

# **DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

# JULY to SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

25 June – 30 September 2021



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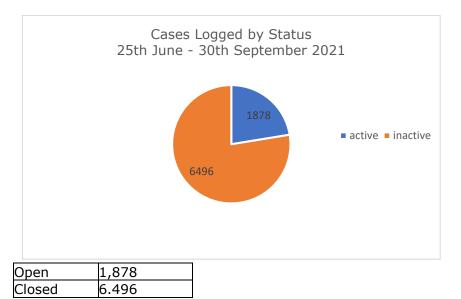
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# **Corporate Affairs**

# 1. CRM Statistics

#### Cases logged



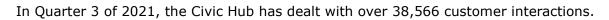
# Cases logged by section

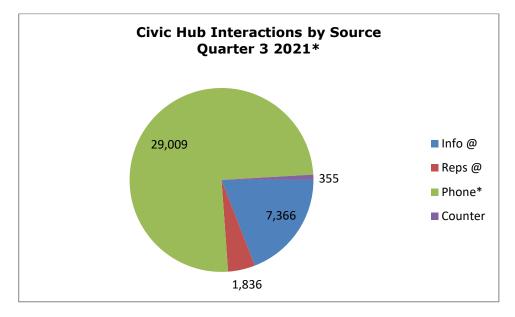
Section/Dept	Active	Inactive	Total	
Architects	12	23	35	
Ballyogan Depot	1	12	13	
СоСо	8	14	22	
Comms & Civic Hub	42	522	564	
Community	17	3	20	
Corporate Services	10	1	11	
Deactivated Users	1		1	
dIrcoco	24	13	37	
Enterprise	5	16	21	
Environment	224	1514	1738	
Finance	58	1007	1065	
Housing	91	349	440	
HR		1	1	
IT		3	3	
Libraries	3	6	9	
Parks	662	873	1535	
Planning	6	61	67	
Property	24	17	41	
Transportation	672	1759	2431	
Waste Enforcement	16	199	215	
Water Services	2	103	105	
Grand Total	1878	6496	8374	

\*This does not fully reflect the interaction of the Housing Department as they also directly deal with calls, emails and post.



# 2. Dlr Civic Hub:





**Civic Hub Interactions by Month Quarter 3 2021** 14,000 12,000 117 238 10,000 Counter 8,000 9,050 9,070 Phone 9,255 6,000 Reps @ 4,000 603 Info @ 2,000 540 2,438 594 2,308 -00 2,179 June July Aug Sep

Over the past 3 months the figures break down monthly as follows:

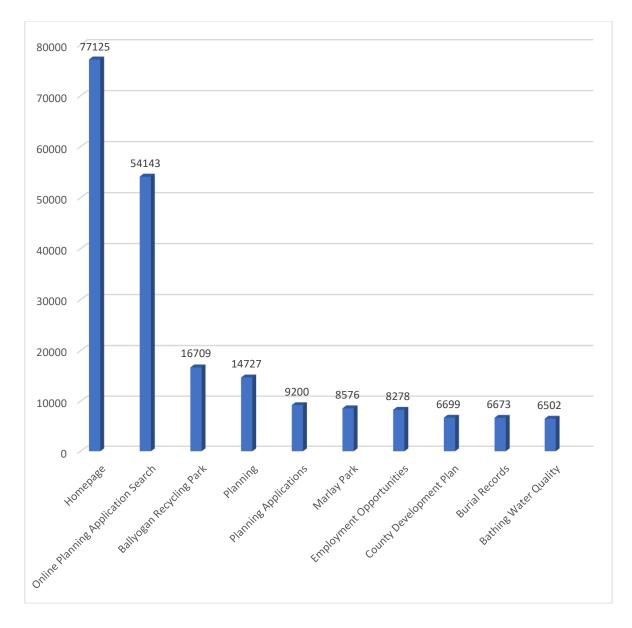


# **Website Activity**

# **Page Views**

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	629,742
Dlrevents.ie	23,240
dlrLibraries	146,784

# **Top Pages**





# **Press Queries**

Total press queries for period: 38

# Social Media Activity – Q3 2021

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#### Profiles

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

Profile 🔺	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period	<b>69,271</b> ▲ 3.4%	<b>2,004</b>	<b>3,620</b> ₹22,6%	<b>7,871,517</b>	<b>262,740</b>	<b>3.3%</b> ≥10.4%	<b>192,176</b>
Jun 25, 2021 - Sep 50, 2021	V 3.470	/ 17.5%	/ 22.076	/ 13.770	1.270	310.4%	/ 223.1%
Compare to Mar 19, 2021 - Jun 24, 2021	66,976	1,706	2,952	6,573,438	244,998	3.7%	59,478
€ ♥ @DLR_Librarie s	8,417	88	195	298,305	7,467	2.5%	2,070
🖦 🍠 @dlrArts	2,717	108	331	328,147	6,045	1.8%	495
🛶 🎔 @dlrcc	18,021	620	982	3,872,537	112,226	2.9%	76,931
edlrheritevent s	3,858	102	188	231,646	5,830	2.5%	5,395
👔 🎔 @leo_dlr	5,544	10	198	92,667	1,319	1.4%	64
💣 🛛 dlrcoco.ie	4,848	856	707	791,500	12,041	1.5%	22,020
💀 🕜 dlrevents	10,651	-15	10	12,959	1,118	8.6%	78
Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council	12,573	192	865	2,092,123	110,725	5.3%	84,623
Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown Sports Partnership	2,642	43	144	151,633	5,969	3.9%	500



# **Finance and Economic Development**

#### Launch of FULL Management Capability Programme

The <u>FULL Management Capability Programme</u> was launched by the Cathaoirleach in August.

This programme is an economic development initiative providing local large and small companies with practical training in three critical areas that are essential for long term growth: increased **F**inancial **U**nderstanding, Leadership and Lean Thinking.

A further element will be available in October, when a Training App for financial literacy will be launched.



An Cathaoirleach and members of the Council, Sandyford BID and LIFT Ireland at the launch of the new FULL Management Capability Programme.

#### Green Supports for Business

A number of significant supports for business have been launched in recent months, including the Green for Micro programme.

A <u>dedicated webpage</u> provides details of all available supports.

#### Seasonal Fund

The Council is operating a seasonal fund again this year to allow towns and villages to decorate their streets for Christmas. Initially introduced in 2020 as a response to Covid, the Scheme was extended into 2021. Last year grants totalling  $\in$ 120,000 were issued to business organisations in 13 locations across the county. Applications closed on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Outdoor Dining Scheme**

Over 100 hospitality businesses in the county have applied for funding under the Fáilte Ireland-funded <u>Outdoor Dining Scheme</u>. To date the Scheme, which was introduced in April 2021 to assist businesses to provide additional outdoor dining space, has seen over €150,000 paid out to eligible businesses. The Scheme closes on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.

#### Dún Laoghaire Anseo

Dún Laoghaire Anseo was the first Street Art project of its kind in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Funded by the Economic Development Unit, over the course of the summer, sixteen walls were transformed in the town by 14 artists.





#### **Tourism Development**

Quarter three saw the Tourism sector start the process of reopening with significant investment in outdoor infrastructure to accommodate dining and social distancing. Museums and galleries have reopened, and large numbers of domestic visitors are still coming to DLR, especially to the coast and the mountains.

#### **DLR Tourism Steering Committee**

The DLR Tourism Steering committee met on September 9<sup>th</sup> to support communication and coordination within the sector and identify issues that require action.

#### **DLR Tourism Information Kiosk**

Visitor information services resumed at the Tourist Kiosk and it is open 7 days per week. There is still significant visitor footfall at the weekends both along the coast and in the mountains.

#### Water Sports Facilities at Killiney Beach

As part of the compliance phase of the project, Fáilte Ireland conducted a site visit to the proposed location of the project in July. This project has progressed to phase 2 compliance in September. We hope to appoint a design team in October as part of preparation of a Part 8 Planning application.

