

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 September – 30 September 2020

On the 18 September, County Dublin was placed on Level 3 of the Framework for Restrictive Measures for a period of 3 weeks to the 9th October. This Framework was announced as part of the Government's [Resilience and Recovery 2020 – 2021 Plan for Living with Covid-19](#).

The local government sector continues to be an essential service with the Council continuing to adhere to the public health guidance in the provision of services.

These essential services continue to be provided, on a reduced level of service in some classes. Once again, public access to the Council's offices will be by prior appointment only, with face coverings required by those attending for appointment. Requests for appointments are processed by telephone and email through the Civic Hub.

Libraries are closed to the public at present, while dlr community centres, leisure centres and swimming pools are operating on reduced operational level. Parks and playgrounds remain open.

In order to provide resilience for continuity of services, altered working arrangements including rotation of shifts/attendance, division of works teams to different locations, remote working and longer flexible office hours continue to be implemented.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

Libraries

1-18 September: Adhering to prevailing public health guidelines in our library spaces we continued to offer our normal staffed hours, but not My Open Library hours in Deansgrange Library for this period. Sunday opening in dlr LexIcon was continued. dlr LexIcon continued to provide access to limited study spaces.

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

19-30 September: In line with the Government's decision for Dublin City and County to move to [Level 3 of the Plan for Living with COVID-19](#) for three weeks, dlr Libraries closed our branches to the public and reinstated our **Bag a Book: Contact & Collect service**. The national online catalogue remains available, so books can be reserved for collection at any dlr Library branch.

Community Call Book Drop

Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. However, the number of requests to this service continue to decrease since the re-opening of all library spaces.

COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

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

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 3700 calls since it commenced on 30 March with almost 40 calls received in September.
- Issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- With the upgrade to Level 3 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.
- Community Facilities are continuing to operate with reduced service.

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:

Covid-friendly Summer of Heritage programme continued to Sept 13th. Dalkey Castle open to Fáilte Ireland Covid safety charter standards until Level 3 status required closure of cultural centres on September 19th. Heritage content submitted to dlr Age Friendly Activity Pack prepared by Community Section. Applications made for Audience Engagement and Community Monuments stimulus funding to relevant government departments.

Municipal Services

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

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

Parks: Playgrounds and outdoor gym equipment have reopened.

Essential maintenance and upkeep works are continuing in parks and open spaces, routine and other works have resumed.

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

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

Cleansing/Street cleaning: all Service 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, Glathule 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

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

The following new products of significant interest were introduced or modified:

- 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. Demand was extremely strong, with 462 applications received under this scheme before it closed on May 15th. Each voucher is worth up to €2,500 euro.
- An improved Trading Online Voucher scheme with 90% funding was introduced. 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 applications have increased to date by 100%.

- 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 setup for the specialised LEO COVID supports [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](#).

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 with significant focus on public realm and mobility interventions working closely with Infrastructure and Climate Change on the following CoVid19 interventions and Active travel programme.

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Housing

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

Finance

Rates Waiver

The Government announced on the 23rd July that the waiver of commercial rates was to be extended for a further three month period to the 27th September.

A 100% waiver has been applied to all eligible businesses as a credit in lieu of rates for a six-month period to the 27th September. There are a number of categories excluded such as vacant properties, utilities, banks, building societies, large supermarkets.

It was not necessary for Ratepayers to apply for the waiver. It was automatically applied where the business is not in an excluded category. We wrote out to all Ratepayers advising them that the waiver was applied to their account.

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

The Government announced details of the Restart Grant on the 15th May. The grant was aimed at helping micro and small businesses with the costs associated with reopening and re-employing workers following COVID-19 closures. The scheme was enhanced, and the Restart Grant Plus was launched on the 10th August 2020. The Government had allocated €250m for the Scheme and subsequently increased the funding by €300m. The closing date has been extended to 31st October 2020. A business will be a "Qualifying Business" for the purpose of the Restart Grant Plus Scheme if it meets each of the following criteria:

- i. it is a rateable and trading commercial business,
- ii. it is a micro, small or medium enterprise with turnover in its last financial year of less than €25m and employing 0 - 250 people,
- iii. it has a turnover of less than €100k per employee to a maximum of €25m;

- iv. it declares that it is impacted by a 25% or more reduction in expected turnover in the period from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020, and
- v. it declares its intention that employees in receipt of the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme will continue to be employed in the business.

Qualifying businesses will receive a grant equivalent to their commercial rates demand for calendar year 2019, subject to a minimum grant of €4,000 and a maximum of €25,000.

We have received 3,177 completed application and declaration forms to 2nd October 2020, with an estimated value of €19m. We are currently working on a further 30% top up for approximately 913 applicants whose payments had already been processed. The Top Up is due to the additional restrictions in Dublin. The total approved applications is 2,084, with a value of €13m to 2nd 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 on the Council's financial position will not be known for some time. In the meantime budgets and cash flow continues to be monitored closely.

