79		€75,690.05
Martin Catherine		€3,702.96	€0.00			€13,441.98
McCarthy Lettie Broadband – December 2013 – December 2014. No August Bill submitted		€6,331.14	€0.00			€23,412.95
McGovern Lynsey		€2,769.80	€0.00			€12,512.04
Merrigan Michael		€2,885.24	€0.00			€12,829.03
Murphy Brian	€3,416.66	€2,466.80	€0.00			€15,546.40
Murphy Tom		€6,074.36	€0.00			€22,786.83
Nic Cormaic Sorcha		€3,707.56	€0.00			€13,441.96
O'Brien Peter		€3,678.82	€0.00			€13,428.31
O'Brien Shane SPC chair from 13th October 2014		€3,703.08	€1,088.72			€14,530.68

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O' Callaghan Denis SPC Chair January to May 2014		€6,379.42	€2,500.00			€25,546.72
O'Dea Jim		€2,647.93	€0.00			€22,855.92
O'Keefe Gearóid Broadband – October 2013 – April 2014. 14th May – 30th May (17 days) @€16.46. January €17.95 & February €9.93 mobile phone Deducted from Salary		€204.42	€0.00	€5,841.73		€46,451.58
O'Neill Seamas		€2,880.58	€0.00			€12,733.80
Pierce Donna		€2,625.01	€0.00			€9,650.78
Richmond Neale Broadband – Feb 2012 – Sept 2013 & Nov 13-Nov 14. SPC payment from June to 13th October 2014		€6,268.90	€1,753.77	€970.83		€26,646.29
Saul Barry	€3,131.70	€6,363.01	€0.00	€1,881.76	€285.74	€28,345.91
Smyth Carrie SPC Chair from 13th October 2014 .	€15,682.16	€6,321.79	€1,088.72			€39,817.65
Smyth Ossian		€3,701.88	€0.00			€13,624.92
Stewart Patricia		€6,116.23	€0.00			€23,046.71
Tallon Grace		€5,959.19	€0.00			€22,751.82
Ward Barry SPC Chair from June 2014		€5,873.95	€2,842.49	€681.32		€26,935.20
	€39,313.85	€198,026.87	€29,554.94	€15,781.05	€1,941.74	€1,145,501.07

Architecture and Culture Department

The Architecture and Culture Department is made up of the Architects, Libraries and Arts Divisions.

Architects' Department

The Architects' Department provides a broad range of building related services in the following categories:

- (a) Housing
- (b) Urban Design + Public Realm
- (c) Civic Buildings
- (d) Conservation of the Built Heritage
- (e) Dangerous Structures/Places
- (f) Energy Management
- (g) Miscellaneous

Housing

The Housing Programme, in conjunction with the Housing Department, continued in 2014. A new programme of works included a number of projects being prepared for tender stage including 15 houses and apartments at Cromlech Close, Glenamuck; four houses at Clontibret, Blackrock, Co. Dublin and

the refurbishment of Glen Druid Halting Site, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin.

Following the significant refurbishment at Rochestown Terrace in 2013, a second phase commenced on site in 2014. This is expected to be complete in early 2016 and will provide 34 energy efficient dwellings as part of a Europhit pilot scheme. Design works for a third phase comprising 14 units was also undertaken in 2014. When this has been completed Rochestown House will have undergone a significant transformation. In addition, design was advanced for a new scheme of 44 dwellings at Rosemount Court, Dundrum and 50 dwellings at Fitzgerald Park, Dún Laoghaire.

The Small Works section also completed 31 bathroom upgrades and 11 wheelchair ramps under the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme. A programme of house refurbishments and extensions also took place.

The Planned Maintenance work programme continued in 2014.

The programme of spot-check visual inspections on private rented accommodation within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown continued. The purpose of this programme is to ensure that private rented accommodation meets the relevant standards set out in statutory regulations.



Ballyogan Operations Centre received two awards at Wood Awards Ireland 2014

Laurelmere, Marlay Park



Urban Design + Public Realm

The Architects' Department continues to provide considerable urban design input and advice on issues pertaining to the public realm and planning across Council activities.

Detailed input was provided on the Chief Executive's Draft County Development Plan 2016-2020, the Draft Dún Laoghaire Urban Structure Plan and the Blackrock Local Area Plan. Designs for the second phase of the award winning Metals Project were progressed and additional works along Marine Road in Dún Laoghaire were advanced to strengthen the links between the Town Centre and the Waterfront.

A new bathing shelter was completed at Sandycove Harbour. Located in a highly sensitive context it provides welcome changing facilities for swimmers and received an award from the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland. Progress has also been made in the design of the Baths in Dún Laoghaire. When complete this project will significantly upgrade the appearance of the Baths and contribute to the ongoing rejuvenation of the Town.

Civic Buildings

An advisory service continued on a broad range of civic buildings and a significant number of projects were completed for Client Departments, including the completion of a new Golf Pavilion at Marlay Park.

Restoration works were carried out to protected structures at Laurelmere (Tamplins) in Marlay Park and the Sea Leisure Building at Otranto Place in Sandycove. Tenders were also prepared for the Craft Courtyard at Marlay Park.

A number of projects were also carried out for the Community Department, including the completion of restoration works at Park House, Library Road and a proposed new building design for Sallynoggin Senior Citizens Centre.

The new operations centre at Ballyogan was opened in 2012 and creates an excellent working environment for staff. The project received two awards at the Wood Awards Ireland 2014 winning the 'Large Public Building' Category as well as being declared 'Overall Winner'.

Works took place to create a Design & Craft Gallery and workshop at Moran Park House.

Conservation of the Built Heritage

The Conservation Division implements Part IV (Architectural Heritage) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and offers advice to members of the public and their agents on all aspects of the Built Heritage.

The Division continues to provide input and advice on issues pertaining to the built heritage across Council Departments. Significant input was provided in the drafting of the Chief Executive's Draft County Development Plan 2016-2020 and input continued into the Blackrock Local Area Plan.

A new Conservation Grant Scheme, the "Built Heritage Jobs Leverage Scheme" was introduced by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in 2014. Under this scheme, a sum of €211,000 was allocated by the Department to the Local Authority to assist with works to safeguard protected structures. A total of 21 projects were funded under the Scheme.

Dangerous Structures and Places

The Department implements the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act in relation to Dangerous Structures and Places. There were a total of 70 Dangerous Buildings cases in 2014.

Energy Management

The Council's Energy Management Team is led by the County Architect and a report is included in the Appendices outlining actions carried out over the past year to improve energy efficiency in areas under Council responsibility.

SEAI grants allowed a number of energy saving projects to be completed across County Hall, Moran Park House, Marlay House and a number of community centres. Energy upgrades were also carried out at three dlr Leisure Centres (on behalf of dlr Leisure Services). Public lighting upgrades were also carried out across the County.

Miscellaneous

The Architects' Department continued in 2014 to provide an advisory service across a broad range of activities such as quantity surveying, procurement, technical advice, building

Irish Architecture Awards for 2014 – Sandycove Lifeguard Hut



management and building condition reports, along with advising on Arts-related activities.

The Department provided funding for Open House for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown where members of the public were given the opportunity to visit architect-designed private residences, historic buildings and new landmarks for the Open House Weekend in October 2014, with particular visitor interest in the new dlr Lexlcon.

Libraries

dlr Lexlcon, the Central Library and Cultural Centre, opened its doors to the public on Monday 8th December 2014. It attracted over 30,000+ visitors in the first month of opening.



dlr Lexlcon photo: ©Dennis Gilbert/VIEW www.viewpictures.co.uk

Pictured at the Refurbished Blackrock Library were An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Marie Baker and Valerie Mulvin of McCullough Mulvin Architects.



This iconic public building, designed by architects Carr, Cotter, Naessens, is a crucial part of a programme of regeneration in Dún Laoghaire. It includes a major commitment to provide public facilities and represents the single biggest investment by the Council in a civic amenity. The dlr Lexlcon will be a key component in the delivery of the culture and recreation programme in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and its environs for many years to come.

Following extensive refurbishment, Blackrock Library re-opened to the public on Bloomsday, June 16th, in its original home in Blackrock Town Hall. The project won architects, McCullough Mulvin, an Irish Georgian Society Architectural Conservation Award in October.

The newly refurbished Deansgrange Library, carried out by the Architects' Department, received a prestigious award in the Royal Institute of Architects Awards 2014.

Dundrum Library celebrated its centenary on 20th August with a series of talks, poetry readings, exhibitions and music.

Library membership continues to increase with the membership figure now at 62,707. This represents 30% of the population of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Over half a million people visited dlr branch libraries and over 1.4 million items were borrowed.

E-books continue to grow in popularity with 20,293 being downloaded, representing a 10% increase on 2013.

A new dlr libraries website was launched and achieved over 1.8m hits on the main page.

A rich programme of events included the Babies Love Books initiative and World Book Day Quiz. Dlr Libraries participated in local and national initiatives such as One City One Book, Open House Dublin, Culture Night and the Summer Reading Buzz programme, with 1,000 children reading ten or more books. Over 60 events were hosted in our libraries during October for Children's Book Festival.

In a highly successful 7th season of Library Voices, dlr Libraries were delighted to welcome celebrated authors including Ian McEwan, Karen Joy Fowler, Armistead Maupin, Sebastian Barry and Rachel Joyce.

Christ the King on its way to Moran Park



Arts

In 2014 the Arts Office relocated to dlr LexIcon, the new Central Library and Cultural Centre, and within it opened the County's first Municipal Gallery. Soundings-Collective Memories of the Sea was the first exhibition programme. It explored the relationships between Dún Laoghaire, the sea and its people, through artworks, talks and lectures. Curated by Michael McLoughlin with thanks to Dún Laoghaire RNLI lifeboat crew members, Soundings brought together six artists with connections to Dún Laoghaire. A range of talks, workshops and performances took place as part of the exhibition programme. By the time the exhibition programme finished at the end of January 2015, over 23,000 people had visited and engaged with it.

A major architecture-focused project Inter/Generation invited the general public to explore and think about architecture's role in forming and changing our built environment. Curated by John McLaughlin, Inter/Generation took place in the Easter break 2014 and offered a range of exhibitions, workshops, films and talks for the public, alongside professional development opportunities for artists and architects. The main activity took place in the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility and Killiney Hill Park.

The Grainstore went from strength to strength welcoming over 32,000 through its doors. Canvas, dlr's Youth Arts Committee, organised a battle of the bands that was supported by MCD and the winners played at Longitude 2014 music festival in Marlay Park in July.

In September the Arts Office ran dlr Culture Night, facilitating 13 venues and 5,963 visitors across the County. A highlight was an outdoor performance of Shaun Davey's 'Sea Shanties' by Dún Laoghaire Choral Society in the re-modelled Moran Park.

Katharine Lamb's site specific artwork commissioned under the Per Cent for Art Scheme was installed in dlr LexIcon. This is a 5.5 metre high stained glass artwork which explores mapmaking, sea charts and floral taxonomy and is inspired by the geography and nature of Dún Laoghaire.



Katharine Lamb and her Art Work installed in dlr LexIcon

Throughout the year the dlr/HSE Arts and Health Programme continued to work with older people in the County. The Musical Memories choir in partnership with the HSE and the Living Well with Dementia Project – Stillorgan/Blackrock, won the Local Government Excellence Awards in the Sustaining the Arts category as well as featuring on RTE's Nationwide programme. The partnership also initiated Arts and Disability Research, the first of its kind in Ireland in partnership with Arts Disability Ireland, the HSE and dlr's Social Inclusion Office.

From left – Ian Talbot, Chief Executive, Chambers Ireland, Kenneth Redmond, DLRC, Angus Lavery, Director of Public Affairs, An Post, An Cathaoirleach of DLRC, Cllr. Marie Baker and Alan Kelly T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government



Corporate Services and Human Resources Department

Corporate Services Department

The Corporate Services Department is responsible for the provision and management of a very wide range of services, both internal and external to the organisation.

These services include:

- Council Meetings
- Facilities Management
- Higher Education Grants
- Register of Electors
- Property Management
- Dundrum Office
- Communications Office

Business Improvement District Scheme (BIDS) Referendum and Local Election 2014

The Council ran the Dún Laoghaire BIDS referendum in January/February 2014 and managed the Local Election for the County Council in May 2014. The election involved an increase in the number of Councillors for the County from 28 to 40. The Council was also involved in the introduction of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 which provided for major restructuring of local government in Ireland and entailed significant changes to the Local Government Act 2001.

County Council

The Council itself is made up of 40 County Councillors from the following Electoral Areas: Dundrum, Glencullen/Sandyford, Stillorgan, Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire and Killiney/Shankill. Prior to the Local Elections in May 2014, the Council was made up of 28 Councillors.

In 2014 the following County Council meetings were held:

16 County Council meetings including the Annual Meeting and the Budget Meeting.

15 meetings of Dundrum Area Committee

15 meetings of Dún Laoghaire Area Committee

4 meetings of Strategic Policy Committees

2 meetings of the Joint Policing Committee

3 meetings of the Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee

Deputations

Deputation meetings provide a forum that is open to any association or body to meet with Council officials and Councillors to discuss issues relating to their particular areas.

Deputations are held in County Hall or in the Dundrum Local Office once a month except in July, August and December. The duration of discussion between each deputation and the Council Members and officials is forty-five minutes.

A total of 7 formalised deputation meetings were held during the year.

Facilities Management

The Facilities Management Section is responsible for managing Corporate Buildings (County/Town Hall, Harbour Square, Dundrum Office and Library Road). Value for Money is a priority and savings have been identified in terms of Energy consumption.

Work by the Facilities Management Section includes Administration and Maintenance Services as follows:



Members of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council – June 2014



- Purchasing / Procurement /Tender Process – Utilisation of the OGP contracts for Security, Advertising, Stationery, Electricity, Gas and the GNPB Frameworks, in conjunction with the Department of Finance, for Mobiles and Fixed Line Services has resulted in considerable savings for the Council. The continued use of a Low Value Purchase Card has also resulted in a reduction of administrative manpower hours.
- The Regional Procurement Group (of which this Council is a part) identifies collaborative tendering opportunities in the Dublin Region.
- Maintenance of Corporate Offices
- Use of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) in the management of contracts
- Information Desk / Porters Desk
- Management of Telephone System / Corporate Mobile Telephones.
- Switchboard Services –Automated system provides fast service delivery for customers by directing callers to main service departments
- Setting up for events in County Hall
- Hire of Halls/Exhibition Space
- Civil Weddings/Ceremonies

Council Chamber

Adaptations were carried out to the existing Council Chamber in 2014 to accommodate the increase in the number of elected members on the Council. The main works involved the installation of an additional bench and the adaptation of the communications system to accommodate the increased number of Councillors. A new emergency exit was also created.

Town Hall Façade

Works were carried out during 2014 to repair deteriorations in the stonework on the Town Hall façade. Maintenance was also carried out on the Town Hall Clock and the roof of the clock tower.

Communications Office

The Communications Office has responsibility for all corporate communications and information management. The office operates as the central contact point for all media relations and has an on-going role in managing the reputation of the Council through strategic communications planning. A primary objective of the team is to ensure that the organisation engages

in a clear two-way communication process with both internal and external stakeholders.

Key tasks in 2014 include:

- Proactive media relations, including the promotion and explanation of Council services, programmes and initiatives
- Issues Management/Crisis Communications
- Management of press queries (537 in 2014)
- Management of the Office of An Cathaoirleach
- Corporate Event Management
- Production of key Council publications including the dlr times and Annual Report
- Co-ordination of Ombudsman requests (17 cases dealt with in 2014)
- Additional responsibilities of the Office include the implementation of the Council's Irish Language Scheme under the Official Languages Act 2003.
- Management of the Council's Social Media Profile which includes Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Higher Education Grants

The 2012/2013 academic year saw the establishment of Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) who took over the processing of new Higher Education Grant applications from the Local Authorities and VEC's.

During this academic year Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council continued to process grants for 307 students who had received a grant from us in the 2012/2013 academic year and were continuing in their studies. In total, the Council paid out over €1.15m in support of these students.

Register of Electors

The final Register of Electors for 2014/2015 was published on 1 February 2014 and came into force on 15 February 2014.

