

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

OCTOBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 October – 29 October 2020

At midnight on Wednesday 21st October, the entire country was placed on Level 5 of the Framework for Restrictive Measures for a period of 6 weeks to the 1st December. This Framework was announced as part of the Government's [Resilience and Recovery 2020 – 2021 Plan for Living with Covid-19](#).

The Crisis Management Team reconvened to discuss the implications of Level 5 and the business continuity plan with regard to essential services.

These essential services continue to be provided, on a reduced level of service in some cases.

Libraries are closed to the public at present, as are leisure centres and swimming pools. Community Centres, parks and playgrounds, allotments and cemeteries remain open.

An appointment is required to be pre-arranged in order to access Council buildings.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

Libraries

1 – 21 October: Dublin City and County remained in **Level 3** of the [Plan for Living with COVID-19](#), offering our Bag a Book: Contact & Collect service. The national online catalogue remained available, so books could be reserved for collection at any dlr Library branch.

22 – 31 October: Following a Govt. announcement on 19 October, all counties in Ireland moved to **Level 5** of the Plan for Living with COVID-19 for a period of 6 weeks from 22 October to 1 December. A move to Level 5 meant that our Contact & Collect Service had to discontinue, and the national reservations systems and delivery system had to cease.

Community Call Book Drop

Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. For more information on how to avail of this service, please contact the dlr Community Call helpline on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2723199 or email covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie. Alternatively, you can contact dlr LexIcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie.

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

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 3900 calls since it commenced on 30 March and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 100 calls were received in October and issues range from information requests on Covid-19, requests for updates on Council services during the levels of the Plan for Living with Covid, also requests for library books
- With the upgrade to Level 5 of the Framework of Restrictive Measures, the Community Response Forum is meeting on a weekly basis at present to support in coordinating

the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:

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

Heritage

Developing Covid-friendly winter guided heritage walks (to include TY students) for when Level 5 restrictions end. Funding received from National Community Monument and Creative Ireland stimulus funds for heritage projects. Free virtual poetry workshop will be offered to 15 participants as part of heritage project at Marlay House. Planning for heritage buildings to be lit up as part of overall Christmas light up.

Municipal Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

Beaches/Harbours/Piers: All services have resumed.

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Covid-19 has resulted in a huge increase in support provided by the Local Enterprise Office. A new voucher scheme was launched in April 2020, while demand for existing support schemes e.g. Trading Online Vouchers and mentoring have increased significantly.

- Microfinance Ireland provided a COVID Business loan of up to €50,000 with a 6-month holiday on capital and interest payments, with a 1% discount (effective rate of 4.5%) if applied for through the LEO. We are partners in this scheme providing mentoring assistance to support client's applications. Annual targets already exceeded. A new loan has recently been launched, providing up to €25,000 with similarly favourable credit terms, and an additional interest rebate available for months 7-12.
- In an effort to give companies specialist advice, a Business Continuity Voucher was introduced. It was open for applications in April and closed 15th May 2020. A maximum of €2,500 was made available to eligible businesses to help support them in activities that could include producing business continuity plans, assessing cashflow and reduce costs, explore supply-chain finance options, and preparing business cases for emergency financial support. The Local Enterprise Office received **462** applications. **335** were approved to a value of **€699,527.50**.
- An improved Trading Online Voucher scheme with 90% funding was introduced. The annual allocation for 2020 was originally 55, but this was increased in response to Covid-19. To date the numbers of applications received are ten times higher than the annual application number.
- Mentoring - annually the Local Enterprise Office would expect to receive approximately **100** applications for one-to-one mentoring. Again as a result of the impact of Covid-19 and the provision of additional supports to businesses the office has processed **364** applications to date.
- General Supports – There has been an increase of at least 50% in general support queries, and requests for client meetings.

A special page has been set up for the specialised [LEO Covid supports](#) which has details of all the government supports for businesses in these difficult times.

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

The Economic Development Unit introduced the Street Furniture Grant to provide support to food service-based businesses introducing or expanding their outdoor seating. The Shopfront Improvement Scheme has seen increased take-up in 2020, with twenty applications having been received to date.

A Covid Seasonal Fund was also approved at the September Council meeting. This initiative will provide support to towns and villages across the County by delivering funding towards lighting and decorating commercial areas for the festive season. A total of five applications were received under the scheme up to October 28th. The Unit will also be running a Shop Local campaign over the coming weeks, encouraging shoppers to shop locally and safely online where possible.

Infrastructure and Climate Change:

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

- Active Travel Programme for Schools Reopening
- Priority works on strategic sections of cycle/walking network for return to schools

- Covid-19 interventions: Coastal Mobility Route, Dundrum, Dalkey, Glasthule & Blackrock

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

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

Forward Planning Infrastructure

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

Architectural Services

- Services have resumed for everything except on-site work for bathroom upgrades in occupied homes.

Housing

- With the move to the further restrictions of Level 5, the Housing Department as an essential service, continues to operate although with some additional health and safety restrictions. Essential services including Homeless & Welfare, Allocations, HAP and emergency Housing Maintenance works are being progressed with additional supports provided as required to the vulnerable including the Travelling Community. Social Housing Construction projects will continue uninterrupted and applications for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older Persons and People with a Disability continue to be processed.
- Staff continue to engage with home loan borrowers and tenants who have been affected by a loss of or reduced income as a result of the pandemic.

Finance

RATES WAIVER: On the 13th October, 2020, a further 3 month commercial rates waiver was announced. This will be automatically applied to Ratepayers accounts and we will write out when applied.

The total value of the waiver for the 9 months will be €40.4m. for 4,300 ratepayers.

RATE SUPPORT GRANT: The rate support grant for ratepayers whose rates bill is less than €21,019 remains in place. The Scheme provides for those eligible to receive a grant ranging from €300 – €800 subject to meeting the terms and conditions of the Scheme. The Scheme has been revised to extend the date to pay the 2020 rates bill (including

arrears if any) in full or enter into an agreement to pay from the 1st July to the 1st November 2020.

There is no need to apply for the grant. If ratepayers qualify, it is automatically applied to their accounts.

RESTART GRANT: Qualifying businesses will receive a grant equivalent to their commercial rates demand for calendar year 2019, subject to a minimum grant of €4,000 and a maximum of €25,000. The minimum and maximum have been increased due to additional top ups. Total top ups for Dublin is 50% for all businesses and a further 40% for 'Wet Pubs'.

We have received 3,297 completed applications and declaration forms to the 29th October, 2020, with an estimated value of €21.8m. We are currently working on a further 20% top up for circa 2,483 applicants whose applications have been approved.

The top up is due to the additional restrictions in Dublin from 7th October 2020. The total approved applications are 2,483, with a value of €18.6m to 29th October 2020.

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

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: The impact of Covid-19 has had a significant detrimental impact on the Council's financial position. Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely.

Planning:

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

Corporate Affairs:

- The monthly October Council meeting took place in the Ferry Terminal where social distancing and public health procedures could be implemented to create a safe environment.
- The new dlrMeetingPoint, meeting system was successfully launched at the October meeting for use by all Elected Members and officials
- As a result of the country entering Level 5, the Group Leaders' meetings are now being held on a weekly basis
- Level 5 implications were the focus for the Communications Unit during October to ensure the public had all the necessary information on the impact of this level on Council services.
- The meetings of all staff Covid reps within the organisation continue, with emphasis on Level 5 impacts. These meetings keep staff fully informed in order to put in place arrangements to ensure the continued provision of services in a safe workplace environment.