Planning:

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

Corporate Affairs:

- The monthly Council meetings resumed in September with the meeting taking place in the Ferry Terminal where social distancing and public health procedures could be implemented to create a safe environment.
- Training on the new dlrMeetingPoint, meeting system continued for Councillors, Senior Management Team and staff. The new system will come into operation for the October Meeting.
- Group Leaders' meetings continue on a four week basis.
- The Communications Unit was busy ensuring that the impact of the Level 3 status, on Council services was clearly relayed to our customers and the public.
- Weekly/bi-weekly meetings take place with all staff Covid reps within the organisation, to keep staff fully informed and 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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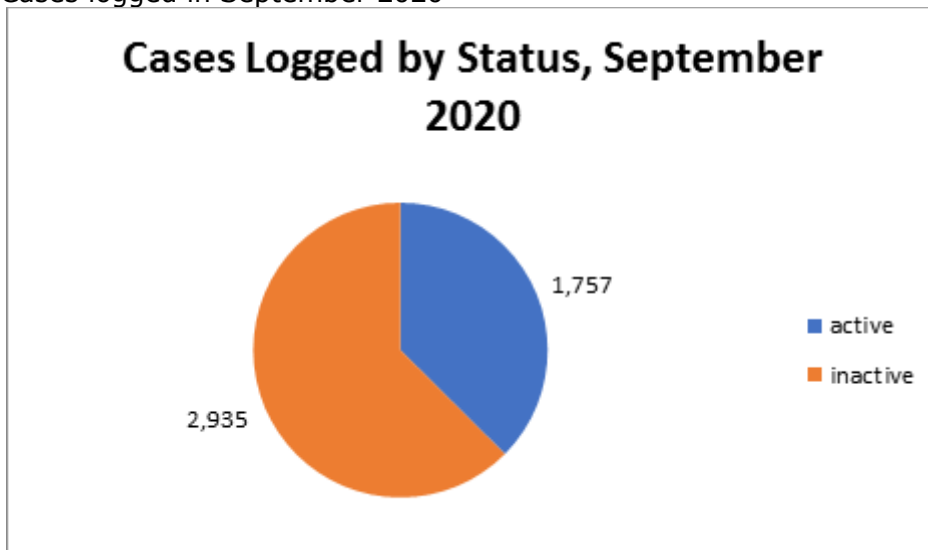


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*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Cases logged in September 2020

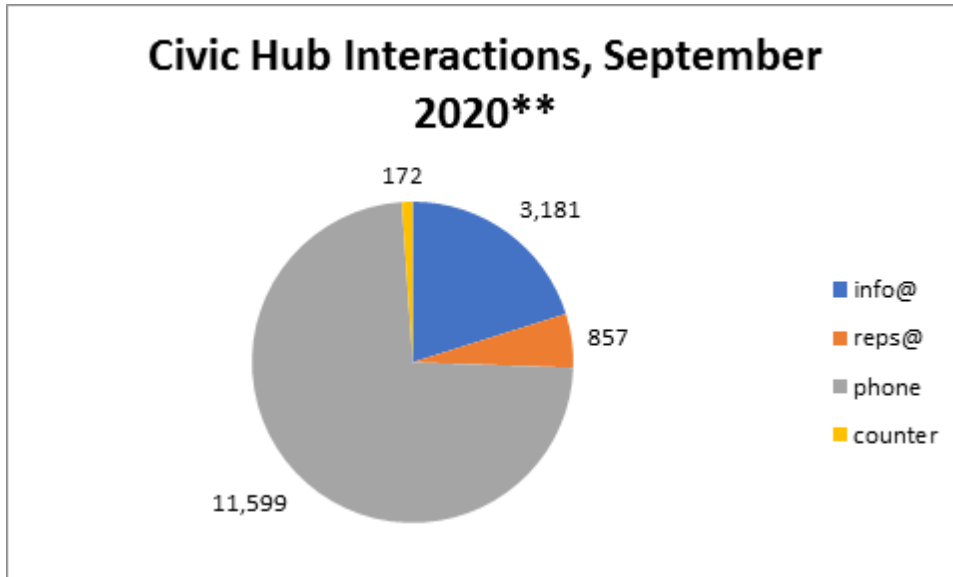


Open	1,757
Closed	2,935

Cases Logged in September 2020, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	5	6	11
Ballyogan Depot	3	4	7
CoCo	28	3	31
Comms & Civic Hub	34	886	920
Community	3	1	4
Corporate Services	6	1	7
dlrcoco	16	4	20
Enterprise	1		1
Environment	356	603	959
Finance	64	345	409
Housing	83	137	220
IT	1		1
HR	2	1	3
Libraries		1	1
Parks	331	184	515
Planning	19	24	43
Property	27	110	137
Transportation	768	568	1336
Waste Enforcement	7	46	53
Water Services	3	11	14
Grand Total	1757	2935	4692

Civic Hub Activities:



Cases logged in September 2020 * Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	8,612	2,987