#### **Destination Towns Project**

Work has commenced on the lighting of the Maritime Museum which will be completed by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. The contractor will then proceed with the Battery East Pier and St Michael's Church. The development of new walking trails along the coast and on the east pier has gone to tender. It is anticipated that these will be installed by the end of 2021.

#### **Tourism Friendly Cities (URBACT)**

Meetings of the Local Project Committee took place on July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> to progress the development of the DLR Action Plan. A network meeting of partner Cities took place



on-line on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown will host the first in-person meeting of the network on October  $5^{th} \& 6^{th}$ .

#### Festivals & Events

The Ski Club of Ireland in Kilternan hosted Alpine Fest on September 25th & 26th. Over 300 people attended this festival to try skiing and snowboarding.

ECHOES (Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers) Festival is due to take place in Dalkey from October 1st – 3rd.

Dlr Tourism is collaborating with the "Food on the Edge Festival" which will take place in Airfield Dundrum from October 18th & 19th.

#### **Tourism Promotion**

A new dlr tourism social media campaign for July, August and September has been developed. This campaign utilises new tourism video assets and also links with the Fáilte Ireland "Keep Exploring" national campaign.

Q3: July, August, September, 2021							
dlr Tourism Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions			
July	6,342	203	15	426,126			
August	6,687	345	14	456,516			
September	6,883	196	11	127,812			
Total Q3	6,883	744	40	1,010,454			
dlr Tourism							
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions			
July	3,413	114	14	15,700			
August	3,482	69	25	27,700			
September	3,540	58	20	26,500			
Total Q3	3,540	241	59	69,900			

Q3: July, August, September, 2021						
LEO dlr Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions		
July	1,520	2	49	4,225		
August	1,526	6	60	4,405		
September	1,530	4	59	3,692		
Total Q3	1,530	12	173	12,322		
LEO dlr Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions		
July	5,545	6	56	34,300		
August	5,540	-5	60	35,000		
September	5,544	4	54	19,400		
Total Q3	5,544	5	170	88,700		



# Finance

#### Local Property Tax

The total LPT allocation for 2021 of €41.5m has been received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

A decision to reduce the basic rate of Local Property Tax was made at a special meeting of the Council on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The prescribed notifications were sent to the Revenue Commissioners, the DHLG&H and notification was placed in the Irish Times and on the Council's website.

#### Provisional Local Property Tax Allocation 2022:

By Circular Letter Fin 15/2021, dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, the Council was informed of its provisional Local Property Tax allocation for 2022. Details on the LPT allocation was contained in the report on the variation to the basic rate of LPT presented to the special meeting of the Council. The circular letter from the DHLG&H also contained preliminary statistics in relation to Local Property Tax collections & property valuation bands.

#### Budget Meeting:

Circular Letter Fin 16/2021 dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage regarding the holding of 2022 budget meetings and other budgetary matters.

#### Overdraft

Overdraft facility of €10m in place but not availed of in 2021 to date.

#### Sandyford Bid Renewal

By letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, Sandyford BID CLG, trading as Sandyford Business District confirmed they wished to seek renewal of the BID scheme for a further period of 5 years commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022. They requested the Council to proceed to a ratepayer plebiscite. The plebiscite is to determine the level of support for the proposal among ratepayers of rateable property in the proposed Business Improvement District. Ballot papers were posted to ratepayers in the BID area on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021, with the closing date for the return of the ballot papers being the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

If a majority of the ratepayers who vote, are in favour of the implementation of a BID renewal scheme, a further report will be presented to the elected members, at which time the elected members will be asked to agree a resolution in respect of the BID renewal scheme.

#### COVID 19

**Rates:** The Government announced a waiver of commercial rates for the first 9 months of 2021.

Quarters 1, and 2 of this 9 month waiver have been applied to customers' accounts. Quarter 3 is currently being applied. Customers will be informed of their revised balances. The Council continues to work in partnership with businesses who are experiencing difficulty paying their rates. Payment plans are entered into which are mutually acceptable to the business and the Council.



# Phase 2 - Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid – SBASC

The expanded Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID opened for applications on the 10<sup>th</sup> June through the Council's website. The closing date for this scheme was 21st July 2021.

The total grant payments for quarter 1 and quarter 2 was €741,000.

#### **Accounts Payable**

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

#### **Financial Management**

The impact of Covid-19 on the Council's financial position has seen a deterioration in our cash position as we await receipt of approx.  $\in$ 17m rates waiver support in respect of the first 9 months of 2021.

Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely.

	DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2021							
	SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 31/08/2021 €						
A	Total Housing & Building	-13,013,648	34,120,838	-32,389,345	-11,282,155			
в	Total Road Transport & Safety	-6,890,505	15,111,798	-12,541,486	-4,320,193			
с	Total Water Services	-2,309,719	609,128	-372,895	-2,073,485			
D	Total Development Management	-116,460,990	3,434,758	-14,059,410	-127,085,641			
E	Total Environmental Services	-1,537,685	27,134	-296,464	-1,807,015			
F	Total Recreation & Amenity	-13,255,266	4,788,262	-2,789,933	-11,256,936			
G	Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,738,072	258,203	-141,225	-4,621,094			
н	Total Miscellaneous Services	-24,870,872	1,754,430	-2,150,512	-25,266,954			
	Grand Total	-183,076,756	60,104,551	-64,741,268	-187,713,473			



#### **DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**

#### **INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2021**

66.67%

		EXPENDITURE					
	SERVICE DIVISION	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget			
A	Housing & Building	34,054,822	52,266,800	65.16%			
в	Road Transport & Safety	20,206,288	33,534,600	60.26%			
С	Water Services	8,402,737	12,722,200	66.05%			
D	Development Management	17,371,485	28,826,300	60.26%			
Е	Environmental Services	21,392,649	32,172,200	66.49%			
F	Recreation & Amenity	21,540,927	33,995,500	63.36%			
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,325,929	4,376,900	75.99%			
н	Miscellaneous Services	32,246,369	13,454,700	239.67%			
	Total Expenditure	158,541,206	211,349,200	75.01%			

		INCOME					
		Income	Adopted Full year Budget	Inc as % of Budget			
	SERVICE DIVISION	E	E				
A	Housing & Building	28,680,540	45,772,800	62.66%			
в	Road Transport & Safety	8,976,617	14,719,000	60.99%			
С	Water Services	5,598,432	8,750,900	63.98%			
D	Development Management	6,533,983	11,073,300	59.01%			
E	Environmental Services	3,653,553	5,576,700	65.51%			
F	Recreation & Amenity	2,944,471	4,916,300	59.89%			
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,110,471	3,026,000	69.74%			
н	Miscellaneous Services	27,794,891	7,297,500	380.88%			
	Sub Total	86,292,958	101,132,500	85.33%			
LPT	Local Property Tax	12,422,464	18,633,700	66.67%			
RA	Rates	61,356,137	91,583,000	67.00%			
	Total Income	160,071,559	211,349,200	75.74%			
	Balance as at 31/08/2021	€1,530,353	Surplus				



# Housing

# 1. Executive Summary

#### 1.1 <u>Overview</u>

In accordance with Guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Council's Corporate Plan, this Report is produced to give an overview of the Social Housing portfolio at Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The Report covers the provision, maintenance and management of social housing stock, implementation progress across the 5 Pillars identified in 'Rebuilding Ireland – An Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness' and the housing supports available for those who need them.

Data included in this Q3 report covers the period from 17<sup>th</sup> June to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 inclusive. Data regarding the activity of the Department prior to this report can be found at <u>https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/how-we-deliver-our-homes/housing-statistics</u>

The government's new housing plan, *Housing for All*, was published on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. The plan can be found at <u>https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ef5ec-housing-for-all-a-new-housing-plan-for-ireland/</u>.

