



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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Clockwise From Top Left: dl Anseo Zabou, Star Pride at dock in Carlisle Pier, Bike Week, Ballyogan Square

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Foreword

The Annual Report for 2022 outlines and reflects on the work of the Council in delivering on its wide range of public services and major projects during the year. All of this work contributed to putting Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown to the fore in terms of local public service provision, including housing, public realm schemes and infrastructure development, ensuring that our County is an attractive and inclusive place in which to live, work, invest and visit.

2022 was a year in which society continued to adapt to the post-Covid world, and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown continued to implement Public Realm improvements across the County which provided much needed public spaces for our citizens and visitors.

Throughout the year, the Council worked to provide the highest quality services to its citizens. Full Council services were in place throughout the year, with staff moving to a hybrid model of working. A number of major projects commenced, including the Shanganagh-Woodbrook Housing development, which is the largest social and affordable housing development in the country.

A full range of services was delivered across the county. The County Development Plan 2022-2028 was adopted, Housing provision increased, grants and supports to local businesses and community groups were enhanced and key pieces of infrastructure were delivered.

Below is a brief list of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's achievements and highlights in 2022 and the awards we are proud to have received during the year:

2022 Awards:

- Blue Flag awarded at Killiney and Seapoint beach
- Cycling Infrastructure award for Coastal Mobility Route
- Green Flags awarded to six dlr Parks and Deansgrange Cemetery
- Great Town 2022 Award for Dún Laoghaire by the Academy of Urbanism

Highlights of 2022:

- County Development Plan 2022-2028 adopted
- Re-opening of Dún Laoghaire Baths
- Construction starts on largest public housing scheme at Shanganagh, Shankill
- Launch of Smart Dún Laoghaire programme
- Launch of 'Stirring Memories' stories of yesterday
- Accessible Swimming Poolpod installed at dlr Leisure Loughlinstown
- dlr signs the European Circular Cities Declaration

- Dún Laoghaire welcomes the largest IoT accessible parking trial in Ireland
- Launch of new dlr podcast
- Age Friendly Strategy completed
- Library Development Plan completed
- Community Response Forum reactivated to co-ordinate humanitarian response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine
- My Open Library opened in Dalkey Library
- 2000 events programmed in dlr Libraries
- 22,000 people attended Samhain in Marlay Park

Projects completed:

- Dún Laoghaire Baths
- Sea to Mountains Cycle Route
- Park to Park and Mountains to Metals Cycle Routes (with the exception of Deansgrange Road)
- Safe and Quiet Streets: Drummartin Park
- Eden Park Improvements
- Cycle protection works at Honey Park
- 878 properties surveyed as part of our stock condition survey

- 82 properties retrofitted under the Energy Efficiency/Retrofit Programme
- 10 dwellings/bays refurbished for Traveller Specific Accommodation.
- 148 homes were provided through the build programme in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies and a further 61 homes were provided through our own build and Part V programmes.
- Road Safety Plan adopted in September 2022
- Ice Plant Demolition project completed & improved facilities for the Dún Laoghaire Fishing Fleet installed
- EU Funded Dublin Urban Rivers Life Project (in partnership with SDCC); 808 properties were assessed. 89 of these properties were misconnected of which 56 had been repaired
- Road Resurfacing Programme Major Works (Roads Programme) – reconstruction/resurfacing of a road length of c. 8.5km
- Deep Cleans completed in 12 towns/villages
- New Paid Parking Scheme introduced in Mulvey Park, Dundrum and Craigmole Gardens and Wilmount Avenue became “Cashless” Paid Parking Schemes

We would like to thank all those who have assisted us in realising our achievements during the year. We wish to commend the cooperation and partnership of the Elected Members, the dedication of Council management and staff and the support and community spirit of local people in the county and our thriving business community. We look forward to working with you over many years to come.



Mary Hanafin

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An Cathaoirleach



Frank Curran

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Chief Executive

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Councillor Membership of dlr Committees

✓ - Denotes membership for entire year

◆ - Denotes membership for part of 2022

Councillor Name	Dun Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee
Ahmed, Kazi (FG)		✓	✓
Baker, Marie (F.G)	✓		✓
Blain, Emma (F.G)		✓	
Brennan, Shay (F.F.)		✓	
Clark, Michael (FG)	✓		
Colgan, Anne (IND)		✓	✓
Dockery, Liam (FF)		◆ Appointed 12/12/22	◆ Appointed 12/12/22
Dockrell, Maurice (FG)	✓		
Donnelly, Deirdre (IND)		✓	✓
Dowling, Eva Elizabeth (GP)		✓	✓
Dunne, Daniel (GP)		✓	
Fanning, Martha (LAB)	✓		✓
Fayne, Mary (F.G.)	✓		✓
Feeney, Kate (F.F.)	✓		✓
Fleming, Michael (IND)		✓	
Gildea, Jim (F.G)	✓		✓
Grainger, Anna (FG)		✓	
Hall, Lorraine (FG)	✓		
Halpin, Melisa (PBP)	✓		✓
Hanafin, Mary (FF)	✓		✓
Kate Ruddock (GP)	◆ Appointed 10/10/22		
Kennedy, John (F.G.)		✓	
Kinsella, Patricia (IND)		◆ Resigned 11/04/22	
Kivlehan, Tom (GP)	✓		✓
Lewis, Hugh (IND)	✓		
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)		✓	◆ Ex officio Jan – June 2022
McLoughlin, Sean (IND)		✓	
McNamara, Frank (FG)	✓		
Moylan, Justin (FF)	✓		✓
Murphy, Tom (F.F.)		✓	✓
O'Brien, Peter (LAB)		✓	✓
O'Callaghan, Denis (LAB)	✓		✓

Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee
O'Connell, Juliet (LAB)	✓		
O'Connell, Maeve (FG)		✓	✓
O'Connor, Oisín (GP)		✓	
O Faolain, Seafra (GP)	◆ Resigned 10/10/22		
O'Leary, Jim (FG)		✓	✓
Power, Una (GP)	✓		
Quinn, Dave (SD)	✓		
Saul, Barry (FG)		✓	✓
Sexton, Senan (IND)		◆ Appointed 11/04/22	
Smith, Donal (FF)		◆ Resigned 14/11/22	◆ Resigned 14/11/22
Smyth, Carrie (LAB)	✓		

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

- ✓ - Denotes membership for entire year
- ◆ - Denotes membership for part of 2022

Councillor Name	Association of Irish Local Government	Audit Committee	Dalkey Heritage Town Company	dlr Properties	Dodder Greenway Steering Group	Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board	Dún Laoghaire Drugs & Alcohol Task Force	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Leisure Services	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Mill Theatre Company	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership
AHMED, Kazi (FG)						✓				
BAKER Marie (F.G)										
BLAIN Emma (F.G)	✓									
BRENNAN, Shay (F.F)				✓	✓				✓	
CLARK, Michael (FG)						✓				
COLGAN Anne (IND)	✓	✓								
DOCKERY, Liam (FF)										
DOCKRELL, Maurice (FG)										
DONNELLY, Deirdre (IND)								✓		✓
DOWLING, Eva Elizabeth (GP)					✓					
DUNNE, Daniel (GP)										
FANNING, Martha (LAB)										
FAYNE Mary (F.G)										
FEENEY Kate (F.F)	◆ Ceased Membership Sept 2022									
FLEMING, Michael (IND)										
GILDEA Jim (FG)										
GRAINGER, Anna (FG)										
HALL, Lorraine (FG)										
HALPIN, Melisa (PBP)										
HANAFIN, Mary (FF)										
KENNEDY John (F.G)										
KINSELLA, Patricia (IND)										
KIVLEHAN, Tom (GP)		✓		✓						
LEWIS, Hugh (IND)										
McCARTHY Lettie (LAB)										

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MCLOUGHLIN, Sean (IND)										
MCNAMARA, Frank (FG)										
MOYLAN, Justin (FF)			✓							
MURPHY, Tom (FF)								✓		
O'BRIEN Peter (LAB)					✓		✓			
O'CALLAGHAN, Denis (LAB)										
O'CONNELL, Juliet (LAB)			✓					✓		
O'CONNELL, Maeve (FG)										
O'CONNOR, Oisín (GP)				✓				✓	✓	
O FAOLAIN, Seaфра (GP)										
O'LEARY, Jim (FG)		✓								
POWER, Una (GP)						✓	✓			✓
QUINN, Dave (SD)										
RUDDOCK, Kate (GP)										
SAUL, Barry (FG)				✓						
SEXTON, Senan (IND)										
SMITH, Donal (FF)										
SMYTH, Carrie (LAB)	◆ Appointed Sept 2022			✓						

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Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Theatre Company	Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly	Heritage Forum	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited	Joint Policing Committee	Local Authority Members Association	Local Community Development Committee	Lord Edward Fitzgerald Memorial Fund	Local Policing Forum: Dundrum & Stillorgan (Est July 2021)
AHMED, Kazi (FG)					✓				
BAKER, Marie (FG)			✓				✓		
BLAIN Emma (FG)			✓						
BRENNAN, Shay (F.F)					✓				✓
CLARK, Michael (FG)			✓		✓				
COLGAN Anne (IND)					◆ Ceased Membership Feb 2022				
DOCKERY, Liam (FF)									
DOCKRELL, Maurice (FG)									
DONNELLY, Deirdre (IND)	✓				◆ Appointed Feb 2022			✓	
DOWLING, Eva Elizabeth (GP)					✓			✓	✓
DUNNE, Daniel (GP)							✓		
FANNING, Martha (LAB)									
FAYNE Mary (F.G)									
FEENEY Kate (F.F)		✓					✓		
FLEMING, Michael (IND)									
GILDEA Jim (FG)		✓							
GRAINGER, Anna (FG)					✓				
HALL, Lorraine (FG)					✓				
HALPIN, Melisa (PBP)									
HANAFIN Mary (F.F)	✓	✓			✓			✓	
KENNEDY, John (F.G)					✓				
KINSELLA, Patricia (IND)									
KIVLEHAN, Tom (GP)			✓						
LEWIS, Hugh (IND)			✓						
McCARTHY Lettie (LAB)					✓		✓		

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MCLOUGHLIN, Sean (IND)									
MCNAMARA, Frank (FG)					✓				
MOYLAN, Justin (FF)						◆ Ceased Membership Feb 2022			
MURPHY Tom (F.F)									
O'CONNOR, Oisín (GP)					✓				
O'BRIEN Peter (LAB)		✓							
O'CALLAGHAN, Denis (LAB)					✓	◆ Appointed Feb 2022			
O'CONNELL, Juliet (LAB)	✓								
O'CONNELL, Maeve (FG)				✓					
O FAOLAIN, Seaфра (GP)					◆ Ceased Membership Oct 2022				
O'LEARY, Jim (FG)									
POWER, Una (GP)									
QUINN, Dave (SD)			✓						
RUDDOCK, Kate (GP)					◆ Appointed Oct 2022				
SAUL, Barry (FG)									
SEXTON, Senan (IND)									
SMITH, Donal (FF)									
SMYTH, Carrie (LAB)					✓				

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- ◆ - Denotes membership for part of 2021

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AHMED, Kazi (FG)										
BAKER, Marie (FG)					✓					✓
BLAIN, Emma (FG)										
BRENNAN, Shay (F.F)										
CLARK, Michael (FG)					✓	✓				
COLGAN, Anne (IND)										
DOCKERY, Liam (FF)										
DOCKRELL, Maurice (FG)										
DONNELLY, Deirdre (IND)										✓
DOWLING, Eva Elizabeth (GP)						◆ Ceased Membership Feb 2022				
DUNNE, Daniel (GP)										
FANNING, Martha (LAB)				✓						✓
FAYNE, Mary (F.G)										✓
FEENEY, Kate (F.F)										✓
FLEMING, Michael (IND)						✓				
GILDEA Jim (FG)							✓			
GRAINGER, Anna (FG)							✓			
HALL, Lorraine (FG)										
HALPIN, Melisa (PBP)					✓					
HANAFIN, Mary (F.F)					✓					
KENNEDY, John (F.G)										
KINSELLA, Patricia (IND)										
KIVLEHAN, Tom (GP)										
LEWIS, Hugh (IND)				✓	✓					
McCARTHY, Lettie (LAB)			✓		✓	◆ Appointed Feb 2022		◆ Appointed Feb 2022		

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MCLOUGHLIN, Sean (IND)					✓				✓	
MCNAMARA, Frank (FG)										
MOYLAN, Justin (FF)	✓						✓			
MURPHY, Tom (F.F)				◆ Ceased Membership Feb 2022				◆ Ceased Membership Feb 2022		
O'CONNOR, Oisín (GP)										
O'BRIEN, Peter (LAB)				◆ Appointed Feb 2022						
O'CALLAGHAN, Denis (LAB)					✓				✓	
O'CONNELL, Juliet (LAB)										
O'CONNELL, Maeve (FG)										
O FAOLAIN, Seaфра (GP)					◆ Ceased Membership Oct 2022					◆ Ceased Membership Oct 2022
O'LEARY, Jim (FG)										
POWER, Una (GP)		✓			✓		✓			
QUINN, Dave (SD)					✓		✓		✓	
RUDDOCK, Kate (GP)					◆ Appointed Oct 2022					◆ Appointed Oct 2022
SAUL, Barry (FG)					✓					
SEXTON, Senan (IND)										
SMITH, Donal (FF)										
SMYTH, Carrie (LAB)							✓			

Strategic Policy Committee Membership

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 ◆ - Denotes membership for part of 2021

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BAKER, Marie (FG)	✓					✓
BLAIN, Emma (F.G)			✓	✓		
BRENNAN, Shay (F.F)		✓				✓
CLARK, Michael (FG)		✓	✓			
COLGAN, Anne (IND)				✓	✓	
DOCKERY, Liam (FF)			◆ Appointed December 2022	◆ Appointed December 2022		
DOCKRELL, Maurice (FG)				✓		✓
DONNELLY, Deirdre (IND)	✓					✓
DOWLING, Eva Elizabeth (GP)		✓				✓
DUNNE, Daniel (GP)	✓				◆ Chair	◆ Ceased Membership February 2022
FANNING, Martha (LAB)	✓			◆ Ceased Membership November 22		◆ Appointed November 2022
FAYNE, Mary (F.G)		✓	✓			
FEENEY, Kate (F.F)		◆ Chair	◆ Ceased Membership April 22			✓
FLEMING, Michael (IND)	✓ Chair	✓				
GILDEA, Jim (FG)		✓		✓		
GRAINGER, Anna (FG)	✓				✓	
HALL, Lorraine (FG)		✓				✓
HALPIN, Melisa (PBP)					✓	✓
HANAFIN, Mary (FF)	✓				✓	
KENNEDY, John (F.G)		✓			✓	
KINSELLA, Patricia (IND)		◆ Ceased Membership April 2022	◆ Ceased Membership April 2022			

Councillor Name	Community, Culture & Wellbeing SPC	Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Environment & Climate Action SPC	Housing SPC	Planning & Citizen Engagement SPC	Transportation & Marine SPC
KIVLEHAN, Tom (GP)	◆ Appointed February 2022			✓	◆ Ceased Membership February 2022	
LEWIS, Hugh (IND)			✓	✓		
McCARTHY, Lettie (LAB)			✓		✓	
MCLOUGHLIN, Sean (IND)	✓					✓
MCNAMARA, Frank (FG)				✓	✓	
MOYLAN, Justin (FF)	✓			✓		
MURPHY, Tom (FF)					✓	✓
O'BRIEN, Peter (LAB)	✓			◆ Chair Appointed November 22		◆ Ceased Membership November 22
O'CALLAGHAN, Denis (LAB)		✓		✓		
O'CONNELL, Juliet (LAB)		✓			✓	
O'CONNELL, Maeve (FG)					✓	✓
O'CONNOR, Oisín (GP)	◆ Ceased Membership February 2022			✓		◆ Chair Appointed November 22
O FAOLAIN, Seaфра (GP)		◆ Ceased Membership October 22	◆ Ceased Membership October 22			
O'LEARY, Jim (FG)			✓ Chair		✓	
POWER, Una (GP)			✓		✓	
QUINN, Dave (SD)				✓	✓	
RUDDOCK, Kate (GP)		◆ Appointed October 22	◆ Appointed October 22			
SAUL, Barry (FG)		✓	✓			
SEXTON, Senan (IND)		◆ Appointed April 2022	◆ Appointed April 2022			
SMITH, Donal (FF)		◆ Ceased Membership April 22	◆ Ceased Membership November 22	◆ Ceased Membership November 22		
SMYTH, Carrie (LAB)			✓			✓