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	3,181	857	4,038

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	146	26	172

Social Media and Website Activity – September 2020

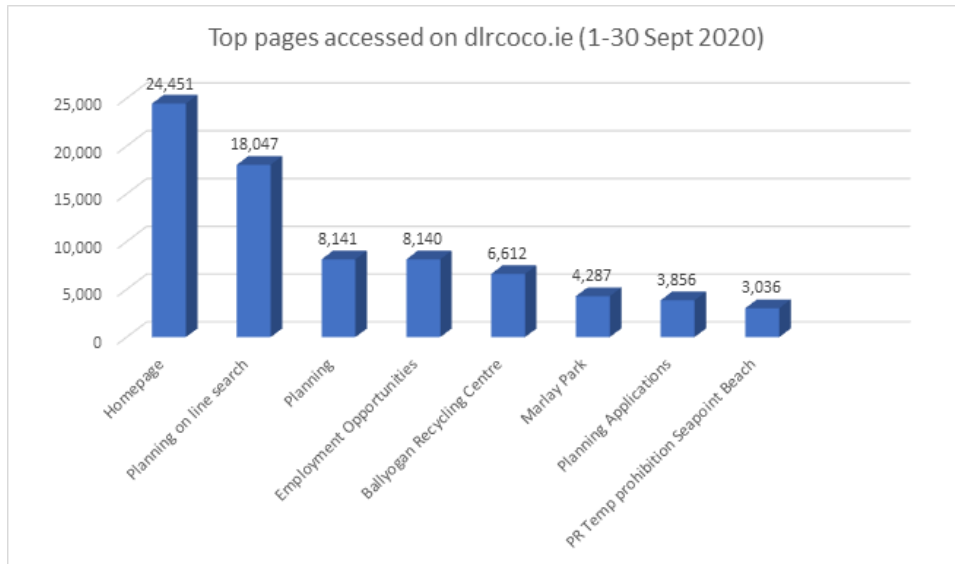
Social Media

Twitter Accounts	Tweets	Followers	Impressions
dlr corporate	175	16,111	904k
dlr libraries	78	7,939	193k
dlr Tourism	21	3,015	17k
dlr events	2	5,577	5k
dlr LEO	3	5,426	2k
dlr Heritage	28	3,438	50k

Facebook Accounts*	Facebook Posts	Followers
dlr Corporate	134	11,817
dlr events	9	9,860
dlr libraries	100	5,928
dlr Tourism	11	5,406
dlr LEO	4	1,417
dlr Heritage	20	3,697

Website Activity – page views

dlrcoco.ie 217,916
 dlrevents.ie 4,541
 dlrlibraries.ie 57,193



No of users on dlrcoco.ie

63,333 (average 2,000 users per day) highest peak of users during the month is **3,849**

Press Queries

21 press queries in September

Freedom of Information

There were 11 FOI requests received in September

1. Road Maintenance

Road Maintenance Management Report - September 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		✓			
3	Kilmacud Road Lower				✓	
4	Green Route				✓	
5	Sydenhnam Road				✓	
12	Adelaide Road				✓	
13	Castle Park Road				✓	
14	Ballinclea Road	✓				
15	Corrig Road		✓			
16	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
17	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
18	Rochestown Avenue	✓				
19	Saval Park Road		✓			
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Broadford Road		✓			
2	Woodpark - The Drive		✓			
3	Stillorgan Road (old N11)	✓				
4	Upper Kilmacud Road	✓				
5	Ticknock Road Edges		✓			
6	Ballyedmunduff/Ballybetagh Road Edges		✓			
7	Heidelberg		✓			
8	Sandyford Village	✓				
22	Dalkey Avenue				✓	
23	Georges Place		✓			
24	Patricks Square		✓			
25	Casement Villas				✓	
26	Temple Crescent	✓				
27	Monkstown Farm	✓				

28	Georges Street Lower	✓				
29	Grotto Avenue/Grotto Place				✓	
30	Barnaslingan Lane	✓				
31	Shanganagh Terrace		✓			
32	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)		✓			
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley		✓			on site week beginning 5th Oct
2	Sandyford Business District				✓	
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				
4	Westminster Road				✓	
5	Enniskerry Road		✓			
6	Cabinteely Close		✓			
7	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road		✓			
8	The Park, Cabinteely		✓			
17	Dún Laoghaire Town			✓		
18	Blackrock Town				✓	
19	Dalkey Village		✓			
20	Glasthule Village				✓	
21	Ashlawn Park/Coolevin	✓				
22	Wynberg Park	✓				
23	Watsons Estate	✓				
24	Woodbrook Glen				✓	
25	Glenavon Park	✓				
26	Ballybride Road		✓			
27	Ballycorous Road				✓	
28	Patrician Villas				✓	
29	Eaton Brae			✓		
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 mid of October
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 Stradbrook Road (part of)			✓		
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Brehonfield Road	✓				
2	Churchtown Road Upper	✓				
3	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jct)	✓				
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		✓			

	*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.				
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme				
1	Proby Square (South)		✓		
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways		✓		
3	Devitt Villas			✓	

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 and are progressing well
Sandyford Cycle Route (UCD to Clonskeagh) Phase 3	✓						Design is ongoing by CSEA. Public Consultation was held between July 3 to August 14, 2020
Stillorgan Road Cycle Route (UCD accessibility at Nova)					✓		Works recommenced on 18 May, 2020 and are progressing well
Sandyford Business District walking and cycling improvements	✓						Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation on three routes in the Sandyford Business District; Carmanhall Road, Blackthorn Road and Burton Hall Road.
Stillorgan Park Road cycle schemes			✓				Consultant CSEA appointed to carry out the detailed design work of the scheme.
Wyattville Road Cycle route – Stage 2	✓						Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation. Public Consultation was held between July 20 to August 20, 2020
Brides Glen Greenway	✓						Consultancy tenders received
East Coast Trail (Merrion Gates to Seapoint)	✓						Review underway in the context of the coastal cycle route
Nutgrove Avenue Cycle Route					✓		Cycle improvements on Nutgrove Avenue from the Bottle Tower to

								the church currently being carried out.
Dodder Greenway	✓							Work on the design of preferred option is being progressed by DCC
Cycle Parking							✓	160 cycle stands installed in 2020 (320 spaces). 10 cycle stands were installed in Shankill and Monkstown farm in September
Protected cycle routes Goatstown Road							✓	Works to be completed in September 2020/Early 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							✓	Construction completed. Awaiting agreement with landowners to open Greenway

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	✓							Detailed Design stage
Wyvern-Zebra Crossing adjacent to the								

school Shanganagh Road -Signalised Pedestrian Crossing adjacent to Abberley/Norwood							
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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, 60% completed

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

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

Supported Harold Schools in Glasthule with setting up a School Walking Bus. High viz vests and were provided to the school and the Council featured in a Gazette article. Hi-viz vests and road safety promotional materials were provided to Stillorgan Library to distribute as part of the public bike clinic.