It should be noted that while the majority of housing services continued during the period of restrictions introduced by the Government to contain and control the spread of Covid-19, some services were impacted, such as construction and private rented standards inspections. In January 2021, the Housing Department commenced virtual inspections in private rented accommodation. Physical onsite inspections recommenced on the 14th of July 2021. Housing Adaptation Grants are being accepted and processed, with the completion of works by private contractors being carried out in line with updated regulations.

This Report considers the following areas:

- **Housing Delivery**
- Build
- Acquisition
- Part V
- Social Leasing
- Traveller Specific Accommodation
- HAP / RAS
- Cost Rental

#### Support

- Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock
- Retrofits
- Housing Adaptation Grants
- Allocations & Assessments
- Choice Based Letting
- Homeless Services
- Private Rented Housing Standards
- Tenancy Management & Anti-Social Behaviour
- Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan
- Tenant Purchase Scheme



# **2. Housing Delivery**

# 2.1 Overview

The **Social Housing Target 2018-2021** for delivery by this Council is **1,563 homes**.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	2021 Target
DLR Build	5	24	0	29	
DLR Part V	4	0	7	11	
AHB Build	0	75	0	75	404
AHB Part V	0	8	0	8	
DLR Acquisition	2	1	1	4	
AHB Acquisition	0	0	0	0	
DLR Lease	2	4	3	9	114
AHB Lease	0	0	0	0	114
Total Build, Acquisition & Leasing	13	112	11	136	

# Table 1: Homes Delivered per Quarter during 2021

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	Target
RAS	8	1	6	15	
HAP - Standard	71	55	72	198	
HAP - Homeless	41	44*	31	116	
Total RAS & HAP	120	100*	109	329	

\*Please note our figures for Q2 as previously reported, have been amended in this report.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	Target
Total DeliveryAllSocialdelivery streams exc. badrelets	133	212*	120	465	

\*Please note our total figure for Q2 as previously reported, has been amended in this report.

# Table 2: Traveller Specific Accommodation 2021

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Refurbishment Works and New Sites	0	1	2	3
Casual Vacancies	0	3	2	5
Standard Housing	0	3	0	3



# 2.2 Housing Construction

The Housing Department recognises the importance of managing the development process in order to achieve the targets set out in the Delivery Programme 2018-2021. To this extent, the schemes are closely monitored from inception through to completion.

# DLRCC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2018 – 2021 Includes SHIP, Major Refurbishments and AHB New Build

The following tables provide an overview of the different schemes under the Housing Construction Capital Programme, their current status and estimated completion date. It should be noted that dates indicated for handover are estimates and are subject to change.

#### On Site Site Name No. Units Status Detail Handover Date (estimated) 21 **Broadford Rise** Construction in progress Q3 2017 Q4 2021 155 (105 Enniskerry Road (AHB) Q2 2019 Q4 2021 Construction in progress social) **Ballyogan Square** 67 Q4 2022 Construction in progress Q3 2021 (Phase 1) **Rockville Green** 13 Q2 2021 Q1 2022 Construction in progress TOTAL 256

# **Table 3: Schemes on Site**

# Table 4: Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
Moyola Court (infill)	4	Tender package being prepared	Q1 2022	Q1 2023
Park House	4	Tender package being prepared	Q1 2022	Q4 2022
Ballyogan Rise (Phase 2)	52	To follow on from Ballyogan Square (Phase 1) completion	2023	
St Laurence's Park	88	Tender package for construction contract being prepared. Enabling works commenced.	Q1 2022	Q1 2024
Shanganagh Residential Lands	597 (200 social)	Project tendered. Tender deadline extended to November 2021.	Q2 2022	Phased delivery from Q4 2023
Total	745			



#### Table 5: Schemes at Design/Tender Stage

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
Loughlinstown Wood (AHB)	42 (34 social)	Building Agreements being finalised. Contractor due to commence on site.	Q4 2021	Q4 2022
Roebuck Road Infill	4	On hold		
37A Rollins Villas (infill)	1	Part 8 Public Consultation commenced.	Q3 2022	Q2 2023
Coastguard Cottages	4	Stage 3 Funding submission made to DHLGH.	Q1 2022	Q4 2022
Total	51			
OVERALL TOTAL	1,052			•

# **3. Housing Support**

# 3.1 Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock

#### Table 6: Retrofits 2021

Retrofits	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Voids	0	0	1	1
Relets	*24	*29	31	84
Energy upgrade works	0	Works on-going	Works on-going	54
Traveller Specific Accommodation	0	0	1	1

\*Please note our figures for Q1 and Q2 as previously reported, have been amended in this report.

The Council was allocated  $\leq 1,114,467$  in February with a requirement to retrofit a minimum of 41 properties to a B2/Cost Optimal standard. The target and allocation were increased in April 2021 to 54 properties with a funding allocation of  $\leq 1,461,717$ . This preliminary allocation is based on an expected average cost of  $\leq 27,000$  per property.

#### Table 7: Maintenance Requests 2021

Routine Maintenance	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Requests received	1,489	1,195	1,350	4,034
Requests in process	435	187	335	957
Requests completed	1,054	1,008	1,015	3,077



#### Table 8: Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme 2021

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Works on Hand at beginning of Quarter	123	121	119	
Requests Received	5	12	14	31
Works Completed	14	6	22	42

# 3.2 Allocations

#### Table 9: Allocations 2021

Allocations	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Social Housing List	19	49	75	143
Transfer List	9	35	33	77
Total Allocations	28	84	108	220

# 3.3 Choice Based Letting (CBL)

#### Table 10: CBL Adverts by Area of Choice in 2021

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Dún Laoghaire/Dalkey	0	10	7	17
Blackrock/Stillorgan	1	3	11	15
Ballybrack/Shankill	2	5	28	35
Ballinteer/Ballyogan	8	20	9	37
Total	11	38	55	104

**Note:** Figures shown are cumulative from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and the number of adverts put on CBL. Some adverts represent multiple properties.

# 3.4 Homeless Services

#### Table 11: Homeless Services 2021

	Q1	Q2	Q3
No. of Homeless Families	66	67	72
No. of Homeless Individuals	199	217	171
No. of Allocations to homeless individuals/families	10	19	36
No. of SHS offers currently accepted by homeless individuals/families	6	21	9

**Note:** figures include those who may have signed for a tenancy but have yet to move out of homeless services/awaiting move-in grant.



# 3.5 Housing and Disability Steering Group

The Council continues to work with the Steering Group on implementing the Terms of Reference. A meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with the next meeting scheduled for December. To date, 28% of allocations were made to people with disabilities this year. The steering group has completed and published its Local Strategic Plan for People with a Disability. This Plan can be found <u>here.</u>

# 3.6 Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities

# Table 12: Breakdown of Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities 2021

#### Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
No. of Applications received	36	50	49	135
Provisional approvals issued	33	31	51	115
Grants paid	27*	39*	36	102
Value of Grants paid	€227,534*	€343,597*	€308,989	€880,120

\*Please note our figures for Q1 and Q2 as previously reported, have been amended in this report.

#### Housing Aid for Older Persons

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
No. of Applications received	9	15	13	37
Provisional approvals issued	3	9	14	26
Grants paid	5	8*	8	21
Value of Grants paid	€25,883	€37,324*	€37,103	€100,310

\*Please note our figures for Q2 as previously reported, have been amended in this report.

#### **Mobility Aids Grant**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
No. of Applications received	3	12	11	26
Provisional approvals issued	3	3	12	18
Grants paid	4*	9*	7	20
Value of Grants paid	€14,865*	€28,024*	€22,428	€65,317

\*Please note our figures for Q1 and Q2 as previously reported, have been amended in this report.



Budget Provision (3 Schemes)	€1,550,000
Budget Spent	€1,045,747
Budget % Spent	67.47%

**Note**: Some applications may be received in one year and processed in the following year as it can take some time before full documentation is submitted by the applicant.