The total number of electors on the final Register was 151,841 and the breakdown of the Electoral Areas is as follows:

Electoral Area	No. of Electors	Electoral Area	No. of Electors
Blackrock	22,369	Glencullen Sandyford	21,964
Dún Laoghaire	32,405	Killiney Shankill	26,082
Dundrum	27,851	Stillorgan	21,170

A draft Register of Electors for 2015/2016 was published on 1 November 2014. The total number on the Draft Register increased to 152,212.

Freedom of Information

The Council received 74 Freedom of Information requests, 9 Data Protection requests, and 7 requests for Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) in 2014.

Dundrum Office

The following meetings were held in the Dundrum Office in 2014:

Dundrum Area Committee Meetings	13
SPC Meetings	4
Deputations	3
Other Departmental Meetings	63
Housing Meetings/sign-ups/interviews/RAS	48
Exhibitions/Public Displays	25
Public Information Meetings	3

School Meals Schemes

10 Primary Schools in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area benefit from the scheme.

Property Management

The Property Management Section manages the Council's property portfolio including consents to sub-leases in Sandyford Industrial Estate. All acquisitions, disposals and Compulsory Purchase Orders are processed through the section. Currently the section operates 21 Temporary Lettings/Commercial Leases on its property, which includes 2 shops, a unit used as a hairdressers and land used for grazing purposes. The Section also enters all Council owned land on the Council's Property Interest Register and maintains the Derelict Sites Register.

Inspections and enforcement under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 are undertaken as appropriate. In 2014 there were 19 properties on the Derelict Sites Register – 18 of which were domestic properties the other being a commercial property.

The section has a Referencing Service which also prepares the Books of References for Compulsory Purchase Orders.

Launch of Voter Booklet – You Can Vote by Cllr. Carrie Smyth (An Cathaoirleach June 2013 to June 2014)



Human Resources Department

The Human Resources Department is involved in the general administration of statutory employment provisions, the policies, procedures and schemes adopted by management. The Department also has responsibility for Accessibility and Workplace Partnership.

Staff of the County Council

The workforce of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at the end of 2014 was 951 including clerical/administrative, professional, technical and depot-based staff comprising craft and general workers.

Recruitment, Administration & Industrial Relations

The Human Resources Department provides an advisory service to local management, ensuring equality and consistency throughout the organisation.

Staff welfare is promoted through the operation of schemes that aspire to a work life balance i.e. flexi time, term time, work-sharing.

The Staff Support Counsellor identifies and responds to transitory crises or personal difficulties experienced by staff at work or at home and provides a confidential counselling, referral and information service.

Equality

Equality is a core value in the culture of the Council. This is reflected in the policies, practices and procedures when engaging with both citizens and each other. Diversity management is integrated into the customer care training programme which has supported the development of appropriate responses to a wide range of enquiries, concerns and requirements.

Accessibility

The 3% target for the employment of people with disabilities referred to in the Disability Act 2005 was exceeded again in 2014 (4%).

Staff Development and Training

During the year, the training programme delivered in-house training to 755 staff including the following areas:

Health and Safety, Personal Development, Project Management, Courtroom Skills, Customer Care, Information Technology.

PMDS training was also provided for all staff.

Training was also delivered to 33 Gateway staff.

3 staff members have undertaken the Certificate in Local Government Studies in 2014

24 staff members were approved under the Scheme of Assistance for courses of further education.

Gateway Scheme

The Gateway Scheme is a local authority work placement scheme designed to provide short-term working opportunities

for unemployed people. A total of 33 persons were recruited onto the scheme in 2014.

The categories of work are those defined by Sharepoint /Pobal.

The 33 participants were assigned as follows:-

- 5 – clerical and administration
- 18 – horticultural, parks and cemetery services.
- 10 – staffing and support of: arts, cultural, tourism, heritage activities and centres

Workplace Partnership

The Partnership Committee held a number of meetings during the year. Partnership Action groups continued to advance several objectives/activities, some of which are outlined below: –

Return to Learning

Two return to learning groups were established. This initiative is run by the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board, formally the VEC

Staff Commemoration Event

On 31st October deceased staff members were remembered in both the Town Hall and the Ballyogan Operations Centre.

Staff Innovation Scheme

This is the second year of this initiative where Staff, Teams or Departments were invited to submit to the Partnership Innovation Action Group, innovative ideas that were designed to improve the way the Council operates and/or save money.

Staff Information Booklets

Workplace Partnership produced pocket sized hard-copy versions of a booklet “dlrcc Staff Information Booklet” which reflected both the functions and staff responsibilities within Departments & Sections along with other useful contact details. The booklets were distributed to all Staff and Councillors.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council 2015 Calendar

A calendar was produced, which contained photos/images of staff detailing the wide variety of services provided by the Council.

Modified Council Chamber



Environment Department

The directorate of Environment incorporates a wide range of services for citizens and visitors which are designed to provide and maintain high quality amenities, maintain a good quality of public realm and facilitate a diversity of cultural activities.

The core services are:

Environment Services

Towards the end of 2014 the Council commenced the statutory process of reviewing the Litter Management Plan 2012–2014 with a view to producing a new 3 year plan for 2015 – 2017. During 2014 the Council's Litter Wardens continued to enforce the relevant legislation including the Litter Bye-Laws. 559 litter fines were issued during the year.

To address the on-going problem of dog fouling the Council erected Dog Fouling Audio devices in 2014 on a trial basis at Seapoint walkway and Newtownsmith promenade for the summer months. During the operation period of these audio devices a reduction of 71.4% and 64.3% respectively of dog fouling incidences was recorded.

During 2014 the Council also carried out a series of "paw patrols" throughout the County to assist in identifying heavily fouled areas. These patrols were used to identify dog fouling signage requirements and increase litter warden patrols in these areas.

The Council's Dog Warden continued to enforce the Control of Dogs legislation during the year. A total of 110 dogs were taken in at the Council's dog pound.

An on-going programme of graffiti removal continued during 2014 with 7,000 m² of graffiti removed during the year.

The Annual Tidy Districts competition had 29 Residents Groups, Tidy Towns Committees and Estate Management Groups participating in 2014. The overall winner was Cabinteely.

The Tidy Schools competition had 34 schools involved. The Environmental Awareness Officer also managed the Green Schools programme, with 120 schools registered under the programme.

Cleansing Services

The Cleansing Section employs over 50 staff and the fleet consists of road-sweepers, mini-sweepers, side-loaders, pick-ups and a green machine.

As part of a constant review of current operations, the road-sweeping schedule is continuously reviewed to provide a monthly service to the majority of the residential areas in the County. In 2014, the Council continued with a working rota for street cleaning and litter bin emptying in the major town areas,

Upgraded litter Bin



which provides a service on a 7 day week basis from 7.00 am to 6.30 pm each day. This new schedule allows for town centres to be visited daily and the main roads to be swept fortnightly.

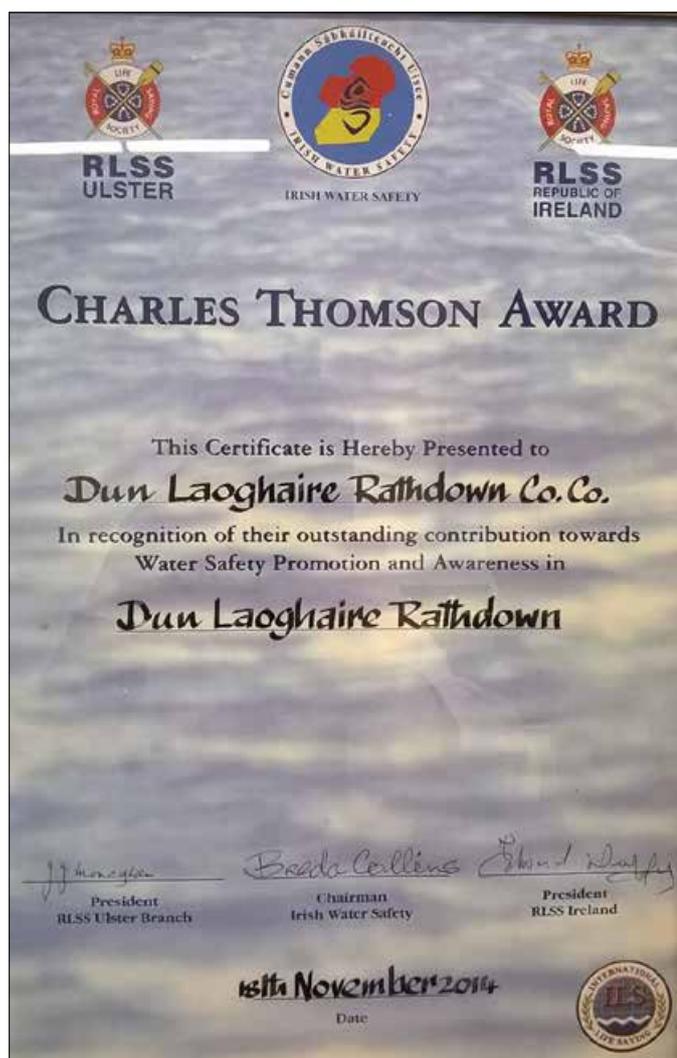
The litter bins were upgraded in 2014 increasing the capacity of the system from approximately 45,000 litres to over 250,000 litres. Using the web based application to monitor real-time levels of waste in the new units; the number of litter bins visited during a working day has reduced by over 85%.

The Cleansing Section has 3 gully cleaning trucks which constantly clean approximately 22,000 gullies throughout the County.

Beaches

The beaches throughout the County are maintained 7 days a week and in 2014 Seapoint and Killiney were awarded Blue Flags.

In 2014 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council was presented with the Charles Thomson Award at the Irish Water Safety National Awards Ceremony. This Award is presented annually to the Local Authority deemed to have done most to promote Water Safety on the island of Ireland in the preceding year.



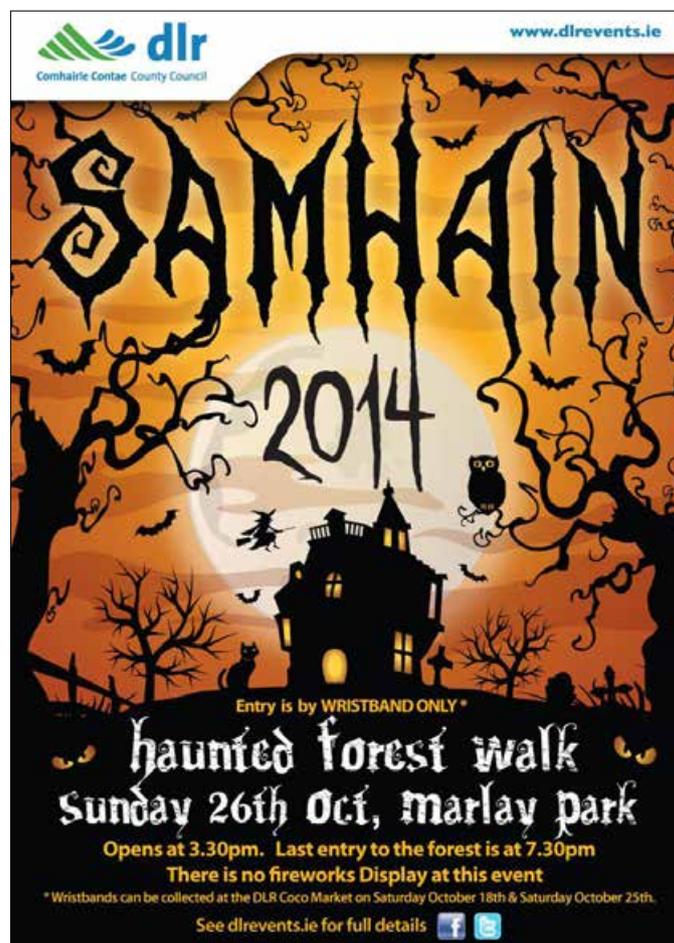
Parks & Landscaping Service

A wide variety of local landscape improvements were undertaken in open spaces throughout the County, including

new seating, footpaths, tree and shrub planting, vegetation clearance/tidy-up, and recreational facilities. The Parks Service continued to support and develop other attractions within our parks such as the CoCo Markets.

New Developments included:

- New Playgrounds at Soldiers & Sailors/Monkstown, Patrick Doyle Road, Stillorgan Heath and an outdoor Gym at Shanganagh open space
- Taking in charge of a MUGA at Belarmine
- Completion of Golf Pavilion at Marlay
- New pedestrian entrance to Marlay Park at junction of College Road and Grange Road
- Completion of renovations and opening of Tea Rooms at People's Park
- Completion of hard landscape improvements to People's Park
- Completion of raised promenade adjacent to People's Park
- Completion of Car Park at Coolevin
- Upgrade of Sea Leisure Building at Otranto, Sandycove
- De-silting pond at Carysfort Park
- Tree planting projects at Cherrywood and Stillorgan Heath
- Completion of path network in Bearna Park and pathway improvements in Hillview
- Landscape improvement works at Stepside Golf Course



New sporting amenities were installed as follows:

- Two replacement pitches at Cabinteely Park
- A programme of grass pitch improvements continued throughout the County including sand-dressing, drainage etc.
- Development of a small local park at Rathsallagh, beside Shankill Dart Station, commenced.
- Parks Department continued to work closely with local communities; attending meetings, sharing information and in assisting and advising on estate improvements in Council estates.
- Development of local work plans identifying local problems and agreeing on the necessary works to address these issues.
- Planting and Landscape schemes (re-instatement of grass areas, tree/shrub planting, bulbs, flowers).
- Street Tree Planting within housing estates.

Dlr Events

Dlr Events continued its programme of Free Events in 2014 with popular events like the *Cabinteely Carnival*, *Movies in the Park* and the very successful *Samhain*.

2014 saw the introduction of a new event – *HOW? the Science and Technology* event in Shanganagh Park. This was a great success and it is hoped to continue to host this event in 2015.

Marlay Park hosted more concerts in 2014 including big names such as the Arctic Monkeys and Kings of Leon.

The Christmas Festival was a great success in 2014 and ended with a spectacular fireworks display off the East Pier just before Christmas. The Christmas market increased its chalets to 20, selling a vast array of local crafts and gifts.

Sports Development in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

In 2014 the Sports Development Office continued to deliver and develop its County Wide Sports Development Programme, which incorporated the Sports Access Scheme and event grants. This also included specific provision for Access Programmes for Women in Sport, Youth at risk & Older Adults.

The Sports Development Office continued to grow its collaborative programme of work with the FAI, dlr Leisure Services, Leinster Rugby, UCD and the development of the Community Cricket programme in association with Leinster Cricket.

A sample of the success stories of 2014:

- Approximately 1,400 people took part in the Bay 10k Road race
- DLR Little & Mini Waves soccer programme with 3 locations around the County – an average of 80 boys & girls aged between 3-9yrs participated per week.
- DLR Mini Movers was delivered to over 170 boys & girls aged between 3-5yrs in community childcare facilities throughout the County.
- DRAFTS Programme (*Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown After School Fun Through Sports*) with 12 schools taking part in weekly activities from Archery to Volleyball.

Official Opening of Marlay Park All Weather Pitches by Cllr. Carrie Smyth (An Cathaoirleach June 2013 to June 2014)



- The Community sports programme facilitated over 40 sports programmes across the County. Some of the sports taking place included archery, volleyball, hockey, soccer, sailing, rugby, basketball and more.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership

In 2014 the Local Sports Partnership organised and delivered a wide range of training courses, workshops and targeted physical activity programmes based on the County Sports Participation Strategy 2013-17.