TAG

There was an Area 1 meeting with an Garda Síochána on 15th September 2020 where 34 items were dealt with under the Traffic Advisory Group

Deputations

There were no Deputations meetings during September 2020.

Cycling

A Cycling forum meeting was held on MS Teams on the 8th of September and number of officials attended on behalf of the Council

A SPC meeting also took place on MS Teams on the 8th of September and presentation on the Bus Connect Design public consultation.

Due to new Level 3 Government Covid-19 restrictions a number of Bike Week events had to be curtailed including Coastal Cycle Event. Public Bike Clinics were held in Dún Laoghaire, Sandyford and Stillorgan library with cycling related posts placed on Social media. Dublin Cycling campaign webinars were also promoted.

BusConnects Dublin Update

Design is continuing with a view to going to public consultation in October 2020. A planning application will be forwarded to An Bórd Pleanála in Q1 2021. The NTA has published their final proposed Bus Network, which has included most the Council’s proposed amendments.

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 proposed in October.

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

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

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. Award of the project will commence following OPW approvals.

Draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs)

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

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

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

4. Roads Control Unit September 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 521no. locations are received and issued to the Contractor for reinstatement between 1st January and 30 September 2020.

Restoration works

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		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2020					
1	Proby Square (South)		✓			
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3	Devitt Villas			✓		

5. Cleansing Section Information & Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Section Statistics: March 2020 – August 2020

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	223	201	198	253	286	250
Clean-Ups Assisted	44	20	38	43	46	52
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	16	6	23	12	24	12
Bathing Water Samples Taken	10	0	9	46	37	49
Gullies Cleaned	368	685	1149	1779	1415	889
Dumping Incidents Managed	81	64	87	99	78	70
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	0	5
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	1	0	0	8	5	31
Street Bin Collections	3271	3108	4043	4253	4091	3983

* Statistics available up to the end of August 2020.

Cleansing & Beaches Project Updates – September 2020

- Cleansing works on the N11 (gully cleaning, road sweeping and weed control) are 95% complete with only ramps at Wyatville Road remaining. Cleansing works on the Wyatville Road will commence in October.

- Lifeguards ceased operations at DLR's beaches on 15th September in line with the end of the Bathing Season and all Bathing Season EPA/HSE reporting has been closed out.
- The Dun Laoghaire Town Centre Deep Clean initiative is nearing completion. Power hosing works are complete. Minor weeding and gully cleaning works remain. Ballybrack Village Deep Clean is complete.
- The 2020 weeding programme is ongoing throughout the county.
- Mini-Sweeper trials ongoing throughout September with a view to identifying a sweeper suitable for new segregated cycle lanes currently being installed across the county as part of DLR/NTA Active mobility initiatives.

6.Relevant Statistics

There were 2605 fixed charge notices/fines issued in September 2020 a breakdown of which is as follows:

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Tickets</u>
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	3
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	2
Overstaying 2 hour parking limit	3
Overstaying 3 hour parking limit	29
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	15
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	321
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	3
Parking a vehicle in a bus lane/street	2
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	34
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance	1
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	3
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	20
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	72
Parking a vehicle on a footway	232
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	2
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	85
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	8
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	4
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	12
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	25
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	4
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	42
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	18
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	249
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1381
Total No. of tickets issued in September 2020	2605

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

Public Lighting

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

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Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Sept 2020:	443
Percentage of lights out at the end of Sept 2020:	0.7%
Pole replacement carried out in Sept 2020:	27
Bracket replacements:	158
Tree trimming:	6
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	31
LED Upgrades	300

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 September 2020

Road Opening Licences received in September 2020 via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Application submitted	165
Application processed	95

Road Closures, Street Furniture, event signage and filming applications

In September there were:

- 5 application for Road Closures
- 12 applications for Street Furniture.
- 5 Filming applications on the public road sent in. 3 have been processed.
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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.
- initiative is working well and has been welcomed by the public generally.

Harbour Activities:

- The Marina has reopened fully to boat owners.
- The Yacht Club dining rooms have closed again in line with Government guidelines for Level 3 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, but no booking as of yet.

Projects

Serpentine Seating on Plaza

The Serpentine Seating on the Plaza at the Ferry Terminal has been restored by the original artist, Orla Kaminska and is now pristine again.

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, due to commence in October 2020.

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 has been unable to progress this campaign to date, however it is proposed to recommence the project in the coming weeks.

Social Media Platforms

Twitter – 4,460 followers

Facebook – 2,612 followers



Comhairle Contae County Council

Finance and Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan-Sept 2020	Enterprise Ireland target to September 2020
Feasibility Study	16	11
Business Priming	9	12
Business Expansion	12	8
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	14	14
Trading Online Vouchers ¹	489	38
Microfinance Ireland	20	15
Business Continuity Vouchers ²	462	N/A
Total Approvals	1,022	

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-Sept 2020
No of jobs created	42.5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2020

	Total Jan - Sept 2020
Clients approved for Financial Assistance	1,022
Clients attending Networking Events	521
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	3,976
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	213
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	304
Total No of Clients Assisted	6,036

DLR Economic Development Supports

	Total Jan-Sept 2020
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	2
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	16
Business Promotion Grants	6
Street Furniture Grant ³	4