#### 3.7 <u>Rent Arrears</u> Table 13: Rents 2021

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Accrued Rent Arrears	75,502	14,704	53,247	143,453
Rental Income	3,209,513	3,738,293	3,834,686	10,782,492

#### 3.8 Private Rented Housing Standards

 Table 14: Private Rented Housing Standards 2021

Private Rental Inspections	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Inspections Carried Out	56	59	401	516

#### Notes:

**Q1** inspection figures were impacted by Covid-19 restrictions. Inspections were not permitted in level 5 restrictions. Virtual inspections commenced in January 2021. There were 3 physical inspections on vacant properties and 53 virtual inspections.

**Q2** figures include one vacant property onsite inspection and 58 virtual inspections.

**Q3** Physical onsite inspections recommenced on the 14th of July.

#### 3.9 Tenancy Management and Anti-Social Behaviour

Fable 15: Estate Management 2021					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Pre-tenancy training	0	0	0	0	
Note: Eigures at 0 due to COVID 10 restrictions					

Note: Figures at 0 due to COVID-19 restrictions

# Table 16: Anti-Social Behaviour 2021

Anti-Social Complaints	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Received	25	45	89	159
Completed	12	44	98	154
On-going	13	14	3	30
Tenancy Warning	0	1	6	7
Tenancy Notification	4	2	5	11



Verbal Warning	2	3	8	13
Advice Given	1	13	40	54
Refer to Other Depts	8	29	30	67
Court Case	2	1	0	3

#### Table 17: Tenancy Management Interviews 2021

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Tenancy Management Interviews	9	7	12	28

# 3.10 <u>Loans</u>

 Table 18: Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan 2021

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
Applications received	15	14*	14	43
Applications approved in principle	10	2	5	17
Loan Drawdowns	0	0	2	2

\*Please note our figure for Q2 as previously reported, has been amended in this report.



# Planning

#### Section 48 and Glenamuck Scheme:

 $\begin{array}{l} 30/03/2019 - 24/06/2019 \ \mbox{Invoiced} = €5,502,275.65 \ \mbox{Receipted} = €4,262,633.39 \\ 30/03/2020 - 24/06/2020 \ \mbox{Invoiced} = €128,963.29 \ \mbox{Receipted} = €1,142,709.75 \\ 18/12/2020 - 29/3/2021 \ \mbox{Invoiced} = €22,080,204.65 \ \mbox{Receipted} = €596,294.55 \\ 30/03/2021 - 24/6/2021 \ \ \mbox{Invoiced} = €2,080,204.65 \ \mbox{Receipted} = €3,497,630.08 \\ 25/06/2021 - 30/9/2021 \ \ \mbox{Invoiced} = €17,401,944.62 \ \mbox{Receipted} = €10.594,833.02 \\ \end{array}$ 

# Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Government have made orders which have the effect of freezing all current time limits on planning matters including planning appeals and submissions on appeals and on strategic housing and strategic infrastructure applications. You can read the <u>Minister's press statement</u> and these orders announcing this extension on the Department's website <u>www.housing.gov.ie</u>.

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Applicati on Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP3108 8221	Green Urban Living N11 Limited Lands associated with St. Laurence College, Wyattville Park, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin Demolition of existing AstroTurf and hardcourt area, construction of 256 no. Build to Rent apartments, creche and associated site works	20/07/202 1	23/08/2021	www.n11wyat tvilleparkbtrsh d.com	08/11/2021
ABP3111 8121	Shankill Property Investments Ltd Former Bray Golf Club Lands, Off Ravenswell Road and Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Dublin and Co. Wicklow 591 no. residential units (76 no. houses, 515 no. apartments), childcare facility and associated site works	20/08/202 1	23/09/2021	www.coastalq uartershd.com	09/12/2021
ABP3111 9021	1 Players land limited Site at Cross Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin 244 no. Build to Rent apartments and associated site works	23/08/202 1	27/09/2021	www.crossave nueshd.ie	13/12/2021
ABP3112 8721	Pembroke Partnership Limited Frankfort Castle, Old Frankfort, Dundrum, Dublin 14 115 no. apartments, creche and associated site works	03/09/202 1	07/10/2021	www.frankfort castleshd.com	23/12/2021
ABP3113 2921	Clonkeen Investments DAC Lands adjoining Clonkeen College, Clonkeen Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin 299 no. apartments, creche and associated site works	08/09/202 1	12/10/2021	www.clonkeen shd.com	06/01/2022



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ABP3114	Baker Forge Properties Limited	16/09/202	20/10/2021	www.bakersco	14/01/2022
1121	Baker's Corner, Rochesstown	1		rnershd.ie	
	Avenue and Kill Avenue, Dun				
	Laoghaire, Co. Dublin				
	Demolition of existing Baker's				
	Corner Public House, construction				
	of replacement Public House, 276				
	no. student bedspace				
	accommodation and associated				
	site works				
Subject	Homeland Silverpines Limited	30/09/202	-	www.sjhshd.ie	-
to	Saint Joseph's House', Brewery	1		- ,	
validatio	Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin				
n	demolition of 10 no. properties				
	and construction of a new build				
	element to provide for an overall				
	total of 463 no. residential units,				
	residential amenity space and a				
	café				
	care				

https://www.pleanala.ie/getattachment/7e5978f6-673a-47ea-8cb3-772fbbd926fb/Current-Applications-26-08-2021.pdf?lang=en-IE

# Planning Statistics: 25<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

	Outline Permission	Full Permission
New application Received*	1	483
Decision Deferred	0	108
Decisions to Grant**	1	318
Decision to Refuse**	1	77
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	2	295
Invalid Applications	0	113

\*Includes 55 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".

4 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Building Control	25 <sup>th</sup> June – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
Fire Safety Certs applications received *	57
Fire Safety Certs Applications Granted *	54
Fire Safety Certs Applications Refused/Invalid	0/2
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	24
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted/Refused **	43/0
Commencement Notices Validated	219
7 Day Notices received	32
Completion Certs Validated	62

\*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs, 7 Day Notices & Rev Fire Certs

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

Customers to Planning Counter: 25 <sup>th</sup> June-30 <sup>th</sup> September	253 Customers
2021	



# Active Land Management – DLR Q4 2020

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

Please note that due to delays arising from Covid-19, the DHSCT 'Red Book' compilation of the four Dublin Authorities data sets for Q1 2021 has not yet been posted on the DHPLG website and is currently unavailable. As the information is not available for the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities, it is not presently possible to provide a comparison between DLR and the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities for Q1 2021. The data below, as a consequence, relates to Q4 2020.

Below, is a comparison of the Q4 2020 HTF Returns which was not available at the time of preparation of the previous Quarterly report.

The most significant performance indicators - within DLR - are based on growth rates between **Q4 2019 and Q4 2020**. This includes:

16% decrease in the **number of sites with planning permission** from 134 to 112 sites.

1% decrease in the total **number of units with planning permission** from 15,401 to 15,277 units.

20% decrease in the **number of active sites**, from 41 sites to 33 sites.

40% increase in the **number of units under construction** from 2,234 to 3,126.

43% decrease in the **number of completions** in this quarter from 580 to 332.

This section presents a comparison of DLR's HTF Q4 2020 data with that from the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities. The most salient performance indicators are as follows:

- 24% of all **units with planning permission within the Dublin Region** (increase of 1% from Q3 2020).
- 17% of all Active Sites within the Dublin Region (decrease of 4% from Q3 2020).
- 26% of all **units under construction within the Dublin Region** (increase of 1% from Q3 2020).
- 26% of all units currently being processed in the planning system within the **Dublin Region** (increase of 3% from Q3 2020).
- 23% of all **units permitted but not commenced within the Dublin Region** (decrease of 1% from Q3 2020).

Please see below for some trends and Regional comparisons.