Participation Programmes & Events – Total of 2,600 Participants

- dlr Community 5K – 6th year with 1,400 people of all ages & abilities.
- Older Adults Activity – taster days for 200 participants in two events
- Active Dance – Transition Year dance programme in 5 schools
- Fun Family Cycle – 6km cycle around Dún Laoghaire with 220 people
- Operation Transformation – walk in Marlay Park with 330 participants
- ISC Workplace Challenge – activity initiative for staff in May
- Go For Life Games – dlr team of 16 were taken to a National event
- Walking Programmes – Marlay Park, Dún Laoghaire & Cabinteely
- DLR Movers – new walking club established from LSP programmes

Volunteer Training & Development – Total of 700 Volunteers

- Child Protection in Sport – over 300 sports coaches/ volunteers

Bay 10k 2014



- Sports Forum – 60 clubs registered with 3 meetings in 2014
- Secondary Schools Seminar – engaging under active children
- Disability Inclusion Training – 24 club coaches/volunteers trained
- Sports Volunteer Development Programme
- Mental Health Awareness in Sport Seminar – 80 volunteers
- Sports First Aid – 15 volunteers trained

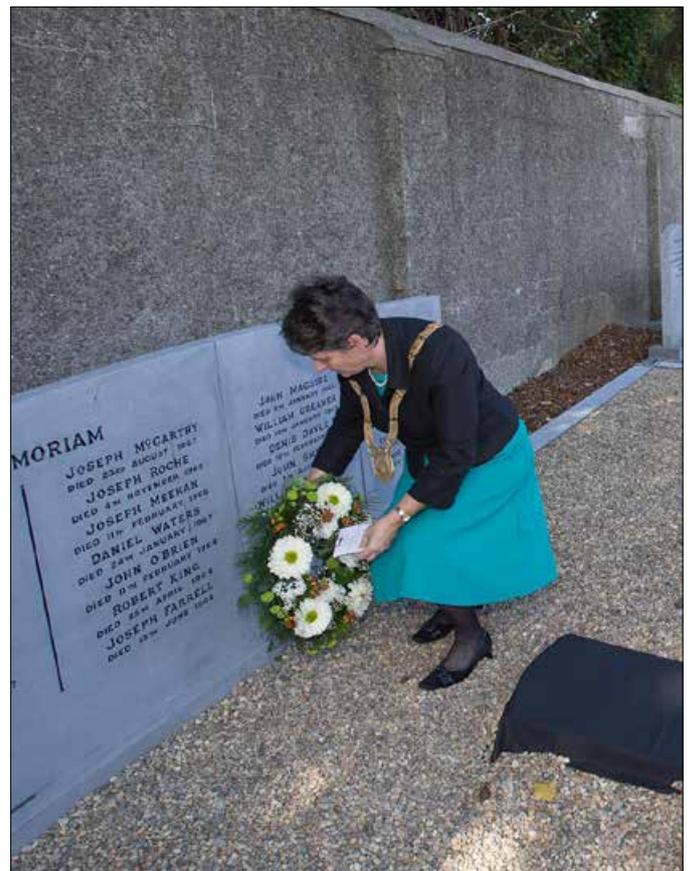
Disability Sport – Total of 380 Participants

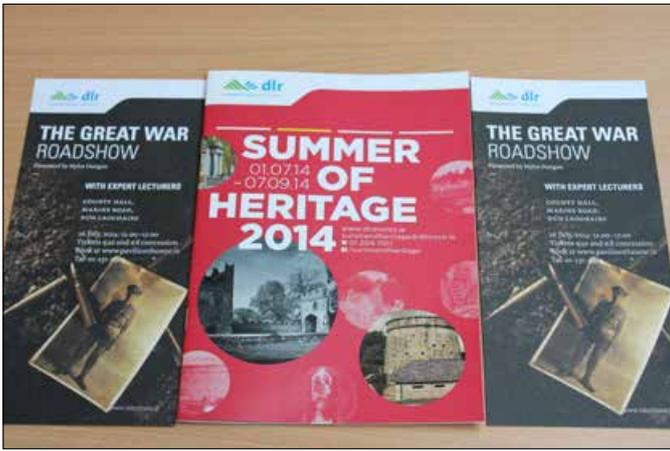
- School Sports Hall Athletics – 2 Special Schools covering 35 children
- Active Energise – activity taster day for 38 adults with disabilities
- Special Olympics Celebration Event – for dlr athletes
- Inclusive Cycling – training for 25 children with physical disabilities
- Wheelchair Basketball – establishment of a new club
- Swim Helpers Training – 15 volunteers provided with training
- On-going Programmes – including Access Sailing, Boccia, Powerchair Football, Special Needs Tag

Heritage Service

- Summer of Heritage programme attracted over 8,000 visitors
- Biodiversity Events attended by over 1,200 people
- Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Project Continued
- Dublin Uplands Archaeology Survey carried out
- Geological Heritage Survey carried out
- Memorials to Samuel Beckett erected in Foxrock
- Heritage Lecture Series held at Marlay House
- Exhibition and series of events commemorating the Great War
- Support for a number of Leader projects in the County's upland communities.
- Grants to several community heritage projects
- Maintenance of the Council's Heritage buildings

Rededication of the Graves, Deansgrange by An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Marie Baker





- Restoration of Laurelmere Lodge, Marlay Park

Cemeteries Service

618 interments were carried out in Deansgrange Cemetery and 540 in Shanganagh Cemetery.

17 graves were sold in Deansgrange Cemetery and 224 in Shanganagh Cemetery in 2014.

Automation of the cemetery records commenced in 2014 and testing of the new Cemetery Management System also began in 2014. It is anticipated that both cemeteries will be fully automated by mid-2015.

CoCo Markets

The CoCo Markets continued to grow in 2014 with over 100 stalls between our 3 markets – Peoples' Park, Dún Laoghaire every Sunday and Marlay Park, Rathfarnham every Saturday and Sunday and the circulation of a monthly newsletter on the Marlay Park markets continued.

Road Maintenance Service

Road Restoration Programme

A grant of € 2,256,000 from the Department of Transport enabled the reconstruction/resurfacing of 18 roads in 2014 – Road Restoration Improvement Grant.

An additional grant of € 578,000 from the Department of Transport provided a portion of the funding required in respect of works on the roads listed below – Road Restoration Maintenance Grant.

Schemes undertaken in 2014 with the provision of these grants included:

- Ballybetagh Road
- Ballybrack Road
- Blackrock Main Street (including footpaths)
- Deansgrange Road (part of)
- Enniskerry Road (part of)
- Enniskerry Road at Belarmine Junction
- Greenfield Road, Mount Merrion
- Pearse Park, Sallynoggin (including footpaths)
- Rathsallagh Road – re-surfacing of a section of road

- Rochestown Avenue/Johnstown Road – junction re-surfaced
- Rockford Park, Blackrock (part of) (including footpaths)
- Sallynoggin Road
- Shanganagh Road – re-surfacing of a section of road
- Springfield Park, Foxrock
- Three Rock Road, Sandyford
- Watson Road, Killiney
- Weston Road, Dundrum
- Wilson Road, Mount Merrion

Other works carried out in 2014

In addition to the roads listed above, the following works were also undertaken using the Council's own resources:-

- Replacement of Red Asphalt Ramps Programme

An extensive Programme of Patching Works was also carried out. The locations where these works were carried out were as follows:-

- Ballybetagh Road
- Brennanstown Road
- Eden Road, Glathule
- Elton Park, Sandycove
- Glenamuck Road
- Grove Avenue – Section 1
- Grove Avenue – Section 2
- Library Road, Dún Laoghaire
- Monkstown Avenue/Ashton Park
- Monkstown Avenue/Richmond Grove
- Sandycove Avenue West, Dún Laoghaire
- Saval Park Road/Barnhill Road
- Shanganagh Road, Ballybrack – Section 1
- Shanganagh Road, Ballybrack – Section 2

Cabinteely – overall winners of Tidy Towns Awards 2014



Dalkey Island



Footpath Restoration Programme

Contract Works were carried out at 13 locations in 2014 with funding of €480,000 from the Council's own resources.

Locations of Footpaths renewed in 2014 are as follows:

- Annaville Park, Dundrum
- Ballawley Court, Dundrum
- Blackrock Main Street
- Glenomena Park/Grove (part of)
- Highridge Green (part of)
- Oakdown Road, Churchtown
- Patrician Villas (part of)
- Pearse Park
- Rockford Park (part of)
- Sallynoggin Road
- Taney Avenue, Dundrum
- Taney Grove, Dundrum
- Woodbine Road/Park/Avenue (part of)

Other Major Schemes being managed by Road Maintenance Section

- Braemor Road Enhancement Scheme – Completed in 2014
- Classons Bridge – reconstruction works completed
- Old Connaught Avenue Sewer – M11 Drainage – Construction Stage

Direct Labour Workforce

In addition to the Contract works set out above, the Road Maintenance Direct Labour work force carried out a variety of important functions including the following :-

- Winter Maintenance service
- Repairs to potholes in roads
- Footpath repairs
- Signage – erection of new signs and maintenance of existing signage
- Hedge cutting

- Carrying out works to address flooding/ponding on roads and footpaths
- Footpath Dishings

Road Control Section

The Roadmap on-line application system is now being used by the ESB, Bord Gáis and Communication Companies (Eircom, UPC and BT). The expansion of this system to take in all applications for Licences to excavate public roads and footpaths is being considered in conjunction with the development of an updated "Online Roadworks Control" system known as "Licence It".

Bord Gáis

Bord Gáis works continued with the installation of reinforcements (Additional new Gas Mains) on their system along with one-off connections to individual dwellings. Bord Gáis also carried out a programme of works to identify the location of any cast iron mains that may be left on their system following their renewals programme.

UPC-NTL

The renewals programme involving 28 "Rings" has been completed. UPC continued with customer connections and on-going maintenance.

Eircom Ltd.

Eircom commenced a Programme of upgrading their network in the County in 2013 and this work continued during 2014. This involved the installation of Cabinets along with an associated power source for each cabinet (ESB micro pillar) throughout the County in order to improve their Broadband capability.

Waste & Water Services

A sum of €650,000 was spent on carrying out permanent reinstatement of openings for repairs to the water supply network.

The "Dublin Region Water Mains Rehabilitation Project" involving the upgrading of Water Mains on a phased basis which commenced in the County in 2010 was completed in 2014.

Public Lighting Section

There are approximately 23,500 lanterns in the County and these numbers continue to grow with the taking in charge of new estates and roads.

The on-going programme of lantern and column replacement continued in 2014. This program is focused on the installation of energy efficient LED lanterns which use white light, electronic ballasts and dimming capabilities. The program aims to meet the 33% public lighting energy reduction by the year 2020.

The Public Lighting Section is involved in the design of new schemes such as the Leopardstown Roundabout Scheme on Leopardstown Road. The Section also provided design support for the Pottery Road Improvement Scheme, Sandyford Link Road and other lighting upgrading schemes such as on the N11 and Georges Street, Dún Laoghaire.

There was also further roll out of the GIS computerised Asset Management System to manage activities of Public Lighting maintenance from fault reporting right through to invoicing.

Finance and I.T. Department

Finance Department

The Finance Department is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations, both Revenue and Capital.

Included among the wide range of services provided by the Department are:

- Financial Control, Cash Flow & Treasury Management
- Preparation of Draft Annual Budget
- Preparation of Annual Financial Statement
- Administration of the General Ledger & Main Financial Systems
- Payroll Administration
- Commercial Rates Billing & Collection
- Environmental Waste Charges Collection
- Non-Domestic Water Charges Billing & Collection (On Behalf of Irish Water)
- B.I.D. Levy Billing & Collection (on behalf of B.I.D. Company)
- Payment of Accounts
- Insurance and Claims Administration
- Payments Receiving Office
- Administration & Collection of the Non Principal Private Residence Charge Arrears

The Finance Department also ensures that statutory and financial accounting principles, which apply to all money, paid by, or to, the Council are complied with.

Council Budget

The Finance Department prepares the overall Draft Budget in consultation with each department of the Council. The Revenue Budget for the financial year ended 31 December 2014, as adopted by Council, was €165,494,700.

Rates

Rates are payable on commercial and industrial properties. Following consideration of the Budget each year, the elected Members determine the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) to be levied for the following year. The ARV for 2014 of €0.1666 was retained at the same level as 2013.

Collection Statistics

Year	Total Rates Demanded	Total Rates Collected	% Collected
2014	*€99,018,707	€76,771,437	77.53%
2013	€100,545,302	€78,101,155	77.68%
2012	€101,483,481	€76,485,950	75.36%

*includes incoming arrears @ 1/1/2014 of €22,444,147. Closing Arrears @ 31/12/2014 were €22,246,387.

The collection percentage achieved in 2014 is in keeping with that of 2013 indicating a sustained stabilisation in collections.

Luas Dundrum 2014





Samuel Beckett Memorial Plaque

Valuation Act 2001

The Valuation Act 2001 revised the law relating to the rateable valuation of properties and facilitates a national revaluation of all rateable valuations.

Revaluation

A revaluation programme was completed in the County with the new valuation list coming into effect for rating purposes on the 1 January 2011. The national revaluation programme continues to be rolled out nationally by the Valuation Office.

Entry Year Levy

The levy was introduced under the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006, which was enacted on the 24 December 2006.

The levy applies to all new-build properties from the date when the properties are valued for rating purposes, pending the levying of commercial rates.

Environmental Waste Charges

While the Council withdrew from the provision of a direct waste collection service from August 2010 it continues to pursue collection of outstanding arrears and in 2014 €615,582 was collected. In addition the Council also continues to accept and process waiver applications in respect of the charge and in 2014 504 applications were processed with 454 granted and 50 refused.

Non-Domestic Water Charges Collection

The Water Services (No.2) Act 2013 was signed into law on the 25/12/2013 and provided for the transfer of water services functions and assets from Local Authorities to Irish Water effective from 1/1/2014. In accordance with the Service Level Agreement between the Council & Irish Water the Council, on an agency basis on behalf of Irish Water, continues to issue bills to non – domestic Customers and collect charges payable.

Non-Principal Private Residence Charge (NPPR)

The Local Government (Charges) Act 2009 introduced a €200 charge for Non – Principal Private Residences. The charge was self-assessed and owners were required to register their property and pay the charge. The charge was abolished effective from the 1/1/2014 by virtue of Section 73 of the L.G.



Memorial for 1988 South African Bill of Rights

Reform Act 2014 & the provisions of the L.G Reform Act 2014 (Commencement of Certain Provisions) Order 2014. Section 74 of the Act set 31st of August, 2014 as the latest date for persons/bodies who may have a liability for the charge to contact their local authority to pay the charge or enter into an agreement for payment in order to minimise the effect of late payment fees. The amount collected in 2014 in respect of the charge, including late payment fees, was €2.88m

Local Property Tax

The Local Property Tax (LPT) is an annual self-assessed tax charged on the market value of residential properties effective from 1 July 2013 and is administered by the Revenue Commissioners. A half-year payment was due in 2013, with a full-year payment due in 2014. Since 1 January 2014 the Minister for Finance pays into the Local Government Fund an amount equivalent to the Local Property Tax collected. Disbursements from the Local Government Fund to individual local authorities are determined by the Department of Environment Community and Local Government.

Under Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended by Section 5 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013, a Local Authority may, as a reserved function, decide to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its administrative area to a maximum of plus or minus 15% of the basic rate. At the meeting of the Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council held to consider this matter on the 22nd of September, 2015 Members agreed to vary the basic rate of the local property tax within the County by minus 15%. As provided for in Article 8 of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 the varied rate of Local Property Tax applies for a period of one year from the next local property tax liability date i.e. from 1/11/2014 to 30/10/2015 after which time the rate of LPT reverts back to the initial (basic) rate as defined in the 2012 Act unless a further decision has been made by the Council, as a reserved function, in the following year to retain the variation or apply an alternative variation, which would then be effective from the next liability date i.e. from 1/11/2015 to 31/10/2016.

Compliance rates in respect of the Local Property Tax in this County are among the highest in the State.

Dún Laoghaire Business Improvement District Scheme

The Council at its meeting held on the 10th March 2014 adopted a resolution to establish a Business Improvement District within the Dún Laoghaire Town Area, as outlined on map number

PL-13-384 which was tabled at that meeting, and approved implementation of the Business Improvement District Scheme submitted by the Dún Laoghaire Bid Company Limited within that area, which will operate for a period of five years from 1st April 2014 and which will be financed in the main from BID contribution levies. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006 the Council calculates and collects the Bid Levy payable by businesses within the Bid Scheme area and forwards the income to the B.I.D Company in accordance with the provisions of the legislation as it constitutes B.I.D. Company income.