Sectoral Representatives	Community, Culture & Wellbeing SPC	Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Environment & Climate Action SPC	Housing SPC	Planning & Citizen Engagement SPC	Transportation & Marine SPC
ALKEN, Gregory						✓
BROWNE, Dr. Josephine	✓	✓				
CAHILL, Emma						◆ Appointed April 2022
CARROLL, Dara					✓	✓
CLOONEY, Elizabeth			✓			
CLINCH, Andrew	✓					
CORBETT, Ger		✓				
DRUDY, P.J.				✓		
DUNNE, Olivia	✓					
EGLINGTON, Aileen		✓				
FENNESSEY, Bernard				✓		
GALLAGHER, Matt					✓	
GIRVAN, David				✓		
GRACE, Sheila	✓					
GRAYDON, Geraldine					✓	
HOGAN, Orla			✓			
JACOB, Reji Chacko			✓			
JOSEPH, Thomas				✓		
KAVANAGH, Brian	✓					
KING, Dervla			✓			
KELLY, Frances						✓
MAGUIRE, Philip			✓			
MCAREE, Diarmuid			✓			
MCCABE, Caroline		✓				
MEEHAN, Brid					✓	
MOORE, Aaron						✓
MULCAHY, Dan					✓	
MULLEADY, Julie						✓
NEILL, Pat						✓

Sectoral Representatives	Community, Culture & Wellbeing SPC	Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Environment & Climate Action SPC	Housing SPC	Planning & Citizen Engagement SPC	Transportation & Marine SPC
NGADI, Pierrot	✔					
O'FARRELL, Gerard					✔	
O'NEILL, Sean				✔		
O'TOOLE, John		✔				
REYNOLDS, Maoiliosa				✔		
SCALLY, Sharon				✔		
SCOTT LENNON, Mark		✔				
SULTAN, Fardus		✔				
WALSH, Michael					✔	
YOUNG, John			✔			

Councillors Attendance at Meetings in 2022

Councillor Name	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Meetings Attended	%
Cllr Ahmed Kazi	64	61	95.31%
Cllr Baker Marie	51	50	98.04%
Cllr Blain Emma	55	43	78.18%
Cllr Brennan Shay	59	47	79.66%
Cllr Clark Michael	53	53	100.00%
Cllr Colgan Anne	60	54	90.00%
Cllr Dockery Liam	2	0	0.00%
Cllr Dockrell Maurice	46	40	86.96%
Cllr Donnelly Deirdre	55	50	90.91%
Cllr Dowling Eva Elizabeth	51	47	92.16%
Cllr Dunne Daniel	54	53	98.15%
Cllr Fanning Martha	51	51	100.00%
Cllr Fayne Mary	52	50	96.15%
Cllr Feeney Kate	51	50	98.04%
Cllr Fleming Michael	55	50	90.91%
Cllr Gildea Jim	51	49	96.08%
Cllr Grainger Anna	59	52	88.14%
Cllr Hall Lorraine	51	46	90.20%
Cllr Halpin Melisa	52	36	69.23%
Cllr Hanafin, Mary	60	54	90.00%
Cllr Kennedy John	51	50	98.04%
Cllr Kinsella Patricia	15	12	80.00%
Cllr Kivlehan Jnr, Tom	53	50	94.34%
Cllr Lewis Hugh	46	43	93.48%
Cllr McCarthy Lettie	64	61	95.31%
Cllr McLoughlin Sean	55	47	85.45%
Cllr McNamara Frank	50	41	82.00%
Cllr Moylan Justin	52	48	92.31%
Cllr Murphy Tom	60	40	66.67%
Cllr O'Brien Peter	60	55	91.67%
Cllr O'Callaghan Denis	54	54	100.00%
Cllr O'Connell Juliet	47	43	91.49%
Cllr O'Connell Maeve	50	49	98.00%
Cllr O'Connor Oisin	59	54	91.53%
Cllr O' Faolain Seaфра	33	29	87.88%
Cllr O'Leary Jim	59	55	93.22%

Councillor Name	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Meetings Attended	%
Cllr Power Una	47	41	87.23%
Cllr Quinn Dave	47	45	95.74%
Cllr Ruddock Kate	11	11	100.00%
Cllr Saul Barry	47	45	95.74%
Cllr Smith Donal	46	29	63.04%
Cllr Smyth Carrie	50	50	100.00%

Conferences/Training Attended During 2022

Date	Conference/Training attended during 2021	Conference or Training	Location	No. of attendees
January - March 2022	Gaelchultur Teoranta Irish Language Course	Training	Online	2
17th February 2022	AILG Elected Member's Personal Safety and Risk Assessment	Training	Mullingar	1
19th February 2022	AILG Elected Member's Personal Safety and Risk Assessment	Training	Cork	2
25th February 2022	AILG Local Authority Planning Functions and Water Services Investment: Ensuring a Co-ordinated Approach	Training	Online	1
4th March 2022	AILG An overview of Housing for All - a New Housing Plan for Ireland	Training	Online	1
23rd & 24th March 2022	AILG Annual Training	Training	Donegal	3
25th March 2022	CARO: Climate Leaders training	Training	Online	1
11th - 12th April 2022	LAMA Spring Training Seminar	Training	Kilkenny	3
11th May 2022	Gaelchultur Teoranta Irish Language Course	Training	Online	2
10th June 2022	AILG Training: Housing for All – Pathway 3 and 4	Training	Online	1
18th June 2022	AILG Elected Members' Training: "Finalising your development plan – key steps and requirements from the Development Plan Guidelines"	Training	Kilkenny	1
8th July 2022	AILG Webinar: Facebook & Instagram: Safety Tools & Amplifying Your Message	Training	Online	1
15th July 2022	AILG Webinar: Media and social media - How to connect with your audience	Training	Online	1
22nd July 2022	"Derelict" in Donegal Conference presented by Letterkenny Tidy Towns and Cathedral Quarter	Conference	Donegal	1
23rd July 2022	AILG: Local Authority Audit Committees and the Governance and Oversight Role of Elected Members	Training	Donegal	1

Date	Conference/Training attended during 2021	Conference or Training	Location	No. of attendees
28th July 2022	AILG: Local Authority Audit Committees and the Governance and Oversight Role of Elected Members	Training	Tipperary	1
14th & 15th September 2022	AILG Autumn Training Conference	Training	Meath	4
19th - 23rd September 2022	Walk 21 Conference	Conference	Dublin	1
30th September 2022	AILG: Planning that Revitalises Ireland's Towns and Villages	Training	Online	2
8th October 2022	IPI Autumn Conference: Delivering Houses & Best Practice	Conference	Dublin	1
20th October 2022	National Disability Authority Annual Conference 2022	Conference	Online/ Dublin	1
22nd October 2022	AILG Training: Disability & Inclusion	Training	Killarney	2
4th November 2022	AILG Training Webinar Electoral Reform Act	Training	Online	1
9th & 10th November 2022	LAMA Autumn/Winter Seminar	Conference	Monaghan	5
26th November 2022	AILG Elected Members (In-Person) Module 6 Training - Data Protection - What Councillors Need to Know	Training	Meath	1

Strategic Policy Committee Reports

Community, Culture & Wellbeing Strategic Policy Committee

3 meetings held in 2022 and a bus tour of the County was organised for members. The following is a summary of issues discussed:

- Updates on Community Development, Ukrainian Response/Community Response Forum, Social Inclusion, Community Grants, Dublin Mountains Partnership, Arts & Libraries
- Local Economic & Community Plan LECP 2016-2021
- dlr Civic Memorials Policy
- Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027
- dlr Trees & Urban Forestry Strategy 2022-31
- Library Development Plan 2021-25, Beyond Our Walls
- dlr Parks Play Policy
- dlr Biodiversity Plan
- Tree Tag Project
- dlr Heritage Strategy 2021-2025
- dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2022-2026

Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings held in 2022. The following is a summary of issues discussed:

- Review of Local Enterprise and Community Plan 2016-2021
- Development of Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2028
- Presentations on Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024, FULL Management Development Programme, Financial Understanding App for LEO Clients
- Presentation on Ireland's Economic Outlook delivered by the ESRI
- Update on Tourism Development and Twinning activities across the County

Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings held in 2022. The following is a summary of issues discussed:

- Recovery, Restoration and Reconnection – dlr 's Biodiversity Plan
- Linte na Farraige
- Circular Cities
- Dublin Climate Action Week 2022
- Dublin Region Energy Master Plan
- Draft Waste Management Plan for Circular Economy

- Recommendations for Electric Vehicle Charging Point deployment across Dublin Metropolitan Area and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown's current status
- Climate Change Action Plan – Annual Progress Report 2022

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings held in 2022 with meetings returning to being in-person during the year.

In December a significant piece of policy, the Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements, was agreed by the Committee and referred to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval and referred to the Council for adoption.

During 2022 the following matters were considered by the SPC:

- Presentation about Traveller culture given by Southside Traveller Action Group
- Review of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024
- Update on the outcome of a series of Focus Groups undertaken with tenants in Traveller Accommodation
- Draft Homelessness Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022 – 2024, a review of the process and an update on the Plan from the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE)
- Affordable Purchase Scheme - presentation by the Housing Agency
- Updates on the work of the Housing & Disability Steering Group were provided at each SPC meeting.

Planning and Citizen Engagement Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings were held in 2022. The following is a summary of issues discussed

- Exit 15 Project in Ballyogan
- Draft Taking in charge policy
- Housing Task Force
- Reflections on citizen engagement experiences in dlr & DCC
- Residential zoned land tax
- Draft land value sharing legislation
- Census 2022 preliminary results

Transportation & Marine Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings were held in 2022. The following is a summary of issues discussed

- Phasing of pedestrian lights
- Bike Locker Update
- EV Strategy
- Separation of pedestrian/cycle paths

- Reduce private vehicles having access and parking in UCD
- What Council strategy to minimise rise of accidents and injuries from delivery vans and heavy goods vehicles operating in tight urban spaces
- Expending duration of official swimming season
- Putting “shared” in bus/bike lanes in dlr to show lane is shared
- Bike bunkers
- Presentation on parking policy
- ESB E-bike Pilot (Sandyford and Dún Laoghaire)
- Discuss the policy of existing disabled parking bays and installation of new disabled parking bays
- Local traffic management plan for the area surrounding Killiney Beach
- Presentation on Dún Laoghaire Watersports Centre
- Road Safety Plan 2022 -2030
- Feasibility and cost of standardising the use of cycle priority traffic lighting across county
- Identify solutions at shared cyclists/pedestrian junctions to ensure accessibility and safety
- Electric Bike Study for dlr
- Road Safety Working Together Group
- Manhole covers on public roads

Payments to Councillors in 2022

Councillor Name	Salary (LG 05 - 2021 & LG 02 & 07- 2022)	SPC Chair	Travel & Subsistence (E104-2021 & LG 05-2022)	LRA Vouched	LRA Non-vouched
Ahmed Kazi ^	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
Baker Marie	€26,301.39	€114.99	€4,772.94	€999.96	€960.00
Blain Emma*	€26,301.39		€4,732.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
Brennan Shay	€26,301.39		€4,772.97	€198.68	€960.00
Clark Michael	€26,301.39	€594.12	€4,772.94	€3,862.85	€960.00
Colgan Anne	€26,301.39	€402.46	€4,772.94	€2,000.04	€960.00
Dockery Liam (co-opted 12th December 2022)	€-		€-	€-	€-
Dockrell Maurice	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
Donnelly Deirdre	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
Dowling Eva Elizabeth	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
Dunne Daniel	€26,301.39	€3,986.32	€4,772.94	€690.00	€960.00
Fanning Martha	€26,301.39	€3,373.04	€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
Fayne Mary	€26,390.93		€4,772.94	€2,768.55	€960.00
Feeney Kate	€26,301.39	€3,200.55	€4,772.94	€2,349.84	€960.00
Fleming Michael	€26,301.39	€3,871.33	€4,772.94	€3,863.01	€960.00
Gildea Jim	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€3,000.00	€960.00
Grainger Anna	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
Hall Lorraine	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
Halpin Melisa	€26,301.39		€4,185.39	€3,224.91	€960.00
Hanafin, Mary	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€232.77	€960.00
Kennedy John	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€200.54	€960.00
Kinsella Patricia (Resigned 31st March 2022)	€6,659.28		€1,048.23	€500.01	€240.00
Kivlehan Jnr, Tom	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€3,866.54	€960.00
Lewis Hugh	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€2,766.54	€960.00
McCarthy Lettie	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00

McNamara Frank	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
Moylan Justin	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€3,683.68	€960.00
Murphy Tom	€26,301.39		€4,082.72	€3,866.54	€960.00
O'Brien Peter	€26,301.39	€229.98	€4,772.94	€3,868.55	€960.00
O'Callaghan Denis	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€664.20	€960.00
O'Connell Juliet	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€3,869.15	€960.00
O'Connell Maeve	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
O'Connor Oisín	€26,301.39	€3,967.15	€4,772.94	€2,800.06	€960.00
O' Faolain Seafra (Resigned 29th August 2022)	€17,492.82		€2,420.84	€2,450.00	€560.00
O'Leary Jim	€26,301.39	€3,871.33	€4,772.94	€4,200.00	€960.00
Power Una	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€154.20	€960.00
Quinn Dave	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€154.20	€960.00
Ruddock Kate (Co-opted 10th October 2022)	€6,134.31		€1,010.36	€39.54	€214.40
Saul Barry	€26,301.39	€114.99	€4,772.94	€3,866.54	€960.00
Sexton Senan (Co-opted 11th April 2022)	€19,034.70		€3,202.68	€835.77	€693.33
Smyth Carrie	€26,301.39		€4,772.94	€4,200.06	€960.00
Smith Donal	€26,301.39		€3,681.04	€181.94	€860.00
Total Expenditure 2022 on Elected Members Expenses	€1,048,863.47	€23,726.26	€186,644.16	€111,714.28	€38,087.73

Councillor Name	Broadband /Mobile Refund	Conferences Training Seminar	Estimated Amount due to Councillors for Conferences Training & Seminars	Cathaoirleach's Allowance/Leas Cathaoirleachs Allowance (LG 04 -2018 & LG 05-2021)	Gratuity (LG 17-2014 & LG 02-2022)	Total
Ahmed Kazi ^	€ -	€581.17	€ -			€36,815.50
Baker Marie						€33,149.28
Blain Emma*	€423.43	€1,149.54	€ -			€37,767.30
Brennan Shay						€32,233.04
Clark Michael						€36,491.30
Colgan Anne		€91.21	€226.79			€34,754.83
Dockery Liam (co-opted 12th December 2022)						€ -
Dockrell Maurice						€36,234.33
Donnelly Deirdre			€1,485.37			€37,719.70
Dowling Eva Elizabeth	€274.41					€36,508.74
Dunne Daniel						€36,710.65
Fanning Martha						€39,607.37
Fayne Mary	€274.41		€1,237.21			€36,404.04
Feeney Kate			€250.11			€37,834.83
Fleming Michael						€39,768.67
Gildea Jim			€799.69			€35,834.02
Grainger Anna	€1,345.42					€37,579.75
Hall Lorraine						€36,234.33
Halpin Melisa						€34,671.69
Hanafin, Mary						€32,267.10
Kennedy John						€32,234.87
Kinsella Patricia (Resigned 31st March 2022)						€8,447.52
Kivlehan Jnr, Tom						€35,900.87
Lewis Hugh						€34,800.87

McCarthy Lettie				€13,568.82		€49,803.15
McLoughlin Sean						€32,189.91
McNamara Frank	€743.00					€36,977.33
Moylan Justin	€973.78	€-				€36,691.79
Murphy Tom						€35,210.65
O'Brien Peter						€36,132.86
O'Callaghan Denis						€32,698.53
O'Connell Juliet	€472.38	€-		€2,721.43		€39,097.29
O'Connell Maeve						€36,234.33
O'Connor Oisín						€38,801.54
O' Faolain Seafra (Resigned 29th August 2022)						€22,923.66
O'Leary Jim						€40,105.66
Power Una						€32,188.53
Quinn Dave						€32,188.53
Ruddock Kate (Co-opted 10th October 2022)						€7,398.61
Saul Barry						€36,015.86
Sexton Senan (Co-opted 11th April 2022)						€23,766.48
Smyth Carrie	€128.83					€36,363.22
Smith Donal						€31,024.37
Total Expenditure 2022 on Elected Members Expenses	€2,317.67	€4,139.91	€3,999.17	€16,290.25	€-	€1,435,782.90



CORPORATE **Affairs**





FOLLOWERS INCREASED BY



8%



3%



23%

The public were invited to take part in a total of **55** consultations



IRISH LANGUAGE OFFICER appointed

137 FOI requests



164,674

Electors on the Register of Electors



Launch of new dlr podcast

First **Gender Pay Gap Report** published



147

New employees recruited



2,117

Customer contacts in the Civic Hub

Corporate Affairs

Elected Members and senior management alongside communication and general services to the members of the public. It is responsible for the administration of all Council meetings, the compilation of the Register of Electors, preparation of the Council's statutory reports, Health and Safety, Data Protection, Freedom of Information, Corporate Procurement, Governance, Human Resources and Workplace Partnership. All the services are supported by Information Technology, which ensures best practice and efficiencies in the delivery of services to the Councillors and the public.