# Q4 2020:

Dublin Authorities – Q4 2020 Data	% of Residential Units with planning permission	% of Residential Units within the planning system - awaiting final determination	% of Residential Units permitted but not commenced	% of Residential Units under construction	% of Active Sites	% of Residential Units completed in completed developments
Dublin City	35%	46%	36%	46%	34%	7%
DLR	24%	26%	23%	26%	17%	11%
South Dublin	17%	10%	20%	9%	12%	23%
Fingal	24%	18%	20%	19%	37%	59%
Total (Figure)	64,023	11,307	42,477	12,247	200	2,509



# **Forward Planning Infrastructure**

# **Cherrywood SDZ – Progress Report.**

The current Main Work Streams include:

- Cherrywood LIHAF as reported above;
- URDF Call 1 Projects (2018) Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation as reported below;
- URDF Call 2 Project (2020) Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity application submitted to DHLGH on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 which received funding approval in the order of c.€40M as reported below. A further briefing to the elected members will be facilitated once further particulars have been received from the Dept. on the detail of the successful projects;
- Bride's Glen to Shankill pedestrian / cycle Scheme DIr Road Projects has completed engagement with HSE Estates office/Loughlinstown Hospital. Design consultants have been appointed and are currently finalising options report before submission to NTA and commencement of Part 8;
- The Cherrywood Steering Group, comprising the Chief Executive and Directors of Services in key service departments met 16 times since it was established in 2017. The Steering Group has been convened to provide oversight in all key aspects of the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ that cover multi disciplinary themes;
- Development of a Common Infrastructure Agreement for the provision of the common infrastructure required for the build out of Cherrywood SDZ is being progressed by the Development Agency Project Team (DAPT);
- DLRCC as the Development Agency submitted the Proposed Amendment No. 8: Building Height and Density Changes to An Bord Pleanála on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to amend the approved Planning Scheme to take cognisance of the review undertaken by the DAPT arising from the requirements of the SPPR 3 (B) of the Ministerial Guidelines 'Urban Development and Building Heights, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, December 2018. The Board have advised of an indicated determination date of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Information can be reviewed on their website at the following link: <u>https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/310382</u>;
- Amendment No. 7 in respect of the Realignment of Beckett Road was approved by An Bord Pleanala on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 with no modifications; and
- The DAPT has established a cycling review group to draw from the expertise of the NTA and the dlr Sustainable Mobility Group to scope out enhancements to what has been provided in the area and explore new experiences in cycling (including technology). It is intended to bring a Report on findings and recommendations of this group to a future meeting.

# Planning Applications – FOR NOTING

The following major infrastructural projects have been granted permission, with substantial completion on site achieved within the main Landowner lands. DZ15A/0813 – Tully Park; DZ15A/0814 – Beckett Park; DZ16A/0570 – Ticknick Park and DZ15A/0758 – Roads and Infrastructure – Phase 1.

The Status of other applications from  $25^{th}$  June 2021 to  $21^{st}$  September 2021 inclusive is as follows; -

- DZ21A/0414 107 Residential units, Cherrywood Request for further information issued 01/07/2021
- DZ21A/0569 Amendment/Modifications to previously permitted development, relates to TC4 Decision to Grant issued 09/08/2021



- DZ21A/0664 47 Residential units, Cherrywood Request for further information issued 09/09/2021
- DZ21A/0677 445 Residential units and Supermarket Decision to Refuse issued 14/09/2021

There are currently 6 live SDZ applications for which a report is being prepared

To date the total no. of residential units permitted is 2,886. An additional 636 units are at Further Information Stage. The total amount of non-residential development permitted is circa 119,155 sq.m of Town Centre Mixed use (retail/non-retail/commercial including HIE) and circa 47,498 sq.m of High Intensity Employment (HIE).

#### Stakeholder Engagement

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

With Government's focus on the housing crisis the DHLGH has taken specific interest in progressing the Cherrywood Planning Scheme and has designated it 1 of 23 key strategic national Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites (MUHDS). Meetings with all key stakeholders are on-going with the DAPT facilitating progress meetings on key issues, as they arise, that require a coordinated approach from a number of state agencies and service providers including high-level engagement with the DHPLG on the main issues.

#### Funding

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme 2017 – 2020, <u>http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/20170613 cherrywood planning sc</u> <u>heme development contribution scheme 2017-2020 adopted.pdf</u> was adopted at the June Council Meeting 2017 and all decisions to grant planning permission relative to the Cherrywood SDZ area, made on or after 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, are subject to the Conditions of this Scheme.

The internal common infrastructure elements include for a road network in the order of 10km, storm water infrastructure in the order of 3.8ha and the delivery of amenity open space – Class 1, new parks, neighbourhood plazas, natural greenspace and greenways (as per Appendix III Cherrywood Planning Scheme Projects List of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme (DCS) 2017-2020). The current order of magnitude cost (OMC) exercise is guiding that the cost of providing the common infrastructure to open up land for development to support the development of Cherrywood is in the order of €200M for construction.

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme DSC provides for the conditioning of development contributions, and within the DSC under the Exemptions and Reductions section, provision has been made for development contribution offset of certain development contributions payable against costs for common infrastructure works constructed by the landowners.

The current Section 48 Cherrywood Planning Scheme Contribution Scheme 2017 – 2020 states that 'the Council will endeavour to make a new Scheme prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 but this Scheme will continue in full force and effect until a Scheme comes into effect, whether before or after that date".



DIr has progressed the review of the current Schemes as stated in both Development Contribution Schemes.

In addition to the DCS, government funding, Local Property Tax Income, LIHAF and URDF (Call 1 and Call 2) has been secured and contributes to the funding of internal common infrastructure. However there still remains a funding gap in relation to the provision of the entire common infrastructure (i.e. the projects that are not LIHAF and URDF funded). The Report indicating the Programme of Capital Projects 2021 – 2023 presented at the February 2021 Council Meeting provides further detail (please note this report pre-dates the URDF call 2 announcements). DAPT will update the status of the funding gap as part of the reporting for the dlr Report indicating the Programme of Capital Programme of Capital Projects 2022 - 2024.

The application for Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Access under the URDF Call 2 on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 relating to seven sub-projects that align with the requirements of the Fund for submission. Six of the seven sub-projects covered in the application have received funding approval on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and it is intended to provide a further briefing to the Elected Members once full particulars of the approved funding have issued from the DHLGH to dlr. The unsuccessful project was the Kilternan Link Road (a Countywide project linking the Cherrywood Planning Scheme area to the Kilternan environs).

Discussions will continue with all relevant stakeholders to ensure the funding is in place to enable the infrastructure to be delivered.

dlr has been issued with High Court proceedings by a main landowner in Cherrywood seeking a declaration that it is entitled to offset the costs incurred by it in constructing common infrastructure against development contributions. The claim also includes other related reliefs. Dlr has passed the proceedings to its solicitors who will defend the Council's position in the

#### <u>(Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) and Cherrywood Urban</u> <u>Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) - Progress Report</u> LIHAF

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH) as part of their 'Rebuilding Ireland' programme announced on 28th March 2017 that DLR were successful in their LIHAF application in respect of 4 projects, for which final approval for 3 of these projects was received in March 2018.

The underlying principle of LIHAF is to provide public off-site infrastructure to relieve critical infrastructure blockages which have been identified as one of the main impediments to the development of key sites for housing, thus enabling the accelerated delivery of residential units on these sites in both Dublin and urban areas of high demand for housing.

An overview of these infrastructure projects that were approved is as follows; -



Project Name	Detail of Infrastructure	Total LIHAF allocation €M	Amount to be funded by DHLGH €M (75%)	Amount to be funded by DLR €M (25%)
Clay Farm	Construction of 600m of Loop Distributor Road	€4.7	€3.5	€1.2
Woodbrook/ Shanganagh	Revision of the Woodbrook roundabout on the old N11; Road improvements to support housing development; Access to the future DART station.	€4.15	€3.12	€1.03
Cherrywood	Druid's Glen Road (road only); Druid's Glen bridge - (short bridge structure traversing valley); New N11 junction 'Q' at Druid Glen Road; Druid's Glen Road (bridge feature)	€15.19	€11.39	€3.80

A table of summary details was published by the Minister on 28th March 2018 for all 30 LIHAF sites across the State.