Circulars and Relevant Documents

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

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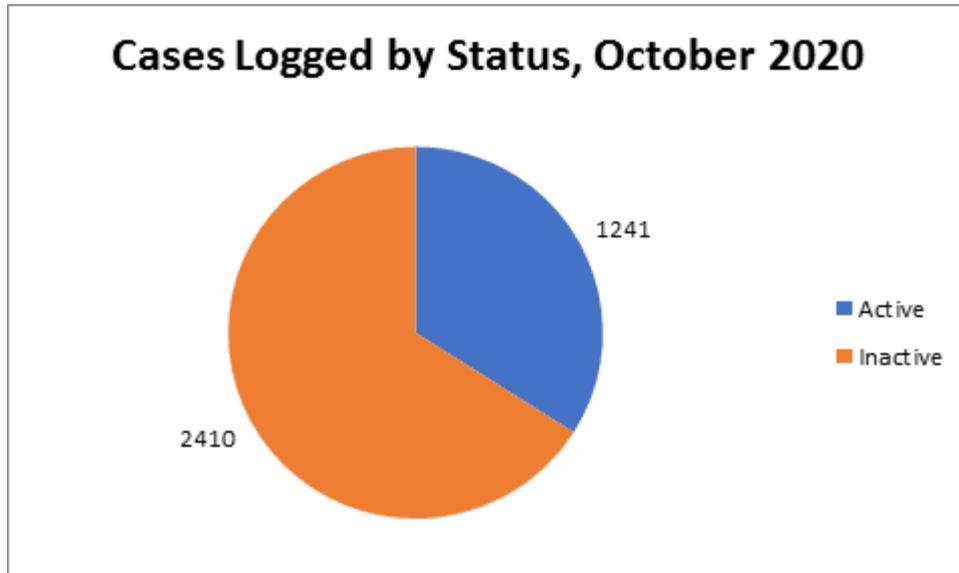
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*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Cases logged in October 2020

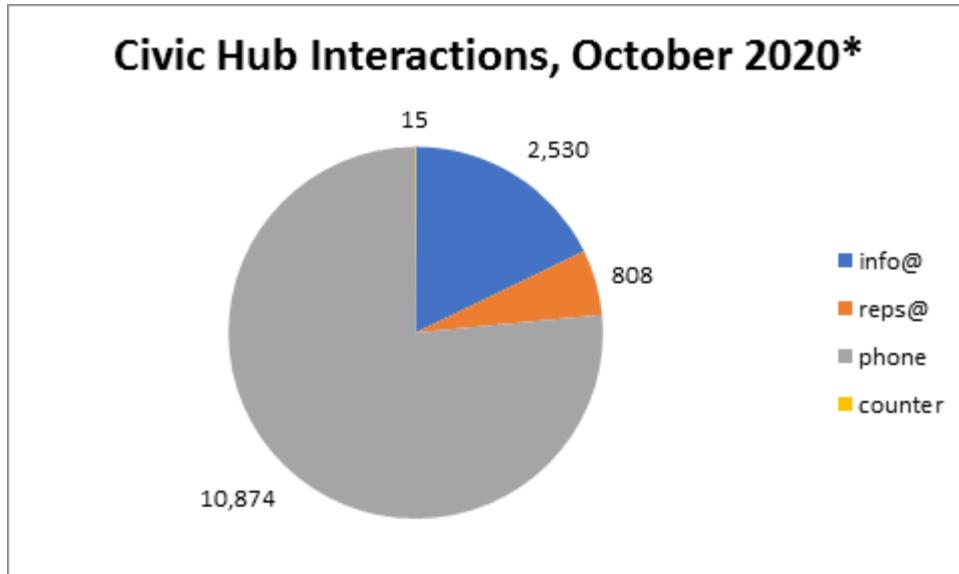


Open	1,241
Closed	2,410

Cases Logged in September 2020, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	9	4	13
Ballyogan Depot	1	4	5
CoCo	6	3	9
Comms & Civic Hub	43	830	873
Community	3	4	7
Corporate Services	4	1	5
dlrcoco	9	10	19
Environment	269	443	712
Finance	83	242	325
Housing	67	127	194
HR		1	1
IT		2	2
Parks	259	206	465
Planning	16	23	39
Property	103	48	151
Sports	1		1
Transportation	359	407	766
Waste Enforcement	5	42	47
Water Services	4	13	17
Grand Total	1241	2410	3651

Civic Hub Activities:



Cases logged in October 2020 * Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	6,630	4,244

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,530	808	3,338

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	0	15	15

Social Media and Website Activity – October 2020

Social Media

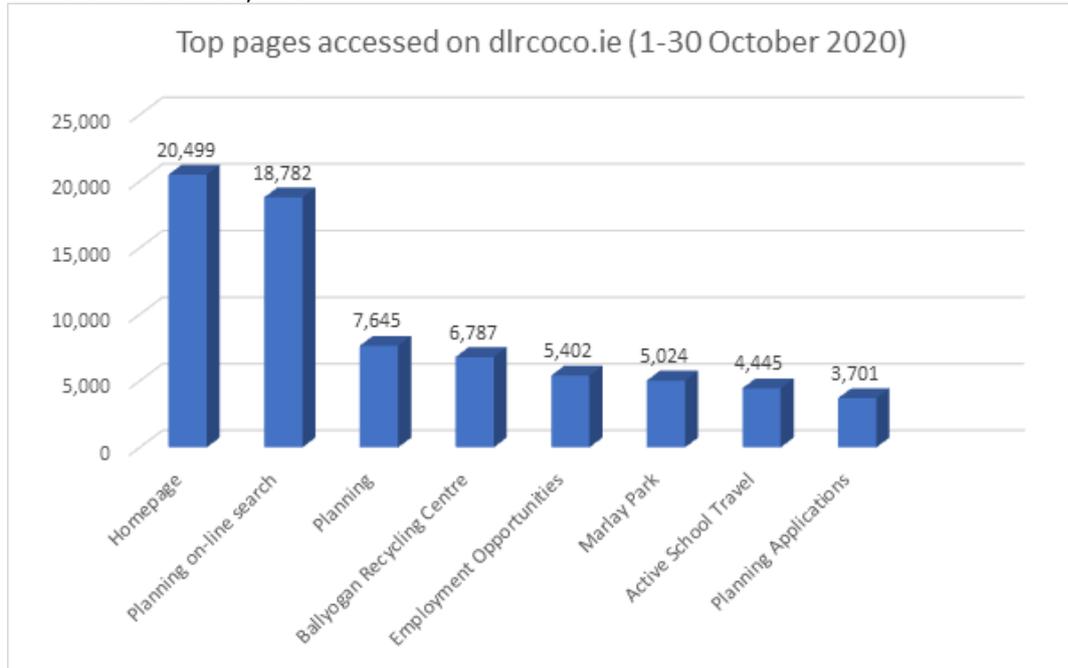
Twitter Accounts	Tweets	Followers	Impressions
dlr corporate	189	16,251	779k
dlr libraries	98	8,008	185k
dlr Tourism	16	3,044	25k
dlr events	0	5,627	2k
dlr LEO	43	5,453	37k
dlr sports	27	1,625	37k

Facebook Accounts*	Facebook Posts	Followers
dlr Corporate	154	12,528
dlr events	1	10,195
dlr libraries	76	6,462

dlr Tourism	14	5,428
dlr LEO	20	1,461

Website Activity – page views

dlrcoco.ie	214,551
dlrevents.ie	3,902
dlrlibraries.ie	56,220



No of users on dlrcoco.ie

60,297 (average 2,000 users per day) highest peak of users during the month is **3,425**

Press Queries

10 press queries in October

Freedom of Information

There were 16 FOI requests received in October.