These services include:

- An Cathaoirleach's Office
- Council Meetings
- Facilities Management
- Communications Office
- Digital Initiatives
- Customer Service
- Corporate Procurement
- Governance
- Freedom of Information
- Ethics Register
- Register of Electors
- Dundrum Office
- Audit Services
- Protected Disclosures
- Health and Safety
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Workplace Partnership
- Archives
- Irish Office

Council Meetings

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has 40 Elected Members (County Councillors). The Elected Members represent the following Local Electoral Areas (LEAs):

- Blackrock
- Dundrum
- Dún Laoghaire
- Glencullen-Sandyford
- Killiney-Shankill
- Stillorgan

The Secretariat Section manages Council Meetings, Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire Area Committee Meetings, Corporate

Policy Group meetings, Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee meetings and Deputation meetings.

In 2022 the following meetings of the Council were held:

- County Council (including the Annual Meeting, Special Council Meetings for the Development Plan and the Budget Meeting): 17
- Dundrum Area Committee: 21
- Dún Laoghaire Area Committee: 20
- Strategic Policy Committees: 24
- Joint Policing Committee: 4
- Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee: 5
- Corporate Policy Group: 6
- Deputations: 18

Key Achievements in 2022

- Further development of dlrMeetingPoint, our Council Meetings Administration System, which can be shared with the Local Government Sector.
- Live stream and archive of County Council, Budget and Special meetings of the Council held in 2022 – including Development Plan Meetings.
- Extension of our live stream and archiving of meetings to include the Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire Area Committees.
- Funding received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to promote the participation of women and diversity in Local Government, in the lead up to the Local Elections 2024.

Facilities Management

The Facilities Management Section falls under the remit of Corporate Services and is divided into two sections. The in-house Facilities Management section looks after County Hall, Harbour Square, Harbour Lodge, Dundrum Office, Carnegie House (up to December 2022) and Ballygowan House. The external/outsourced Facilities Management section looks after 19 buildings that vary from Libraries, Community Centre's, Leisure Centre's, Municipal Depots and Civic buildings.

Work by the in-house Facilities Management Section includes:

- Building maintenance of corporate offices and general housekeeping.
- Purchasing / Procurement / Tender Process – Utilisation of OGP contracts for Security, Contract Cleaning, Stationery, Electricity, Gas and the GNPB Frameworks, for Mobiles and Fixed Line Services has resulted in considerable savings for the Council.
- Management of cleaning services, security services, canteen services, waste disposal and recycling, staff car parks, access control systems and fire evacuation procedures.
- Use of Customer Relationship Management in the management of contracts.
- Porters Desk.
- Management of Telephone System / Corporate Mobile Telephones.
- Setting up events in County Hall.
- Hire of Halls/Civil Ceremonies.

Key Achievements 2022

- Successful retender and mobilisation of the Multi-Site Facilities Management Services Contract that will serve 19 dlr buildings.
- Delivery of an evaluation report establishing the condition of key mechanical and electrical assets across 19 dlr buildings, which will support future asset management decisions.
- Significant plantroom upgrades in Harbour Square.
- Survey of County Hall roof followed by extensive remedial works.
- Upgrade of the lighting system in Dundrum office to a low energy LED system.
- Upgrade of emergency lights and signage, and installation of new fire alarm panel and smoke detectors, in TirNaNog Ballygowan House.
- Successful integration of several Municipal Services sections into Ballyogan Operations Centre Administration Building.

Communications Office

The Communications Office oversees corporate and internal communications for the Council. It is responsible for all internal and external communications, public relations, crisis management and marketing on behalf of dlr extending across all Council services, activities and events provided and promoted for the benefit of citizens and business.

Key Achievements 2022

- Responded to all queries from local, national and international media
- 135 Press Releases issued
- Promotion and Management of Council activities and events.
- Publication of 5 Editions of the dlr Times
- Publication of Annual Report 2021
- Management of dlr's social media accounts, providing the Council with a highly responsive incoming and outgoing

communications tool. Followers on dlr's social media accounts were as follows:

- Facebook followers increased by 8%
- Twitter followers increased by 3%
- Instagram followers increased by 23%
- Appointment of our Irish Language Officer
- Launch of new dlr podcast
- Implementation of the Council's Irish Language Scheme under the Official Languages Act 2003
- Management of the Council's corporate and events website. The number of corporate website page views in 2022 was 2,099,822. The corporate website had 513,427 visitors in 2022.
- dlr Citizenspace - the public were invited to take part in a total of 55 consultations on the dlr Online Consultation Hub
- Tweet Day – 113 Tweets were issued by the Council on Tweet Day on the 1st of July and all tweets included the same hash tag - #YourCouncilDay



dlr Podcast launched

An Cathaoirleach's Office

Corporate Affairs provides full support to An Cathaoirleach and the office which includes:

- Advice on Protocol and Event Management
- Management of An Cathaoirleach's Diary and Appointments
- Issue and Management of Invitations
- Responds to Emails and Correspondence
- Prepares Speeches
- Issues Press Releases post Events

Irish Language

The Irish Language Development Officer provided practical advice and support to all Departments in relation to dealing with customers via written, web, media and oral



In Conversation with Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin

communications. During Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations, lists of basic phrases were distributed to all staff to use in their daily work as well as words/phrases to use in correspondence. Continuous assistance was provided to all staff regarding changing their email signatures and out of office messages to be bilingual

Coffee mornings were held throughout Seachtain na Gaeilge to allow staff the opportunity to converse as Gaeilge and to try and improve their Irish language skills. An audit was carried out by the Irish Language Development Officer on the organisation's website, where he corrected the Irish version of all the main service pages.

In May, in collaboration with Carmel Kelly (dlr Libraries) and Siobhán Nic Gaoithín (dlr Age-Friendly Officer, Community & Cultural Development Department) an Irish language event was held in the Studio in the Lexlcon with the very successful Irish language writer Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin, where he discussed his book, *Madame Lazare*, with Irish language broadcaster, Cathal Póirtéir.

The formation of an Irish Language Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Executive or his nominee and consisting of the Irish Language Development Officer, other Council staff, Councillors and representatives of outside organisations was promised in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Irish Language Scheme 2018-2021 and was formulated in October 2022. This Committee meets quarterly and will be an important part in the development and growth of Irish language services and provision across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for many years to come.

Another highlight of the year was the bilingual music event with Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, where the audience got to learn about traditional Irish music and instruments and got to play them, sing and dance along. Following the event, people got the opportunity to meet and chat afterwards in Irish and in English over a cup of tea/coffee. This event was held in co-operation with dlr Libraries and was funded by the Creative Ireland Programme

2023 promises to be exciting with various events already being planned for Seachtain na Gaeilge 2023 and across the year.

Civic Hub

The Civic Hub is our Customer Service Centre, and its aim is to enhance our level of customer service by providing an accessible single point of contact for our customers' needs. All channels of communication are driven through the Hub including phone, email, online queries, postal items and our public counter. This ensures a consistency on how all our customers are dealt with while also providing the ability to track all queries across the organisation and allowing customers to receive updates on their requests. The Civic Hub also logs and tracks all representations from Elected Representatives. The Civic Hub is a fully accessible facility with lower counters, customer seating and an induction Loop system in place. Self-service kiosks allow customers to access our services independently while having support if required.

Key Achievements 2022

- Over 138,000 customer contacts
- 105,058 phone calls answered
- 28,926 emails responded to
- 2,082 items of registered post logged
- 2,117 in person counter queries dealt with

Procurement

The role of the dlr Procurement Unit is to ensure value-added procurement that is strategically focused and supports the delivery of innovation, sustainable, cost-effective, and quality services, in line with the dlr Corporate Plan by supporting our purchasing sections when carrying out procurement processes.

The Unit is responsible for:

- The monitoring of all corporate procurement,
- Assisting in the drafting of procurement documents prior to publication,
- Managing the Corporate Contract Database and pipeline,
- Providing Advice and Support to organisation on all areas of Procurement,
- Providing training for our purchasing staff, as required,
- Promote collaborative and consolidated Procurement,
- Monitor contract expenditure corporately by supplier,
- Participate in National and Regional Procurement networks,
- Report on dlr Procurement as required to the Audit Committee and to Central Government.

Key Achievements 2022

- Responded to 995 Procurement queries
- Carried out 260 compliance checks on transactions across all departments
- Corporate Procurement Plan 2022-2024 was passed by the Council

- Drafted Green Procurement in dlr Policy
- Procurement Audit completed and recommendations are being implemented

General Data Protection Regulations

The Council's Law Agent in his capacity as Data Protection Officer together with members of the legal services team worked with the Director of Corporate to implement the Council's Data Compliance Programme 2022. This work was progressed through the Council's Data Governance Framework which includes the Council's Privacy Programme Team. This included the following:

- Finalising privacy statements for each Department within the Council
- Implementing actions outlined in the Internal GDPR Audit
- Driving compliance with the requirement for the Council Departments to enter into Data Processing Agreements and Data Sharing Agreements
- Identifying the extent to which personal data is being collected through the various Council forms and platforms
- Identification of the extent and location of special category personal data being processed by the Council

In addition to the foregoing, the Data Protection Officer and his team dealt with the management of personal data breaches and complaints received by the Data Protection Officer. In quarter 4 of 2022 the function of Data Protection and GDPR moved across to the Corporate Services Department, under the Governance Section.

Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information (FOI) Unit consists of the FOI Officer (SEO) and administrative staff members. The Unit is the first port of call for all Freedom of Information, Access to Information on the Environment and Data Access requests.

In 2022, the Council received 137 Freedom of Information requests (FOI), 10 Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) and 3 Data Access Requests.

Freedom of Information Statistics for 2022

Total Freedom of Information requests processed	137
Personal	19
Non-Personal	118
Requests Granted	36
Requests Part-granted	39
Requests Refused	55
Requests Transferred	1
Requests Withdrawn	3
Requests Handled outside of FOI	3

Internal Reviews Conducted	6
Appeals to Information Commissioner	1
Sources of Requests Received	
Members of the Public	85
Journalists	34
Business/Interest Groups	15
Oireachtas/Public Members	2
Staff	1

Register of Electors

The Register of Electors for 2022-2023 came into force on 15th February 2022. Total electors on the final Register were 164,674. In 2022 the electoral process changed with the introduction of the Electoral Reform Act 2022. The Act came into effect on the 13th of October 2022 and the main changes to the process include, nationwide registering online at www.checktheregister.ie with Dublin Local Authorities also able to register at www.voter.ie.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Check the Register of Electors online at www.voter.ie

Contact us at registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie
Tel: 01-2054880
www.dlrcoco.ie

voter.ie. Other new processes are continuous registration, use of PPSNs and that people will be responsible for registering and maintaining their own information. There is no longer a Draft or Edited Register of electors.

Dundrum Office

The Dundrum Area Office offered quality customer service facilitating key services such as, submission of planning applications, the payment of housing rents, the display of engineering projects including new road schemes. The Dundrum Office is proud to be a one stop-shop for many of our Council services. There are 10 Primary Schools in Dún Laoghaire -Rathdown that benefit from the Urban School Meals Scheme which is managed in the Dundrum Office.

Key Achievements 2022

The following Meetings and Displays were held in Dundrum Area office in 2022:

Open Days for the County Re-evaluation of Rates, Building Height & Density Amendment of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme and the Public Consultation for Taney Road Cycling Scheme. Dundrum office also hosted other Local authorities throughout the year in support of the Active Travel team showcasing some of our Active travel schemes.

- Housing Department 13
- Other Departments 8
- Active travel 4
- Manual handling Training
- Provision of Webcasting for Dundrum Area Committee Meetings 14
- Voter.ie portal applications 460
- Check the register online applications 2,934

Internal Audit

The role of Internal Audit is to provide independent assurance to the Council's Senior Management and Audit Committee that the organisation's governance, risk management and internal control processes are operating effectively. In carrying out its role, Internal Audit examines and reports on the adequacy of the Council's Internal controls.

The Internal Audit Annual Plan, approved by the Audit Committee, contains a programme of audits that are completed throughout the year. The findings and recommendations from each audit are presented to the Management Team and Audit Committee. Internal Audit monitor implementation of recommendations from audit reports using the audit and risk management system Viclarity.

The section also provides support to the Audit Committee in carrying out their duties.

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Key Achievements 2022

- Six completed Internal Audit Reports were brought to Audit Committee meetings
- Two "In-depth" Checks, required under the Public Spending Code, were completed and presented to the Audit Committee
- The Internal Audit Charter was updated and approved on 10th November 2022
- Internal Audit staff participated in the Local Government Internal Audit Regional and National Network meetings
- Internal Audit staff participated in seven Audit Committee meetings

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is a statutory committee of the Council appointed under section 59 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. It has seven members, comprised of three elected members and four external representatives. The current committee was formed following the Local Elections in May 2019. There were no changes to the membership during 2022. The Audit Committee met seven times in 2022.

Key Achievements 2022

- Approved the Audit Committee Charter, Activity Report for 2021 and Annual Work Programme for 2022 and 2023
- Approved Audit Committee report on the audited AFS and Local Government Auditor's Report for 2021
- Approved the Internal Audit Charter, Annual Report on 2021, Annual Audit Plan 2022 and reviewed the draft Annual Audit Plan 2023
- Considered Internal Audit reports and received regular updates on audit report recommendations
- Adopted the Council's Fraud Prevention and Reporting Policy and Procedure document

Protected disclosures Act 2014

There were no Protected Disclosures in 2022.

Health and Safety

dIc is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy working environment, not just for employees of the Council, but for others who may be affected by the Council's activities.

The role of the Corporate Safety and Health officer is to advise the Chief Executive, senior management and associated Departments on the management of occupational safety and health within the Council.

In 2022, the Safety Management System (SMS) continued to be implemented, reviewed and amended, as necessary in line with statutory and public health requirements.

As public health arrangements changed, the Council adapted its work processes to continue to provide its services (internal and public) in as safe a manner as reasonably practicable.

With the refocussed emphasis on individual rather than collective public health arrangements, consultation groups were reinitialised.

Audits and inspections of direct labour & contractor operations were routinely undertaken during 2022 across all departments / functions of the Council.

Key Achievements 2022

- 194 in-house site inspections were completed during the calendar year
- 390 statutory inspections were completed during the calendar year with one immediate defect reported
- Software trailed to improve TTM arrangements
- Consultative groupings with Safety Representatives initialised post Public Health Arrangements

Human Resources

The Human Resources Section is involved in the administration of statutory employment provisions, and the staffing policies, procedures and schemes adopted by Management.