Financial Management

Financial management reporting in the Council is robust and thorough. A rigorous system of monthly financial monitoring ensures that any significant budget variances are identified at an early stage and appropriate actions are taken to minimise any possible adverse financial impacts. These controls include regular financial reviews, monthly and quarterly financial reports which indicate financial performance measured against budgets on both expenditure and income and variance analysis evaluation.

Quarterly Financial Reports to Department of Environment Community & Local Government

Quarterly data is provided to the Department by all local authorities within 60 days of the quarter end. The reports required are:

Revenue Report which gives details of the revenue account expenditure and income for the year to each quarter end against the year's budget.

Capital Report which gives details of the capital account opening balances, expenditure and income and closing balances for the year to each quarter end.

Debtors Report which gives details of movements for each category of debtor for the year to each quarter end.

Loan Report which gives a detailed forecast of interest and principal repayments on all existing and approved borrowings.

Payroll/Superannuation Report which gives details of payroll and pension related payments for the specified period.

These reports were all submitted to the Department within the specified timeframes for the 4 quarters of 2014.

Payment of Accounts

Payment to suppliers is made subject to presentation of valid tax documentation. The majority of payments are made by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), through which payments are made directly into suppliers' bank accounts, with occasional cheque payments where EFT is not practicable. Staff and Councillors are also paid by EFT.

The Council's Treasurer is: Bank of Ireland, 101 Upper George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Since 1 July 2011 the Council has been obliged to pay suppliers within 15 days to comply with a Government decision under the National Recovery Plan and the EU/IMF Programme of Support for Ireland. This decision extended the 15 day prompt

Marlay Park Walled Garden Concerts 2014



payment rule that had been applying to Central Government Departments, to the Health Service Executive, the Local Authorities, State Agencies and all other public sector bodies.

VAT

Arising from changes to VAT legislation for public bodies a range of additional local authority services became subject to VAT effective from 1 July 2010. A full review of Council Services was undertaken to identify income sources affected by the VAT changes & procedures were put in place to account for VAT on relevant income and to identify VAT related expenditure to ensure submission of accurate returns to Revenue.

Internal Audit

The primary role of Internal Audit is to provide assurance to the Chief Executive, Senior Management, the Elected Council and the Audit Committee that the various risks facing the Council have been identified and appropriate internal controls are in place to manage those risks. Internal Audit evaluates and reports on the Council's internal control systems and makes recommendations for improvement where necessary. Internal Audit provides an independent review function to management, to assure that services are being provided in an efficient, effective and economic manner, conforming to legal requirements. In 2014 the Internal Audit Section examined five areas and presented their findings to Management and the Audit Committee.

Insurances

The main areas of activity are Public Liability, Employers Liability, Fire (Housing Stock), Fire (General Properties) and Motor Insurance. Full cover is provided.

Annual Financial Statement

The Annual Financial Statement 2013, completed in 2014, was prepared on an accrual accounting basis and included a full Balance Sheet showing assets owned and liabilities owed by the Council and was completed within the statutory time period. The accounts are audited by the Local Government Auditor who reports to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.

Information Technology

The IT section provides for the organisation's wide ranging and expanding information technology requirements. This is achieved in a planned and managed environment and is governed by the demands of the Department's Business Plan and the Corporate Plan and ad hoc demands from within, and increasingly from external sources.

Some Highlights in 2014:

- Libraries – opening of the LexIcon the Central Library and Cultural Centre and its modern use of IT services and facilities
- Re opening of Blackrock Library and its modern use of IT services and facilities
- Various IT System upgrades to improve efficiencies and modernise the technology

- Network infrastructure upgrades to improve performances and reduce costs
- Adoption of Project Management practices aligned to PRINCE2
- New Libraries website and other improvements to our Website and on-line systems
- Continued roll out of CRM (Customer Relationship Management).
- Adoption of System management tools to reduce costs and improved management of IT systems
- Reduced number of helpdesk calls due to use of ITIL processes

Launch of Free Public Wi-Fi by An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Marie Baker



Housing and Community Department

Housing Department

Housing Department manages approximately 4,400 Council owned properties. It is responsible for implementing National Housing Policy and its functions include the allocation, maintenance, refurbishment and sale of dwellings, rent assessment and collection, the making of house purchase loans and certain grants, and the provision of accommodation for homeless households.

The Department is responsible for the enforcement of standards and upkeep of rent books in private rented accommodation and the administration of the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS). The Department is also responsible for acquiring properties for social housing through leasing of private properties, the management and maintenance of Group Housing Schemes and Halting Sites and the implementation of the Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme.

Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Tenant Purchase Scheme ceased in December 2012. A new incremental purchase type scheme is due to be launched in 2015.

Social Housing Leasing Initiative

In 2014 a number of enquiries were received under this initiative and 1 application under the CALF (Capital Advanced Loan Facility) scheme was completed resulting in 10 units.

Refurbishments

Works commenced on the refurbishment and extension of Rochestown House Phase 2 which will provide 34 energy efficient units of accommodation for the elderly in 2016.

Energy efficiency works were carried out on 1,058 dwellings.

2 extensions, 31 bathroom alterations, 13 Stair lifts, 11 ramps and a number of other minor alterations were completed to Council rented dwellings for tenants with a disability.

Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability

113 applications for Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability were received.

103 provisional approvals were issued in the sum of €724,002.

Residents of Glasthule Buildings with Council staff





Refurbishment of Rochestown House

Mobility Aids Housing Grants

27 applications for Mobility Aids Housing Grant were received.
21 provisional approvals were issued in the sum of €77,886.95.

Housing Aid for Older People

47 applications for Housing Aid for Older People were received.
18 provisional approvals were issued in the sum of €68,749.60

Homeless Pilot Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme

Under the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government’s Action Plan to address homelessness announced in December 2014, it was agreed that the HAP scheme would be extended as a pilot aimed at homeless households in the Dublin region. The Homeless HAP pilot is targeted specifically at homeless households, who are registered with any one of the four Dublin local authorities, Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin Councils. The Homeless HAP pilot will be in place for households who;

- a) are regarded as homeless by one of the four Dublin Local Authorities within the meaning of section 2 of the Housing Act 1988 (No. 28 of 1988) and
- b) on 1st December 2014 or at any time during the six months preceding this date occupied accommodation or lodgings made available to the household by virtue of section 10(1) of the Housing Act 1988.

A dedicated Homeless HAP Unit has been established in the Dublin Region Homeless Executive office to assist with the implementation and roll-out of the pilot across homeless services, by working closely with the four Dublin Local Authorities and providers of Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) and Temporary Emergency Accommodation (TEA).

Homelessness

The Council’s services in the area of homelessness are undertaken in accordance with the Dublin Statutory Framework Homeless Action Plan 2014 to 2016, which was adopted by the Council in November 2013.

The Council continued its arrangements with Dublin City Council in relation to the provision of emergency accommodation for homeless persons. As a result of an increase in the numbers of individuals and families presenting as homeless, the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government issued an Action Plan to address homelessness in December 2014. There were consequential increases in temporary and supported accommodation in 2014 and increased budget provisions made for 2014 and in the 2015 Budget.

In 2014, the Council housed 22 homeless households in social housing as follows:

Approved Housing Bodies:	4
Rental Accommodation Scheme:	2
LA accommodation:	15
Long Term Leased:	1

In addition a further seven homeless households progressed to long-term supported accommodation in Dublin City.

20 households were assisted in accessing accommodation in the private rented sector.

Homeless Support Services

In 2014 SLI (Support to Live Independently) Scheme, which is operated by SIMON, provided support to 27 households who have moved out of homeless accommodation.

The HAIL Visiting Support Service commenced in May 2012 and provided support to 11 households in 2014.

The Localisation Group continues to meet to discuss the Localisation of Services and any issues of concern arising. Service providers are represented on the Localisation Group.

The Tenancy Sustainment Service, which is provided by Focus Ireland, commenced in February 2012. The service is provided mainly to Social Housing households who have difficulties with their tenancies.

The one-year Safe Home Pilot Project commenced in July 2014. The aim of the pilot is to provide safe and secure crisis residential accommodation for women and children in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area, who have had to leave home due to domestic violence. Four units of accommodation were identified by the Council for the pilot and Sonas Domestic Violence Charity manage the service on behalf of the Council.

The tenancy sustainment campaign, agreed between Dublin City Council, Department of Social Protection, the Dublin Local Authorities and Threshold, commenced in June 2014. The aim of the service is to support families at risk of losing tenancies in the private rented sector.

The Housing First Service, newly-formed in 2014, is operated by Focus Ireland and the Peter Mc Verry Trust and has teams covering the Dublin Region to provide outreach functions as well as intake into Housing First tenancies. The service also provides case management support to people in housing first tenancies.

Anti-Social Behaviour in Council Estates

The Council continued its policy of dealing comprehensively with instances of anti-social behaviour in its estates during 2014.

During the year a total of 106 cases of anti-social behaviour were investigated and completed. This is an increase of 10.4% in anti-social behaviour cases reported in comparison to 2013.

Legal Action was taken where appropriate and 4 Notice to Quits were served; 1 Eviction was carried out and 2 Excluding Orders were obtained from the District Court.

3 dwellings were surrendered in lieu of legal action.

Awards received in 2014



35 warning letters and 20 verbal warnings issued.

970 pre-tenancy assessments (background checks) were carried out.

57 housing applicants with a history of anti-social behaviour were interviewed and 37 were approved for housing and 20 were deferred / refused.

3 schools presentations were completed.

A further 24 reports of nuisance/breach of tenancy were investigated by Allocations Section relating to senior citizens in 2014. All complaints were resolved with one verbal warning being issued in 2014 (referred to a 2013 complaint).

Pre-Tenancy Training Courses

74 Housing applicants participated in pre-tenancy courses in 2014.

Housing and Transfer Lists

At 31 December 2014, 5,182 applicants were assessed as being in need of social housing support. A total of 151 housing applicants were allocated dwellings. This included 11 allocations to dwellings owned by Voluntary Housing Associations, 45 Rental Accommodation Scheme allocations, 94 allocations to Council stock and 1 allocation to a Long Term Leasing property. 88 tenants were allocated transfers to alternative accommodation. This included 14 transfers from the RAS Fixed Transfer List, 21 RAS to RAS transfers, and 4 transfers to dwellings owned or managed by Voluntary Housing Associations.

Housing Rents

Under the Council's Differential Rent Schemes, rents are calculated on the basis of current household income. Average rents for Council properties increased to €61 at the end of 2014, an increase of 3.7% on the previous year. While the increase replicates to some extent the upturn in the economy, it is also due to the increase in the numbers of adult children living at home. Currently 19% of Council properties include households with three or more adults residing – up from 11% in 2008.

The Council's housing rental income increased by 3.8% from €12.4m in 2013 to €12.8m in 2014.

Affordable Housing / Rent to Buy Schemes

Despite the on-going problems in the housing market, sales of eleven affordable dwellings were achieved during 2014. These properties were sold under the Rent to Buy Scheme which was introduced in November 2011 and gives occupiers the opportunity to rent for a period of up to three years and an option to acquire the property, under the Affordable Housing Scheme at a discounted price less 80% of the rent paid.

Fifty two of the remaining unsold housing properties are occupied under the Rent to Buy Scheme with the majority of occupiers expressing an interest in purchasing their property. They must make a mortgage application in the first instance to private lending institutions approved to advance mortgages for the purchase of affordable housing. In the event their application to private lending institutions is refused they may apply for the Council's House Purchase Loan.

Part V – Housing Strategy

Under Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) ten agreements were entered into, providing for the payment of Financial Contributions and 18 apartments were

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also acquired for social housing. The review of Part V has been completed and the new legislation is awaited.

House Purchase Loan Scheme

The Council offers a House Purchase Loan Scheme whereby eligible applicants can qualify for mortgage funding for up to 97% of the cost of the property to a maximum sum of €200,000. In 2014 four House Purchase loans were approved for the purchase of properties leased under the Rent to Buy Scheme.

Voluntary Housing Schemes

Funding was provided during 2014 through the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 4 units of accommodation for people with specific categories of housing need (homeless, elderly and disabled).

Accommodation of the Traveller Community 2014

The Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) met on four occasions during 2014.

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018, which included an assessment of needs, was adopted by Council in January 2014, following a period of public consultation.

Three grouped houses which were substantially damaged were fully refurbished.

Six casual vacancies in Traveller specific housing stock were filled during 2014.

A programme of minor planned maintenance works was carried out on Traveller Specific housing.

Maintenance of Local Authority Housing Stock

As of 31 December 2014, the Council had approximately 4,200 dwellings in its rented stock. A total of 5,387 requests for maintenance were received in 2014.

The condition of the Council's housing stock is continuing to improve mainly due to the fact that a large number of units were constructed/refurbished in the past 5/10 years and also due to our planned maintenance programme, which is on-going. A number of frameworks with approved specialised contractors are now in place, which in addition to the on-going re-organisation of the Council's direct labour unit, ensures best value for money is continuously being achieved.

Rental Accommodation Scheme

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) commenced in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in August 2006. The number of tenants of private landlords, transferred to the Scheme at 31 December 2014 was 400 and the number of Voluntary tenants transferred to the Scheme at 31 December 2014 was 174.

Enforcement of the minimum standards in private rented housing properties under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 and Amendment Regulations 2009

The statistics for 2014 are as follows:

- 213 dwellings were inspected. Of the 213 dwellings inspected, 207 did not meet the requirements and 6 were found to meet the requirements on first inspection
- Enforcement Notices served – 410 informal repairs notices were issued in 2014
- Number of inspections – 555 inspections were carried out in 2014
- Now compliant – 130 properties were found to meet the requirements in 2014 after follow up
- No Prohibition Notices were served
- No Legal Action was taken



Cois Cairn Youth & Community Facility – overall winners of Community Awards 2014 with An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Marie Baker and Tom McHugh, dlrcoco

Procurement

Construction procurement in relation to the Housing Department requirements and the implementation of the new government forms of contract is on-going. Value of projects ranging from €0.1 million up to €3.5 million have been procured for. Sample of frameworks include:

- Heating & Plumbing Installations
- Electrical Installations
- Planned External Maintenance Works
- Energy Upgrade Work
- Roofing Maintenance

In total since 2008 the Council has procured up to ten frameworks covering all aspects of work requirements as they arise in the Housing Department.

The net result of implementing these frameworks for the Council is as follows:

- Value for money for the Council
- Completion of projects on programme and within budget constraints.
- Open and transparent tender process.

Community Development

The Community Section provided a comprehensive advisory service, liaising with over 600 community based organisations throughout the County and continued to be a point of contact, information and support for local communities.

Community Grants

€154,009 was awarded to a diverse range of community groups under the Community Grant Scheme. The Scheme seeks to assist groups in addressing local issues by offering financial

assistance. 211 Community Grants were awarded to community groups to promote community based initiatives.

€27,200 was awarded in Summer Project Grants to 28 groups to fund supervised programmes of both recreational and education activities for young people over a consecutive number of weeks during the summer period. The emphasis of Summer Projects was on community involvement and the development of resources and groups within localities.

Community Employment

The Council, through the Community Section, sponsored 3 Community Employment Schemes with 129 learners involved. They provided valuable support to communities right across the County and gained experience to advance into full time employment.

The average progression into employment among learners was 39% with an additional 10% progressing into education.

Community Events

The Community Section organised a number of events to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival, including 2 variety shows, one in Dún Laoghaire and one in Ballinteer. These featured many talented active retirement groups and their members performing for an audience of mainly older citizens of the County.

The Community Awards for 2014 consisted of an exhibition of the work of groups in the Concourse of County Hall and a separate Awards Ceremony with 250 people from community groups in attendance. There was a sustained high level of entries, with 74 groups participating in the awards.

The Community Section also assisted in organising and funding the dlr Community 5K, with over 1,000 participating in Kilbogget Park.

Community Facilities

The Community Section continued in 2014 to be responsible for a network of over 30 community facilities throughout the County, providing quality space for a wide and diverse range of community based activities and service delivery.

The Community Section continued to work on upgrading the energy efficiency of its community facilities by securing funding from SEAI to carry out works on 4 centres.

The refurbishment of Park House finished in 2014 and construction began on the new Samuel Beckett Civic Campus which will include a state of the art community facility with special provision for community childcare.