With regard to the Clay Farm project, dlr issued written correspondence to the Department in October 2020 advising that the delivery of the Clay Farm LIHAF infrastructure could not be achieved within the lifetime of the current Grant Agreement. This was acknowledged by the Department and so, this is not now an active dlr LIHAF project.

DLR will deliver and administer an Affordable Housing scheme to the value of the LIHAF funding amount provided by the DHLGH and in accordance with the provisions of the Affordable Housing Act 2021 and any relevant regulations made thereunder Forward Planning Infrastructure and Housing Departments are working together in preparation for the LIHAF sites.

The Council will continue to work with the Department and the Landowners in addressing infrastructure deficits required in opening up land for development, particularly for housing. The residential development for both DLR LIHAF sites will progress as and when developers obtain their required planning consents.

A status of each of the remaining projects is as follows:

#### □ Woodbrook Shanganagh – Detailed Design Stage

Forward Planning Infrastructure Department has convened meetings with all key stakeholders to include the National Transport Authority (NTA) to provide for the management and delivery of the LIHAF infrastructural elements and to provide oversight in the opening of lands for housing development.



The SHD planning application was granted on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 which includes for the access (avenue) road design to support housing development of 685 residential units and access to the future DART station.

The Tripartite agreement closed on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Construction works on the new golf holes commenced immediately thereafter by the developer and despite archaeological finds the works are progressing well and are expected to be completed by early November 2021.

A compliance package was submitted to DIr for the development. The developer submitted a commencement notice and construction works commenced on site on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The dlr LIHAF Project Manager and dlr Roads Project Office are meeting weekly with developer's construction team to progress the delivery of the LIHAF infrastructure. It is anticipated that the First Phase of the LIHAF infrastructure works will commence in Q1 of 2022, and subject to favourable conditions, it is envisaged the final Phase will commence in Q2 2023 with expected completion in Q4 2023.

DIr received formal approval from the Department on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 for an extension to the existing grant agreement until the end of 2023, noting the original funding approval timeline was up to the end of 2021

The Wilford Junction Upgrade will now form part of the BusConnects programme which will amalgamate the junction upgrade as part of CBC Route 13, Bray to City Centre Scheme.

DART station planning application (D20A/0744) was granted on the 1st July 2021. Irish Rail are engaging with Dlr regarding construction access to facilitate early commencement of the new DART station. Irish Rail estimate the construction will take up to 18 months to complete following commencement.

The LIHAF Project Manager meets fortnightly with the Land Development Agency Project Manager and Dlr Housing Department in relation to foul sewer infrastructure delivery.

#### □ Cherrywood

The Cherrywood Development Agency Project Team (DAPT) is actively managing the delivery of the Cherrywood LIHAF.

Within Cherrywood SDZ, grants of planning have been secured by developers for 2,886 residential units. A further 636 units are at Further Information Stage. 1,653 residential units are under construction with 1,277 of these within the Town Centre development. Phase 1 residential site at Domville comprising of 80 residential units is nearing completion.

Construction activity has gained momentum nationally due to the lifting of Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions, however the availability of construction materials and construction price inflation has been identified as a possible impediment to infrastructure delivery. At present it is not possible to say how this may impact on developer timelines, and common infrastructure delivery.

The commencement of the remaining units granted will be dependent on developer construction programmes, but it is envisaged that the momentum of development that



has accrued on the site will continue and these developers will commence as soon as practicable.

#### LIHAF Infrastructure

#### Phase 1 – Complete

Construction works on Phase 1 of this project comprising Junction Q (a new signalised junction on the N11) and part of the Druid's Glen Road (130m in length) is complete.

#### > Phase 2 – at Detailed Design Stage

The next section of road, originally to comprise of circa 315m of road and a 40m short bridge spanning the Cabinteely Stream is in detailed design stage and forms part of a grant of planning application (to include housing development). This is the subject of two Judicial Review proceedings which were fast tracked to the Commercial Court. The hearing of the first JR DZ18A/0208 took place during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December 2020. The findings were expected in January 2021. A revised date for the judgment by the Courts Service was 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2021. DIr received notification from the Courts Service that the judgement could not be delivered on the above date as the designated judge is now dealing with applications concerning the mandatory hotel quarantine procedure established under the Health (Amendment) Act 2021. However, the courts service noted that the above judgement will be prioritised and completed as soon as the commitments in respect of mandatory hotel quarantine applications allow. Noting, the courts service is to reopen in October, dlr will request an update on this decision.

DIr in tandem with the Judicial review proceedings delay, is advancing the land acquisition, detailed design, tender documentation, pre-commencement surveys preparation with a view to progressing to tender stage following the conclusion of the Judicial Review process.

# > Phase 3 – at Preliminary Design Stage

The final section of the road comprises of (circa 135m of road and a 120m bridge spanning the Carrickmines River). An updated infrastructure delivery timeline, cost estimates and a business case for approval for additional funds was submitted to the DHLGH for their consideration in early 2020, the outcome of which is awaited.

As part of this cost review, dlr appointed a consultant following a tender competition to prepare Concept Design Photomontages, preliminary land acquisition drawings and cost estimates to better inform the design. Dlr have issued a preliminary report to the Department in February 2021 indicating the best estimate of the additional funding required to complete the Cherrywood LIHAF infrastructure. An updated preliminary programme of infrastructure delivery was also included noting a requirement for an extension of the grant agreement until end 2024 based on current estimates (noting ongoing Judicial Review and associated uncertainty on Phase 2 delivery at this stage). It is now further evident that recent tender price increases in the construction sector are likely to have impacted on estimated costs and the application to the Department for additional funding in February 2021 may need to be revised.

DIr continues to work closely with all relevant landowners who may be impacted by the LIHAF infrastructure delivery.

#### **Cherrywood URDF Infrastructure**

The URDF 2018 (first call) was established to support more compact and sustainable development, through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Ireland's five cities and other large towns, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework and National Development Plan (NDP). This is to enable a greater proportion of residential and mixed-



use development to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of our cities and towns and to ensure that more parts of our urban areas can become attractive and vibrant places in which people choose to live and work, as well as to invest and to visit.

DLR was successful in obtaining funding under the URDF in respect of the Category A Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project, the total cost of which is estimated at €17.8M and for which formal approval of the total project was received in June 2020. Funding is by way of 75% direct government funding and 25% funded by the separate Section 48 Cherrywood Development Contributions. The Department has undertaken to recompense local authorities in respect of 100% expenditure under the Fund as a temporary measure to assist with alleviating any cash flow issues being experienced by local authorities in progressing the projects. This remains in place at this time.

This will see the development of 4 distinct sub-projects comprising the Linear Park, surface water attenuation ponds 2a and 5a and completion of Tully Park Phase 2. Recent Government correspondence has reaffirmed the DHLGH's objective to maintain the continuity and momentum of the URDF supported programme. Construction activity has gained momentum nationally due to the lifting of Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions, however the availability of construction materials and construction price inflation has been identified as a possible impediment to infrastructure delivery. At present it is not possible to say how this may impact on developer timelines, and common infrastructure delivery.

A brief update on the current status of each sub-project is as follows:-

#### Linear Park – Next Stage - Planning

The consultant was appointed following a competitive tendering process to develop the preliminary design for the supporting greenway infrastructure to include the Linear Park within the SDZ area. The preliminary design is now complete and circulated to Departments for comments. The proposed scheme was also presented to the Elected Members on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021. DLR Department comments on Preliminary Part 8 are under review. Tender documentation to advance in tandem with Part 8 to expediate project. This project is being advanced in collaboration with the NTA. Statutory Part 8 planning process is anticipated to commence in Q4 of 2021.