The Section also has responsibility for Recruitment, Staff Learning and Development, Time and Attendance Management, Superannuation, effective Employee Engagement, provision of the Staff Wellbeing Service and provision of support to the payroll function of the organisation.

HR maintained a vigorous Recruitment Program during 2022, promoting dlrc as an employer of choice in order to deliver on workforce requirements at a time of unprecedented recruitment activity.

Retention of staff remained a key concern in a highly competitive recruitment market and HR continued to work through its Learning & Development, Employee Engagement and Staff Wellbeing programmes to optimise the working life experience of our staff members.

The Council's enduring Blended Working and Right to Disconnect Policies were introduced in 2022.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's first Gender Pay Gap Report was also published in 2022 reinforcing our focus on supporting an open and inclusive workplace.

Key Achievements 2022

- 106 people left the Council, and 147 new people joined the team. 92 staff were promoted internally. 42 recruitment competitions were advertised, for which there were 884 applicants. A total of 522 interviews were conducted resulting in 180 applicants being placed on panels. At the end of 2022 the Council had a total wholetime equivalent 1120.5 staff.
- 383 L&D courses were delivered with a total of 2,540 staff trained. 140 staff also attended 48 Conferences. 28 staff members were supported into courses of further education under the Scheme of Assistance.
- The Staff Wellbeing Service continued to grow under the direction of the Staff Wellbeing Officer. 13 Wellbeing Seminars were held online throughout the year covering a range of topics, the most popular of which were 'Disability in the Workplace', 'Mind Full or Mindful' and 'Building New Routines & Responding to Change'. There was a total of 707

attendees at these seminars. Spectrum Life, our independent Employee Assistance Service continued to provide a 24/7 365 days a year service to staff members & elected representatives. 69 staff / elected members used the service during 2022.

- The dlrc Blended Working Policy was rolled out. Our first Gender Pay Gap Report illustrated the inclusive nature of our workplace with a Mean Gender Pay Gap of -3.04% and a Median Gender Pay Gap of -7.99%.

Information Technology and Digital Initiatives

The role of the Information Technology Section is to:

- Drive and enable IT related innovation
- Provide for the efficient introduction of new IT services via projects
- Provide for the reliable delivery of existing IT services throughout the Council
- Engage with and support national IT projects and initiatives

The IT section has adopted the ITIL framework to ensure best practice and efficiency in the delivery of existing services. Project management methodologies (PMM) are used to ensure that contracts are managed, and projects are aligned with the Council's Corporate Plan and the Annual Service Delivery Plan and to ensure that projects are delivered in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Key Achievements 2022

- A total of 4,621 calls were successfully resolved by the IT service desk in 2022. This is an increase of 15% over 2021.
- Business Transformation team supported the upgrade from Agresso Milestone 4 to Milestone 7.
- Upgrade from OHMS to NEC Housing
- New Dynamics CRM apps to allow for staff in Parks and Municipal Services to update cases in real time from the field and better manage workflow of cases.
- Working with Corporate Affairs to deliver new ePMDS and Ethics Register online systems
- Launch of the Blended Working app
- Roll out of cyber security awareness training for all staff
- Created and pushed out cyber security policies to all staff
- Implementation of new system to manage all Council laptops/PCs known as Microsoft InTune/Endpoint Manager.
- Use of InTune/Endpoint Manager to bring approx. 700 devices up to the latest Windows version.
- The Digital Strategy team completed the roll-out of WiFi4EU programme delivering free wifi to towns and villages and community centres across the County
- The Smart Dún Laoghaire team, in conjunction with local students from the Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education, delivered their inaugural Trendhunters programme aimed at identifying current waves of change to help build a smart, sustainable and future-proof Dún Laoghaire

- Collaborating on 3 high profile EU funded projects (Probono, SCORE and Precinct) focused on sustainability, green neighborhoods and climate resilience
- Reduction of physical infrastructure, resulting in significant energy and cost savings, in conjunction with Windows Server modernisation programme
- Storage Area Network (SAN) Upgrade
- Publication of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council 2022 Calendar
- A Road Maintenance Action Group were established for the purpose to a Proposal from Management to move both the Rochestown & Loreto Depots operation to Ballyogan
- The Partnership Office continued to seek ideas and suggestions from Staff during the year.

Priorities for 2023 – continued work and investment to protect the organisation from Cyber Security attacks, working on the introduction of ePlanning, facilitating a number of Housing Online Services, digitisation of internal processes and further development of dlrDocs for paperless hybrid working. In addition, the new dlrcoco.ie website will be launched and a new backup system introduced as part of the SAN upgrade – energy savings. GIS system upgrade. Software Asset Management system. MyCoCo applications for online payments of Rates and Street Furniture licences. New stock control system.

Workplace Partnership

The Partnership Committee held their schedule of meetings during the year. Partnership Action Groups continued to advance several objectives/activities.

Events & schemes included:

- Annual Staff Commemoration in County Hall & Ballyogan, with the passing of the Covid-19 restrictions, Retirees could attend this year, it was also decided to continue the electronic version which was developed during the covid period which became very popular, this was made available to both Retirees and Staff
- Partnerships ‘Little Good News’ continues to be very popular with Staff & Retirees
- With much effort to bring back the level of interest for the dlr Staff Choir, it was decided it had unfortunately reached an end, post covid
- Workplace Partnership introduced ‘video chats’ with different Staff across our services, nine were posted during the year
- A Smart Phone Purchase scheme was made available for Staff & Retirees
- The Charity group established by Partnership (HUG) financially assisted many groups during 2022
- Partnership continued to assist the Communications Office in the promotion of a the new dlrConnect phone app for depot-based staff,
- Christmas Saving Scheme continued with great success, the membership of the partnership saving scheme has now grown to 316, 220 salaried staff and 96 waged staff and this year over €330,000 in savings was paid out. The scheme is open to staff & retired staff on the my-pay scheme.
- It was agreed to make available Partnership Health Checks for next year
- Partnership was sought and agreed to work with our Communications Office to reintroduce the County Tours for Staff, these should commence in 2023
- It was agreed to bring the Long Service Recognition benchmark from 25 to 20+ years, this was achieved by holding two functions on November 17th & December 9th



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ISO50001 Recertification Audit Completed



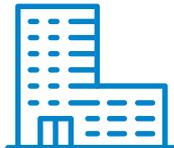
51%
Energy Efficiency
Improvement



183
Home Energy Kits
loaned to members of
the public

2

Electric Vehicles purchased



Thermal Leak Detectors
available in Library Branches



Home Energy Saving Kits available
in **13** Branch Libraries

Architectural Service

The Architects' Department provides services to improve the quality of life for all in the County, including strategically reviewing suitable sites for housing, civic amenities and urban development. Primarily the Department project manages the construction of social housing projects, along with housing adaptations and upgrades. The Architects also support other departments and sections including Infrastructure and Climate Change, Corporate Affairs, Parks, Community and Libraries on building projects, urban design and public realm projects.

The Conservation Section contributes to the County Development Plan, advises on planning applications relating to protected structures and dwellings in Architectural Conservation Areas and allocates grants to successful applicants under the Conservation Grants and the Historic Structures Fund Schemes.

The Department is also responsible for dealing with Dangerous Structures and Places in the County under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act.

The Architects' Department drives the energy and carbon reduction agenda in the County in a range of areas: managing the corporate wide ISO 50001 Energy Management System and cross-departmental Energy Team, monitoring and improving the energy performance in the Council's own buildings, fleet and public lighting and engaging with stakeholders and government departments relating to energy efficient buildings.

dlr Architects support the Irish Architectural Foundation's Open House Dublin annual architecture festival. Free public tours, activities and events are organised to promote the high-quality built environment in the County and encourage a better understanding of the broad scope of architecture for all ages.

Housing

- 21 units of accommodation for older persons were delivered at Broadford Court, Ballinteer. The development, which is arranged around an enclosed landscaped courtyard, also has a community room and underground parking.
- Significant refurbishment works commenced at 4 of the vacant former Coast Guard Cottages, Dún Laoghaire. They will be available as housing from 2023.
- Construction commenced at the largest public housing scheme of 597 social and affordable homes at Shanganagh, Shankill with dlr in partnership with the Land Development Agency.
- Construction is underway at Ballyogan Square for 67 social housing units. They will be available from 2023.



Broadford Court

- Construction commenced mid-2022 for an additional 4 residential units at Moyola Court. They are due for completion in 2023.
- Construction commenced of 4 housing units at the refurbishment and extension of the vacant Park House, Dún Laoghaire and a ground floor retail unit.
- During a house renovation in 2018 of an end of terrace house a potential site was identified in Sallynoggin. A new 2 bedroom two-storey house will be under construction in early 2023 at that site.
- 88 apartments were tendered at St. Laurence's Stillorgan, along with a new library.
- 2 two-storey houses and 2 apartments at Roebuck Road, Clonskeagh are at tender stage.
- Woodpark Permanent and Temporary Traveller Accommodation Units (TAUs) were granted Part 8 approval for 3 units. Approval will be sought from the Department of Housing and Local Government and Heritage in early 2023.
- St Michael's Permanent TAU and Burton carpark Temporary TAU sites is awaiting Part 8 approval for 3 units.

A new Project Management System and framework for small works contractors was developed to deliver the Disabled Persons Grant (DPG) in association with the Housing Department. Larger more complex DPG projects and accessible house extensions are managed by the Architects Department.



Dún Laoghaire Baths

Urban Design & Public Realm

Phase 1 of the Dún Laoghaire Baths project was completed and opened to the public. The Baths Pavilion will accommodate studio space of artists and a gallery and cafe facilities. The walkway will provide a new route from Newtownsmith towards the East Pier offering panoramic views over Scotsman's Bay with the refurbished gazebo along the route.

Dún Laoghaire received the **Great Town 2022 Award** for Dún Laoghaire by the Academy of Urbanism.

The Great Places Urbanism Awards are the Academy's primary platform for recognising and celebrating outstanding examples of good urbanism across the UK, Ireland and Europe. Dún Laoghaire was chosen by the Urbanism Awards for the Coastal Mobility Cycle Route and Villages public realm project; connecting urban villages, bathing places, walks and parks along the coast.

dIrl Architects continue to work with Infrastructure and Climate Change Directorate on the design of a number of public realm projects throughout the county. This work is also in conjunction with the Active Travel section. Together we are delivering safe routes to schools, living streets projects which include Blackrock village and Dún Laoghaire main street. We are also active in



Academy of Urbanism – Great Town Award

the continuing maintenance of the COVID and summer streets projects and are also involved in the Seafield safe and quiet streets initiative and the ongoing work on the Coastal Mobility Route. dIrl Architects are also designing a new entrance to Deer Park which include accessible and permeable entrances. This is expected to be completed in 2023.

dIrl Architects are also bringing forward proposals for the Seafront area in Blackrock. This project includes a comprehensive re-imagining of the seafront area including the car parks outside the DART Station, links over the Dart Line to the seafront and the development of a new civic plaza.

Civic Buildings

Construction of the new St Laurence's public library in Stillorgan and the Samuel Beckett Library fit-out are at tender stage. At Killiney proposals are underway for a Failte Ireland waters sports



Conservation Grant Society of the Sacred Heart, Glasshouse at Mount Anville

facility while in Dundrum preliminary designs and feasibility studies are underway for the proposals for locating a new Community, Cultural and Civic Centre in the heart of Dundrum. The proposal is to serve the people of Dundrum and surrounding areas in a manner that caters to the needs of existing and future generations, providing a large and updated library as well as community, cultural and civic amenities including a council chamber.

Conservation of the Built Heritage

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

Development Control

Planning Application's (inc.FI & comp reports)	Section 5 Declarations	Section 57 Declarations	Pre-planning consultations
250	30	1	15

Grants

The Department of Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht's annual Conservation Grant Schemes are administered by the Conservation Division of the Architects' Department.

For the Historic Structures Fund 2022 (HSF) €137,848 was awarded from the Department of Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht for 4 projects.

No. of projects funded	Amount of privately leverages funds spent by applicants	No. of days employment created (1 day =8 hours)
4	€68,924.72	414

For the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022 (BHIS) dlr was allocated €126,400 which funded a range of projects.

No. of projects funded	Amount of privately leverages funds spent by applicants	No. of days employment created (1 day = 8 hours)
19	€421,784.46	1,338.5

Dangerous Structures

The Architects' Department implements the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964 in relation to Dangerous Structures & Places. The department co-ordinates the follow-up with Building Inspectors, Law, Property Management, various government agencies and the public to minimise risk. The table below outlines the categories of dangerous buildings and total number of cases reported in 2022.

Dangerous	7
Potentially Dangerous	36
Not Dangerous	44
Total	47

Energy Management

- Based on the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) system, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council improved energy efficiency by 51% in 2021 compared to the 2009 baseline, maintaining the level of performance achieved in 2020.
- dlr's energy-related emissions in 2021 were 39% lower than the baseline of the 2016-2018 average. While this indicates significant strides towards the 51% target by 2030, it was not as positive as the 2020 performance of 44% so attention must be paid to ensure that early gains are not reversed. Progress on non-electricity emissions associated with thermal (heating) and transport has been slower with a 27% reduction on the baseline.
- The 3-day re-certification audit of the dlr Energy Management System by Certification Europe for ISO 50001:2018 took place and accreditation was successfully retained.
- dlr took part in the Government's 'Reduce Your Use' campaign which supported a reduction in energy consumption. The primary dlr and dlr Libraries' social media accounts made 444 posts as part of the campaign, generating 1,777 engagements. A final report will be made available when the campaign concludes, however preliminary data indicates dlr is on track to achieve the 15% reduction targeted.

Open House Dublin

dlr continue to be a contributor and sponsor of Open House Dublin, Ireland's largest architecture festival.

- A Home Energy Upgrade seminar was held in the Council Chamber featuring presentations from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Irish Green Building Council, local architects, a conservation expert and a homeowner speaking of their experience of a deep retrofit. As well as being an in-person event, a recording of the presentations is also available on the dlr YouTube channel.
- These presenters were joined in the Assembly Hall by representatives from the SEAI-approved one-stop-shops, energy advisers, more architects, and a Sustainable Energy Community mentor for a 'Meet the Experts' session that included demonstrations of the Home Energy Saving Kit provided by dlr Libraries representatives. An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Hanafin addressed the crowd of approximately 200 people that attended the event in County Hall.
- There were 15 tours and events across the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area including the 'Grounded' tour in Blackrock delivered by the dlr Heritage Officer and a geologist. Other highlights included tours of Broadford Rise, the Cherrywood Development, Fern Cottage, Commissioner of Irish Lights, Regency Cottage, the Follies in St. Enda's Park and 8A George Street Lower.



COMMUNITY & Cultural Development





First ever
'INDIA FEST'
held in Kilbogget Park,
September 2022

80

grants and bursaries were
awarded to individuals
and organisations to
support the development
of the arts locally



22 meetings of the **Community Response Forum**,
in response to the arrival of displaced Ukrainians
following the Russian invasion of Ukraine



20,000

copies of the
dIr Age Friendly Magazine 2022
distributed



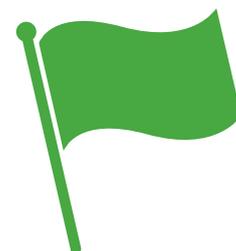
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Community Grants awarded
to a total value of

€134,762



An Taisce Green Flags awarded
to **Marlay Park, Cabinteely Park,**
Shanganagh Park,
People's Park and Deerpark



Community & Cultural Development

The Department includes a range of key services including the Arts; the Library Service; Community Development and Social Inclusion; Parks, Biodiversity, Heritage, and Sports Development & Partnership. These services are aimed at supporting community development, social inclusion, and driving quality of life and wellbeing for all.