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

Enterprise Promotion activities in September 2020

DLR Enterprise News	LEO DLR - Enterprise News September 2020 (sent 07/09/2020 11:14am) Open rate 36.1%. 2,443 recipients. LEO DLR - Enterprise News Update 2020 (sent 28/09/2020 1:17pm) Open rate
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	33.9%. 2,152 recipients. Open rate Industry average 11%
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Sessions throughout September
Enterprising Women Network Webinar	September 8 th 2020
Trading Online Voucher Information Webinar	September 1 st 2020 September 24 th 2020
8 Week Start Your Own Business Course	Commenced September 1 st 2020
Employment Law for Small Business Owners	September 3 rd 2020
Google AdWords Workshop	September 3 rd 2020

Tourism Development

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

DLR Tourist Information Kiosk

The DLR Tourist Kiosk has initial indications that footfall is low during the week and busy at the weekends.

Destination Towns Fund "Dun Laoghaire"

Development of a new Historic Trail and Harbour Trail are under way.

A contractor has been appointed for the 3D lighting element of the Destination Town project and this element of the project will be in place for November.

Dublin Coastal Trail

Site visits took place in September with Fáilte Ireland. Final locations for signage has been agreed. Content development for each location has been reviewed. Due for implementation in Q1 2021.

Tourism Promotion

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council have participated in the development of a new travel programme which will promote Ireland in the USA. ***Ireland, County By County***, is a thirty minute travel show which will run from January to March 2021 and will feature the main visitor attractions in DLR.

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

Further collaborations took place with Fáilte Ireland on the development of the new Dublin Coastal Trail.

DLR Tourism Social Media analysis September:

	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism - Facebook	5,406	30	11	21,608
dlr Tourism - Twitter	3,015	37	21	17,700

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2020**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/08/2020 €
A Total Housing & Building	-11,150,942	15,576,488	-14,582,242	-10,156,695
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-9,485,702	3,798,219	-1,813,334	-7,500,817
C Total Water Services	-3,339,681	285,361	-176,152	-3,230,472
D Total Development Management	-58,562,198	5,797,563	-9,124,478	-61,889,114
E Total Environmental Services	-8,557,016	33,134	-353,800	-8,877,682
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-14,795,623	5,674,390	-3,079,441	-12,200,675
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,029,685	83,631	0	-3,946,054
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-37,024,959	1,847,322	-3,259,777	-38,437,414
Grand Total	-146,945,806	33,096,108	-32,389,225	-146,238,923

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/08/2020

	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Balance at 31/08/2020 €	Arrears from current year debit	Arrears >1 year
RATES	14,468,049	59,665,228	46,612,434	13,052,794

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2020

86.67%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE			
	Expenditure	Adopted Full Year Budget	Exp as % of Budget	
	€	€		
A	Housing & Building	31,798,821	49,324,900	64.46%
B	Road Transport & Safety	21,745,315	30,748,700	70.72%
C	Water Services	7,862,097	12,388,600	63.46%
D	Development Management	20,375,707	21,872,800	93.16%
E	Environmental Services	20,522,859	30,671,800	66.91%
F	Recreation & Amenity	20,867,524	34,532,100	60.43%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,170,371	4,748,900	87.82%
H	Miscellaneous Services	9,041,902	8,207,900	110.16%
	Total Expenditure	136,382,596	192,495,700	70.85%

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME			
	Income	Adopted Full year Budget	Inc as % of Budget	
	€	€		
A	Housing & Building	28,114,372	42,936,600	65.48%
B	Road Transport & Safety	10,855,973	13,492,400	80.46%
C	Water Services	5,598,587	8,557,300	65.40%
D	Development Management	10,203,885	5,360,400	190.36%
E	Environmental Services	3,854,257	5,627,200	68.49%
F	Recreation & Amenity	3,015,376	5,551,400	54.32%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,009,679	3,934,400	76.50%
H	Miscellaneous Services	4,357,087	6,617,300	65.84%
	Sub Total	69,007,196	92,077,000	74.95%

LPT	Local Property Tax	7,246,336	10,869,500	66.67%
RA	Rates	59,434,070	89,549,200	66.37%
	Total Income	135,687,602	192,495,700	70.49%

Deficit as 31/08/2020 €694,994

Planning Applications – monthly statistics

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1 Perm on foot of Outline permission	138	139
Decision Deferred	0	33	33
Decision to Grant**	0	82	82
Decision to Refuse**	0	12	12
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	59	59
Invalid Applications	1 Perm on foot of Outline permission	20	21

*Includes 13 Applications for Retention

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

1 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP30815720	Marmalade Lane, Wyckham Avenue, Dundrum, Dublin 16 1 Wyckham Land Limited BTR 628 Apt	11-Sep-2020	15-Oct-2020	www.marmaladelaneshd.ie	11/01/2021
ABP30822720	Murphystown Way, Dublin 18 Murphystown Land Developments DAC 249 Apt	21-Sep-2020	27-Oct-2020	www.murphystownwayshd.ie	19/01/2021

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

Planning Counter Figures 1st Sept to 30th Sept

Customers Served	227
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*The public counter is open to the public from Monday the 21st September by appointment only.