Groups Support

Work continued in supporting the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). A first meeting of the established Pilot DLR LCDC was held on 14th May 2014. A total of 4 LCDC meetings were held in 2014 and the tendering process for the Social Inclusion, Community Activation Programme (SICAP) contract commenced.

The Network for Older People was supported by a Community Worker and a CE Learner to deliver on their work plan for the year. There were 10 meetings of the Network Committee and 20 Sub Group meetings throughout the year.

In addition the Community Section staff represent the Council on a variety of Boards of Management and Committees to provide advice and support.

Estate Management

The Council, through the Estate Management programme, continued to work with 12 estate management fora and build capacity locally through training, support and funding.

The Glasthule Buildings and Kilcross Estate Management fora both entered the Pride of Place in 2014 which resulted in Glasthule Buildings winning a Judges Special Award.

Kilcross and Ballyogan Estate Management Fora both won awards in the 2014 Tidy Districts Awards.

Social Development and Inclusion

The main role of the Social Development and Inclusion Unit in 2014 was to develop a range of supports for communities and organisations that seek to promote a more socially inclusive Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

In 2014 the Social Development & Inclusion Unit supported the development of strategic planning and co-ordination structures which identify key priority social development and social inclusion issues in the County and promoted collaborative actions with the various organisations to address these issues.

Local Community Development Committee

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provided for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees (LCDC). On 8th September, 2014 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council passed a resolution to establish the DLR LCDC. The main function of the LCDC is to provide strategic co-ordination and planning and oversight of local development

actions through the development of a six year Strategic Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Following the election of the new Council, the first statutory meeting of the DLR LCDC took place on 17th September, 2014.

Joint Policing Committee / Local Policing Forums

The Garda Síochána Act 2005 makes provision for the establishment of Joint Policing and Local Policing Forums at County level. The Social Development & Inclusion Unit manages the implementation of the Joint Policing Committee and three Local Policing Forum structures in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Key Actions in 2014 include:

- Facilitation of Joint Policing Committee meetings.
- Establishment of a third Local Policing Forum in the Central Dún Laoghaire area.
- Facilitation of a number of open public meetings regarding Community Safety issues.
- Supported the development of the Garda Older Persons Association, GOPA.

Community & Voluntary Forum

The Social Development & Inclusion Unit has supported the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Community and Voluntary Forum, during a period of transition to the establishment of the Public Participation Network.

Key Actions in 2014 include:

- Facilitated information meetings on the development of new structures
- Supported Community Representation on the County Development Board and various Governance Structures
- Supported Community Participation on to the newly established Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

DLR Public Participation Network

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provided for the establishment of a Public Participation Network (PPN) within each Local Authority area. The PPN enables the public to take an active role in the policy development of the Local Authority and is the main link through which the Local Authority connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors without prejudice to other consultation processes.

Key Actions in 2014 include:

- The holding of two public information meetings (East & West of the County)
- The holding of the inaugural Plenary meeting on the 3rd December
- The establishment of an Interim Steering Group (Secretariat)

Comhairle na nÓg

The Social Development & Inclusion Unit manages the implementation of the Comhairle na nÓg programme in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Working in partnership with other organisations (Crosscare, Dún Laoghaire Youth Service, Southside Travellers and Local Schools etc.) Comhairle na nÓg

provides a forum for children and young people to discuss and act on local and national issues of relevance to them.

Key actions in 2014 include:

- Comhairle hosted a 1-day music event for Young People 'CORE' in the Boylan Centre (Dún Laoghaire's Youth Facility)
- Representatives from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Comhairle participated in the National Showcase event in Croke Park.
- Implemented a number of actions for the promotion of Positive Mental Health among Young People
- Promoted the 25th Anniversary of UN Charter on the Rights of the Child

Social Inclusion Unit

The Social Inclusion Unit seeks to raise awareness and promote Social Inclusion objectives within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council through an ethos of partnership and collaboration with a wide range of both internal and external stakeholders.

The key objective of the collaboration is to raise awareness, develop understanding and enhance engagement and access to services for those who might otherwise be excluded, marginalized or disadvantaged.

Key actions in 2014 included:

- Social Inclusion Week – 11th to 18th October, 2014 – included a full programme of events. This year it included a number of new actions including a Fashion Show, Global Village and an event for Older Persons including persons Living with Dementia hosted by the Living Well with Dementia, the HSE and Genio.
- The Social Inclusion Week offered opportunities for groups to showcase their work and celebrate their achievement as well as develop new contacts and opportunities for further development.
- Supported the development of the DLR Ethnic Minority Forum.
- Facilitated the DLR Traveller Interagency Steering Committee.

- Assisted Fáilte Isteach to set up their language support programme in Dún Laoghaire

Age Friendly Programme

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is a signatory to the Dublin Declaration for Age Friendly Cities and Counties. As part of this initiative the Council committed to develop an Age Friendly Strategy and Implementation Programme, through collaboration with public and community based service providers. The objective of the strategy is to *"Make DLR A Great Place to grow Old In."*

An Age Friendly Alliance with oversight responsibilities for the preparation and implementation of An Age Friendly Strategy was established in 2014, comprising of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, An Garda Síochána, HSE, Education & Training Board, Chamber of Commerce, Southside Partnership, Southside Travellers and the Older Persons Network. The Age Friendly Strategy will be finalised in 2015.

RAPID Programme

There are 51 RAPID programmes nationally, with one in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The Social Development and Inclusion Unit manage the implementation of the RAPID programme in DLR. The programme seeks to improve the quality of life for residents in Loughlinstown, Shankill and Ballybrack by improving co-ordination and enhancing local service delivery. The programme continued in 2014 with the main focus on prioritising existing service provision.

EU Projects

In 2014 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council participated in an EU Project under the URBACT II Programme. This project worked with partner cities from Albacete Spain, Pori, Finland and Eger, Hungary on the topic of "Placemaking". The project entitled Placemaking 4 Cities focused on making cities better through a focus on public space use.



Social Inclusion Week Exhibition 2014

Legal Services Department

The Legal Services Department, as an in-house service department, provides an active and essential legal service to all Council departments and Council affiliates. The Department has considerable expertise in all areas of Local Government Law, practice and administration.

The services provided by the Legal Services Department cover such areas as:

- Code enforcement and the management of litigation issues
- Conveyancing and property management
- General advices
- Judicial Review proceedings
- Public Enquiries
- Corporate Governance related issues
- Compulsory Purchase Orders

In the provision of legal services the Department seeks to manage its work load in a manner similar to that of a private solicitor's practice of comparable size.

Consultations with Council management and staff together with participation in the development of major Council initiatives and policy implementation form an integral part of the service provided. The work of the Department requires staff to maintain close links with client Departments and to work as a

team with officials of those Departments on projects of concern to them. Staff in the Department also communicate regularly on behalf of the client with Government Departments, the Courts Service, the Property Registration Authority and with numerous solicitors, barristers and other consultants.

There continues to be significant increases in the volume of litigation and a noticeable, steady increase in conveyancing transactions.

Files are processed and managed using an up to date Case Management System in conjunction with Digital Dictation.

Vocational, professional and personal development training is undertaken by staff with due regard to the objectives of the Council's Corporate Plan and the Department's own PMDS Team Plan.

The Legal Services Department regularly reviews and monitors its systems thus ensuring that the Department continues to manage all its cases effectively and to provide an efficient, progressive and cost effective corporate legal service to the Council.

Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre



Planning & Enterprise Department

Planning

Planning is responsible for implementing the provisions of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended), the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and Building Control legislation.

This involves reviewing the existing County Development Plan and the making of a new Development Plan every six years, making and implementing Local Area Plans, consideration of applications for planning permission, the control of on-going development, the enforcement of planning legislation and providing advice on planning related matters together with enforcement of Building Control legislation.

Development Control Service Indicators

1,332 planning applications were received in 2014 which represents an increase of 20.3% on the 2013 figure.

1,120 valid planning applications determined.

Out of a total of 109 decisions issued by An Bord Pleanála in 2014 in relation to appeals, 87 (79.8%) upheld/varied the decision of the Planning Authority, while 22 (20.2%) reversed the decision of the Planning Authority.

During 2014, 4 proposals by the County Council to carry out development were the subject of the public consultation process provided for under Part 8 of the 2001 Planning & Development Regulations.

Enforcement

A total of 214 new files were opened during 2014.

A total of 133 cases were resolved through negotiation during the year.

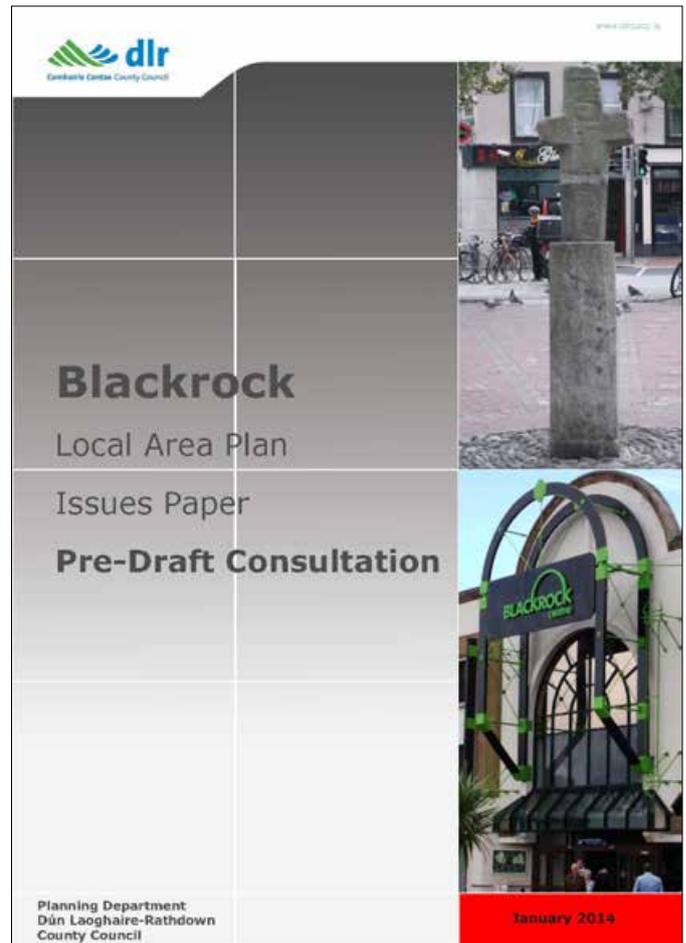
234 Warning letters issued.

13 Enforcement Notices issued.

5 prosecutions were initiated.



Sydenham Road – Variation No. 16



Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000

142 applications for a Declaration or Referral, under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), were received in 2014. 7 applications were referred to An Bord Pleanála for review.

County Development Plan

The Development Plan consists of a written statement and a set of 14 maps. The written statement sets out the general policy of the Council for the development of the County. It includes detailed standards for the control of development and specific objectives for different areas.

The maps illustrate the land use zoning provisions of the Plan, the road programmes and other objectives such as the preservation of trees and structures of archaeological interest. The Plan seeks to provide for the future well-being of the residents of the County by facilitating the growth of employment by ensuring an adequate supply of zoned lands for anticipated needs, by protecting the quality of the environment and by ensuring the provision of necessary infrastructure.

The Review of the County Development Plan 2010-2016 and preparation of a new County Development Plan 2016-2022 commenced in March with the publication of a public notice and the "Have Your Say – Influence and Shape Your County" document.

At the end of the 8 week non-statutory public consultation period, 119 submissions had been received.

The Chief Executive's Draft Plan was issued to the Members for consideration in December.

The process will continue through 2015 and conclude in early 2016

Variations

During 2014, there were 2 variations proposed to the County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows:-

- Variation No. 16: Sydenham Villas and Road and Campfield Terrace, Dundrum – Architectural Conservation Area.
- Variation No. 17: Arkle Square, The Chase, Leopardstown – Architectural Conservation Area.

Both Variations were adopted.

Local Area Plans [LAPs]

The County Development Plan 2010-2016 contains objectives to prepare a number of Local Area Plans and a Strategic Development Zone.

During 2014 the Blackrock Local Area Plan was progressed.

The Draft LAP went on public display in September for a 6 week period, during which 25 submissions were received.

The Chief Executive's Report on submissions was issued to the Members for consideration in November.

At the conclusion of the Members' consideration there was one proposed Material Alteration which went on further public display in December.

Development Contribution Scheme (Section 48 of Planning and Development Act, 2000)

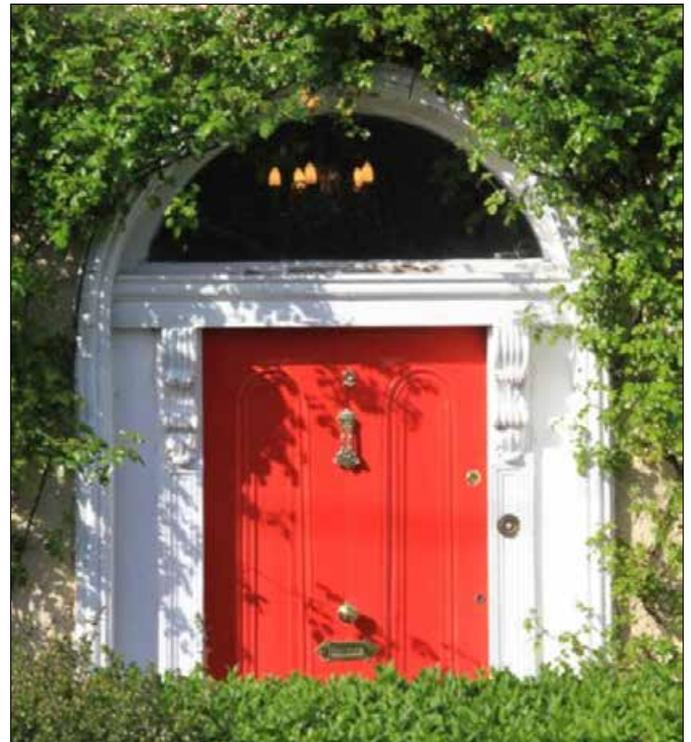
The Council on 14 December 2009 adopted the Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2010 – 2017. On 14 May, 2013 the Council adopted a revised Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2013-2015 whereby the contributions applicable were significantly reduced. During 2014 a total of €11.66 million was collected in respect of Section 48 Development Contributions.

Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme (Section 49 of Planning and Development Act, 2000)

The Council on 13 January 2003 adopted a Section 49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme. It requires the payment of a financial contribution towards the cost of the extension of Luas Line B from the Sandyford Depot to Cherrywood, namely Luas Line B1. During 2014 a total of €2.2 million was collected in respect of Supplementary Development Contribution Schemes.

Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme (Section 49 of Planning and Development Act, 2000-2006)

The Council on 10 November 2008 adopted a Section 49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for the purpose of financing the development of the Glenamuck District Distributor Road Scheme and the Surface Water Attenuation Ponds Scheme.



Sydenham Villas – Variation No. 16

The Financial Contributions Section was engaged in the servicing of 150 phasing agreements with a total value in excess of €15 million. There were also 89 cases under enforcement with a total value of €16.2 million.

Building Control Section

The Building Control Section is responsible for monitoring the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007 and the Regulations made under the Acts.

The Building Control Section monitors approximately 15% of all new building works commenced in the County annually for compliance with the Building Regulations, however, the primary responsibility for compliance rests with the owners and builders.

The Building Control Section co-ordinates the statutory taking in charge process of roads in new developments. The process includes monitoring the completion of roads, services, public lighting and open spaces in new developments when the development works are in progress. On the completion of the development further inspections are carried out to ensure that site works comply with the Council's taking in charge standards set out in "Development Works in Residential and Industrial Areas" (Guidance Document).

A total of 2 estates were taken in charge by the Council in 2014.

Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014

S.I. No.9 of 2014

The Regulations came into effect on 1st March 2014.

The main element of the Regulations is the inspection and certification of works to buildings for which certificates of compliance under the Building Control regulations are required.

The building owner is ultimately responsible for ensuring that buildings and building works are carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Building Regulations. In relation to the

design and construction of buildings, the owner should ensure that competent Designers, Builders and Assigned Certifiers are appointed.