# > Pond 2a – at Detailed Design and Tender

Statutory Part 8 submission stage is now complete. Site investigations, ground penetrating radar and topographical surveys all advancing to inform the detailed design and tender documents which are anticipated for tender issue in Q4 of 2021.

# > Pond 5a – at Detailed Design and Tender

Following a competitive tendering process, a consultant has been appointed to undertake costings, contractor procurement and construction supervision. Site investigations and surveys all advancing to inform the detailed design and tender documents which are anticipated for tender issue in Q4 of 2021. Land transfers are progressing and expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

#### > Tully Park Phase 2 – at Construction Stage

Construction commenced on site on the 24th June 2021. Land transfer complete with major landowner. Remaining land transfers nearing completion. Works on site are progressing with the anticipated completion date estimated to be late Q1 2022.



#### Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF) Call 2

A second call for proposals under the URDF 2020 was advertised in January 2020 DIr submitted 5 applications for consideration under this Call 2 process on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

These 5 applications are listed in their ranked order as follows:

- 1. Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity
- 2. Dundrum Civic & Community Centre
- 3. Dún Laoghaire Greening Project
- 4. Sandyford Green Infrastructure
- 5. Shanganagh Park

In addition, a standalone request to initiate a study for Blackrock Village was also submitted.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021, dlr was notified by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that two of the applications submitted by the Council for funding, under Call 2, were successful and a breakdown of what was approved for dlr in brief below. The Department formally confirmed preliminary approval of the  $\notin$ 44,361,115 funding on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2021 for the inclusion of these projects listed below in the URDF supported capital programme and approval to move to the next stage of the project lifecycle, the preliminary business case stage.

# Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity €40,361,115

The infrastructure being provided under 'Call 2' consists of the following:

- Castle Street Link completion of Cherrywood's bus priority route to connect it to the existing Park & Ride facility at Carrickmines Luas stop.
- Ticknick Park Ballycorus Access development of cycle, pedestrian and vehicle access to Ticknick Park.
- Town Centre Pedestrian & Cycle Link development of an elevated pedestrian and cycle bridge within the Cherrywood Town Centre.
- 3 Public Parks creation of centrally located, multi-functional spaces providing a focal area for each of the associated village communities.
- Smart Parking Study research and application of measures to create efficiencies in Cherrywood's required parking provision.
- Beckett Link (& Barrington Rd Connection) development of pedestrian, cycle and vehicle link from the Kilternan Link to the Cherrywood Town Centre, to include the uncompleted portion of Barrington's Road.

# Dundrum Community Cultural & Civic Hub

#### € 4,000,000

This URDF funding will support:

Enhanced public realm improvement works to North end of Dundrum (Library/bridge area) • A renewed masterplan strategy (Design/feasibility) for all of Dundrum. It will include a review of the location/integrated design for a community hub project (based on a revised wider strategic plan called the Community, Cultural and Civic Action Plan). The Community, Cultural and Civic Action Plan is funded under 'Call 1' of the URDF.

Information in relation to the national announcement may be found via the following link: <u>https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/56ef8-urban-regeneration-and-development-fund-urdf/</u>



# Infrastructure and Climate Change

#### **Climate Action**

Dublin's first Climate Action Week took place from 13th to 19th September 2021. The week was launched by Eamon Ryan TD, Minister for the Environment, Climate & Communications and Minister for Transport and the launch was attended by the Mayors, Elected Representatives and Chief Executives of the four Dublin local authorities.

Over 70 online and in-person events took place throughout Dublin Climate Action Week and covered the themes of Energy & Buildings, Flood Resilience, Transport, Resource Management, Nature Based Solutions and Citizen Engagement.

The week was organised and delivered by the partnership of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).

# Air Quality Plan to improve levels of nitrogen dioxide $(NO_2)$ in ambient air in Dublin.

The four Dublin Local Authorities (Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council) are preparing an Air Quality Plan to improve levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) in ambient air in Dublin.

This is plan is being drafted at this time as there was an exceedance of the annual limit value for nitrogen dioxide at one of the air quality monitoring stations in Dublin at – St. Johns Road West Dublin City. All other pollutants measured were within EU limit values. The NO2 exceedance triggers action under the EU CAFE directorate where the EPA review the findings and have directed the Dublin Local Authorities to produce a plan to deal with the NO2 exceedance and nitrogen dioxide levels in Dublin.

While the exceedance was in the Dublin City Council administrative area the air quality regulations set out that Dublin air pollution matters are looked at a Dublin Regional level. The draft plan to address nitrogen dioxide levels in Dublin will go out to public consultation in October 2021 and the elected members will be notified when the consultation is opened.

# **Capital Projects**

- 1. Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme-no update.
- 2. M50 Junction 14 Link Road no update
- 3. Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade (Golden Ball)- no update

# 4. Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS)

Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS) consisting of GDDR (Glenamuck District Distributor Road) and GLDR (Glenamuck Local Distributor Road). Approval of the scheme and confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order was received from An Bórd Pleanála on 18/12/19. Notice of the confirmation of the CPO was advertised on the 7th of February 2020.



The CPO 'Notice to Treat' was served to the affected landowners on 11th of May 2021, and the 'Notice to Enter' was served on 16th July 2021. The detailed design of the scheme is nearing completion, and tender documents are being prepared, and it is intended to progress to tender stage in Q4 2021.

- 5. Druids Glen Road Q -P\* no update
- 6. Druids Glen Road P\*-P3 no update

#### 7. Dún Laoghaire Baths

Works ongoing above 85% Complete. Substantial progress on Pavilion building with most internal finishes complete. Significant progress on concrete work at lower deck area. Programme Rev 23 submitted by contractor advising completion May 2022. Recommendation for conciliation #3 Accepted. Rock Armour unresolved. Casement Memorial installed.

Works on the Dún Laoghaire Baths site are now significantly advanced including the statute of Roger Casement being installed. Completion of the project was expected in December 2021 but due to Covid and other site factors, the project is likely to be delivered in late Spring 2022.

#### 8. dlr LexIcon Environs / Haigh Terrace

The works along Haigh Terrace and the intersection with George's Street, Dún Laoghaire to improve the streetscape have now been completed.

#### 9. Samuel Beckett Phase 2

The Project Board has decided that, due to the anticipated cost of the Project and the uncertainty regarding future usage/occupancy of the facility, a review is to be undertaken concerning the services & amenities to be provided on the Campus. The review is currently being undertaken by the Community & Cultural Development Department.

#### 10. Rochestown Road Improvement Scheme - no update

#### 11. Dublin Bay Trail / S2S - no update

#### **12. Bray Woodbrook Landfill Remediation Project**

Since August 2021 work temporarily stalled on site due to issues sourcing rock locally. Alternatives are being investigated. The main rock structure works on the beach are yet to commence. Works are expected to progress at northern end during Q4 2021. The archaeologist will oversee the beach works.

#### **Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise**

Complaints received156Complaints closed155



#### **Litter and Waste Fines**

Q3 – 25 June – 30 Sept 2021	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	137	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	2	
Legal proceedings initiated.	32	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	420	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	430	Litter Section

#### **Dog Statistics**

No of dogs entering the Dog Shelter – 4 No of dogs rehomed – 3 and 2 returned to Gardai No of dogs reclaimed – 1 No of dogs put to sleep – 0 No of dogs remaining in the shelter at end of month – 2



# Architects

# <u>Awards</u>

**DLR's C-19 Response** 'Placemaking - Mobility - Liveability' initiatives from Blackrock, Glasthule, Dalkey, Dundrum & the Coastal Mobility Route was a joint winner in the Public Space category in the 2021 Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland awards. https://riai.ie/whats-on/news/riai-announce-winners-of-2021-riai-awards

# Housing for Families (large)

The Irish Council for Social Housing announced dlr as the winner in Housing for Families (large) category at its recent national awards. <u>https://icsh.ie/awards/icsh-allianz-community-housing-awards-2021/</u>

#### European Award

dlr architects has been nominated in the 2022 European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – The Mies van der Rohe Award for our Covid-19 coastal mobility route and placemaking projects.