1. Road Maintenance

Road Maintenance Management Report - October 2020						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Nutgrove Avenue				✓	
2	Ballinteer Avenue		✓			On site in Nov (part of)
3	Kilmacud Road Lower				✓	
4	Green Route				✓	
5	Sydenhnam Road				✓	
12	Adelaide Road				✓	
13	Castle Park Road				✓	
14	Ballinclea Road	✓				
15	Corrig Road		✓			
16	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
17	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
18	Rochestown Avenue		✓			On site in Nov
19	Saval Park Road		✓			On site in Nov
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Broadford Road		✓			On site in Nov
2	Woodpark - The Drive		✓			On site in Nov
3	Stillorgan Road (old N11)	✓				
4	Upper Kilmacud Road	✓				
5	Ticknock Road Edges		✓			
6	Ballyedmunduff/Ballybetagh Road Edges		✓			
7	Heidelberg		✓			
8	Sandyford Village	✓				
22	Dalkey Avenue				✓	
23	Georges Place		✓			
24	Patricks Square		✓			
25	Casement Villas				✓	
26	Temple Crescent		✓			
27	Monkstown Farm	✓				

28	Georges Street Lower	✓				
29	Grotto Avenue/Grotto Place				✓	
30	Barnaslingan Lane		✓			
31	Shanganagh Terrace		✓			
32	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)		✓			
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley			✓		Complete in Nov
2	Sandyford Business District				✓	
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				
4	Westminster Road				✓	
5	Enniskerry Road			✓		Complete by end of Oct
6	Cabinteely Close		✓			on site in Nov
7	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road		✓			on site in Nov
8	The Park, Cabinteely		✓			on site in Nov
17	Dún Laoghaire Town			✓		
18	Blackrock Town				✓	
19	Dalkey Village		✓			on site in Nov
20	Glasthule Village				✓	
21	Ashlawn Park/Coolevin	✓				
22	Wynberg Park	✓				
23	Watsons Estate	✓				
24	Woodbrook Glen				✓	
25	Glenavon Park	✓				
26	Ballybride Road		✓			on site in early Nov
27	Ballycorous Road				✓	
28	Patrician Villas				✓	
29	Eaton Brae			✓		
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair	✓				
2	Woodside Road Retaining Wall	✓				
3	Belfield Flyover	✓				
4	Glenalua Wall Repair	✓				
	Category 3 Bridges	✓				
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Oakdown Road, Churchtown				✓	
2	De La Salle College, Churchtown				✓	
3	End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely	✓				
4	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh	✓				

5	Woodside Road	✓				
6	Beech Lawn, Dundrum	✓				
7	Mine Hill Lane				✓	
8	Bridesglen Road				✓	
9	Rathmichael Road				✓	
10	Clonkeen Road (At South Park)	✓				
11	Woodbine Park	✓				
12	Seafield Road Killiney	✓				
13	Ruby Hall	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme	✓				
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Lynnwood to Ballinteer		✓			On site early Nov
2	Loreto Park	✓				
3	Mount Anville Road at Deerpark				✓	
4	Castlebyrne Park				✓	
5	Mt Albany Estate		✓			
6	Coolevin				✓	
7	Cloister Estate		✓			
8	O'Rourke Park				✓	
9	Laneway from Gleann na Smól to Stradbroke Road (part of)				✓	
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Brehonfield Road	✓				
2	Churchtown Road Upper		✓			On site in Nov
3	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)		✓			
4	Baker's Corner's junction		✓			
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Kilcross Estate	✓				
2	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	Redesdale estate - certain laneways	✓				
5	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
	<i>*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge</i>					

	<i>standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.</i>					
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Proby Square (South)		✓			Contractor appointed
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways		✓			
3	Devitt Villas			✓		substantially completed

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA Schemes							
N11 Brewery Road Safety Improvement Scheme			✓				Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation
Sandyford Cycle Route (Drummartin Link Road / Rotary)					✓		Works recommenced on 18 May, 2020. Due to be complete Spring 2020
Sandyford Cycle Route (UCD to Clonskeagh) Phase 3		✓					Design is ongoing by CSEA. Public Consultation report was presented to the Dundrum Area Committee on October 5 th and a further briefing was held on October 14 th , 2020.
Stillorgan Road Cycle Route (UCD accessibility at Nova)					✓		Works recommenced on 18 May, 2020. Due to be complete Spring 2020
Sandyford Business District walking and cycling improvements	✓						Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation on three routes in the Sandyford Business District; Carmanhall Road, Blackthorn Road and Burton Hall Road.
Stillorgan Park Road cycle schemes			✓				Consultant CSEA appointed to carry out the detailed design work of the scheme.
Wyattville Road Cycle route – Stage 2		✓					Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation. Public Consultation was held between July 20 to August 20, 2020
Brides Glen Greenway	✓						Consultancy tenders received
East Coast Trail (Merrion Gates to Seapoint)	✓						Review with DCC and NTA underway in the context of the coastal cycle route
Nutgrove Avenue Cycle Route					✓		Cycle improvements on Nutgrove Avenue from the Bottle Tower substantially complete

Dodder Greenway	✓						Work on the design of preferred option is being progressed by DCC
Cycle Parking						✓	160 cycle stands installed in 2020 (320 spaces). More cycle stands have been ordered.
Protected cycle route on Goatstown Road						✓	Works to be completed in October
Cherrywood Cycle Links	✓						Design report to be finalised
Walkability Audits	✓						Works to be carried out at 3 locations to improve facilities for pedestrians

Non-NTA Cycle Schemes							
Cruagh Wood Greenway – Ballyogan Road to Cruagh Wood						✓	Cruagh Wood Greenway is opened to the public

Covid19 cycle Temporary Schemes							
Blackrock to Sandycove Coastal cycle route - two way-cycle track						✓	Works ongoing
Carysfort Avenue - two way-cycle track						✓	Works substantially complete
Newtownpark Avenue cycle track on both sides						✓	Works ongoing
Cross Avenue, Blackrock, cycle track on one side						✓	Works complete
Blackrock Village Improvement Scheme with contra flow cycle route						✓	Works substantially complete
Dundrum Village Improvement Scheme with contra flow cycle route and new cycle track on Dundrum Road						✓	Works substantially complete
Dalkey Village Improvement Scheme						✓	Works ongoing
Glasthule Village Improvement Scheme						✓	Works ongoing
Roebuck Road cycle lane protection near St Killian's German School						✓	Works substantially complete
Enniskerry Road cycle lane protection near St Marys National school						✓	Works complete
Hudson Road - Zebra Crossing adjacent to the new park			✓				
Wyvern-Zebra Crossing adjacent to the school			✓				
Shanganagh Road -Signalised Pedestrian Crossing adjacent to Abberley/Norwood			✓				
July Stimulus Package 2020							

Cruagh Wood Extension			✓				250m extension of new greenway is currently being designed. Construction will commence in November
Meadowbrook Car Park				✓			Works on traffic calming within Meadowbrook car park commencing on Oct 27 th .
Belarmine zebra crossings					✓		Works on installation of zebra crossing on Belarmine Vale are commencing on Oct 27 th
Junction, Rosemount, Dundrum Road table top ramp				✓			Construction of table top ramp at junction of Dundrum Road and Rosemount awarded. Works are to commence in early November
Springfield Park, Foxrock, traffic calming -			✓				Tender issued on Friday Oct 23 rd
Glenamuck Road South traffic calming			✓				Tender issued on Friday Oct 23 rd

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 2-Lower Kilmacud Road from 100m east of the junction with Upper Kilmacud Road to the access road into Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club. Works have commenced, 70% completed

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

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

New School wardens recruited and Garda Vetting now taking place.