The forms to be submitted at the various stages are;

- Certificate of Compliance (Design) by the Design Certifier.
- Certificate of Compliance (undertaking by person assigned to inspect and certify works); by the Assigned Certifier.
- Certificate of Compliance (undertaking by Builder)
- Certificate of Compliance (Completion), by the Assigned Certifier and the Builder

Building Control Management System [BCMS]

The Building Control Management system (BCMS) was implemented in March 2014 and allows property owners, builders, developers, architects and engineers to submit notifications, applications and compliance certificates online. It provides an internal management system for the processing of notices received online and over the counter in local authorities. It is now successfully operational in all 31 local authorities.

The Building Control Section dealt with a total of 362 valid Commencement Notices in 2014. This figure represents the third highest number in the Country.

Building Energy Rating [BER] Certificates

Under SI 666 of 2006 European Community (Energy Performance of Buildings) Regulations 2006, the Council is responsible for the monitoring of BERs. Building Control monitor new buildings to ensure that the building has a BER before it is occupied. It is the Council's practice to visit estate agents / auctioneers in the County, who act for vendors. A new residential or commercial building, or an existing building which is to be let or sold, requires a BER before it is occupied. The Council is satisfied with the level of compliance with the Building Energy Regulation Certificate legislation in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The Park, Carrickmines



In the event of non-compliance with the Regulations, the Council will commence enforcement proceedings.

National Survey on On-going Housing Developments

In July 2012, "Resolving Unfinished Housing Developments" a progress report on actions to address unfinished housing developments was published.

The report was prepared by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and the Housing Agency, following a survey conducted during Summer 2012.

The Report outlines the real progress that is being made and must continue to be made, which is particularly focused on addressing the needs of residents living in such developments.

No significant issues with regard to the public utility works (i.e. roads, lighting, water and drainage, etc.) or public safety were identified on any of these sites within the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area.

At the beginning of 2014 there were a total of 16 unfinished estates in the County. During the year 3 of these developments were classified as complete and consequently removed from the DECLG list, leaving a new total of 13.

Building Control continues to monitor the estates in our jurisdiction and is having on-going discussions with the respective developers, or their agents to ensure that these estates are satisfactorily maintained.

Enterprise Unit

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown was established on 15th April, 2014, further to the dissolution of the County Enterprise Board network. The LEO currently has two offices, one in Dún Laoghaire and the other in Nutgrove.

The Local Enterprise Office is an integral part of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The objectives of the Local Enterprise



At the Launch of LEO were (LtoR) Michael Johnson, Alex White, T.D., Eamon Gilmore, former Tánaiste and Cllr. Carrie Smyth (An Cathaoirleach June 2013 to June 2014)

Office are to act as a facilitator of access to enterprise services and to promote and support enterprise at a local level, with a particular focus on micro enterprise. Key supports relate to:

- Business Information and Advisory Services
- Enterprise Support Services
- Entrepreneurship Support Services
- Local Enterprise Development Services

The Local Enterprise Office operation is funded by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation through Enterprise Ireland, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and income generated by programme fees. The Local Enterprise Office is currently engaged in EU-funded activities through the Interreg, Leonardo and the Erasmus programmes.

LEO Key Priority Areas include:

- To provide funding options to entrepreneurs, early stage promoters and viable and expanding businesses to support the growth and development of micro enterprise.

Georges Street, Dún Laoghaire



- To promote a pro-business enterprise message locally, which should include the development of an understanding of the Local Enterprise Office's role within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and to work with relevant local stakeholders to foster appropriate enterprise supports and policy.
- To deliver appropriate and relevant training, networking and mentoring to small business owners and to support local business groups and industry.
- The development of the Local Economic and Community Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The initial steps in formulating the plan commenced in 2014 and it will be progressed in 2015 for completion by year end.
- The development of relationships and links to leverage additional funding for enterprise supports in the County from non-exchequer sources, including participation in EU projects.
- To promote Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown as a prime location for foreign direct investment and indigenous enterprise creation.
- To maintain and encourage links with educational establishments in the County to promote enterprise at all levels – from primary schools to third level.

Achievements in 2014 included:

In 2014, the Local Enterprise Office promoted and organised the County Finals of Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition. This new programme was established to promote and encourage enterprise activities in people who have started or are currently starting a business and who are under 30 years of age. A prize fund of €50,000 was set at a county level, with the overall winners proceeding to a regional and then a national final.

There is a critical need to encourage small Irish businesses to develop their digital presence. In order to support this goal, the National Digital Strategy aims to get an additional 2,000 businesses trading online by the end of 2015. To this end, the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources (DCENR) has launched an Online Trading Voucher Scheme and has teamed up with the Local Enterprise Offices to deliver this

to Irish business at a local level. The Online Trading Voucher Scheme offers small businesses the opportunity to develop their website or digital marketing strategy by availing of vouchers of up to €2,500 or 50% of eligible expenditure. The scheme was launched in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in May 2014, and by the end of the year close to 30 small businesses had applied successfully for funding.

The Council's Business Area Promotion Grants Scheme continued in 2014. The main purpose is to support business groups to engage in promotional activities that will increase footfall in their respective commercial/retail areas. In 2014 a total of 23 applications were received.

In April 2011 the Council established the first pop-up shop in the County in Park House, Georges Street, Dún Laoghaire. The aims of the Pop-up Shop Initiative are to:

- Increase footfall and attract new visitors to the Town Centre
- Generate publicity for the Town Centre
- Offer low cost space for entrepreneurs and social enterprises to start-up new ideas and/or reach new audiences
- Showcase empty properties to potential tenants

Through the pop-up shop the Council is making a significant contribution to support the craft-makers and designers in the County to expand markets for their products. A total of 16 pop-up shop tenants availed of the opportunity in Park House in 2014.

The introduction of the Occupation of Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme was approved by Council on March 10th 2014 and was established to encourage new businesses to occupy commercial premises that have been vacant for a period exceeding six months.

The scheme was applicable to subject premises which had a rates valuation of no more than €40,000; however, in September of 2014 the threshold of the rates valuation was increased to €60,000. Since the marketing of the revised scheme has taken place there has been an increase in general enquiries relating to the scheme and it is hoped that this scheme will continue

to encourage new businesses to set up in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

EU Projects

In 2014 LEO – dlr were involved in 5 separate EU Projects. Details on these are as follows:

2Inno (www.zinno.eu) is a project funded under the EU's Leonardo Da Vinci LifeLong Learning Programme. The initiative promotes best practice on innovation strategies to small business owners through the provision of one-to-one coaching. It commenced in October 2013 and formally closes in September 2015. Local Irish business owners benefit from access to all learning content.

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs (www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu) is a cross-border exchange programme which gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other participating EU member states. The programme is financed by the European Commission and has been operating successfully since 2009.

Entrepreneur 2.0 (www.entrepreneur2.eu). The Local Enterprise Office – dlr is one of 7 European partners involved in the Entrepreneur 2.0 Initiative which aims to equip individuals, especially unemployed young people and micro SME owners with skills on exploiting Web 2.0 (interactive web based) tools so that they can become successful entrepreneurs in markets outside their national borders. This project is funded under the EU's Leonardo Da Vinci LifeLong Learning Programme. It commenced in August 2013 and formally closes in July 2015.

SITE Project (www.site-project.eu). The Local Enterprise Office – dlr is one of 9 European partners involved in the SITE (Smart Integrated Ticketing for Europe) Project. The aim of SITE is to bring together a number of regional transport authorities representing the 5 member states in the Atlantic Area to work together on the development of smart ticketing products and to address the barriers to interoperability of tickets. This project is funded under the EU's Atlantic Area Transnational Programme. This project has been running since 2012 and finished in December 2014.

Road network in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown



Outdoor Tourism Project (<http://www.outdoortourism.org/>). The Local Enterprise Office – dlr is one of 6 partners from Ireland and Wales working together on the Outdoor Tourism Project. The deliverables are taster sessions to increase community awareness of the local outdoor tourism activities; a business development programme for existing and new local businesses in the outdoor tourism sector; a training and apprenticeship programme for employees in the sector; and a marketing strategy and action plan to promote local outdoor tourism. The project is funded by the Ireland-Wales Interreg IVA Programme.

Tourism

A new Tourist Information Centre was opened in June 2013 in County Hall. This Centre is open during hours suitable for tourists including over weekends. The office provides information on all accommodation, activities, events, shopping and leisure locations in the County. The dlr Tourist Information Centre (TIC) also has key responsibilities in the promotion of the County to domestic and international markets via both digital and traditional marketing methods.

Fáilte Ireland, together with the four Dublin Local Authorities and other key stakeholders (e.g. Port and Harbour Companies and Chambers of Commerce) created the Grow Dublin Task Force to research the Dublin tourism brand with a view to reposition the brand after a number of years of declining tourism figures. The result was the launch of Destination Dublin in December 2013, a new strategy to sell Dublin to the US, UK, German and French markets as 'a vibrant capital city bursting with a variety of surprising experiences – where city living thrives side-by-side with the natural outdoors'. The forum is a major collaborative initiative by the key interested parties including the Dublin Local Authorities, Fáilte Ireland, Dublin Chamber of Commerce and the tourist industry & development organisations.

In December 2014 a Cruise Working Group was developed in partnership with the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company and the Dún Laoghaire Business Improvement District (BID). The main aim of this group will be to develop and implement a welcome plan for the expected 100,000+ cruise visitors due to visit the County in 2015. This welcome plan is intended to encourage

Reception for Special Olympics Athletes hosted by An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Marie Baker

visitors to stay in the local area during their visit, thereby supporting the local retail and tourism offering.

The Council commenced a pedestrian way-finding system designed and produced to assist first-time visitors to find their way around the attractions of the coastal areas of Blackrock, Monkstown, Dún Laoghaire and Sandycove/Glasthule. The system includes high specification maps and finger posts benchmarked on similar systems in European city centres. This project is on-going and is due for completion in 2015.

Inter-agency Collaboration – Dublinked

Dublinked is a data sharing initiative focused on ideas and information sharing, which connects the Dublin region's four local authorities with universities, companies and entrepreneurs. Large volumes of data are generated in cities like Dublin from the citizens' everyday lives and Dublinked brings people together to test ideas using this data, so as to develop new products and services that combine innovation and creativity to possibly find better ways to do things.

Dublin Creative Alliance

The Creative Dublin Alliance is a network led by Dublin City Council, with involvement from a number of different stakeholders. The alliance's objectives are to create a clear vision that unifies around the strengths and future potential of the Dublin City Region; build a Dublin Region that encourages innovation and enterprise; continues to grow its higher education and research sector; engages people in the variety of entrepreneurial initiatives that are occurring in the Dublin City Region.

Springboard

Springboard is an initiative operated in collaboration with IADT as part of the Labour Market Activation fund. Qualifying applicants are enabled to gain an add-on honour's degree in Business & Enterprise on completion of a one-year intensive course. Up to 50 students take part in the course annually.



Transportation and Water Services Department

Transportation Department's principal activities include:

- design, construction and maintenance of roads and motorways
- improvement of junctions and traffic management
- provision of bus priority measures
- maintenance and improvement of pedestrian and cycling facilities
- improvement of facilities for mobility impaired and disabled road users
- management of parking and parking control;
- road planning
- promotion of sustainable travel
- introduction of road safety and Accident Investigation Prevention (AIP) measures
- operation of the school warden service

Pay & Display Parking Control Section

The Council operates a Pay & Display Parking Control Scheme on a number of public roads/car parks within its administrative area. The Scheme is operated under the Council's Parking Control Bye-Laws, 2007 to 2011.

In 2014 the Pay and Display Parking Control Scheme was extended to:

- Shankill DART Station Car Park
- Dornden Park, Booterstown
- Lynwood, Dundrum
- Dún Emer, Dundrum
- Braemor Road retail area [117a to 125a]

32,324 fines were issued for parking and road traffic related offences in 2014.

23,520 valid parking fines were paid in 2014.

824 convictions were secured through the District Court for the non-payment of parking fines during 2014.

The parking enforcement contract is operated on behalf of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council by ParkRite t/a DLR Parking Services.

Stay Brite Campaign 2014



Strategic Priorities:

Improvements provided during 2014 included:

Continued roll out of Pay & Display parking meters with credit card payment facility.

Continued evaluation of services to drive cost savings and efficiencies and communicate more effectively with users.

Capital Projects Office

The following are the major capital schemes under design/ construction or recently completed by the Council and funded by the Department of Transport and Development Levies

Schemes under construction / completed:

- Burton Hall Road Extension
- Pottery Road
- Shankill DART Carpark
- South County Business Park Exit Upgrade
- Leopardstown Link Road and Roundabout Reconfiguration

Schemes at Design Stage:

- ESB Link Road
- M50 Pedestrian and Cycle Connectivity Bridge
- Brides Glen to Shankill Cycleway and Footpath
- Foxrock Village Car Park

Burton Hall Road Extension – opened 28th January 2014

Transportation Planning Section

- Reported on 881 planning applications
- Reported on 5 Part 8 applications
- Reported on 1 Bord Pleanála appeal and 1 Strategic Infrastructure application

New entrance created from College Road into Marlay Park

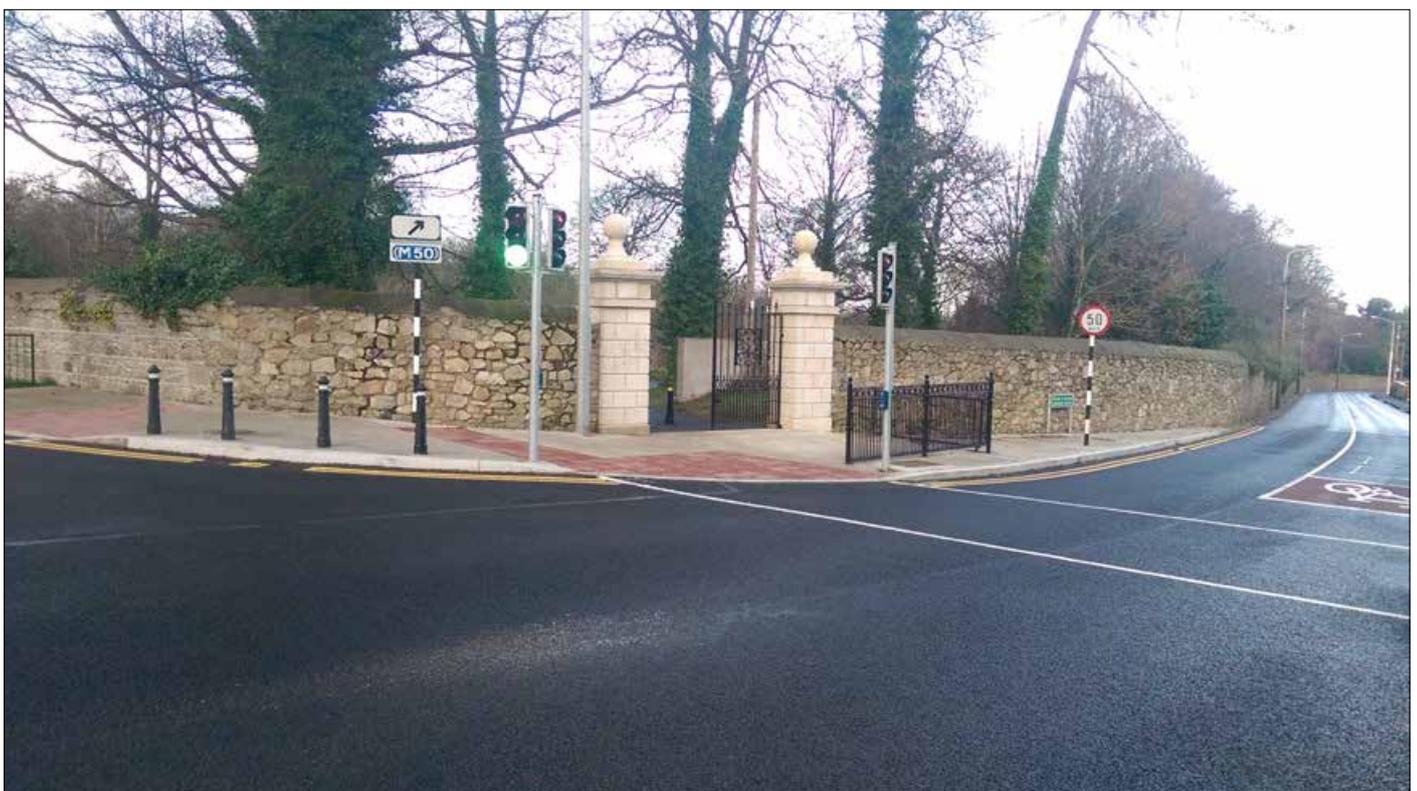
- Over 180 pre-planning consultations with architects, engineers and planners in order to facilitate the progression of planning applications
- Transportation input to the Draft County Development Plan, Blackrock Local Area Plan and the Dún Laoghaire Local Area Plan.