Community Development

- 7 facility network meetings took place in 2022 providing support to operators of facilities in areas to include governance, health and safety and policy development.
- Continued engagement of participants across the dlr Community Employment Scheme, offering training opportunities, job skills, coaching and mentoring to those who are long-term unemployed or disadvantaged. The number of Community Employment Placements increased to 115 individuals placed in 28 Community based facilities including sports clubs, community childcare facilities and community centres.
- The community team continued to work closely with operators of 27 community facilities, providing community activation programmes as well as addiction services, family support services, youth services, childcare, active retirement groups, men's sheds, and social and recreational activities.
- Continued operation of the Estate Management Programme in 12 areas, working in partnership to progress actions to improve the local environment.
- Continued to work with Hub na nOg to strengthen consultation and engagement with children and young people on all issues. Over 30 staff participated in two workshop sessions held in March 2022.
- dlr was successful in receiving funding for National Play Day 2022, the theme for which was 'All Play Together'. Local Child & Youth services benefited from the funding which was used to increase the sensory and outdoor play equipment in their services.
- dlr was successful in receiving grant aid from the Department of Health to take part in a Pilot Period Poverty Project. Free period products were distributed to 18 sites across the County which included Libraries, Family Resource Centres, Council Offices and Community Facilities.
- Rathallagh/Shanganagh/Clifton Park Estate Management and Samuel Beckett Civic Campus Ballyogan were runners up in the Annual Pride of Place Awards
- Community Response Forum was reactivated to provide support to displaced Ukrainians arriving in the County following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- Ballinteer Men's Shed opened

Social Development and Inclusion

- dlr Festival of Inclusion 2022 – Promoting Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown took place over a four-week period in September/October. Almost 40 organisations and groups held dozens of free in-person and on-line events that showcased and highlighted projects and



India Fest 2022

activities celebrating social inclusion, diversity and equality across dlr.

- The dlr Integration Forum met regularly and more member groups have joined the forum. Community events took place organised and supported by the Forum including Africa Day, India Fest and events during the dlr Festival of Inclusion.
- Africa Day 2022 events took place on the 25th May 2022 with the support of members of the African Community, dlr Libraries, sporting organisations, IADT and Dublin South FM to celebrate and highlight African culture in dlr
- First 'India Fest' took place in Kilbogget Park, 17th September attended by 3000 + celebrating and showcasing Indian music and culture with funding and support provided by the Social Inclusion Unit.
- Support and funding were provided to social inclusion groups with events and projects including the Southside Travellers Action Group, The Muslim Sisters of Eire, Men's Sheds, Making Connections, Family Resource Centres, Dyslexia Inclusive publications, Dementia Inclusive events etc.
- Awareness training to dlrc Staff & Elected Members on issues such as anti-racism, diversity and inclusion, age-friendly, LGBTQ+, cultural diversity etc.

Age Friendly Programme

- dlr Age-Friendly Strategy 2022-2026 completed and submitted to Council
- dlr Older People's Council (OPC) returned after Covid lockdown to hold monthly in-person meetings from February. 40 groups re-registered with OPC and almost €6,000 in transport and events grants were provided on behalf of dlr OPC to age-friendly groups, associations and clubs during 2022.

- High Security Lock Scheme – 308 locks fitted to 188 homes
- Bealtaine Festival events celebrating creativity in older age took place across dlr during the month of May and age-friendly events were organised during dlr Festival of Inclusion.
- dlr Age-Friendly Magazine 2022 produced, 84 pages full of information on Age-Friendly supports and services as well as creative writing and activities, 20,000 copies dispersed during the year
- dlr Age-Friendly Alliance met quarterly to collaborate on age-friendly service provision across the county.
- Ronnie Delany celebrated as dlr Age-Friendly Ambassador in May 2022
- Cuairt agus Cultur programme of 6 visiting artists and well-being facilitators to 11 Nursing Homes and Day Care Centres organised by dlr Arts Office, Libraries & Age-Friendly Programme during 2022.

Comhairle na nOg

- dlr Comhairle na nOg AGM was held in person on the 16th November. 70 young people attended, representing 17 secondary schools.
- dlr Comhairle members were consulted on dlr County Council's Play and Recreation Policy.
- dlr Comhairle presented to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Affairs on the issues affecting Youth in Ireland.
- dlr Comhairle voted to support the Irish Heart Foundations campaign to increase the legal age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21.
- A delegation of dlr Comhairle na nOg attended Dail na nOg. Participants explored the theme of equality.



Knit Club Cabinteely Library

- dlr Comhairle was represented at Seanad na nOg. The delegates choose the topic of 'The Cost of Student Living' for discussion with the Senators.

LCDC

- 7 LCDC meetings and 6 Subgroup meetings held in 2022
- LCDC monitored and reviewed progress on implementation of the SICAP Programme by Southside Partnership dlr CLG in 2022 – annual contract valued at €1,010,651 with an additional €132,296 allocated for SICAP supports for displaced Ukrainians in dlr.
- 33 Local Community Groups & 605 Individuals supported in 2022: SICAP Case Study 2022: Social Enterprise Programme - YouTube
- Supported and monitored implementation of the community actions in dlr's Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 – 2021 and commenced development of the LECP for 2023-2028.
- Supported and promoted community interests including:
 - dlr PPN (Public Participation Network) had 568 active member organisations, up from 531 in 2021, also PPN representatives served on LCDC and SPCs
 - dlr Volunteer Corps: 234 local volunteering opportunities created an increase of over 100% on the same figure for 2021 (102) – including supporting opening of mass vaccination centre in the RDS, supporting Ukrainian Donation Hub and Asylum Seeker Donation Hub
 - €284,216 in government grant funding administered to community groups in dlr under Community Enhancement Programme – Community Activities Fund
 - Supported launch of Healthy Ireland Round 4 in dlr 2022-2025 with continued support for some Round 3 actions in the community in 2022.

JPC/LPF

- The JPC held 4 Committee meetings and 1 public meeting in 2022
- Work continued throughout 2022 on the implementation of the dlr JPC six-year work plan under the three goals - Supporting and promoting Crime Prevention in dlr, Enhancing Community Safety & Security in dlr and Facilitating Community Engagement and Collaboration.
- There were 6 committee meetings of the Sandyford Stepside LPF and 1 public meeting
- 6 meetings of the Loughlinstown, Ballybrack and Shankill LPF and 1 public meeting
- 4 meetings of the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF.
- '5 meetings of the Dundrum Stillorgan LPF.

Updates provided to JPC on approval for the provision of a domestic violence refuge in the County.

Library Services

With the lifting of restrictions, in 2022, dlr Libraries continued to re-build our in-person services encouraging our users to engage again with their library service.

Introduction of a new national Library Management System and the continued delivery of a responsive library service through our branch network and enhanced online resources.

dlr Libraries programmed over 2,000 events and exhibitions as well as retaining online events for enhanced accessibility.

The My Open Library initiative was expanded to include Dalkey library. Up-grade works were carried out in Deansgrange and Dalkey library. Conservation works were undertaken in Shankill and Dundrum libraries.

Request for Tenders were invited for Stillorgan and Ballyogan libraries. Engagement with Civic Community and Cultural Centre in Dundrum

The new Library Development Plan 2022-26 was completed and submitted to Council

Festival highlights this year included Murder One, IMRAN na nOG, Art of Reading initiative and the new Fado Fado Storytelling Festival.

dlr Lexicon hosted the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Cultural Evening with 1500 librarians in attendance.

- 3 Library projects were shortlisted for Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Govt. Awards:
- Opening hours increased by 126% in Dalkey and Deansgrange library with My Open Library and Sensory room in Deansgrange library launched.
- 97% increase in usage of library app.
- dlr Libraries co-ordinated the Creative Ireland Programme 2022. Highlights included Cruinniu na nOg (11 June 2022), Dún Laoghaire Anseo 2022, Towards a Creative Dún Laoghaire and dlr Creative Cafe.
- 5 Library Projects received Dormant Account Funding
- To support the arrival of the Ukrainian community a suite of resources was sourced and provided: <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/dlr-libraries-resources-for-ukrainian-nationals-8dlspprug6mpi2xs>
- 25 energy meters and 25 thermal leak detectors made available for borrowing

Arts Programme

The Arts Office leads in the development of the arts, in supporting the creative identity of dlr and in enhancing quality of life. It also plays a role in pride of place and support the dlr creative economy.

A highlight of our gallery programme included Framing the Senses, a dementia inclusive programme for people living with dementia and their carers. Funded by a Creative Ireland award, this large-scale project included a multisensory art installation, an art programme based in residential care settings, dementia inclusive events and workshops. It provided a creative and social programme for carers of people living with dementia.

The Arts Office launched 6 opportunities to support artists and public creative engagement in the newly opened Dún Laoghaire

Baths Artists Studios. This capital project delivers on a key goal of providing much needed workspace for artists locally.

In response to the significant impact the Covid pandemic had on the live performing arts sector, the Arts Office capitalised on the Department of TCAGSM's Live Performance scheme and delivered 32 shows to audiences returning to live in-theatre events across the County.

Following Music Generation dlr's initial phase (2019 – 2022), dlr County Council with the Music Generation National Development Office are currently reviewing the programme's before the commencement of its next stage.

- 260 young people took part in a 3-month Hip Hop programme



Arts based multisensory arts project in care settings

- 61 arts development projects were delivered in 2022.
- With Arts Council supports a new Public Art Coordinator was appointed to prioritise implementation of dlr's Public Art Policy.
- With additional funding a record 80 grants and bursaries were awarded to individuals and organisations to support the development of the arts locally
- Department of TCAGSM's Live Performance Support Scheme provided employment for 452 performers, directors, stage and technical crews

Music Generation

Music Generation continued to deliver their programme in DEIS primary schools during 2022. 1,295 students participated in the initiative.

As part of the "Instruments in Parks" initiative with dlr Parks, specific outdoor instruments were installed in 4 parks (Ballawley, Blackrock, Cabinteely and Shanganagh) to encourage children and young people, and everyone in the community to enjoy music in public spaces.

Parks and Landscape Services

Parks & Landscape Services manage and maintain over 1,200 hectares of Parks and Open Spaces. In 2022 this also included a further transition to more pollinator friendly regimes with the addition of more "Slow to Mow" areas.

Major Parks in the County include Marlay, Cabinteely, Kilbogget, Shanganagh, Fernhill, Blackrock, Killiney Hill and the Peoples' Park.

Neighborhood Parks that Parks also manage include Clonmore Park, Ballawley Park, Crosthwaite Park, Vesey Park, Dillons Park, Loreto Park, Clonkeen Park, Loughlinstown Linear Park, Sorrento Park, St. Patricks Park, Dunedin Park, Royal Terrace Park, Eden Park, Hudson Road Park, Beach Gardens, Newtownsmith, Longford Gardens, Blackthorn Park, Hyde Park, Bracken Road Pocket Park.

An Taisce Green Flags awarded to Marlay Park, Cabinteely Park, Shanganagh Park, The People's Park, Deerpark (first time entered in the Green Flag Competition in 2022)

Projects delivered include:

- Extensive Tree Planting across the County
- Compostable toilets installed in Fernhill

- Cycle Improvements/Greenways- Holly Park & Springhill Park
- Wheelchair swing installed in Marlay & The People's Park
- Boules Court constructed in Marlay Park & Loreto Park
- Toilet unit in Cabinteely Playground replaced
- Ballawley Park playground extended
- Stepside playground opened
- Public realm works commenced in Woodbrook/Corke Abbey that includes play facilities
- The construction of a new park in Myrtle Square, that includes play, commenced
- Putting Green constructed in Marlay Park
- Path reinstatement works
- Treatment of Invasives throughout Druid Valley Park and surrounding areas continued in 2022
- New Booterstown entrance into Blackrock Park completed
- Springhill and Holly Park cycle improvements completed
- Rosemount School pitches completed
- Killiney Hill accessible entrance commenced

Cemeteries

The Council continues to operate and maintain a number of cemeteries within its administrative area. Many of these cemeteries are historic closed grounds. Deansgrange and Shanganagh are the two main operational cemeteries in the County. There are staff stationed at both cemeteries, with the headquarters for administration and customer service located at Deansgrange. Burial records for Deansgrange and Shanganagh cemeteries are available online to the public via the Council's website.

There were 1149 interments in total in 2022. Total no. of graves sold in Shanganagh was 208. Total graves sold Deansgrange Cemetery was 23. There were 21 niches sold in the Columbarium Wall.

- Deansgrange Cemetery awarded a Green Flag
- New tree / hedge planting
- New seating provided
- Changing Places Facility opened in Shanganagh Cemetery



Inclusive Bike Hire Programme - Wheelchair Platform Bike

dlr Events

- €61,500 allocated to groups to support events across the county
- Movies on the Green at Irish lights
- Samhain in Marlay Park going from strength to strength. Approx. 22k people attended the event which was held over 2 days.
- The Christmas Festival of light took place across the County, with new light installations in locations such as Cabinteely Park, dlr Lexicon, Dundrum Library, and with the successful lighted walks in Marlay & Cabinteely. As part of Christmas Drive in Movies return to Dún Laoghaire.

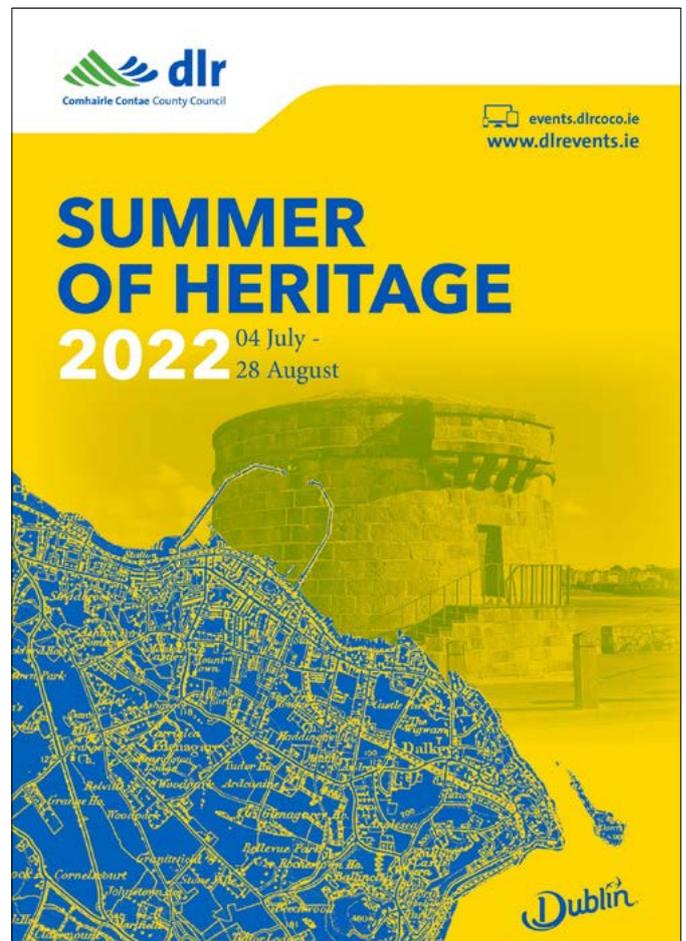
Sports Partnership & Sports Development in dlr

In 2022 the Sports Section delivered a wide range of training courses, workshops and targeted physical activity programmes for all ages, abilities and sporting types. Work continued to develop and provide activity opportunities for all, communicate information and provide funding/supports to develop sustainable initiatives. Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership engaged over 10,200 people throughout the year in initiatives delivered across key target population groups.

- Participation Programmes & Events – 7,600 people of all ages and abilities attended targeted initiatives across a wide range of sports and physical activities.
- Disability Sports Inclusion – a large number of initiatives and camps were delivered across all disability types for over 1,550 children and adults with a disability.
- Volunteer Training – 1,030 volunteers trained in a range of areas including Child Safeguarding, Disability Awareness, Sports First Aid and Coaching Girls.
- Active Cities Dublin – worked with Sport Ireland and other Active Cities LSP's to deliver agreed actions and projects to increase participation across Dublin.
- Sports Partnership Grants - €61,900 allocated to clubs across 56 separate grants to support their work in volunteer training, female engagement and disability inclusion
- €29, 500 allocated to projects through the Sports development grant scheme to clubs and groups across the county for activities and equipment.
- Continued and developed partnerships with, FAI, Leinster Cricket, Leinster Rugby, through
 - community programmes – activities for 33 youth groups across the county
 - school programmes - after school and in school sports activities (approx. 3,100)
 - coach education – various coaching workshops, club visits, safeguarding courses.