TAG

There was an Area 2 meeting with an Garda Síochána on 20th, October 2020 where 20 items were dealt with under the Traffic Advisory Group

BusConnects Dublin Update

The BusConnects Dublin - Core Bus Corridors Infrastructure Works is running a third non-statutory public consultation, due to commence during the first week of November 2020. This will then be followed by the finalisation of the preferred routes and the preparation of planning applications for submission to ABP towards the end of Q1 2021.

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

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

Contractors have been appointed to construct the new screen/flood storage structure in Kilbogget Park. Work on site has commenced with site set-up and clearance well underway.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway and tenders will be issued shortly for flow/rainfall surveys and topographical surveys.

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

Tender documents are completed for consultants to prepare detailed flood risk maps for the Monkstown environs streams. This project has been tendered and the tenders are currently being assessed. The OPW have recently confirmed 90% funding thus project award will take place in November.

Draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs)

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

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

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

4. Roads Control Unit October 2020

Reinstatement works

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out permanent reinstatements on behalf of Water Services Section as agreed under the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water. The total of 588 no. locations have been received and issued to the Contractor for reinstatement between 1st January and 28th October 2020.

Restoration works

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2020					
1	Proby Square (South)		✓			Letter of Acceptance sent on 14.10.2020
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways		✓			A letter of Successful Tenderer sent to 21.10.2020

3	Devitt Villas			✓		Anti-Skid surface treatment not yet scheduled
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5. Cleansing Section Information & Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Section Statistics: April 2020 – September 2020

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	Sept 2020
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	201	198	253	286	250	296
Clean-Ups Assisted	20	38	43	46	52	62
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	6	23	12	24	12	30
Bathing Water Samples Taken	0	9	46	37	49	28
Gullies Cleaned	685	1149	1779	1415	889	744
Dumping Incidents Managed	64	87	99	78	70	71
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	5	1
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	0	0	8	5	31	11
Street Bin Collections	3108	4043	4253	4091	3983	4275

**Statistics available up to the end of September 2020.*

Cleansing & Beaches Project Updates – October 2020

- Cleansing works on the N11 (gully cleaning, road sweeping and weed control) are complete. Cleansing works on the Wyatville Road will take place in November.
- The 2020 weeding programme is ongoing throughout the county.
- Mini-Sweeper trials complete to identify a sweeper suitable for new segregated cycle lanes currently being installed across the county as part of DLR/NTA Active mobility initiatives. Johnson CN101 is preferred vehicle and DLR are engaging the supplier and NTA with a view to funding a number of sweepers. 1 initial sweeper due for delivery imminently.
- KDCC have been re-engaged over proposed Killiney Beach Enhancements and DLR's Cleansing & Road Maintenance Sections are leading on critical maintenance works at Killiney Beach to be completed in 2020.
- Deep Cleans due to be completed shortly at Sandyford Village and Shankill.

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2277 fixed charge notices/fines issued at 29th October 2020 a breakdown of which is as follows:

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Tickets</u>
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	7
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	36
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	14
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	272
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	3
Parking a vehicle endangering other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	22
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	12
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	90
Parking a vehicle on a footway	207
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	84
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	20
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	2
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	7
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	16
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	2
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	46
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	14
Parking out of the limits of a bay	1
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	31
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	243
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1145
Total No. of tickets issued in between 1st and 29th October 2020	2277

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

Public Lighting

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Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Oct 2020:	486
Percentage of lights out at the end of Oct 2020:	0.65%
Pole replacement carried out in Oct 2020:	14
Bracket replacements:	171
Tree trimming:	4
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	18
LED Upgrades	336

LED Upgrading Program

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

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	28
Inspections completed	8

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	1
Alterations:	23
Legal requests:	2

Road Opening Licences October 2020

Road Opening Licences received in October 2020 via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications submitted	562
Applications granted	301

Road Closures, Street Furniture, event signage and filming applications

In October there were:

- 2 application for Road Closures
- 5 applications for Street Furniture.
- 1 Filming application on the public road sent in.
- 1 skip licence Fee renewal received.

7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

COVID-19 Measures

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

Harbour Activities:

- The Marina has reopened fully to boat owners.
- The Yacht Club dining rooms have closed again in line with Government guidelines for Level 5 restrictions.
- Sailing schools have reopened on a limited basis with social distancing measures in place.

Filming

Some tentative enquiries have been received from Film Companies recently, and filming is permitted to continue in Level 5, however few of the enquiries are translating into actual bookings.

Projects

Berth 2 Fenders

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to design / tender stage. These works are currently out to tender on the government e-tenders platform.

Berth 4 Fenders

A project to repair and re-secure the berthing fenders on Berth 4, St. Michael's Pier has been given approval to proceed. LCF Marine have been appointed to carry out the works. Some preparatory works have commenced, and we await the delivery of components to complete by year end.

Real Estate Negotiations

- The 1st Floor of Block 2, Harbour Square is vacant and advertised for lease.
- Negotiations have recommenced with the DMYC with a view to renewing their lease, and we hope to conclude that process shortly.
- Negotiations have been postponed with the INSS on renewal of their lease due to the COVID-19 situation.

Ferry Terminal

Planning Permission was granted for the ferry terminal project on the 7th February 2020. A planning appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála and is currently being determined. A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on the 25th February 2020. This matter will be brought to Council later in the year for disposal pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies

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

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



Arising from the restrictions introduced to stem the spread of Covid-19, the Council had delayed this process to date. It has however recommenced now and various stakeholder engagements are expected in the coming weeks.

Social Media Platforms

Twitter – 4,499 followers

Facebook – 2,659 followers



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Finance and Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan-Oct 2020	Enterprise Ireland target to October 2020
Feasibility Study	17	12
Business Priming	10	13
Business Expansion	13	8
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	15	15
Trading Online Vouchers ¹	605	41
Microfinance Ireland	22	17
Business Continuity Vouchers ²	462	N/A
Total Approvals	1,144	

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

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

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	Jan-Oct 2020
No of jobs created	47.5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2020

Total Jan-Oct 2020	
Clients approved for Financial Assistance	1,144
Clients attending Networking Events	521
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	4,137
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	228
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	350
Total No of Clients Assisted	6,380

DLR Economic Development Supports

Total Jan-Oct 2020	
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	2
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	20
Business Promotion Grants	17
Street Furniture Grant ³	4
Covid Seasonal Fund ⁴	5

Note 3: The Street Furniture Grant was introduced in May 2020 to encourage the provision of additional outdoor seating by food businesses.