Traffic & Road Safety

The principal activities of the Traffic and Road Safety Section include:

- Design, construction and upgrading the Council's road network, improvement of junctions and traffic management
- Management of the traffic signals system (SCATS)
- The provision of Statutory Signing & Lining
- The provision and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities Countywide and the improvement of facilities for mobility impaired and disabled road users
- Assessment of planning applications at local level and preparatory involvement in both Local and National plans e.g. County Development Plan and Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy
- The promotion of cycling and sustainable travel
- Road Safety and Accident Investigation Prevention (AIP) measures
- Road Safety Education & operation of the school warden service
- The provision of Bus Priority measures/Bus Stops/Real Time Passenger Information

These activities would not be possible without engagement with all our Stakeholders, to include Public Representatives, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Bus, National Transport Authority, Dún Laoghaire Harbour Board, the Emergency Services, Businesses and Communities.





Pottery Road Improvement Scheme during works

Under the National Transport Authority's (NTA) investment framework in the area of sustainable Transport measures in the delivery of Cycling and Walking

The following schemes were completed:

- UCD to Luas Cycle/Pedestrian Connection
- Cycle Parking Countywide and within UCD

Permeability Schemes, to include new signalised pedestrian crossings

- Glenamuck Road, south of roundabout at Carrickmines to serve residential estates
- Carmenhall Road, at junction with Ballymoss Road, new crossing to serve LUAS users

The following schemes were advanced:

- Bride's Glen to Shankill Cycle Route and Footpath (feasibility/outline design)
- Frascati Road / Temple Hill Route Improvement Scheme
- N11/Stillorgan Road Corridor Improvements (Belfield to Stillorgan Park Road)
- N11/Johnstown Road Junction Improvement
- N11/Stillorgan Road City Centre Cycle Scheme (Brewery Road to Foxrock including White's Cross and Galloping Green preliminary design)
- N11 to City Centre Cycle Scheme (Brewery Road to Stillorgan Park Road)
- Newvale, Shankill Safety Improvement Scheme
- Stillorgan Park Cycle Route Improvement Scheme
- Wyattville Road Improvements (Safety Scheme & Permeability Link to Parks)



Pottery Road Improvement Scheme after the works

Under the National Road Authority's (NRA) Low Cost Safety Improvement Programme, for works on Regional and Local Roads

The following schemes were completed:

- U-Turn facility on South Bound Carriageway of N11/Stillorgan Road at Foxrock Church
- Junction of College Road, Grange Road & Harold's Grange Road – (Connection to Marlay Park)

The following scheme was advanced:

- Seapoint Avenue – Design options

Junction Upgrade Programme

The following junctions were upgraded:

- Braemor Road (Part of) – Improvements works, one way system and Pay and Display to front of shop units
- Upper Churchtown Road/ Oakdown Road junction improved alignment, parking, signing and lining
- Lambs Cross, improved safety & junction legibility
- Lower Kilmacud Road at Dale Drive, improved safety & junction legibility
- Upper Kilmacud Road / Sydenham Villas, improved safety & junction legibility
- Junction of College Road, Grange Road & Harold's Grange Road

Traffic Signals & Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

- SCATS, the adaptive traffic control system currently controls 141 junctions Countywide.
- Annually, the Traffic & ITS Section upgrade 20 pedestrian crossings
- Maintenance of 330 no. signalised traffic junctions & pedestrian crossings
- 70% of all traffic signals Countywide are now on the SCATS system and automatically report faults to our Fault Management System.

- The ITS Section manage 57 Km's of Fibre Optic Network
- The Traffic Signals Section also maintain and manage the advanced School Warning Signs as well as the Speed Alert Signage Countywide, totalling at 138 no.

Road Safety

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in conjunction with our key Stakeholders is committed to ensuring that all road users develop appropriate attitudes and safe behaviours.

The Road Safety Team actively imparts this knowledge through a number of initiatives:

- The provision of the School Warden Service
- The on-site cycle training of approx. 2,000 students annually
- DLR/AXA Roadsafe Show for Transition Year Students
- Road Safety focused open days
- On site road safety talks and demonstrations in schools Countywide

Road Safety Engineering included:

- 4 no. Low Cost Safety Improvements
- 1 no. Mobility Impaired Disability safety improvement works
- 22 no. School safety improvement schemes
- Traffic lane width study for N11/Stillorgan Road including speed surveys
- Installation of flexible bollards and speed road markings at various locations along the N11/Stillorgan Road

Cycling

Cycling Projects and initiatives advanced in addition to those listed above

- 100 no. Sheffield cycle stands installed in the County including Dún Laoghaire, Monkstown, Sandyford, Marlay Park, Newtownsmith, Stepside and People's Park
- Following a grant application process, toaster type cycle parking stands were delivered to 12 schools in the County
- National Bike Week in June 2014
- Delivered cycle skills training in schools to approx. 2,000 students
- Draft Feasibility report prepared for a Public Bike scheme in Dún Laoghaire Town Centre
- Procured 4,000 bike lights to promote safe cycling in winter
- Launch & distribution of 5,000 no. Cycle Network Maps
- New cycling leaflet UCD to Luas and DART launched

Water Services Section

Water Services Section is responsible for the management of the Surface Water Network in the County. Surface water is collected and discharged to either adjacent rivers or the sea. Water Services Section also advances flood alleviation schemes in conjunction with the OPW, who are the body with the primary responsibility for fluvial flooding.



Cycle Skills Training in Schools



Ballyogan Recycling Park

Water Services Section manages and maintains the public water and foul drainage systems in the County under a Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

Waste Management

Enforcement Unit

The Enforcement Unit monitors and enforces compliance with Regulations on (a) waste management (b) air pollution and (c) noise pollution.

Priority action areas for 2014 included:

- Management and disposal of Commercial and Household Food Waste
- Detection and prosecution of Unauthorised Waste Collectors and those responsible for illegal 'Fly-tipping' of waste
- Compliance verification of *Producer Responsibility Initiatives*: Waste Packaging; Waste Tyres; Batteries and Accumulators/ Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment
- Registration of businesses using Volatile Organic Compounds/ Solvents (Dry-cleaning, Vehicle Crash Repair sector) together with motor fuel retailers (under the Petroleum Vapour Emission Regulations)
- Enforcement of the Solid Fuels Regulations (restrictions in the marketing, sale, distribution and burning of Bituminous coal)
- Support of the P.U.R.E. project

Civil Defence and Fire Service

The Civil Defence for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is provided by Dublin City Council. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's share of the cost in 2014 was €79,069.00. The Fire Service in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is also provided by Dublin City Council pursuant to an agreement under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 1955.

www.recyclefree.ie



FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING DAY

DÚN LAOGHAIRE OLD PIER, WEST HARBOUR

**Saturday 8th March 2014
10am-4pm**

*'We'll accept anything household
with a plug or a battery'*

TVs & Aerials | Microwaves | IT Equipment | Dishwashers
Fridges & Freezers | Power Tools
Battery Operated Toys
Kettles & Toasters
All Waste Batteries
& Many More.....



Comhairle Contae County Council



Dun Laoghaire
Harbour Company



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EnviroCom Awards 2014

Now in its eighth year, the Awards, co-hosted by the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, are renowned for showcasing environmental excellence and innovation in organisations operating in the County, irrespective of their size or sector.

The Green Business Officer represented the Council on the judging panel for the Awards. Winners were from sectors as diverse as healthcare and education providers, information technology and construction companies, environmental volunteers, the public service, sole traders and consultancies. Apart from the Council other sponsors of the Awards were Utilitywise, WEEE Ireland, Amgen, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), the Environmental Protection Agency, ESB Ecars and RPS Consulting Engineers. The Dublin People Group of Newspapers was a media partner.

The €coMerit Programme is a three-year environmental support and certification programme for businesses to enable savings to be made in waste, water and energy management. It is a partnership between Econcertive, the Environmental Protection Agency and four local authorities including Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Participants from the County include companies in the retail, pharmaceutical, healthcare and educational sectors. In 2014, under the SEAI Better Energy Community Grants scheme, 13 projects in the €coMerit programme received €280,000 funding to improve energy efficiency which generated annual savings of €120,000 and just under 2 million carbon credits as participants of the programme are viewed as an eligible community for grant support by SEAI.

11 Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Collection Days were held in the County in 2014 in conjunction with WEEE Ireland to promote recycling of WEEE waste. These events took

place in various car parks and yielded 97 tonnes of WEEE in total. Clondalkin Community Recycling Initiative was engaged by Estate Management to offer door-to-door collections for tenants as required and also collected WEEE from schools on request. These collections yielded a further 18 tonnes of WEEE recycled in the County in addition to that taken to Ballyogan Recycling Park by residents.

Recycling Centres

Ballyogan Recycling Park

The tonnage of recyclable material brought to Ballyogan Recycling Park in 2014 was 8,202 tonnes.

Compost bins and Water butts are offered for sale to the public at Ballyogan Recycling Park. In 2014 109 Compost Bins and 329 Water butts were sold.

Eden Park Recycling Centre

395 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Eden Park Recycling Centre in 2014.

Shanganagh Recycling Centre

223 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Shanganagh Recycling Centre in 2014.

Bring Bank Centres

The Council provides 38 centres. A total of 2,121 tonnes of recyclables were brought to the centres during the year.

SCHEDULE 1 – 2014

Facilities Registered/Permits Issued	
Waste Enforcement	513
Inspections	
Waste Enforcement	842
Complaints Received	
Waste Enforcement	180
Surface Water	20
Pollution	92
Enforcement Actions	
Waste Enforcement	45

Annual Financial Statements 2014

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 31st December 2014

	Notes	2014 €	2013 €
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,314,129,049	1,290,306,244
Infrastructural		1,780,034,270	1,982,599,077
Community		58,202,375	49,410,418
Non-Operational		102,065,024	97,448,425
		3,254,430,719	3,419,764,164
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	53,004,774	193,538,248
Long Term Debtors	3	129,747,211	128,585,918
Current Assets			
Stock	4	752,134	775,456
Trade Debtors and Prepayments	5	20,447,000	27,180,118
Bank Investments		126,153,099	129,561,257
Cash at Bank		550,899	149,672
Cash in Transit		742,072	1,062,725
Urban Account	7	-	-
		148,645,204	158,729,228
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	54,154,907	58,530,062
Urban Account	7	-	-
Finance Leases		-	-
		54,154,907	58,530,062
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		94,490,297	100,199,167
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	8	150,679,876	147,477,389
Finance Leases	-	-	-
Refundable Deposits	9	8,647,342	6,197,237
Other		45,177,575	40,936,147
		204,504,793	194,610,773
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		3,327,168,206	3,647,476,723
Represented By			
Capitalisation	10	3,254,430,719	3,419,764,164
Income WIP	2	17,188,539	151,716,444
Specific Revenue Reserve		18,452,967	18,452,967
General Revenue Reserve		9,699,927	9,648,544
Other Balances	11	27,396,056	47,894,605
Total Reserves		3,327,168,206	3,647,476,724

Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income and Expenditure Account Statement) For Year Ended 31st December 2014

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/ (deficit) for the year.

Transfers to/from reserves are shown separately and not allocated by service division.

	Note	Gross Expenditure 2014 €	Income 2014 €	Net Expenditure 2014 €	Net Expenditure 2013 €
Expenditure by Division		€	€	€	€
Housing and building		26,873,072	25,431,204	1,441,868	2,086,206
Roads, Transportation & Safety		27,605,265	12,174,237	15,431,028	14,921,201
Water services		12,606,553	9,927,735	2,678,819	22,633,168
Development Management		12,003,361	3,538,420	8,464,941	9,385,554
Environmental Services		27,183,997	7,025,875	20,158,122	19,596,925
Recreation and Amenity		23,913,889	4,132,894	19,780,995	19,817,582
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		1,638,937	1,141,946	496,990	762,913
Miscellaneous Services		16,125,616	4,408,068	11,717,548	10,309,159
Central Management Charges		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure/Income	16-17	147,950,693	67,780,380		
Net Cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates and Local Government Fund				80,170,313	99,512,708
Rates				83,497,572	83,345,888
Local Government Fund				5,597,049	24,644,977
Pension Related Deduction				2,546,340	2,765,408
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers				11,470,648	11,243,564
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	15			(11,419,265)	(11,196,955)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year				51,383	46,610
General Reserve at 1st January				9,648,544	9,601,934
General Reserve at 31st December				9,699,927	9,648,544

Performance Indicators 2014

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Performance Indicators 01/01/14 - 31/12/14

C: CORPORATE

C1 / C2: Total Number of WTEs / Working Days lost to Sickness

C1-A. The whole time equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2014 (consistent with figures provided to DECLG by way of staffing returns for December 2014)	951
C2-A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave	3.67
C2-B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave	0.41
Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave	7930
Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave	891
Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days	1932
Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days	44

C3: No. of page visits to LA website

A. The cumulative total page views for the period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service	3376564
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C4: Overall Cost of ICT provision per WTE

A. All revenue expenditure on hardware and software plus depreciation divide by WTE under 'C1' above	2930
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E: WASTE / ENVIRONMENT

E1: Number of Waste Facilities authorised by the LA

A. The number of waste facility permits and certificates of registration granted by the LA and not yet expired as at 31/12/2014	8	All household waste collectors are licenced by the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO)
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E2: No./% of Households with access to a 3 bin service

A. The number of households, based on the 2011 Census, who are in receipt of a 3 bin service at 31/12/2014	34537	Supplied by NWCPO
B. The percentage of households within the LA area (also as per the 2011 Census) that the number at 'A' above represents	45.57	

E3: No. of Waste complaints lodged with the EPA Office of Environmental Enforcement

A. The number of distinct complaints relating to waste within the LA area that were referred to the OEE in the period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014 because the problem persisted after investigation of the complaint by the LA	0	
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E4: Percentage of other environmental pollution complaints closed

Percentage of Litter pollution cases closed by 31/12/2014	100	
Percentage of Air pollution cases closed by 31/12/2014	100	
Percentage of Noise pollution cases closed by 31/12/2014	96.43	
Percentage of Water pollution cases closed by 31/12/2014	98.78	
The total number of Litter pollution cases in respect of which a complaint/s was/were made through any medium during 2014 whether instigated by the public or by the LA itself	2434	
Number of Litter pollution cases received in 2014 on which either a decision was taken that no investigation was warranted or an investigation was finalised (whether through prosecution or otherwise) during the year	2434	
The total number of Air pollution cases in respect of which a complaint/s was/were made through any medium during 2014 whether instigated by the public or by the LA itself	20	
Number of Air pollution cases received in 2014 on which either a decision was taken that no investigation was warranted or an investigation was finalised (whether through prosecution or otherwise) during the year	20	
The total number of Noise pollution cases in respect of which a complaint/s was/were made through any medium during 2014 whether instigated by the public or by the LA itself	112	
Number of Noise pollution cases received in 2014 on which either a decision was taken that no investigation was warranted or an investigation was finalised (whether through prosecution or otherwise) during the year	108	
The total number of Water pollution cases in respect of which a complaint/s was/were made through any medium during 2014 whether instigated by the public or by the LA itself	82	
Number of Water pollution cases received in 2014 on which either a decision was taken that no investigation was warranted or an investigation was finalised (whether through prosecution or otherwise) during the year	81	

E5: Percentage of LA area within the 5 levels of litter pollution

THIS DATA OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM TOBIN CONSULTING ENGINEERS		
The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed was unpolluted or litter free	43	
The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed was slightly polluted	43	
The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed was moderately polluted	12	
The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed was significantly polluted	2	
The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed was grossly polluted	0	