Heritage

Our work is guided by the national plan, *Heritage Ireland 2030*. The dlr Heritage Plan sets out how we tell the stories of this place, how we care for what we hand on to the next generation, and how we enable community-led initiatives. This work involves



cross departmental working within dlrc, partnerships with other organisations and collaboration with community groups. 2022 highlights included:

- dlr Spring into Heritage/Summer of Heritage tours, Geology walks, Ulysses 100, Heritage Week
- Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology, collaborating with South Dublin County Council and the Dublin Mountains Partnership
- 15 Community-led heritage projects co-funded by dlrc
- 260 participants in *The People's History of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown* in partnership with UCD
- *The Casement Memorial Statue* and *Dublin's Monumental Mountains* books were produced.

Biodiversity

dlr's Biodiversity spans all areas of the county from the marine and coastal areas to the growing urban lands and stretching westward to the mountains. Management of our biodiversity is guided by the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2023 (4th in Draft) and our own County Biodiversity Action Plan 2021- 2025. It involves a cross departmental approach with many sections of dlrCC affecting the outcomes for biodiversity. It also involves a collaborative approach with many partners including the Biosphere partners, government bodies, NGOs, public, local communities and individuals.

- Publication of the dlr County Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2025.

- Marine Reef Study 2022 - Mapping of significant EU Reef Habitat along our entire coastline
- Development of the Hedgerow Toolkit for Schools – a series of lesson plans for schools and Ecosystem Services Toolkit for Schools – explaining new and sometimes technical terms in easy lesson plans
- Publication of the Biosphere Conservation and Research Strategy 2022 -2026 developed with the FCC and DCC Biodiversity Officers.
- Final year of the Brent Geese Tagging Project and mapping of foraging and roosting areas across the Dublin Region, a collaboration between dlr, FCC and DCC Biodiversity Officers.
- Provided Biodiversity elements of the Entente Florale for the Dalkey Tidy Towns
- Local seed harvesting for capital projects and seed saving courses for the public.
- Online Biodiversity Events during 2022 including nature walks and talks in Kilbogget Park, Cabinteely Park, Loughlinstown Linear Park, Fernhill, Ballawley Park, bat walk Royal Terrace, Tern talk dalkey island, invasive species workshops for staff, hedgerow workshop for staff and hedgerow talk online.

CoCo Markets

CoCo Markets continued to operate in Marlay Park on Saturday and Sunday and in Dún Laoghaire on Sunday's. The CoCo Markets serve as a springboard for emerging businesses, provide a forum for the local food movement and offer a focal point for vibrant community gatherings. What makes the CoCo Markets stand out is the picturesque setting of the markets in the county's most beautiful parks.

Dún Laoghaire Coco Market - 54 Traders

Marlay Coco Market (Saturday) – 23 Traders

Marlay Coco Market (Sunday) - 18 Traders



FINANCE & Economic Development





Revenue Budget 2022 =

€214M



Commercial Rates =

41.4%

of Overall Budget 2022

3 Year Capital Programme =

€806M



€246M = 28,286

Payments Processed by Accounts Payable

55 Measure 1 supports provided to businesses creating

€940,254.94

This funding directly supported

58 NEW LOCAL JOBS



110

Trading Online Vouchers were approved to a value of

€255,605.95

2306

clients took part in training, seminars, management development programmes and networking events



413

clients received one-to-one mentoring support



39

tenants in the Pop Up Shop



13

applications for the Vacant Premises Scheme



20

Shopfront Improvement Scheme applications



7

Business Area Promotion Grants

10,126

followers across four media channels: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn



788

students from

16

second level schools participated in Student Enterprise programme

Finance & Economic Development

The Finance Department provides a broad range of financial services including:

- Treasury Management and Cash Flow
- Preparation of Draft Annual Budget and budgetary control
- Preparation of Annual Financial Statements
- Administration of the Financial Management System
- Preparation of Three-Year Capital Programme
- Payroll Administration
- Commercial Rates and Property Entry Levy (P.E.L.) Billing & Collection
- Environmental Waste Charges Arrears Collection
- Payment of Suppliers
- Insurance and Claims Administration
- Administration and Collection of arrears of the Non-Principal Private Residence Charge (N.P.P.R.)
- Management and review of Risk Registers
- Business Improvement Districts Levy (B.I.D.) Billing & Collection (on behalf of B.I.D. Company)

The Finance Department also ensures that statutory and financial accounting principles are complied with.

Sections	Services Provided
Payroll	Administration of payment of Salaries, Wages, Councillors Payments and Travel & Subsistence.
Insurances	Management/Administration of policies and claims.
Rates	Management and collection of Rates income and incoming arrears. Management and collection of P.E.L. and B.I.D. Levy
Waste and N.P.P.R. arrears	Management and collection of waste charges and N.P.P.R. arrears. Processing of N.P.P.R. exemption and discharge certificates.
Financial Management	Preparation of annual revenue Budget and Three-Year Capital Programme, Preparation of Annual Financial Statements, Budgetary control, Treasury Management; Bank Reconciliation; Income Receipting, Maintenance of Asset Register and Loan Repayments.
Accounts Payable	Payment of suppliers, Tax compliance; Statutory reporting.

Risk Management	Management of and facilitation of the quarterly review of the Corporate and Departmental Risk Registers and ensure mitigation strategies are aligned to the risks identified to lower the risk consequences.
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Key Achievements 2022

- **RATES** - The Q1 2022 3-month targeted waiver was applied to rate accounts. This involved 493 Rates Customers with a waiver of €2,505,380.26. Contact with Ratepayers has been maintained throughout the year and they were also advised of the business supports available to them by the Council.
- **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** - Accounts payable continued to work to ensure suppliers are paid as quickly as possible to assist with their cash flow requirements. 28,286 payments were processed with a total value of €246m.
- **CAPITAL PROGRAMME** – The Councils report indicating the Programme of Capital Projects Proposed 2022 – 2024 set out an ambitious programme of Housing, Recreational and Infrastructural projects across the county. Projected programme expenditure amounts to €806m, €595m of which is anticipated within the three years.
- **BUDGET 2023** – The Council's 2023 Revenue Budget was adopted by the Councillors at the Budget Meeting held on 8th November 2022. Commercial Rates were increased by 4% but the Ratepayers Support Grant bands were also increased by 4% for 2023. The vacancy rate remains unchanged.

Local Enterprise Office

The Local Enterprise Office Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (LEO dlr) is the 'First Stop Shop' for people seeking advice, information and support when starting or growing a business. Services provided include business advice and mentoring, training, financial supports, networking opportunities, management programmes, supports aligned to sectors and economic challenges such as LEAN process management, Financial Understanding, Brexit workshops, student enterprise programmes and enterprise competitions like the National Enterprise Awards.

Key Achievements 2022

- A total of 55 LEO Measure 1 grants (14 Feasibility study grants, 12 Business Priming grants, 13 Business Expansion grants and 16 Export Marketing grants) were approved to the value of €918,703.43. This funding directly supported 58 new local jobs.
- 110 trading online vouchers were approved to the value of €255,605.95. This supported local businesses across all key sectors to expand and improve their online trading presence.
- Fourteen Client Companies were transferred to Enterprise Ireland as part of the inter-agency Progression Pathway. These transfers reflect how early-stage LEO support positions Companies to successfully source further investment and opportunities to grow.
- 413 clients received business mentoring through one-to-one engagements.

- 2,306 clients took part in training, seminars, management development programmes and networking events.
- 28 clients completed a Lean project as part of the Lean for Micro Programme which is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase competitiveness (up from 22 in 2021).
- 788 students from 16 second level schools participated in a Student Enterprise programme which includes the enterprise awards, and enterprise showcase events.
- LEO dlr continued their focus on supporting small businesses prepare for a low carbon, resource efficient economy of the future through their Green for Micro programme with 12 applications approved in 2022 (up from 7 in 2021). LEO dlr also led an event as part of Dublin Climate Action Week 2022 “Take the next step – Supports to help small businesses on their sustainable journey”. Enabled by EPA funding secured by dlr’s Green Business Officer in collaboration with LEO dlr and LEO Dublin City MODOS Circular Economy training was completed in Quarter One - 2022. There were 40 places available with a total of 37 attending representing 27 businesses and social enterprises.
- Through our referral process with Micro Finance Ireland 11 client loan applications were forwarded for approval.
- On behalf of the Dublin Region LEOs, LEO dlr hosted a National Women’s Enterprise Day event which took place on 13th October 2022 in the Pavilion, Leopardstown Racecourse. The “Developing a Strategic Mindset” event featured a panel discussion with four Dublin Region entrepreneurs and keynote speakers on Strategic Thinking and Networking. It was a high energy, informative and inspiring event with 243 female business owners and entrepreneurs in attendance.
- LEO dlr issued 41 newsletters to a database of 2,742 recipients while social media connectivity continued to increase standing at; 5,602 Twitter followers, 2,158 Facebook followers, 1,542 Instagram followers, and 824 LinkedIn connections.
- Regular meetings were held with LEO colleagues in the other Dublin councils to plan the delivery of programs and services to the broader regional client base. Collaborations include Food Sector Supports (Dublin Food Chain events and the Food Academy program), Breakthrough Innovation Programme, Green 4 Micro and Lean for Micro supports.
- LEO dlr launched a Financial Understanding Programme in November 2022. The programme provides access to an online self-learning platform with two modules for users from non-financial backgrounds to improve their financial literacy skills. The programme is available free of charge to LEO dlr clients and includes one-to-one mentoring support for each participant.
- LEO dlr in partnership with Enterprise Ireland, Nova UCD and IADT, launched a new initiative called Collaborate dlr. The initiative aims to build a strong regional identity and community for businesses within the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown county. The theme of the inaugural event which took place on 26th October 2022 in the Pavilion, Leopardstown Racecourse was the importance of investing in skills and products.

Economic Development

The Economic Development Unit works with internal and external stakeholders to create and support a healthy economic environment which will attract and retain business in dlr. It provides direct financial supports, drives strategic projects, acts



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as an internal council voice for businesses in dlr and generally drives initiatives that foster economic growth in the County.

The FULL Management Development Programme, led by the Economic Development Unit, is unique to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and supports businesses to think and act strategically, achieve scale and grow profitability. Based on three keystones of Financial Understanding, LEAN thinking and Leadership, uptake has been strong with 66 clients participating in the programme in 2022.

There has been a strong take-up of the following direct supports: Shopfront Improvement Scheme, Pop-Up Shop, Street Furniture Grant and Business Area Promotion Grants.

The Unit has a strong focus on building footfall to support street level retail businesses and driving place making initiatives to attract and retain customers and businesses alike.

Key Achievements 2022

- Significant place making initiatives delivered and in planning to support businesses
- Increased engagement with broad dlr business base and a broad representation of their needs to internal stakeholders
- Rollout of the FULL Management Development programme in dlr
- Partnered with IADT on the Creative Ireland-funded Towards a Creative Dún Laoghaire project
- Continued increase in the support provided for Shopfront Improvement
- Delivery of the popular Dún Laoghaire Anseo Street Art initiative
- Roll out of Age Friendly Business Recognition programme
- Launched the first Dún Laoghaire Comedy Festival to promote the night-time economy in the town
- Continuation of Seasonal Fund for business networks to animate and illuminate towns and villages for the Christmas season
- 'Shop Local'/'Caith do Chuid go hAitiuil' banners in major towns and online campaign
- Collaboration with Dublin Canvas to paint Traffic Boxes in towns and villages
- Sponsorship of dlr First Frames in collaboration with the Arts Office which provides support to emerging local filmmakers
- Collaboration with dlr Departments and external stakeholders in hosting the judging for the Great Town Award, which was ultimately awarded to Dún Laoghaire.
- Review of Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2022 completed, and preparation of new LECP 2023-2028 commenced

Tourism

2022 was a year of re-emergence for tourism in the county. The dlr Tourism Information Kiosk operated throughout the year with a full 7 day a week service. Visitor footfall to the kiosk was slow but grew steadily throughout the year.

The year saw a welcome return of many events such as the Dalkey Lobster, Dalkey Book Festival and Failte Nasc at Marlay

Park. In addition, the Tourism Section collaborated on the inaugural year of the Dún Laoghaire Comedy Festival in the quieter shoulder season of November which was very successful.

Key Achievements 2022

- Festivals & Events returned to the county including the councils support of the popular Food on the Edge Festival at Airfield House.
- The online promotion of the county continued our dlr Tourism social media channels targeting visitors to Dublin and encouraging them out of the city. Northern Ireland journalists visited dlr on a familiarisation trip resulting in a variety of print and online content promoting the county in Northern Ireland.
- A new suite of photos of the county during the summer and the new lights on key town building were completed this year for using in ongoing promotion of the county.
- Following extensive engagement with Failte Ireland the new Dublin Coastal Trail physical signage was installed along the coast in train stations and coastal towns.
- The URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities project concluded in 2022.
- The Failte Ireland Destination Towns work was ongoing with the installation of new lighting projects around the town of Dún Laoghaire
- The dlr Tourism Provider Network Meetings took place in Airfield & Dalkey with a strong engagement from tourism providers.
- The Tourism section in collaboration with the Dún Laoghaire Harbour team welcomed over 70 cruise ships calls to Dún Laoghaire with a team of welcome staff to guide and assist visitors with orientation on their arrival.

Twinning & International Relations

As part of our collaboration with the City of Vincennes, In May 2022, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown were the guests of honour at the City of Vincennes "Europe Day Festival" a delegation led by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Letty Mc Carthy. We had the opportunity to promote Dún Laoghaire Rathdown as a place to visit through an Outdoor Gallery Display.

In November we facilitated a new collaboration between a second level school in Vincennes and Stepside Educate Together. An Cathaoirleach Cllr Mary Hanafin and representatives from Stepside Educate Together visited the Hector Berlioz School in Vincennes to develop possible collaborations.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr Mary Hanafin welcomed representatives from the Vincennes Youth Parliament to County Hall in December. These youth representatives met with youth representatives from Stepside Educate Together.

The Council has expressed an interest in developing a collaboration with the city of Palo Alto in California. Initial contact has been made and discussions are at a very early stage.



FORWARD
PLANNING
Infrastructure





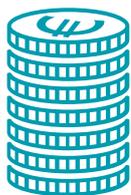
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3764 + c. **137,843**sq.m
homes of non-residential
development.



Tully Park Phase 2 – construction
commenced in **JUNE 2021** construction
substantially completed in December 2022.

Successful under URDF Call 2 in respect of Cherrywood Public
Access, Permeability and Amenity in securing grant funding of



€40.4 MILLION

for six projects.



Forward Planning Infrastructure

Forward Planning Infrastructure (FPI) has responsibility for progressing the implementation of the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/planning/cherrywood-sdz>, and the Government funded projects of the Cherrywood SDZ Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) Call 1 and Call 2 and the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF).

The key focus of FPI is to assist the landowners in progressing the overall development of the Cherrywood SDZ and the approved Cherrywood LIHAF project along with the delivery of the approved projects under the Cherrywood URDF (Calls 1 and 2) that have been granted funding approval.

It also has responsibility for driving the Major Urban Housing Development Site (MUHDS) of Cherrywood.

Key Achievements 2022

- Total grant of planning in the Cherrywood SDZ now achieved in the order of 3,764 homes and c. 137,843 sq.m of non-residential development.
- Successful under URDF Call 2 in respect of Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity in securing grant funding of €40.4 million for six projects.
- Tully Park Phase 2 – construction commenced in June 2021 with construction substantially completed in December 2022.

Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone (SDZ)

The Cherrywood Development Agency Project Team (DAPT) continued in its role of guiding the development in the SDZ to ensure consistency with the requirements of the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme 2014 (as amended).

Engagement continued with all key stakeholders in relation to all aspects of Cherrywood that require a coordinated approach from a number of state agencies and service providers including



Cherrywood SDZ

high-level engagement with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Work continued in scoping and undertaking assessments of potential amendments to the approved Planning Scheme to ensure it responds to Government policy.