Note 4: The Covid Seasonal Fund was introduced in September 2020 to provide assistance to towns and villages in decorating and lighting their areas for the festive season. Applications close on October 31st and five applications were received by October 28th.

Enterprise Promotion activities in October 2020

DLR Enterprise News	LEO DLR – Enterprise News October 2020 (sent 27/10/2020) Open rate 29.4%. 2,217 recipients. Open rate Industry average 11%
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Sessions throughout October
Customs Import & Export Procedures Workshop	October 9 th 2020
Pitching & Attracting investors Workshop	October 13 th 2020
Trading Online Voucher Information	October 19 th 2020
Online Marketing & Social Media Course	Started October 27 th 2020

Tourism Development

The Tourism sector continues to be severely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. All providers are closed as part of Level 5 restrictions.

DLR Tourism Steering Committee

A meeting of the DLR Tourism Steering committee took place on October 15th. Fáilte Ireland presented the new Dublin Coastal Trail project which is due to be implemented in Q1 2021. Access to public toilets was reported as a key issue for visitors during the Covid pandemic. Parking in the mountain areas is also problematic with very large number of people going walking.

DLR Tourist Information Kiosk

Implementation of Level 5 restrictions has meant that we have had to temporarily close the DLR Tourist Information Kiosk.

Destination Towns Fund “Dún Laoghaire”

The Tourism Development section is collaborating with the Council’s Heritage Officer in the development of a new Dún Laoghaire Historic Trail and Harbour Trail. A contractor has been appointed for the 3D lighting element of the Destination Town project. This element of the project will be in place for November.

URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities Network

An online meeting of the TFC Network partners took place on October 29th & 30th to consider the topic of “Tourism as a global business with local impact”.

Tourism Promotion

We are in the process of developing a new Dún Laoghaire Town Map for visitors. We are also developing our stock of imagery to assist with future promotions and campaigns.

DLR Tourism Social Media analysis October:

Social Media Analysis: October 2020				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	5,428	22	14	19,500
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	3,044	26	16	25,100

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/09/2020**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/09/2020 €
A Total Housing & Building	-11,150,942	20,727,378	-21,608,894	-12,032,457
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-9,485,702	5,730,160	-4,729,522	-8,485,064
C Total Water Services	-3,339,681	331,402	-176,152	-3,184,431
D Total Development Management	-58,562,198	8,578,543	-10,150,654	-60,134,309
E Total Environmental Services	-8,557,016	33,134	-404,025	-8,927,907
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-14,795,623	6,752,248	-6,044,436	-14,087,812
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,029,685	83,631	0	-3,946,054
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-37,024,959	2,162,099	-3,358,355	-38,221,214
Grand Total	-146,945,806	44,398,594	-46,472,037	-149,019,249

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/09/2020

	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Balance at 30/09/2020 €	Arrears from current year debit	Arrears >1 year
RATES	14,468,049	32,011,581	19,008,688	13,002,893

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/09/2020

75.00%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	35,796,393	49,324,900	72.57%
B	Road Transport & Safety	24,618,899	30,748,700	80.06%
C	Water Services	8,863,368	12,388,600	71.54%
D	Development Management	28,858,462	21,872,800	131.94%
E	Environmental Services	22,974,972	30,671,800	74.91%
F	Recreation & Amenity	23,372,425	34,532,100	67.68%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,509,411	4,748,900	94.96%
H	Miscellaneous Services	35,327,788	8,207,900	430.41%
Total Expenditure		184,321,718	192,495,700	95.75%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	31,642,177	42,936,600	73.70%
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,945,525	13,492,400	95.95%
C	Water Services	6,216,399	8,557,300	72.64%
D	Development Management	17,575,073	5,360,400	327.87%
E	Environmental Services	4,257,423	5,627,200	75.66%
F	Recreation & Amenity	3,276,696	5,551,400	59.02%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,197,176	3,934,400	81.26%
H	Miscellaneous Services	30,470,836	6,617,300	460.47%
Sub Total		109,581,305	92,077,000	119.01%

LPT	Local Property Tax	8,152,128	10,869,500	75.00%
RA	Rates	66,863,329	89,549,200	74.67%
Total Income		184,596,762	192,495,700	95.90%

Surplus as 30/09/2020 -€275,044

Planning Applications – monthly statistics

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	123	124
Decision Deferred	0	30	30
Decision to Grant**	0	79	79
Decision to Refuse**	1	13	14
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	1	50	51
Invalid Applications	0	18	18

*Includes 10 Applications for Retention

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

1 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP3 0835 320	Orchid Residential Ltd Vector Motors, Goatstown Road, Dublin 14 Demolition of an existing building and hard surface parking area and the construction of 239 no. student bedspaces	07/10/2020	10/11/2020	www.goatstownroadshd.ie	04/02/2021
ABP30841820	ES Shan Limited Abingdon, Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Dublin 18 193 no. Build To Rent apartments	14/10/2020	17/11/2020	www.abingdonshd.ie	11/02/2021
ABP30843220	Randalswood Construction Limited Richmond Cheshire Home, Richmond Park, Monkstown, Co. Dublin Demolition of all existing structures on site, construction of 122 no. apartments	16/10/2020	19/11/2020	www.monkstowshd.ie	15/02/2021

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

Planning Counter Figures 1st Oct to 31st Oct

Customers Served	97
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*Planning counter is by appointment only from Monday the 21st September.

Building Control

Fire Safety Certs applications received	2
Regularisation Certs	1
Revised Fire Safety Certs	4
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	15
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	10
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted /Refused	7
Commencement Notices Validated	33
7 Day Notices received	2
Completion Certs Validated	26

*Granted Fire Cert, 7 Day, Reg Cert & Rev Cert

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received	42
Complaints closed	43

Litter and Waste Fines

September 2020	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	70	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	1	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	9	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	261	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	266	Litter Section

RIAI Awards

As Architects **Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown received commendations in two categories** at the 2020 RIAI Architecture Awards which were announced on the RIAI Website - **Highly Commended in the Housing category** for 44 new homes at Rosemount Court, Dundrum which was the highest recognition for group housing this year, and **Commended in the Sustainability category** for 14 new homes at Rochestown House Ph 3 in Sallynoggin. As client DLRCC was also **Commended in the Research category** for Fernhill Creative Play by architects Architectural Farm.

Open House

The Architects’ Department supported by the Irish Architectural Foundation ran the Open House Dublin Programme from 8-11 October by organising walking tours, cycling tours and a live energy webinar with over 300 registrations, as well as participating in the opening debate – Dublin’s Fair City. New material was created for a Dún Laoghaire Architrek activity sheet and creative architecture competitions were launched for teenagers and children. A short film about Rosemount Court was shot as part of a series of 10 films from the Irish Architecture Foundation for Open House Dublin 2020. <https://openhousedublin.com/locations/site-specific-rosemount-court/>

Energy

SSE Airtricity won the **‘Energy in Buildings’ Award** at the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) 2020 Awards on 28 October for the deep retrofit refurbishment of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council’s Moyola Court, Churchtown. The houses were built in the 1970’s and were in poor condition prior to the upgrade. The houses were upgraded using Passive House retrofit principles and the BER ratings improved from G to A3 and the project was supported under the SEAI Deep Retrofit programme. <https://youtu.be/vb7whS4XxJI>

A free **Energy Webinar** ‘How to Make Your Home More Energy Efficient and Help Build a Sustainable Community’ attracted 209 participants after the panel of 4 energy experts and architects gave presentations on case studies of home energy upgrades, Sustainable Energy Communities and SEAI funding for home energy improvements.