Building Control

Fire Safety Certs applications received	4
Regularisation Certs	0
Revised Fire Safety Certs	1
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	13*
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	5

Disability Access Cert Applications Granted /Refused	14/3
Commencement Notices Validated	57
7 Day Notices received	4
Completion Certs Validated	25

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

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received	53
Complaints closed	68

Litter and Waste Fines

September 2020	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	43	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	4	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	17	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	349	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	306	Litter Section

Preparations underway for [Open House Dublin, annual architecture festival](#) taking place this year mostly online, 8-11 October. Highlights of this year's programme include:

- 'The Big Debate' with dlr County Architect and other leading experts debating issues around wellbeing, climate change and people-centred cities - 8th October
- A series of film shorts celebrating and showcasing Dublin's architecture features dlr's Rosemount Court in Dundrum
- Junior activities include new competitions - a Digital Design Challenge for older children and 'Building Stories' competition for younger children to create a 3D model of the dlr LexIcon using recycled materials

The dlr programme of events include the following on Sunday 11th October:

- Guided bike tour from Sandycove, through Monkstown to Blackrock village will highlight new place-making and public realm
- Guided walking tour of the Marlay Park courtyard restoration of a Protected Structure
- Guided walking tour of Dublin's quarrying and stone masonry heritage in Fernhill Gardens
- Free Energy webinar (see below)

For full details of the event programme and to make bookings visit www.openhousedublin.com

Energy

As part of OHD on Sunday 11 October a free Energy Webinar '**How to Make Your Home More Energy Efficient and Help Build a Sustainable Community**' will raise awareness of energy efficiency among homeowners and community groups. An expert panel will provide case studies of home renovations and groups working together on Energy Maps and details of SEAI funding available.

Dangerous Buildings: September 2020

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	4
Not Dangerous	2
Total	7

Community and Cultural Development

Community Facilities

Community Facilities providing Childcare and Youth Services continue to remain open during Level 3 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 Board 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.

DLR Comhairle na nÓg were included in the digital launch of DLR Children and Young Peoples Services Committee 3year plan. Comhairle members commented on their engagement and consultation in relation to the development of this plan and the importance of the voice of young people being heard.

Community Facilities Network

The community team held a network meeting via zoom for all facilities managers on the 15th September. This was well attended with over 15 facilities managers participating. This will provide a valuable forum for information sharing, upskilling and problem solving for facilities managers. We have also started a buddy programme and centres are to be paired so that they can support each other and facilitate shared learning.

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 3 restrictions with centres operating reduced services.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held a meeting on 16th September.
- The Healthy Ireland Steering Committee met on 9th September.
- 3 applications were submitted to the DCRD under the Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme 2020.
- The Community Enhancement Programme (Round 1) closed for applications on 10th September. This programme, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, is administered by the LCDC and provides capital funding for community groups to enhance community facilities in disadvantaged areas. Community Enhancement Programme – Community Centres and Buildings (Round 2) closes on 30th September.

COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

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

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 3700 calls since it commenced on 30 March with almost 40 calls received in September.
- Issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- Following the Government's decision for Dublin City and County to move to [Level 3 of the Plan for Living with COVID-19](#) for three weeks, 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.
- 3 Stakeholder Forum Multi Agency meetings were held in September.

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

Musicians in Residence

Drummer and percussionist Kevin Brady, on behalf of the Tommy Halferty Trio, will be Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Musician in Residence during September and October.

During the two-month Residency, Kevin Brady and the other members of the Trio will explore and compose music influenced by Música instrumental Brasileira (Brazilian instrumental music). The scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network.

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

dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme 2020/21

An online information session for the 2020/21 dlr First Frames Scheme was held on 9 September with speakers from dlr Arts Office, IADT and an external industry expert.



Over 50 people attended this. 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. The deadline for applications to the Scheme is 30 September.

<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 was due to open to the public on 26 September but due to level 3 restrictions is unable to. In the meantime, it is being promoted via social media and online channels.

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

Artist in Residence, UCD

Artist Mark Clare started as Artist in Residence in UCD Parity Studios. Over the coming year Mark will be working with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office, Biodiversity Office and UCD Earth Institute to build awareness of biodiversity - the diversity of nature, of our habitats, plants, and animals and their interconnections with each other in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County.

Watch Mark talking about his work and plans for the residency here;

<https://vimeo.com/457485773>

You can also find out more about his work here;

<http://www.ucdartistsinresidence.com/mark-clare>

Culture Night 2020

As part of Culture Night 2020 dlr Arts Office screened short films from young people in the County. The selection of short films created by young people in Ballybrack and Nutgrove Youth Services in collaboration with visual artist John Conway, with the support of Crosscare Youth Services and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office. Participants were supported in exploring the technical and creative aspects of film making, and they subsequently devised, directed, acted in and shot their own original work. The final short film, Strange Perspectives, took home the 'Best Sound' award at noise Youth Art Film Festival.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/culture-night-0>

Writer in Residence

Following an open call for a new writer in residence Sara Keating was selected as the new dlr writer in residence. She will be working on her new novel about James Joyce's daughter Lucia as well as public engagement projects throughout her residency.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/artist-residencies/writer-residence>

Libraries

Stay safe. Protect each other.

1-18 September: Adhering to prevailing public health guidelines in our library spaces we continued to offer our normal staffed hours, but not My Open Library hours in Deansgrange Library for this period. Sunday opening in dlr LexIcon was continued. dlr LexIcon continued to provide access to limited study spaces.

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

19-30 September: In line with the Government's decision for Dublin City and County to move to [Level 3 of the Plan for Living with COVID-19](#) for three weeks, dlr Libraries closed our branches to the public and reinstated our **Bag a Book: Contact & Collect service**. The national online catalogue remains available, so books can be reserved for collection at any dlr Library branch.

Community Call Book Drop

Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service.

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.