Key Achievements 2022

- Strong planning activity continued in 2022 with a total grant of planning in the SDZ now achieved in the order of 3,764 homes and c. 137,843 sq.m of non-residential development with the first residents taking up occupancy in Autumn 2022;
- Progressed the proposed Amendment No. 8: Building Height and Density Review
- Cross-Departmental workshops continued to address key areas such as Planning, Taking in Charge, Affordability (LIHAF dimension) and infrastructure delivery
- Progressed the review of the Cherrywood Biodiversity Plan
- Progressed the review of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme 2017 - 2020

Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF)

The objective of the fund as part of the Rebuilding Ireland Programme 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.

The Woodbrook/Shanganagh project is now being progressed independently by the developer and is no longer included on the list of approved LIHAF projects. However, it considered that the LIHAF process was key to unlocking the potential of this area and bringing all parties together to progress its development.

dlr has a grant agreement in place for Cherrywood Druid's Glen project c.€15m for road and bridge upgrades.

FPI continued to progress this LIHAF project in close consultation with the dlr Projects' Office, the landowners, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and external state agencies. There is ongoing engagement by FPI and the Department in relation to working through any potential challenges that may arise on site that could delay progress on these projects.

Key Achievements 2022

- **Cherrywood Druids Glen Road (Q-P) (road/bridge) - €15.19M**
- Phase 1 of the project (Q-P*) completed;
- Phase 2 (P*-P3) detailed design and tender documentation progressed; and
- Phase 3 (P3-P) Concept Bridge Design including photomontages completed.
- Project Governance Board continues to provide oversight and governance on all aspects of project delivery.

Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites (MUHDS)

Accelerating delivery of housing for the private, social and rented sectors is a key priority for the Government as part of the new Housing for All Plan. Planning activity remained strong in the 3 identified MUHDS areas of Cherrywood, Kiltarnan/Glenamuck and Woodbrook/Shanganagh in dlr for large scale housing delivery.

Key Achievements 2022

- Strong planning activity continued in 2022 in the areas of Cherrywood, Glenamuck/Kiltarnan and Woodbrook/Shanganagh.

Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF)

Call 1, in respect of the Cherrywood Public Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project 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. The funding approval in place for these 4 URDF sub-projects is in the order of c.€17.8m and is by way of 75% direct funding from the Government.

These projects, managed by FPI, have been progressed in 2022 in tandem with the multi-disciplinary design consultants appointed for each project and key stakeholders including the National Transport Authority (NTA).

There is ongoing engagement with the relevant landowners in relation to access to land acquisition, access for site investigations and surveys.

FPI is also progressing the URDF Call 2 Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity project, for which c. €40.3M for 6 Cherrywood projects. FPI submitted a Preliminary Business Case in respect of the Call 2 project in June 2022 to the Department.

Key Achievements 2022

- URDF Call 1 - Cherrywood Public Parks, Greenways and Attenuation project progressing
- Tully Park Phase 2 – construction commenced in June 2021, and was completed in December 2022 with final snags being undertaken
- Linear Park –Statutory Part 8 planning was approved in June 2022 and the project is progressing to tender to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team to advance the project.
- Pond 2 A – Site clearance works, and surveys completed, and intention is to proceed to tender for construction in Q2 2023.
- Pond 5a – Project is progressing with intention to go to tender in Q2 2023.
- FPI continued to progress the approved projects under Call 2 of the URDF in respect of Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity.
- dlr met with representatives from the Department in September 2022 as part of dlr's LIHAF & URDF project review meeting on site in Cherrywood

- dlr appointed a specialist consultant to undertake the preliminary business case in accordance with the Public Spending Code for the Call 2 URDF projects, which was issued to the Department on the 8th of June 2022.



HOUSING



497 new homes delivered



211 grants paid under the Housing Adaptation Grants scheme at a total value of **€1,766,268**



878 properties surveyed as part of our stock condition survey



6228 maintenance requests completed



2156 private rental inspections carried out



82 properties received energy efficiency upgrades



29% increase in the number of housing allocations in 2022



13 Housing First Tenancies created

21 Local Authority Home Loans were approved in principle to the value of

€4.6m



504 housing allocations made



36 Households approved for downsizing



22% of all homes allocated to Disabled People



New Anti-social Behaviour Strategy Adopted 2022 – 2028



Housing

The Housing Department provides housing to households who are unable to provide accommodation from their own means. We provide supports and services to vulnerable persons, to housing applicants and to our tenants. The Housing Department is also responsible for the management, maintenance and efficient use of our housing stock.

We work in partnership with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), Housing Agency, Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE), Approved Housing Bodies and the Land Development Agency (LDA) to increase housing supply and facilitate access to greater housing choice, particularly for Older and Disabled People.

We support homeownership through the provision of loans through the Local Authority Home Loan Scheme and the administration of the Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme. We also help private homeowners through the provision of grants to carry out adaptations or improvements that enable them to continue living in their homes.

Housing Delivery

The delivery of homes through construction and refurbishment is a priority for the Council. Hyper-inflation and the effects of Covid-19 continued to be a challenge for construction projects during 2022, particularly in the first quarter of the year. This challenging construction environment also affected delivery through Part V, with completion delayed on several schemes. A total of 223 homes were delivered in 2022 including new build, acquisition, and Part V. In addition, 5 long-term leased

properties (25 years) provided long term secure accommodation for households in need of housing.

The Council continued to explore all options to increase the delivery of new homes in 2022, including the Repair to Lease, long-term leasing, Buy and Renew and Mortgage to Rent schemes.

Croi Conaithe was introduced towards the end of 2022 which provides grant assistance to owner occupiers to refurbish long term vacant properties. A campaign aimed at targeting vacant



Turning of the sod at Shanganagh, Shankill – construction begins of the largest public housing scheme in the State in recent years with 597 homes to be delivered

properties to bring them back into use was also launched towards the latter end of 2022.

Key Achievements 2022

- 223 homes delivered in 2022 including new build, acquisition and Part V.
- 17 Agreements were signed through Part V which will deliver 382 social housing units including 16 under long-term lease
- 135 homes provided through build programme in partnership with AHB's and a further 9 new homes were provided through long term lease
- Construction commenced on Shanganagh Residential lands which will deliver 200 social homes, 91 affordable purchase homes and 306 cost rental homes

Housing Adaptations for Older People and Persons with a Disability

The Housing Department assists people to remain living in their own homes for as long as possible where alterations are required to meet the accommodation needs of a family member. This includes adaptations to Council owned stock and the provision of grants to private homeowners in the form of grants. Examples of alterations required include accessible bathrooms, level access showers, door widening, installation of ramps, grab rails and stair lifts. An essential repairs grant is also available to private tenants living in poor housing conditions to carry out improvements to enable them to remain in their home.

Key Achievements 2022

- 211 grants paid under the Housing Adaptation Grants Schemes at a total value of €1,766,268

- 89 adaptation works completed or closed on Council-owned properties at a cost of €386,810

Maintenance

The Housing Maintenance Department maintains approximately 4,800 properties.

We commenced a comprehensive stock condition survey in January 2022 that will enable us to gather information about the overall condition of our social housing stock and devise a programme for all necessary planned maintenance work.

Key Achievements 2022

- 6,228 maintenance requests completed
- 878 properties surveyed as part of our stock condition survey

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme

2022 was an exciting year in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme.

Our programme of works this year saw 82 designated older persons homes in our housing stock receive significant energy upgrades. The upgrade works carried out on each property included external insulation, new doors and windows, solar panels, heating system upgrades and attic insulation. Prior to the energy upgrades, the properties had BER ratings as low as F and G. With the work now complete, 63 of the properties have achieved an A-rating with the other 19 achieving a B-rating.

A significant piece of the work carried out in 2022 was the installation of a new district heating system containing eight air to water heat pumps in our Beaufort. This is the first district heating system installed under the National Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme for social housing with the works



Our homes at Beaufort after receiving an energy retrofit

approved on a pilot basis by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Key Achievements 2022

- 82 properties retrofitted
- First district heating system installed under the national Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme for social housing

Housing Re-lets

When a house is being re-let the Housing Department assesses the condition of the property and carries out improvement works in addition to standard re-let works, when necessary. This can include installation of new doors and windows, electrical rewiring, fitting of new smoke and carbon alarms, attic insulation, replacement of central heating boiler and/or full central heating system. This work has the added benefit of improving the BER rating resulting in a more comfortable, energy-efficient home for the tenant.

Key Achievements 2022

- 152 re-lets completed

Allocations and Transfer

The Housing Department assesses eligibility for Social Housing Support, allocates properties to applicants on the Housing Waiting List and the Transfer List in accordance with the Council's Allocation Scheme. An applicant's position on the Housing Waiting List is determined by the length of time the applicant has had a valid housing application. 2022 had the highest number of allocations than any other year providing homes for 504 households.

Households who have a minimum tenancy of 3 years can apply for inclusion on the transfer lists. Mutual transfers may also be allowed between tenants with similar properties and in cases where a transfer achieves a better use of accommodation.

The Housing Department upgraded the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system to integrate with the Housing Management System (NEC) in 2022.

Key Achievements 2022

- Upgrade new CBL system to integrate with NEC
- 504 Allocations made to applicants in need of social housing
- Completed a Summary of Social Housing Needs Assessment for 2022

Downsizing

Downsizing/rightsizing for Council tenants continued to be a priority during 2022. Where households who find their current accommodation no longer suits their needs and wish to downsize, we will prioritise their transfer to alternative accommodation. This also enables the Council to make better use of our housing stock by reallocating the larger properties to families on the housing list.

Every effort is made to find a suitable property that enables the tenant to remain in the community and location they

have identified. The incentives for tenants include reduced maintenance and upkeep cost, lower heating bills and in most cases, a more accessible property for the tenant to suit their needs.

Key Achievements 2022

- 36 Households approved for downsizing
- 20 Households downsized

Homeless Services

The Council's Homeless Section works in partnership with the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) to assist homeless persons or persons at risk of becoming homeless, to access emergency accommodation and exit homelessness. In addition to assessing the needs of households who present and providing access to Emergency Accommodation, the Homeless section also provides support such as Place Finders and Housing First as pathways out of homelessness.

At the end of 2022, there were 226 households (71 families and 155 singles) registered as homeless with the Homeless Section.

Place Finders

The Place Finders service assists homeless households and households at risk of homelessness to access the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP). The service also works with private landlords and property agents to secure private rented accommodation.

Key Achievements 2022

- Placefinders supported 257 individuals
- 91 Homeless HAP tenancies were delivered

Housing First

Housing First is a housing-led participant-centred model that focuses on ending homelessness for those who have been homeless for many years or who are particularly vulnerable with complex needs. It provides housing and access to intensive and specialised support services. dlr is very proactive regarding the provision of Housing First tenancies. This Council's Housing First 5-year target for 2022–2026 is 85 tenancies.

Key Achievements in 2022

- 13 Housing First tenancies delivered

Tenancy Management

The Council's Tenancy Management Section continued to provide support and assistance to vulnerable tenants in managing and maintaining their tenancies. The section also investigates complaints of anti-social behaviour in accordance with the Council's Anti-social Behaviour Strategy and works to promote good estate management, making our communities better places to live.

The new Anti-social Behaviour Strategy 2022-2028 was adopted by the Elected Members in January 2022.



Key Achievements 2022

- 3 Pre-tenancy Courses delivered
- 50 Housing Welfare Officer cases providing complex supports
- 35 Tenancy Sustainment Service cases providing supports
- Successful operation during Halloween, section working with An Garda Síochána
- 3 new possession cases before the courts
- 17 Tenancy Warnings issued
- 150 anti-social behaviour cases investigated

Housing Rent

Rent collected by the Council is calculated in accordance with the Differential Rent Scheme. The Scheme determines a tenant's rent based on two factors:

1. the total income of the household, and
2. the size of the household

Key Achievements 2022

- 372 new rent accounts set up in 2022

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme

The New Local Authority Home Loan Scheme came into effect from 4 January 2022. It replaced the existing Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme.

The Local Authority Home Loan scheme is a government backed mortgage provided to First Time Buyers or other eligible applicants through local authorities. The scheme is for the purchase of new or second-hand residential properties and for self-builds located within the administrative area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. It also includes the purchase of homes through State schemes such as the Tenant Purchase Scheme and Affordable Housing Schemes, except for the First Home Scheme. A 'Fresh Start' principle also applies to the Local Authority Home Loans scheme.

Key Achievements 2022

- 21 Home loans approved
- Value of approved loans is €4.6m

Housing and Disability Steering Group

The Housing and Disability Steering Group was established in accordance with the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027. The Steering Group met quarterly and gave regular updates at the Housing Strategic Policy Committee meetings throughout 2022. During 2022, 22% of all housing allocations were made to Disabled People. The Group continues to progress the Local Plan for Disabled People.

Traveller Accommodation

The Housing Department continued its commitment to the implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 (TAP), with the provision of high-quality Traveller accommodation, including the development of new sites, refurbishment and extension of existing sites, casual vacancies and standard housing.



A safe place to play at our Traveller accommodation at St. Louise's

Key Achievements 2022

- Part 8 Planning approval granted for Woodpark, Sallynoggin, permanent and temporary sites
- 4 projects at advanced stage for Part 8 approval as per TAP
- 10 dwellings/bays refurbished, 6 casual vacancies, 4 families allocated standard housing
- 7 mobile homes procured and delivered as part of relocating tenants - TAP 2019-2024
- 6 mobile homes delivered under the National Pilot Caravan Loan Scheme
- Safe Play Area completed St Louise's Park, Blackrock, financed by Dormant Account Fund
- Fire Safety works completed at Burton, St. Michaels, and Woodpark

Key Achievements 2022

- 1,323 properties inspected
- 2,156 inspections carried out
- 254 properties compliant with the Housing Standard Regulations
- 23 Improvement Notices served
- 3 Prohibition Notices served

Standards in Private Rented Housing

Tenancies in the private rented market and with Approved Housing Bodies throughout Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown are required to be inspected to ensure compliance with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. The Housing Standards Section is responsible for the enforcement of the Regulations. Inspectors visit rental properties to check for compliance with the Regulations. The Department of Housing issue an annual target of 25% of tenancies registered with the Residential Tenancies Board to be inspected.

Where properties are found to be non-compliant with the Housing Regulations, the Council has a range of sanctions, up to and including prosecution in the District Court, which can be imposed on a landlord whose property does not comply.



67 new homes to be delivered in 2023 in Phase 1 of Ballyogan Square



INFRASTRUCTURE & Climate Change





Environmental Enforcement customer queries logged in CRM

4739 Litter Patrols completed



118 Green Schools registered in the county

519

finest issued by Environmental Enforcement Wardens



First Local authority to sign the CIRCULAR CITIES DECLARATION

Over 5400 SQ. M of graffiti removed



105 Environmental Workshops held



500 Brown Bin Caddies provided to the public



9864 TONNES of waste recycled in Ballyogan Recycling Centre



260,904 customers used Ballyogan Recycling Centre

350 cycle parking stands installed



6,976 metres of urban greenway completed



10,862 metres of cycle tracks completed



Over 4000 METRES of footpaths installed or upgraded



Infrastructure and Climate Change

The Directorate of Infrastructure and Climate Change incorporates a wide range of services for citizens and visitors which are designed to provide high-quality environment, combat Climate Change and provide a high-quality infrastructure and public realm.

Capital Projects Office

The Capital projects Office is responsible for the delivery of the Capital Programme for the provision of major capital schemes.