Dangerous Buildings: 1st Oct – 29th Oct 2020

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	6
Not Dangerous	3
Total	9

Community and Cultural Development

Community Facilities

Community Facilities providing Childcare and Youth Services continue to remain open during Level 5 of the Living with Covid 19 Plan to facilitate and support the provision of those services.

Community Staff continue to work with the Managers and Boards of Management of Community Facilities to support them in the process of ensuring they are Covid compliant.

Comhairle na nÓg

Comhairle na nÓg continue to meet on a monthly basis to progress their annual work plan. Meetings have been taking place online via Zoom and the group has broken off in to smaller pods in line with youth work restrictions so that they can continue to progress work plans.

Community Grants

The dlr Universal Grants closed for applications on 23rd October. A total of 150 Community Grant Applications have been received.

Estate Management

Service Plan 2 report submitted to MIT members which included Roads, Environment, Parks, Housing and Traffic for their review and confirmation of planned works to be carried out in 2020.

All 12 areas are continuing to participate in the Estate Management Programme via Zoom.

dlr CE Programme

CE Supervisors continued to offer support and guidance to CE participants as they returned to their places of work in numerous Centres, facilities and sports clubs across the County. This has again been impacted by the move to level 5 restrictions with Centres operating reduced services.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee held a meeting on 21st October 2020.

CEP Grants (Round 1)

- The Grants Sub-group of the LCDC met on 15th October to evaluate the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) Round 1 applications.
- Payments of €62,318 in grant funding through the CEP programme for 2020 (Round 1) were approved at the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC meeting on 21st October with grants being awarded to 24 different groups. The funding is provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme 2020

3 applications were submitted to the DCRD under the Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme 2020. 1 application was unsuccessful, awaiting decision on the other 2 applications.

Rural Task Force

A Rural Task Force Meeting was held on 6th October.

COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

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

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 3900 calls since it commenced on 30 March and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 100 calls received in October and issues range from information requests on Covid-19, requests for updates on Council services during Covid and requests for library books
- With the upgrade to Level 5 of the Framework of Restrictive Measures, the Community Response Forum is meeting on a weekly basis at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.
- 4 Stakeholder Forum Multi Agency meetings were held in October.

The Council have engaged an external researcher to carry out a review of the community call response to date. This will provide valuable learning and inform how we might respond to a similar challenge in the future.

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:

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

Cultural Development

Arts

dlr Artworks Home

A second strand of dlr Artworks Home has commenced, coinciding with the latest restrictions. Eight craft designer-makers connected to the County have started to design and create works that will be gifted to members of the local community who are cocooning or self-isolating. These will include unique handmade bookmarks, artwork cards and porcelain Christmas decorations.

Musicians in Residence

Drummer and percussionist Kevin Brady, on behalf of the Tommy Halferty Trio, continued as Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Musician in Residence during October. The scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network. The planned public concert had to be cancelled due to restrictions. It is planned to film a full performance for online streaming in December.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/music/kevin-brady-tommy-halferty-trio>

dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme 2020/21

There were 100 applications for the 2020/21 dlr First Frames, an increase on the 2019/20 Scheme. dlr First Frames is fully funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office and Economic Development Unit, and managed by IADT. Mentoring support will be provided by the National Film School, IADT with additional equipment and facilities from IADT. Short-listing and interviews will take place during October and November.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/visual-arts-and-film/dlr-first-frames-202021>

Exhibition Programme, Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon

UNFOLDING -Revealing the design and craft making process, curated by Angela O'Kelly, features the work of 9 Irish designer-makers and focuses on revealing the design and making process, representing a new approach to exhibiting contemporary craft. The designer-makers all have a connection to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County. The exhibition is also supported by the Design & Crafts Council Ireland (DCCI). The exhibition has been unable to open to the public due to ongoing restrictions; however, it is being promoted via social media and online channels, and a professional video with the exhibition curator was also produced.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/unfolding-exhibition-contemporary-irish-craft>

Youth Creative Engagement Pilot

The Youth Creative Engagement pilot project aimed at working with targeted young people using the arts and/or creative media to develop and respond to their need began in October. Building on the work from Exit 15 in Ballyogan, this project, funded by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and The National Lottery will work with young people most at risk in the Ballyogan community. The pilot will continue until the end of March 2021.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/funding-opportunities/call-youth-creative-engagement-pilot>

The Grainstore

An online briefing session will be held on the 30th of October for those interested in submitting an expression of interest to licence The Grainstore in Cabinteely Park for Cultural or creative use. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/grainstore>

Libraries

1-21 October: Dublin City and County remained in Level 3 of the Plan for Living with COVID-19, offering our Bag a Book: Contact & Collect service. The national online catalogue remained available, so books could be reserved for collection at any dlr Library branch.

22 – 31 October: Following a Govt. announcement on 19 October, all counties in Ireland moved to **Level 5** of the Plan for Living with COVID-19 for a period of 6 weeks from 22 October to 1 December. A move to Level 5 meant that our Contact & Collect Service had to discontinue, and the national reservations systems and delivery system had to cease.

Community Call Book Drop

Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. For more information on how to avail of this service, please contact the dlr Community Call helpline on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2723199 or email covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie. Alternatively, you can contact dlr LexIcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie.

dlr Libraries Online

We continue to adapt our usual events programme to an online environment where possible to offer a hybrid physical and online service to our users. This includes social

media posts promoting local and national well-being initiatives and keeping our users abreast of updated public health advice.

All our online services/resources are available in Levels 1-5. You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!

Borrowbox & Overdrive - download eBooks and eAudiobooks

PressReader - read newspapers

RBDigital – read magazines & comics

Transparent Language Online – learn a language

Universal Class – take a course

Freegal – stream or download music

Listen to one our recorded podcasts or look at one of our exhibitions online.

Events for Adults

Plays in the Park

During the months of October and November, dlr LexIcon had planned a series of outdoor performances entitled **Plays in the Park**, supported by the Creative Ireland Programme. The first of these plays *According to Sydney* took place on Saturday 3 October in an outdoor setting. Unfortunately, subsequent performances had to be moved online under Covid-19 restrictions. Other performances include *Zandra*, *Queen of Jazz* with Roseanne Lynch, *Swan Unmuted* directed by Lianne O'Shea, Shiva Productions have revived two of their most popular 10-minute plays *Forgiveness* by Owen Fitzpatrick and *Food of Love* by Lorna Kelly-Dalton and Colin Murphy directs a new take on *Antigone*, set in current day Dún Laoghaire.