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

Events for Adults

Online Book Club

The popular online book club will meet on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm via Zoom to discuss the title *Eight months on Ghazzah Street* by Hilary Mantel. The club continues to grow in popularity and attract new members each month. The group will continue to meet virtually in October and November, taking a break in December. Physical copies of the chosen titles for discussion are available for collection in advance from dlr LexIcon with some titles also available online on our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

Guided Eco-Therapy walks

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

each walk last 45 minutes.

Dates & Venues

7 September: Cabinteely Park

14 September: Dún Laoghaire Pier

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

Press Photographers Association of Ireland Exhibition 2020

15 July – 30 September 2020 Level 4, dlr LexIcon

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

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 on-site and online, please visit:

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

Events for Children

Online Storytime

Our online storytime sessions with librarian Shelley continued in September with stories in English on Mondays and stories as Gaeilge on Wednesdays. The story sessions are part of our online programming for the Summer Stars reading programme.

Summer Stars 2020

Children all across DLR continued to participate in Summer Stars, the national summer reading programme. Parents can register their children in person or via phone or email to their local library. Any child who fills in a reading card gets entered into the draw for

various prizes, which include 5 family annual passes for Dublin Zoo, plus a variety of vouchers for local retailers within DLR. The Programme officially finished up at the end of August, but we continued distributing Summer Stars rewards and encouraging children in DLR to keep reading for leisure in September, as they headed back to school.

Lego Competition 2020

Our 2020 Lego competition culminated this month with participants dropping off their builds to dlr LexIcon on Wednesday, 16 September. The builds were exhibited until Friday 18 September when prizes were presented to the category winners by An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Una Power, with help from our sponsor Elaine Bowden of Bricks 4 Kidz South Dublin.

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

Further info:

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

Statistics

Social media (September 2020)

Facebook	6,411 followers
Twitter	7,932 followers
Instagram	2,547 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	6,539 subscribers

Online resources (September 2020)

Resource	Description	Checkouts to 24/09/20
Overdrive	e-Audio + e-Book	2,134
Borrowbox	e-Audio	3,684
Borrowbox	e-Book	2,251
RB Digital	Audio	667
RB Digital	Comics	63
RB Magazines	Magazines	2,517
Freegal	Music Streaming	1,921
Freegal	Music Download	127
Press Reader	Newspapers on-site	1,066
Press Reader	Newspapers off-site	13,787
Total		28,217

Parks

Parks & Landscaping Service:

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Direct labour tree works ongoing
- COVID-19 protocols for staff being implemented
- Due to the large volumes of people in parks currently, there is a significant increase in litter to be picked up and bins to be emptied.
- Repairs to damaged wall at Blackrock Park completed

- Pollinator sites and meadows all cut
- Flailing and hedge trimming ongoing
- Preparation of drawings and specifications and engagement of contractors for cycleways and pathways where NTA funding has been approved
- Fernhill Park & Gardens: New pitch – works ongoing, paths being developed, running path surfaced with macadam, steps and hopping stones complete, public lighting and paving ongoing
- Colaiste Eoin – works ongoing to new pitch
- Stonebridge Rd – works ongoing in provision of services to temporary changing rooms
- NTA funded cycleways commenced and underway in Blackrock Park and Clonkeen Park
- Peoples Park – resurfacing of the Metals at this location complete

Biodiversity:

- Biodiversity Events recommencement was cancelled for September due to change to Level 3 in Dublin in relation to Covid
- Biodiversity mapping of Locally Important Biodiversity Sites (LIBS) across the county completed.
- Grant for Invasive Species received– part of the Govt July Stimulus Package.
- Giant Hogweed Survey for Brides Glen River and Loughlinstown River Catchment commenced.
- Biodiversity input to the County Development Plan.
- Fernhill grazing project preparations for return of Droimeann cattle in early October.
- DLR Biodiversity Seed Harvesting Project meeting.
- County Otter Survey Phase II complete. Maps and Report delayed to October due to Covid.
- Invasive Species Action Plan – return of Section Leads comments/edits deadline September 30th.
- DLR Green Roof Biodiversity and Water Monitoring with UCD commenced.
- UCD Artist in Residence Biodiversity project commenced.
- Dundrum2030 and Pollinators project discussions.
- Review of County Habitat Mapping and Ecosystems Services draft report and mapping submitted for edits.
- Review of County Hedgerow Mapping and Ecosystem Services delayed due to Covid. Reporting due now in October.

Heritage:

- **2013-2019 dlr Heritage Plan** implementation: €23K from Heritage Council + €17.5K Creative Ireland stimulus fund
 - *Illustrating Cherrywood*; 7 time-lapse landscape-scale illustrations and child-friendly booklet on the history of Cherrywood
 - *Other Voices*; reinterpreting the stories of Marlay and Cabinteely Houses and *Creative responses* – artists respond to artefacts in Marlay House
 - Carrickmines Castle - interpretative content/exhibition plan, action of 2015-2025 Conservation Plan
- **2021-2025 dlr Heritage Plan preparation**; presentation to CC&W SPC meeting, internal consultation, drafting of County Heritage Forum membership