F: FIRE SERVICE

F1: Cost per Capita of the Fire Service

A. Cost per Capita	N/A
The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E 2014 data consisting of E11 - Operation of fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention and the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme E	N/A

F2: Service Mobilisation

A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	N/A
B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	N/A
C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	N/A
D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	N/A

F3: Percentage of attendances at scenes

A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	N/A
B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	N/A
C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	N/A
D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	N/A
E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	N/A
F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	N/A
Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	N/A
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	N/A
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	N/A
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	N/A
Total number of call-outs in respect of incidents of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	N/A
Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	N/A
Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	N/A
Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	N/A

H: HOUSING

H1 / H2: Social Housing Stock / Housing Voids

H1-A. The overall total number of dwellings provided by the local authority in the period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014; comprising:	85	
H1-B. The number of dwellings directly provided (constructed or purchased) by the LA in 2014	19	
H1-Ba. Number constructed (from B. above)	0	
H1-Bb. Number Purchased (from B. above)	19	units acquired under part V agreements
H1-C. The number of units provided under the Rental Accommodation Scheme in 2014	55	
H1-D. The number of units provided under the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme in 2014 if operated (or else indicate if scheme not yet being operated in the LA)		N/A
H1-E. The number of units provided under the Social Housing Leasing Initiative (including unsold Affordable Scheme units and NAMA sourced properties and Mortgage to Rent Scheme) in 2014	11	
H1-F. The overall total number of social housing dwellings in the LA at 31/12/2014; comprising:	4957	
H1-G. The total number of dwellings directly provided (constructed or purchased) by the LA	4384	
H1-H. The number of units provided under the Rental Accommodation Scheme	407	
H1-I. The number of units provided under the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme if operated (or else indicate if scheme not yet being operated in the LA)		N/A
H1-J. The number of units provided under the Social Housing Leasing Initiative (including unsold Affordable Scheme units and NAMA sourced properties and Mortgage to Rent Scheme)	166	
H2-A. The percentage of the total number of dwellings at H1-G above that were vacant on 31/12/2014	0.71	
The number of dwelling units within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2014	31	

H3: Average Re-letting Time and Cost

A. The time taken from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date in 2014 when a new tenancy had commenced in the dwelling, averaged across all units re-let in 2014	13.36	
B. The cost expended on getting the re-tenanted units in 2014 ready for re-letting, averaged across all units re-let in 2014	4978.82	
The number of units that were re-tenanted on any date in 2014 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	118	
The number of weeks from when the previous tenant vacated the dwelling up to the date of the new tenant's first rent debit, with any partial week decimalised to two decimal places, totalled for all units included above	1576.43	
Total expenditure on repairs necessary to enable re-letting of the units included above	587500.56	

H4: Housing Maintenance Cost

A. Expenditure during 2014 on the repair and maintenance of housing bought or built by the LA compiled on a continuous basis from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014, divided by the no. of directly provided units in the LA stock at 31/12/2014 (H1G above)	1727.93	
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H5: Private rented sector inspections

A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area (obtained directly from the PRTB)	14850	
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B. Number of inspections carried out	683	Includes 188 under IIP.
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H6: Long-term Homeless Adults

A. Number of adult individuals that are long-term homeless as a percentage of the total number of homeless adult individuals		Already included in Dublin City's figures.
The number of adult individuals classified as homeless in the Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) as at 31/12/2014		Already included in Dublin City's figures.
The number of homeless adult individuals who, on 31/12/2014, have been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively over the previous 12 months		Already included in Dublin City's figures.

J: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

J1: No. of jobs created

A. The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	125.5	
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L: LIBRARY / RECREATION SERVICES

L1: Library Visits

Number of visits to libraries per 1,000 population	2821.32	Blackrock Library reopened 16/06/14; footfall multiplied by 34 weeks only. Dun Laoghaire Library closed 12/9/14; no count included in 2014 returns.
Total number of visits to libraries	581928	Blackrock Library reopened 16/06/14; footfall multiplied by 34 weeks only. Dun Laoghaire Library closed 12/9/14; no count included in 2014 returns.

L2: Cost of operating a Library Service

A. Cost of operating a Library Service per 1,000 Population	33020.61	
The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F 2014 data consisting of Fo2 - Operation of Library and Archival Service and the relevant proportion of the central management charge for programme F	6810865	

M: FINANCE

M1: 5 Year summary of Revenue Account balance

A. The debit/credit balance at 31/12/2010 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)	9109484	Credit Balance
B. The debit/credit balance at 31/12/2011 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)	9550465	Credit Balance
C. The debit/credit balance at 31/12/2012 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)	9601934	Credit Balance
D. The debit/credit balance at 31/12/2013 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)	9648543	Credit Balance
E. The debit/credit balance at 31/12/2014 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) - (even if unaudited)	9699927	Credit Balance. Based on Draft AFS.

M2: 5 Year summary of % collection levels for major revenue sources

2010		
Rates	81	
Rent and Annuities	81	
Housing Loans	81	
2011		
Rates	76	
Rent and Annuities	80	
Housing Loans	73	
2012		
Rates	75	
Rent and Annuities	79	
Housing Loans	64	
2013		
Rates	78	
Rent and Annuities	77	
Housing Loans	64	
2014 (even if unaudited)		
Rates	78	Based on Draft AFS for 2014.
Rent and Annuities	80	
Housing Loans	57	

P: PLANNING

P1: New Buildings Inspected

A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	23.28	
Total number of new building notified to the local authority	769	
Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2014 that were the subject of at least one inspection undertaken by the local authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	179	

P2: No./% of Planning decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála

A. Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in the last year	40	
B. Percentage of the determinations at 'A' above which were to confirm either with or without variation the decision made by the LA	60	
Number of determinations confirming the LA's decision with or without variation	24	

P3: Percentage of Planning Enforcement cases closed as resolved

A. Total number of planning cases (as opposed to complaints) referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014 that were investigated	215	
B. Total number of cases that were closed during 2014	228	This figure includes cases from previous years
C. % of the cases at 'B' above that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	0	
D. % of the cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	18.86	
E. % of the cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	50	
F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2014	172	
Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	0	
Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	43	
Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	114	Remedied in response to a Warning Letter, Enforcement Notice or where prosecution or injunction procedure was initiated.

P4: Cost per Capita of the Planning Service

A. Cost per Capita	35.55	
The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data consisting of Do1 - Forward Planning, Do2 - Development Management, Do3 - Enforcement and the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme D	7332784	This figure is gross expenditure, not allowing for income and including a CMC figure of 2,798,085

R: ROADS

R1: Ratings in Pavement Surface Condition Index

REGIONAL ROAD SURFACE

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<p>LOCAL SECONDARY ROAD SURFACE</p>	
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R2: Percentage of motor tax transactions conducted online

THIS DATA OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION UNIT

A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued)	N/A
Total number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	N/A
Total number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	N/A
Total number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with online	N/A

W: Water

W1: Unaccounted for Water as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under LA Schemes

Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied in 2014 under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for under a Service Level Agreement	50	
Total volume of water (m ³) supplied from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014 under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for under an SLA, divided by 365 days	60809	
Volume of unaccounted for water (m ³) lost from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014 under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for under an SLA, divided by 365 days	30404	

W2: Percentage of drinking water in compliance with statutory requirements

THIS DATA OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM THE EPA		
Public schemes	99.7	
Private schemes	100	

Y: YOUTH / COMMUNITY

Y1: Participation in Comhairle na n-Óg scheme

Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Óg scheme	82.5	
Total number of second level schools and youth groups in the LA area at 31/12/2014	40	31 second level schools and 9 Youth Groups
Number of second level schools and youth groups in the LA from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na n-Óg AGM held in 2014	33	29 schools and 4 Youth groups attended the 2014 Comhairle na n-Óg AGM

Y2: No. of Gateway participants employed as % of target

A. Number of Gateway participants who commenced a work placement during 2014 expressed as a percentage of the placements allocated to the LA	30.91	
No. of employed Gateway participants who commenced a work placement at any time during 2014 (inclusive of those who dropped out before the year-end)	34	
No. of Gateway placements allocated to the LA as agreed between the Department of Social Protection and the CCMA	110	

Y3: % of nominees to LCDC membership via the PPN structures from the most marginalised SICAP groups

The overall number of private sector members of the LCDC at 31/12/2014 nominated via the PPN structures who are of any of; Travellers, Roma, Unemployed, People with Disabilities, Lone Parents or Families in Disadvantages Areas	0	
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Y4: Number progressing to FT, PT or self-employment within 6 months of receipt of a Goal 3 employment support

The no. of people in the 'Individuals supported into employment or self-employment' category, who commenced that employment within 6 months of receiving a Goal 3 support, included in the 2014 Local Community Dev. Programme Annual Report	339	
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Energy Management / Awareness

Overview of Energy Usage

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's main energy users are Public Lighting, dlr Fleet, Heating Oil, dlr Corporate Buildings (including County Hall, Harbour Square, Ballyogan Operations Centre, Libraries, Community Buildings, etc.) and dlr Leisure Services.

Actions Undertaken in 2014:

In 2014 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown undertook or participated in a range of initiatives to improve our energy performance, including:

General:

- Irish Water took charge of all DLR owned water / pump stations from 1st January 2014.
- Continued Energy Awareness training among staff.
- Attendance of energy team technical staff at ISO 50001 energy management course and at a range of sustainability courses.
- Continued Energy Awareness presentation amongst residents association and pre-tenancy talks.
- Continued Initiatives – Green Schools Programme.
- Continued Sustainable Travel initiatives.

- Applied for and was successful in grant application to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) under the Better Energy Communities (BEC) and Area Based Programme Grant Schemes.

Corporate Buildings:

- County Hall – LED lighting upgrade carried out to existing lighting, backend valves fitted to boilers (approximate annual savings of 592,028kWh in primary energy savings).
- Display Energy Certificates (DEC) procured and displayed for County Hall, Harbour Square and Dundrum Civic Offices.

Parks and Cemeteries:

- Marlay House – draught proofed all existing sash windows (annual savings of 12,500kWh in primary energy savings).
- Moran Park House – replaced existing storage heaters with GFCH system with controls, draught proofed all existing sash windows, insulated the attic (annual savings of 42,500kWh in primary energy savings).

Community Buildings:

- Cois Cairn Youth & Community Centre – Replaced storage heaters with gas-fired central heating and controls.

Refurbished Dalkey Town Hall



- Ballybrack Project Community Centre – Upgraded to energy efficient gas-fired central heating system with controls.
- Loughlinstown Community Rooms – Upgraded to energy efficient gas-fired central heating system with controls.
- St Nathy's House Community Rooms – Upgraded to energy efficient gas-fired central heating system with controls.
- Glencullen Community Hall – roof insulation fitted. (Approximate annual savings of 19,500kWh in primary energy savings).
- Display Energy Certificates (DEC) procured and displayed for Lambscross and Mounttown Community Centres.
- Shanganagh Community Centre had an energy audit carried out in late 2014.

Libraries:

- The LexIcon, new central library and cultural centre completed and opened in 2014. Consolidation of headquarter staff from Harbour Square and Dún Laoghaire Library to new County Library, Dún Laoghaire.
- Deansgrange Library extension and upgrade completed July 2013, Display Energy Certificate (DEC) procured and displayed for same – summer 2014.
- Refurbished Blackrock Library reopened in June, 2014.

Housing:

Individual Houses – The Housing Department continued a programme of upgrading houses (1,058 units) to benefit the home occupier by insulating walls and attics and providing wall and roof ventilation to achieve improved BERs and higher energy standards resulting in improved energy savings. In addition 4 no one-bed units received external wall and attic insulation together with wall and roof ventilation.

Works commenced on the refurbishment and extension of Rochestown House Phase 2 which will provide 34 energy efficient units of accommodation for the elderly in 2016 as part of a Europhit pilot scheme.

Public Lighting:

Public Lighting continued to improve the street lighting in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown using a planned upgrading programme to upgrade over 1,180 no. lanterns to energy efficient lighting to replace older, more inefficient and ineffective lighting. In addition LED lighting upgrades were carried out to Nutgrove Avenue, Nutgrove way, Brehon Field Road and Loughlinstown Drive (approximate annual savings of 679,918 kWh in primary energy savings).

IT:

The Council continued to purchase energy star compliance equipment when replacing older equipment resulting in approximately 4.85mWh savings.

Mechanical / Water:

- Irish Water took over dlr Water and Pumping Stations on 1 January 2014.
- 2 no upgrade projects Ballyogan Reservoir and West Pier Pump Station to provide energy upgrades to existing pumps were included on behalf of Irish Water on the DLR led 2014

SEAI Better Energy Communities energy upgrade scheme (annual savings of 1.364 gWh in primary energy savings).

- Ballyogan Operations Depot – energy audit carried out.

dlr Leisure Services:

The dlr Leisure Services Company reported the following:

Energy audits of dlr Leisure Services Buildings at Monkstown, Loughlinstown and Meadowbrook were carried out.

Items identified in same, were included on behalf of dlr Leisure Services on the DLR led 2014 SEAI Better Energy Communities application. Energy works included insulation to all hot valves and pipework in plant-room, sensors installed to control AHU fans to react to humidity & CO₂ levels, commissioned duct mounted sensors both airflow and CO₂ sensors and cylon BMS re-commissioned. Meters installed in all three centres to capture CHP Consumption and capture output of plant and connected to allow for remote monitoring of same. BMS computers replaced in Meadowbrook and Monkstown Leisure Centres (annual savings of 763,500kWh in primary energy savings).

Display Energy Certificates (DEC) procured and displayed for all three Leisure Centres.

Energy Management / Awareness – Actions Planned for 2015:

In 2015, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council intends to further improve our energy performance by undertaking the following initiatives:

General:

- Continue Initiatives – Green Schools Programme. Inclusion of energy efficiency in pre-tenancy programme.
- Continue Sustainable Travel initiatives.
- DLR intends to apply to the SEAI for energy efficiency grants under the 2015 Better Energy Communities (BEC).
- On-going energy audits of Council buildings.
- Continue to update list of Corporate Buildings to demonstrate building area. Tied to on-going Display Energy Certificate (DEC) coordination and procurement. Review of energy consumption of older buildings.
- Potential facility management tender for larger corporate buildings.
- Develop energy efficiency programme for public engagement.

Corporate Buildings:

- County Hall energy audit to be carried out, act on potential list of energy saving projects.
- Renewal of DEC summer 2015 for County Hall, Harbour Square and Dundrum Civic Offices.

Parks and Cemeteries:

- Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre draught seal windows. (Potential annual savings of 10,000kWh primary energy savings).

Community Buildings:

- Review energy audit of Shanganagh Community Centre and act on energy efficiency list.
- Renewal of DEC summer 2015 for Lambscross and Mounttown Community Centres.

Libraries:

- Lexlcon – New Central Library and Cultural Centre completed 2014, Display Energy Certificate to be sought Autumn 2015.
- Renewal of Deansgrange Library Display Energy Certificate summer 2015.
- Review energy metering Blackrock Library as tied in with landlord readings.

Housing:

- Housing Department will continue a programme of upgrading houses to achieve improved BERs and higher energy standards resulting in annual energy savings.
- Refurbishment and extension of Rochestown House Phase 2 will be completed to provide 34 energy efficient units of accommodation for the elderly in 2015 as part of a Europhit pilot scheme. (Projected annual savings of 838,852 kWh in primary energy savings).

IT:

- The Council will continue to purchase energy star compliance equipment when replacing older equipment resulting in approximately 4.85mWh savings.

Public Lighting:

- Public Lighting will continue to improve the street lighting in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown using a planned upgrading programme installing the most energy efficient lighting

available to replace older, more inefficient and ineffective lighting.

- Continuation of the LED upgrade programme will include Dundrum Road, Taney Road, Churchtown Road Upper and Braemor Road as well as projects yet to be agreed.

Mechanical / Water:

- Review energy audit of Ballyogan Operations Depot and act on energy efficiency list.

dIrl Leisure Services:

The dIrl Leisure Services Company has reported the following:

- Renewal of Display Energy Certificate (DEC) in all three Leisure Centres, summer 2015.
- Review of Asset Register and Planned Maintenance to include energy efficiencies.

Fernhill Estate – Purchased by the Council in 2014