Online Book Club

The popular online book club will meet on Wednesday 28 October at 7.30pm via Zoom to discuss the title *The Cow Book* by John Connell. The club continues to grow in popularity and attract new members each month. The group will continue to meet virtually in November, taking a break in December. Physical copies of the chosen titles for discussion are available in advance via post from dlr LexIcon with some titles also available online on our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

Regular events for adults

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

Exhibition Programme

The Glass Room: Misinformation Edition

A new exhibition on data and privacy created by **Tactical Tech** and promoted by **The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions**. It explores how social media and the web have changed the way we read information and react to it. The plan was to host the exhibition at dlr LexIcon from mid-October – mid-December but while Covid-19 restrictions continue, you can visit it online at

<https://tacticaltech.org/news/glass-room-misinformation-edition>

To accompany the exhibition, we'll have an exciting series of webinars, workshops and videos lined up, led by Ricardo Castellini da Silva and curated by Jake Rowan Byrne @MetaTech – EdTech Solutions. This initiative is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

A History of Ireland in 10 Words

2 September – 31 October 2020 Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Courtesy of The Royal Irish Academy and eDIL. Discover how the Irish ate, drank, dressed, loved and lied through the centuries in this fascinating exhibition based on *A History of Ireland in 100 Words* by Sharon Arbuthnot, Máire Ní Mhaonaigh and Gregory Toner, illustrated by Joe McLaren and published by the Royal Irish Academy (2019).

Crowns of Waste Photographic Exhibition

2 September – 31 October 2020 Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Stepaside Educate Together Secondary School present a series of photos highlighting their engagement with the Creative Schools Programme. Working with Creative Associate Mimi Doran and Schools Co-ordinator Alice O'Connor, students played a central role in the development of an arts and creativity programme for their school. With the artist Annie Holland they explored sustainability and the climate crisis culminating in this series of professional photographs of headpieces made by students using non-recyclable plastics.

For more information on all our exhibitions, both onsite and online, please visit:

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

Events for Children

Musical Storytime

We've partnered again with our colleagues in Music Generation dlr to curate a series of online musical storytimes, with library staff and musicians from local music schools. These sessions are pre-recorded safely in library spaces for posting on our Facebook page for families to access during October, November and December.

Children's Book Festival 2020

October means Children's Book Festival in dlr Libraries. This year, instead of programming in-library events, we programmed online live and recorded events for families and for schools. Sarah Webb helped us curate a series of events that included *Greetings Heroes: The Impossible Library Family Show* with Dave Rudden, Catherine Doyle and Graham Tugwell. *To the Island* with Patricia Forde, which was a live dual language workshop. Ashwin Chacko brought us his *Wondrous Shapes*, story and art workshop. *Why the moon travels* with Oein De Bhairduin and Leanne McDonagh got us thinking, while mindfulness and dealing with worries was talked about by Dawn Nolan in her *Where does happiness begin?* and *What to do with a worry* workshops. Sport, especially rugby, took centre stage when Gordon D'Arcy, Paul Howard and Alan Nolan came together for a live webinar **Gordon is Back!** All these CBF online events were fully booked in advance.

Launch of dlr Scéal Trail

As part of Children's Book Festival 2020, dlr libraries were delighted to launch our first **dlr Scéal Trail** on 21 October. This is a brand new, exciting outdoor reading initiative, an outside story walk that everyone can enjoy. It's a book delivered in an exhibition format that anyone can follow, from beginning to end, as they walk with their family or friends. For our first Scéal Trail, we chose the book *Geansaí Ottó* by the dlr Writer in Residence 2019/20 Sadhbh Devlin, written by her during her residency in dlr LexIcon.

The aim of the dlr Scéal Trail is to encourage reading in an outdoor setting, promote the use of books beyond the confines of library spaces, advertise the dlr Writer in Residence Programme and to showcase the great work the residency gives possibility to and encourage intergenerational engagement where parents, children, grandparents, siblings and friends can engage together with a book.

Mid-Term Break events

To keep the little ones busy and amused during mid-term, we programmed a selection of Halloween-themed events. These included *Creepy Creatures art workshop* with Kim Jenkinson, *Making Potions and Wands workshop* with Aoife Munn, *Pumpkin Carving Class* with Aoife Munn and *Spooky Stories* with Helena Byrne

Further info:

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

Statistics

Social media (October 2020)

Facebook	6,457 followers
Twitter	8,004 followers
Instagram	2,602 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	6,551 subscribers

Online resources (1-23 October 2020)

Resource	Description	Checkouts Oct 2020
Overdrive	e-Audio	755
Overdrive	e-Book	1,437
Borrowbox	e-Audio	3,454
Borrowbox	e-Book	2,288
RB Digital	Audio	785
RB Digital Comics	Comics	32
RB Magazines	Magazines	2,685
Press Reader	Newspapers	15,704
Freegal NEW	Music downloads	160
Freegal NEW	Music Streaming	1,814
Total		29,114

Parks

Parks & Landscaping Service:

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Direct labour tree works ongoing
- COVID-19 protocols for staff being implemented
- Flailing and hedge trimming ongoing
- Due to the large volumes of people in parks there is a significant increase in litter to be picked up and bins to be emptied.
- Sorento Park Promenade surface complete
- New path installed on the open space on Burton Hall Road along the perennial planting scheme
- New path installed through the open space across the road from Kilcross estate and an entrance opened onto Sandyford Rd linking Coolkill and Sandyford Downs to the bus stops there
- Bonfire material removal works commenced

- Preparation of drawings and specifications and engagement of contractors for cycleways and pathways where NTA funding implemented
- NTA funded cycleway improvements and new cycleways underway on site in the following locations: Blackrock Park, Clonkeen Park, Shanganagh Park, St Helen's Wood and Slang Greenway.
- Fernhill Park & Gardens: New pitch – substantially complete, public lighting and paving complete, feature hill-slide complete, bicycle in place, entrance piers and gates complete, new paths complete
- Colaiste Eoin –new pitch substantially complete
- Annual debris removal and pond weed removal operation completed in the large pond in Marlay Park
- Substantial clearing of an old dumping in Fernhill completed

Biodiversity:

- Biodiversity Events recommencement was cancelled for October due to change to Level 5 in relation to Covid
- Benefits of Biodiversity Tools for Schools project commenced.
- Biodiversity video for public and schools in progress.
- Giant Hogweed Survey for Brides Glen River and Loughlinstown River Catchment completed and report due November.
- Grey Squirrel Management of Killiney Hill and Fernhill commenced and report due in November.
- Dalkey Island Rabbit Management delayed until end of 6 week lockdown.
- Fernhill grazing project return of Cattle next week (delays due to Dept paperwork).
- Invasive Species Action Plan – final report ready for mid November
- Invasive Species County Map – currently under development.
- DLR Green Roof Biodiversity and Water Monitoring with UCD commenced.
- UCD Artist in Residence Biodiversity project input.
- Review of County Habitat Mapping and Ecosystems Services draft report and mapping completed.
- Review of County Hedgerow Mapping and Ecosystem Services delayed due to Covid. Reporting due now end of October.
- Biosphere Education Strategy edits provided.
- Biosphere Swatches under development - input provided to design and content.
- Biosphere Business Charter – input provided.

Heritage

- Consultants/artists appointed for four externally-funded conservation and interpretation projects tying in with existing cross-departmental Council development projects and current commitments under Conservation Plans in place
- Awarded 10K from Department for two projects under the National Community Monument Fund; Williamstown Martello Tower (Blackrock Park), survey of 7 dlr historic graveyards (to form basis of 2021 community engagement projects)
- Distributing 800 Gardening for Biodiversity Colouring Books to Deis schools and primary schools working towards their biodiversity green flag
- Heritage Officer led two booked-out Stone themed heritage tours of Fernhill gardens as part of the Open House festival
- Supported groups in the making of Community Heritage Grant 2021 applications – 5% increase in applications on 2020

CoCo Markets

During the month of October, we received 2 applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 1 Winter Seasonal Application for Dún Laoghaire
- 1 Permanent applications for Marlay Park 1 for Hot Food

Sports Development

dlr Leisure:

Set up and completed the following activities in October:

Youth groups

Boylan Centre youth group 8 male 7 female.