- **Dalkey Castle:** €5K from Dept. for new digital animated content.
- **National Community Monument Fund** submission - awaiting confirmation
 - Conservation Plan for Williamstown Martello Tower (Blackrock Park)
 - Drone survey of 7 dlr historic graveyards
- **Summer of Heritage** programme completed, feedback collated; e.g.
 - *"I really enjoyed the walk last night - I was blown away by the amount of heritage right next to where I live. I really appreciate the chance to learn some history of the area - thanks to all"* – Shankill participant
 - *"Just a very big thank you to all concerned with this event. Our guide was fantastic, and I really enjoyed the tour and learnt a lot"*, Blackrock participant
- Progressed **Dún Laoghaire pier and historic trail** interpretation projects
- Structurally unsound walls fixed at **Carrickbrennan Graveyard** and the **Oratory**, necessary works carried out to mature trees at Oratory
- Integrated built heritage/biodiversity plan initiated for **Deansgrange Cemetery**
- **Dublin Bay Biosphere** meeting
- Preparation of **Coastal Mobility Route heritage graphic** – *"A little history of transport innovation and taking the sea air along Dublin's South Coast"*

Ongoing **community/heritage group engagement**

CoCo Markets

During the month of September, we received 8 applications (4 permanent and 4 seasonal). These applications fell under the following categories: 4 permanent applications: 2 Non-Food/Craft; 1 Hot Food & 1 Other Food for Marlay Park. 4 seasonal applications: 3 Christmas 2 Non-Food/Craft and 1 Other Food for Marlay Park and 1 Summer 1 Non-Food/Craft for Dún Laoghaire.

Sports Development

dlr Leisure:

Set up and completed the following activities in September:

- Rockford Manor - 2 groups after school programme (LCA TY).
- Boylan Centre - 4 groups 10-12, 12-14, 14-16 and 16-18 year olds.
- Sallynoggin youth group.
- Shankill youth service.
- Contacted 11 dheis schools regarding our after-school programme but due to COVID they are not commencing their programme for the foreseeable future.
- Family resource Centre group starting 29th September and running for 5 weeks.
- Carmona services archery programme which runs 2 groups every Monday and Thursday
- Held meetings with Loughlinstown community centre and Ballybrack youth groups with the aim of setting up programmes for the future.
- Have booked in additional programmes for October, report to follow.

Leinster Rugby:

Leinster Rugby Schools Touch Rugby Program

JS:

- Primary Schools x 5 - 309 boys, 160 girls = 469 total.
- Secondary Schools x 1 - 16 boys (Transition Year Coaching Program).

EMcK:

- Primary Schools x 2 - 202 girls.
- Secondary Schools x 2 - 63 girls.

DLR Sports Partnership Programs:

- Loughlinstown Youth Group - 4 boys.
- Ballyogan Youth Group - 7 girls.

Club Workshops:

- South Dublin Coach Reset Workshop, DLSP FC, 32 males & 2 females = 34 coaches.
- These workshops are being run in every club in DLR over the next number of weeks.

Club Sessions:

- DLSP FC U14 handling & evasion - 14 boys.
- BCRFC Girls coaching session - 11 girls.
- St Brigid's RFC U8 coaching 1st session pod 1 13 boys - 13 players.
- St Brigid's RFC U8 coaching 2nd session pod 1 13 boys, 1 girl = 14 players.
- We have increased the number of visits to clubs to run sessions with the players. This is due to some schools not wanting external programs to be run for remainder of the year or at least until after Christmas.

School in House Blitzes

- Our Lady's Grove PS = 5th & 6th classes, 58 boys, 52 girls = 110 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.
- The blitz is being run on DLRCC grounds in Rosemount. The school have full permission to use the grounds.

Other News

- Old Wesley RFC have hired a Club & Community Officer to support the growth of mini & youth players in the DLR area. This is a first for the club. The new CCRO Andrew Egan, who is a current coach for the club, also coaches in Wesley College.

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.
- Provided 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.
- UEFA Grassroots Girls Blitz – 70 girls participated.
- Club Visits – Club visits to Rosemount Mulvey, Mount Merrion Girls, Lakelands Girls, Shankill Girls.
- Girls ETP - Preparing for the return of the Girls ETP. This includes; Player ID at games, preparing for COVID 19 regulations in Stepside. Also, liaising with club managers on selection and COVID procedures for the players. Planning sessions with the coaching staff.

- Coach Education – discussion with our Coach Education Department on how to deliver online coaching content.

Leinster Cricket:

- In contact via e-mail and phone with schools in the area about Winter Cricket Program.
- Provided schools with Return to Training Protocols tailored specifically for schools.
- In talks with DLR Cricket Club regarding participation in Cricket Leinster competitions for 2020.
- Distribution of 'Let's Play Cricket' video to commence shortly.

Sports Partnership:

- **Virtual dlr Community 5K** – continued this annual event where participants now do their 5K in their own area over the course of a week (610 registrations).
- **Dormant Accounts** – secured an additional €124,500 in funding for 5 separate projects over the next 12 months.
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** - 45 club applications (total amount of €53,000) have been sent to Sport Ireland for approval.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme** – opened for applications to support Women in Sport, Disability Sport and Volunteer Training initiatives.
- **Communications** – ongoing and informative posts on all social media platforms and August e-newsletter.
- **Couch To 2K** – started new programme with 110 participants.
- **Volunteer Training** – rolling out Child Safeguarding and Disability Awareness training across online platforms.
- **Schools** – working with both Primary and Secondary schools across a number of programmes including skipping, dance and rowing.
- **Eco Walks** - programme roll out now complete. Targeting cocooners in collaboration with the Libraries Dept.
- **Ballyogan Sports Hub** - Basketball programme rolled out for young teenagers with Crosscare Youth Service. Also a week of taster activities with the FRC.
- Promoting and supporting European Week of Sport and Bike Week.
- An LSP Covid-19 Protocols & Procedures document has been approved by NFHET including onsite safety Checklist to be used for all programmes/events.