#### **Dangerous Buildings**

25 <sup>th</sup> June – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	
Dangerous	5
Potentially Dangerous	8
Not Dangerous	2
Total	15

#### <u>Energy</u>

Based on the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, Measurement & Reporting 2020 data, dlr has continued making improvements in performance in terms of energy efficiency (2020 figures show a 51% improvement against the 2009 baseline) and associated carbon emissions (over 40% improvement to date). As operations fully resume (post Covid) it is expected that some of this improvement will recede.

With the majority of dlr's emissions associated with buildings, the statutory target BER B for all council buildings by 2030 will be both a significant undertaking and a key factor in achieving dlr's emissions targets.

Specific projects being undertaken by the Energy Team to ensure dlr's continual improvement include the continued rollout of LED public lighting; works on the Ballyogan Operations Centre solar panel system which is producing significant savings on hot water; the upcoming replacement of a van in the dlr LexIcon with an EV and after successfully achieving funding from the government's Community Enhancement Programme, three community facilities will have the opportunity to proceed with energy efficiency projects.

#### Disability

Work has progressed to enhance bathroom facilities across the County for people with disabilities. A new Changing Places bathroom has been built at the entrance to Shanganagh Cemetery. With another prefabricated unit almost ready for use at Kilbogget



Park and the upgrade of the Cabinteely Park accessible bathroom, to add to the Marlay Park Courtyard bathroom which was opened in 2019, this brings to 4 the Council provided fully accessible bathroom facilities, and more are planned. Recent upgrades to more compact bathrooms including the provision of hoists and changing benches have also taken place at Deansgrange Library and the Samuel Beckett Civic Centre with 2 more upgrades imminent at the Wicklow Way Café and dlr LexIcon.



# **Community and Cultural Development**

# Capital Projects Parks

Parks Capital Projects – Q3 2021 Progress							
	On Hold	(j) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 2						~	Complete
Hudson Road Park						~	Application for Sports Capital Grant made for the changing pavilion
Colaiste Eoin/Iosagain All-Weather Pitch						✓	Complete and operational in Nov 2020
Blackthorn Park, Sandyford						✓	Complete
Metals Phase 3 Public Realm - Peoples Park Boundary						~	
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms (temporary)						~	Complete
Blackrock Park Masterplan					~		Masterplan adopted at the Oct 2020 Council meeting. Works on-going under NTA scheme.
dlr Leisure Monkstown All Weather Pitches					1		Due for completion in October 2021
Grass Pitches – Performance Quality Standard					1		Surveys complete – performance testing on-going
Pavement Improvement Programme				~	1		Works and procurements on- going
Rosemont School Pitches					~		Contract has been awarded for the works
Finsbury Park					~		Contract for railings has been awarded
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate					1		Phase 1 works are on-going.
Killiney Hill/Dalkey Quarry Phase II Improvements			~				Part 8 is on-going.
Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening			~				Detail design is on-going.
Mounttown Boxing Facility			~				Part 8 approved at Feb 2021 meeting.
Hyde Park Multi-Use Building			~				Part 8 for approval at July 2021 meeting.
Shanganagh Crematorium			~				Value engineering being progressed.
Shanganagh Park Masterplan			~				Drawings and documents being progressed for phase 1.
Jamestown Park Masterplan		~					Feasibility report complete
Marlay Golf Redevelopment		~					Considering options following expressions of interest process.
Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch	~						Delay due to Dept. of Education review
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	~						No funding available.



#### Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- The LCDC held 1 meeting in this quarter 15<sup>th</sup> September
- New LCDC member, Sharon Commins representing Southside Partnership attended her first LCDC meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September. The meeting included a presentation by Michele Relihan, Manager of dlr County Childcare Committee. Payments of €142,108 in grant funding through the Community Enhancement Programme 2021 were approved at this LCDC meeting.
- There was a JPC meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. This was an online meeting on MS Teams. The meeting included an update presentation by Fiona Neary (Neary and Associates) on the Study Commissioned by DLRCC into Assessment of Need for Provision of Domestic Violence Refuge in the DLR Area. There was also a presentation on the dlr draft Anti Social Behaviour Strategy 2022-2028 by Liam O'Donovan.
- There were 3 Local Policing Fora meetings in this quarter. The Sandyford Stepaside Local Policing Fora meeting took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. The Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill Local Policing Forum meeting took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> September and the Central Dun Laoghaire Local Policing Forum meeting took place on 24<sup>th</sup> August. These meetings were held online via MS Teams.
- A Rural Task Force Meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> September.
- The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group approved changes to the Dublin Rural LEADER geographic areas. There are two changes for DLR resulting in an increase in the geographical areas eligible for LEADER Funding.

The complete Electoral Division Area of Glencullen is now included, previously in the Dublin Rural LEADER LDS 2016-2020 it was partially included. The full Shankill-Rathmicheal Electoral Division is now included in the eligible area. The full area of Tibradden Electoral Division was already included.

# **Cultural Development**

DLR Libraries, Music Generation, Arts and cultural programming is ongoing in support of delivering on the objectives in the DIr Council approved plans (below) which support cultural development, connect, empower and support community potential in dlr.

- DLR Libraries Library Development Plan 2016-2020
   <a href="https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/files/using-your-library/Library%20Development%20Plan%20English%20version%20Final.pdf">https://library%20Development%20Plan%20English%20version%20Final.pdf</a>
- DLR Arts Development Plan 2016 -22 <u>https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/arts\_development\_plan\_eng\_\_\_\_\_pdf</u>
- DLR Cultural and Creative Strategy 2018 22 <u>https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/dun-laoghaire-rathdown</u>

**Dormant Account Funding** dlr Libraries successfully received funding to progress 4 projects under the Dormant Account Funding, provided by Department Rural and Community Development.

Projects include further development of the following projects – It's Lit!(erary), Collins Big Cat Complete e-book Library Licences, ASC Project and a new project on Advocating for Gender Balance in STEAM 2021.

#### **Community Facilities**

Community Facilities across the County have continued to operate for essential services. From the 20<sup>th</sup> September activities were permitted to move indoors and facilities have



continued to work closely with groups who provide leisure, educational, sports and cultural services to return safely to indoor settings.

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

The Community response to Covid-19 is being led and co-ordinated 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
- Operated 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm. Responded to over 4,000 calls since establishment in March 2020.
- Issues range from transport, shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- A stakeholder forum was established providing 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.
- 1 stakeholder meeting held
- Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:
  - Against the background of the Covid Restrictions, a range of initiatives have been developed to support health and wellbeing in our communities. The priority is 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.
- To view dlr's health and wellbeing initiatives page under the 'Keep Well' Campaign see <a href="https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2020">https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2020</a>

#### Keep Well Campaign 2021

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

The campaign is now being wound down, as restrictions ease.

#### **COCO Markets**

During the month of July, we received 9 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 2 Permanent applications for Marlay Park Sunday both (Other food) 1 accepted and 1 refused
- 3 Permanent for Dun Laoghaire (Craft) 1 accepted and 2 refused (Similar product already in market)
- 1 Permanent for Marlay Saturday, Sunday and People park Sunday 1 accepted
- 3 seasonal Application (Other food x1, Craft x2)
- 3 accepted

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



- 2 Christmas market for Marlay Park Saturday and Marlay Sunday (both nonfood/craft) Accepted
- 1 Permanent for Marlay Saturday and Dun Laoghaire Sunday (Hot Food) Refused
- 2 seasonal for Dún Laoghaire Sunday (Craft) Accepted

During the month of September, we received 3 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 1 Christmas market for Marlay Park Saturday and Marlay Sunday (Nonfood/craft) Pending
- 1 Permanent for Dun Laoghaire Sunday (Non-food/Craft) Accepted
- 1 seasonal for Dún Laoghaire Sunday (Artist) Accepted