Sallynoggin youth group 4 males.

Family resource Centre 8 females.

Schools

St Joseph's 5th and 6th classes 32 male 28 females.

St Colmcilles Ballybrack for 5th and 6th class 38 males 23 females.

Other groups

St John of gods Cumberland street outdoor archery 3 males.

Carmona outdoor archery 8 males.

Leinster Rugby:

Leinster Rugby Schools Touch Rugby Program

JS:

- Primary Schools x 5 – 384 males, 223 females = 607 total
- Secondary Schools x 1 – 16 males (Transition Year Coaching Program)

EMcK:

- Primary Schools x 2 = 199 females total
- Secondary Schools x 4 = 172 females total

AE (Leinster Rugby Club & Community Rugby Officer for Old Wesley RFC):

- Primary Schools x 2 – 73 males, 92 females = 165 total

DLR Sports Partnership Programs:

- Ballyogan Youth Group = 7 females total

Club Workshops/Coaching Sessions/Club Open Days/AOB:

- Seapoint RC Coach Reset Workshop = 28
- St Brigid's RFC Coach Reset Workshop = 13
- Old Wesley RFC Coach Reset Workshop = 27
- Stillorgan Rathfarnham Coach Reset Workshop = 14
- Blackrock College RFC Coach Reset Workshop = 32
- Including DLSP FC who took part last month in the "Coach Reset Workshop" a total of 148 coaches attended, observing the strict government requirements that no more than 15 would be in each group (14 coaches plus 1 Leinster Rugby Community Rugby staff member = 15 total)
- **Jonathan Sharkey** – Sunday the 25th of October 2020 U13s player development session = 14 male players total
- **Jonathan Sharkey** – Wednesday the 28th of October 2020 U13s player development session = 14 male players total
- **Jonathan Sharkey** – Club visit to Blackrock College RFC to meet with Mike Conn & discuss how things are going with the procedures that are now a daily requirement for mini/youth teams to be able to train safely, further club visits are planned & player sessions to follow.

- **Jonathan Sharkey** – Club visit to DLSP FC to meet with the DLSP FC Vikings (mixed ability team) & talk to the coaching staff on how Leinster Rugby can support going forward.
- **Emily McKeown** – Has a 4th year transition coaching program running with 114 female students taking part. The program is being run in Loreto Abbey Dalkey & Emily has plans for further programs to be run a variety of schools over the remaining school year, an excellent program to hopefully increase female coaches in any sport, 1 student is already working with the Blackrock College RFC female mini players under Emily's guidance.
- **Emily McKeown** – Seapoint RC in connection with Emily are hosting an open day in Seapoint RC on Saturday the 24th of October 2020 = 22 females total. The club is making sure all government requirements are being adhered to etc. under level 5. This is the first in many that will be run this season as Emily works on developing further females playing rugby in DLR. The current clubs in DLR that are focused on female rugby development are Seapoint RC, Blackrock College RFC, DLSP FC & Old Wesley RFC. Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC & St Brigid's RFC have female players mixed in with male players which is allowed under the laws from the IRFU but also wish to expand their numbers in the coming seasons.
- **Andrew Egan (CCRO Old Wesley RFC)** – Andrew is working week nights (Varied) & weekends (Sunday) with all mini & youth teams in Old Wesley RFC building his player coach relationship & also his relationships with the club coaches. Andrew is assisting with player & coach development; his knowledge is being used in show how you can keep the players active in their pods while also developing the required skills needed for rugby excluding contact & the need for equipment being used. Andrew is working with small groups of players staying within the government requirements.

School in House Blitz:

- Kill O' the Grange NS = 5th & 6th classes, 31 boys, 24 girls = 55 total
- Each class are only playing amongst each other & no classes will be mixing
- Additional safety measures have been put in place to keep the health of players & staff as the top priority

FAI:

- Club Audit – continue to work with the 19 junior clubs to complete their FAI Child Welfare/Safeguarding requirements.
- Club Mark – Contacting clubs that have signed up to the Club Mark Award to discuss criteria needed and timeframes.
- Providing local clubs with 'Return to Training' Protocols.
- UEFA FARE Week – Promoted the UEFA Football Against Racism in Europe video workshops to primary and secondary schools throughout DLR. Four Secondary Schools and 8 Primary Schools participated up to the present.
- Club Visits – Stepside FC.
- Girls ETP – This includes player ID at games. Liaising with club managers. Planning and delivering sessions. 21 players participating in the programme. COVID-19 protocols adhered to including collecting Players and coach's health declaration forms, sanitising equipment.
- Coach Education – participated in tutor training with our Coach Education Department on how to deliver online coaching content. Two PDP 1 courses planned for November.

Leinster Cricket:

- In contact with several schools about return to coaching activities after Halloween break.
- Started coaching program at St. Anne's Shankill 3 x 3rd class (40 boys, 44 girls)
- Provided schools with Return to Training Protocols tailored specifically for schools.

- DLR Cricket Club, have indicated that they would like to field 2 adult and one junior team in 2021 competitions, working with them to develop junior section and to improve playing facilities.
- Distribution of 'Let's Play Cricket' video has commenced and been well received by local school teachers.
- Halloween camps for both girls and boys.
- Coach qualification program.

Sports Partnership:

- **Virtual dlr Community 5K** – 620 participants took part doing a 5K in their local area with t-shirts and medals posted out to all.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme** – administering grants scheme to support projects in Women in Sport, Disability Sport and Volunteer Training (€25,000 fund).
- **Men Over 45 Campaign** – working with Sport Ireland around this National campaign in November to encourage adult men to become more active. Includes an 8-week **Men On the Move** programme.
- **Schools Skipping Programme** – started rolling out this fun programme in DEIS primary (337 pupils) and secondary schools (112 pupils).
- **The Daily Mile** – promoting this initiative in primary schools with medals and Certs. supplied to pupils that take part.
- **Autism in Sport** – working with Open Spectrum providing athletics & rock-climbing to teenagers and hosting an online awareness workshop for coaches/volunteers.
- **Physical Activity Brochure** – circulating a user-friendly printed brochure with activities to do at home for older adults and a separate one for people a disability.
- **Couch To 5K** – new 9-week online programme started with 60 participants.
- **Active Dublin** – secured Dormant Accounts funding to link in with the other Dublin Local Authorities to promote the County as an active place to be and deliver targeted initiatives to ensure access for all.
- **Inclusive Swing** – installing an inclusive swing in Cabinteely Park that is designed for wheelchair users.
- **Child Safeguarding in Sport** – delivered 4 x Safeguarding 1 training workshops online (45 coaches/volunteers)
- **Ballyogan Sports Hub** - Basketball programme rolled out for young teenagers with Crosscare Youth Service. Also delivering taster activities for children with the FRC.
- **DLRCC Staff Couch To 5K by Christmas** – starting a new 8-week programme targeted at DLRCC staff.