Key Achievements 2022

The following are the major Capital Projects/Schemes under design/construction or recently completed by the Council and funded by Development Levies/Grants:

Schemes under construction / completed:

- Dún Laoghaire Baths
- Bray Woodbrook Landfill Reclamation Project
- Blackglan Road Improvement Scheme

Schemes at Detailed Design Stage:

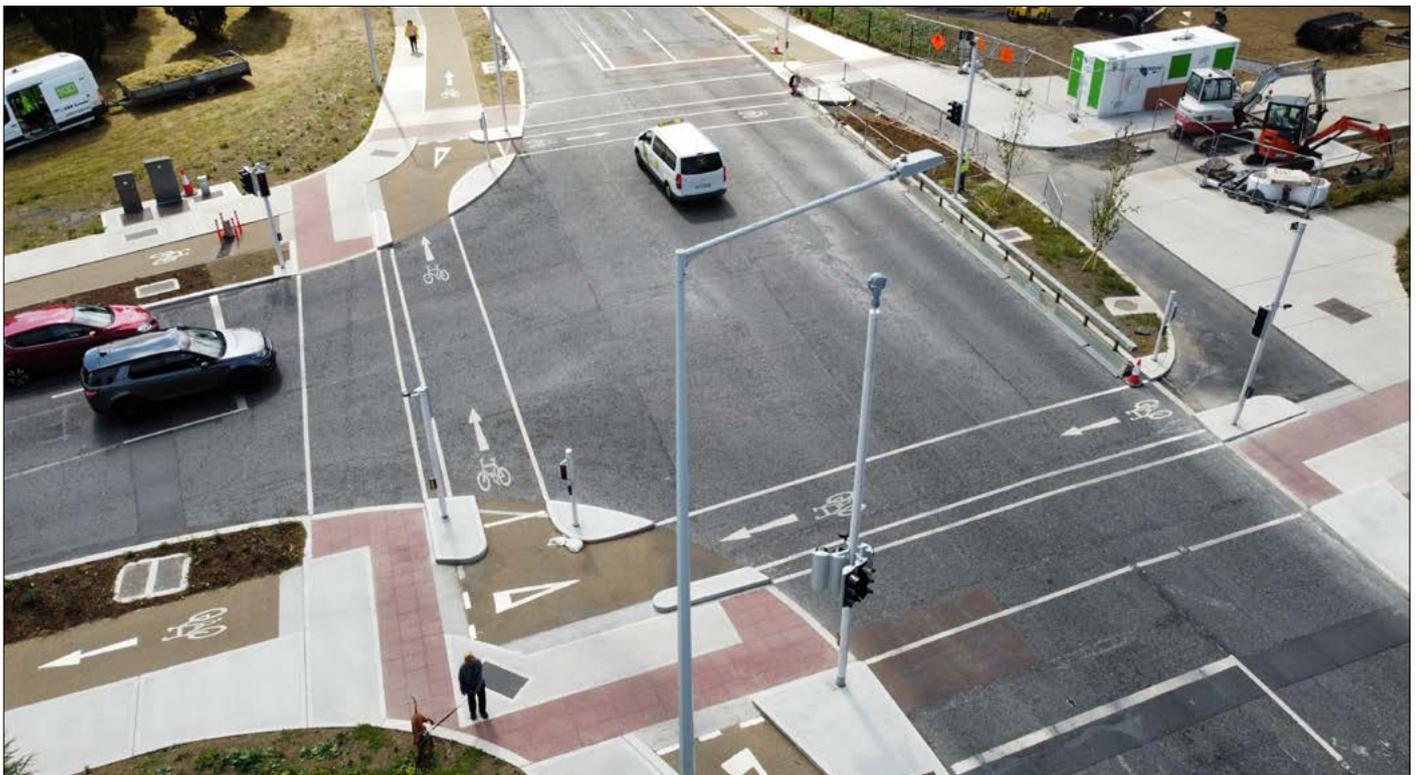
- M50 Junction 14 Link Road
- N11 Druid's Glen Road P*-P3 (Phase 2)
- Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade (Golden Ball Junction)
- Glenamuck District Roads Scheme

Schemes at Preliminary Design Stage:

- Blackrock Link (part of S2S)
- N11 Druid's Glen Road P3-P (Phase 3)
- Hillcrest Road
- Cherrywood Road Upgrade
- Leopardstown Link Road Phase 2
- Bracken Road to Drummartin Link Road
- Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme

Special Projects:

- Offshore Windfarms and onshore grid connection
- Shanganagh Castle (securing of property)
- Dundrum Community, Cultural and Civic Hub (DCCCH)
- Samuel Beckett Civic Campus - Phase 2A (Ballyogan Library including fit out)
- Samuel Beckett Civic Campus – Phase 2B (Civic/Sports campus and swimming pool)
- Infrastructure Capacity Assessment Study of South East Area



New segregated junction at Lower Kilmacud Road/Drummartin Link Road

Active Travel

The dlr Active Travel Section was established in 2021. This dedicated team is focused on the delivery of safe and attractive walking and cycling infrastructure. The Section is focused on not only delivering capital projects such as Active School Travel but also looking at the softer side of active travel promotion like school surveys.

These schemes provide many benefits to the citizen in terms of safety, climate action, environment, health, economic as well as overall quality of life.

Key Achievements 2022

- Active Travel were awarded the European Cycle Federation award for Infrastructure Design
- Dún Laoghaire town was awarded a Pathfinder project
- The Active Travel team recruitment continued
- We hosted a number of local authorities who visited dlr to share knowledge and view our projects
- We participated in a number of webinars to share knowledge and lessons learnt
- Senior Management and Councillors visited the Netherlands on a study trip
- The Active Travel Team presented at Velo City Ljubljana

The following projects have been completed:

- Sea to Mountains Cycle Route
- Park to Park and Mountains to Metals Cycle Routes (with the exception of Deansgrange Road)
- Safe and Quiet Streets: Drummartin Park
- Eden Park Improvements
- Cycle protection works at Honey Park
- Permeability access at Goatstown Close

Construction commenced on:

- Wyattville Road Active Travel Scheme
- Clonskeagh Road (UCD to Dodder)
- Rock Road (extension to the Coastal Mobility Route)

Part 8 planning was achieved for:

- dlr Central

Public consultation was completed on:

- Glenageary Road Upper
- Safe Routes to Schools Lot 1
- Taney Road to N11

Schemes that were progressed in 2022:

- dlr Connector (prelim design complete)
- Deansgrange Cycle Route Part 8 commenced



Love our Laneways, Sallynoggin

- Rochestown Avenue (prelim design complete)
- Living Streets: Blackrock – progressed the design of a permanent scheme for the village
- Living Streets: Dún Laoghaire – traffic modelling, pre-design public engagement completed and prelim design underway
- Leopardstown Road Active Travel Improvements (prelim design completed)
- Deerpark Steps detailed design progressed
- Love our Laneways (prelim design progressed)
- Coastal Mobility Route – TU Dublin research continued

Climate Action

The Council continues to focus its efforts on the implementation and monitoring of its Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2019-2024, in the context of the ongoing causes and impacts of climate change. The Council also continues to collaborate across departments, staff and Elected Members, to achieve energy efficiency and emission reductions across its own buildings, facilities, travel, functions and services, whilst also influencing climate action in the wider community. This is derived from the Council's Corporate Plan, a core value of which is 'Climate First - Adopt a climate first approach to decision making'. Ongoing citizen and stakeholder engagement are at the heart of the CCAP, as our County as a 'community', continues its efforts to contribute to the shared, national climate objective, as set out in the Government's National Climate Action Plan 2023 – Changing Ireland for the Better.

Key Achievements 2022

- The Council published the third Annual Progress Report of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024, which is available on the Council's website.
- In 2022, the Council was the first local authority in Ireland to sign the European Circular Cities Declaration. This is a commitment from cities and regions across Europe, to enhance efforts to transition from a linear to a circular economy.
- The Council selected the Dún Laoghaire and Blackrock areas, as the County's new Decarbonising Zone. This area is set to become the focus for a range of climate action measures, such as the identification of projects and outcomes, that will contribute to achieving national climate targets.
- The four Dublin local authorities in conjunction with Codema and CARO, organised and delivered the second Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW22), which took place in September 2022. Over fifty online and in person events took place throughout the week, which included webinars, workshops, site visits, cycles and walking tours.
- The Council partnered with both Belarmine Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) and Shankill Action for a Green Earth (SAGE) - Sustainable Energy Community, to provide bridging finance, to support the preparation of the first comprehensive Energy Master Plans (EMP) for these areas.
- Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency is currently working with the Council and the other Dublin local authorities, on an application to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) Public Sector Pathfinder Retrofit Programme, with a focus on low-carbon and energy efficiency retrofit projects.

- The Council is a partner in the Linte na Farraige (Lines of the Sea) project, funded by the Government's Creative Climate Action programme, which forms part of the national Climate Action Fund. This has resulted in a set of striking visual light installations designed by Finnish artists placed across three Irish coastal sites in Dublin, Wexford and Galway. The installations are comprised of illuminated horizontal lines that represent future sea levels and storm surges. The Council worked with a range of project partners throughout 2022 to plan the installation at the Martello Tower, in Blackrock Park.

Environmental Awareness

Environmental Awareness continues to engage with schools, communities and the public to promote good environmental practice, resource management and environmental protection. The Environmental Awareness Officer (E.A.O) provides the link between the local authority and the public by encouraging a strong community spirit and enabling the public to play their role in climate action and good environmental practices.

Events, workshops, grant schemes and competitions with schools and communities were organised. The Environmental Awareness Officer in conjunction with An Taisce facilitates the Green Schools programme in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Promotion and support of the delivery of dlr's climate actions, environmental policies and regional environmental plans including areas of resource management, litter management and recycling.

Key Achievements 2022

- 500 brown bin caddies provided for National Food Waste Recycling Week 2022
- More than 250 decorations were submitted from primary schools for the Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition



Sally the Dog Campaign Launch

- 118 Schools registered for the Green Schools programme in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
- 105 environmental workshops were provided to schools and communities.
- Over 100 posters were submitted for the Primary School Anti-Litter/Dog Fouling Poster Competition
- The Environment and Climate Action Grant funded 27 community based environmental projects.
- 27 Schools were awarded their Green Flag.
- 27 areas represented in the Tidy Districts Awards
- 5 Pallets of compost provided to the public for National Food Waste Recycling Week in collaboration with Thornton's Recycling.
- A new social media campaign 'Scally the Dog' was developed in conjunction with other local authorities to promote responsible dog ownership and highlight the consequences of not picking up dog fouling.
- The creation of 'Sorted - How to Reduce, Segregate and Manage School Waste' videos in collaboration with the Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council and VOICE to assist schools to reduce waste and improve waste segregation.
- The creation of a social media campaign highlighting the impacts of cigarette butt litter.

Green Business

The impact of climate change, new regulations, rising resource costs and changing customer expectations requires all businesses, irrespective of their size or sector, to adopt an eco-friendly approach. Ireland has a target to reduce carbon / greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030, and to achieve a climate neutral economy by 2050. To do this, businesses are encouraged to invest in a greener future, through sustainable products, services and business models.

dlr County Council's Green Business Office supports an environmental awareness programme for businesses and honours those organisations that demonstrate leadership in environmental stewardship in the county. It also encourages the transition from a linear economy to a circular economy to enhance employment and increase the value recovery and recirculation of resources. Green Business promotes environmental best practices including waste prevention, energy efficiency, water conservation and sustainable transport activities through capacity building in the SME sector and in public institutions in dlr. This enables businesses to meet the policy actions in the government's Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy 2020-2025 and the Resource Management Actions relevant to businesses in the dlr County Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 and the dlr County Development Plan 2022-2028. Green Business organises and co-ordinates green business events, facilitates environmental certification and supports the hosting of annual business awards in the county. Green Business also collaborates with national business support agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and local business representative groups e.g., Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and Sandyford BID CLG to facilitate businesses that want to implement resource efficiency practices and principles.

Training

In collaboration with SustHub and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber, Green Business provided on-line sustainability training and one-on-one mentoring for SMEs to assist them in developing a climate strategy and in measuring the carbon footprint of their operations. MODOS training for the Circular Economy was also provided on-line to businesses in conjunction with Sustainability Works, The Eastern & Midlands Regional Waste Plan Office, Dublin City Economic Development Unit and the dlr Local Enterprise Office. One networking event was held in-person at the end of the training to facilitate further peer-to-peer learning.

The €coMerit Programme

The €coMerit Programme, delivered by €coMerit, a Wexford based environmental consultancy, is designed to help organisations be more energy efficient, prevent waste, conserve water and save money in the process. Certificate holders also commit to promoting environmental awareness among their key stakeholders including staff, customers and suppliers. Participants achieve recognition for their environmental achievements through the award of an €coMerit certification which is reviewed annually to ensure continuous environmental improvement takes place. €coMerit Certificate holders have posted average year on year reductions in carbon emissions of 9.2% since 2009. In 2022 annual reviews continued to be conducted remotely and there was little scope to recruit new participants due to the ongoing impact of covid-19 on arranging in person site visits. The only new €coMerit Certificate awarded was to Brennan and Co. Sandyford.

Site visits are an essential part of agreeing an environmental improvement plan with any new participant in the programme and many sites/offices had restricted operations as staff continued to work remotely.

Business Awards 2022

Green Business sponsored, solicited nominations for and contributed to the judging of the Green Business category of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber's County Business Awards 2022 which celebrated businesses that demonstrated excellence in environmental best practice. One award was given for organisations with less than 50 employees and another for organisations with greater than 50 employees at the in-person event.

Environmental Enforcement, Litter and Animal Control

The Environmental Enforcement, Litter & Animal Control section is tasked with promoting the circular economy, eliminating litter pollution and encouraging recycling and other environmental local initiatives, such as:

- monitoring and enforcing environmental legislation and regulations concerning air, noise, waste, litter and animal control;
- investigating, assessing and resolving complaints logged on the Council's CRM system.

The National Environmental Priorities that this section is responsible for are:

- Litter and Waste

- Tackling Illegal waste activities,
- Litter Patrols and enforcement of regulations and associated by laws,
- Construction & Demolition Waste,
- End of Life Vehicles and Metals,
- Household and Commercial Waste,
- Producer Responsibility initiatives including WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment), Batteries, ELVES compliance scheme, Packaging waste.
- Air and Noise
 - Solid Fuel
 - Air Quality Monitoring and Data Use
 - Environmental Noise Directive (ENDs)
 - Air and Noise Control (including Planning)
 - Ongoing Air and Noise Enforcement Work
 - Solvents, Deco paints and Petroleum Vapour Regulations

Key Achievements 2022

- 2,489 customer queries were managed through our CRM system
- 4,739 Litter Patrols were completed by our Environmental Enforcement Wardens
- 519 fines were issued by our Environmental Enforcement Wardens
- 44 abandoned cars were removed from public areas
- 5,402.5 square metres of graffiti were removed
- 167 dog licence checks were carried out by the Dog Warden
- 2 stray horses and 2 stray donkeys were removed from public land and all 4 were rehomed
- 554 routine planned waste inspections completed
- 1,655 non-routine waste inspections were completed
- 245 non-routine and 99 routine Air and Noise inspections were completed
- 166 Producer Responsibility inspections were carried out relating to WEEE, Batteries, ELVs, Plastic Bags, Packaging, Farm Plastics and Tyres
- 308 Environmental Inspections relating to planning permissions were completed

Recycling Centres

The Council provides recycling services to domestic users by way of 38 bring banks, 2 local recycling centres (Eden Park & Shanganagh) and the Ballyogan Recycling Park.

Key Achievements 2022

- 8,322 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Ballyogan Recycling Park and a total of 260,904 customers used the facility
- 866 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Eden Park Recycling Centre

- 488 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Shanganagh Recycling Centre
- A total of 4,690 tonnes of recyclables were brought to the Bring Banks across the County
- There was a Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Dún Laoghaire and a Free Mattress Amnesty in Ballyogan
- The acceptance of hard plastics for recycling was set up on a trial basis at Shanganagh Recycling Centre

Estates Management Section

The core services of the Estates Management Section are:

- To ensure the good management and protection of Council owned property
- To acquire lands as required to meet the corporate objectives of dlr
- To maintain the Derelict Sites Register
- Engagement with State stakeholders including the Department of Education & Skills, the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, Uisce Eireann, the Land Development Agency
- Engagement with major property developers, such as Hines and the Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone (SDZ), to progress major infrastructural projects

Key Achievements 2022

- Negotiated License agreement with the Institute of Art Design and Technology (IADT) for their occupation at the Carnegie library (a Protected Structure) and auxiliary offices to facilitate their presence in Dún Laoghaire
- Nearing completion of a license agreement allowing Dept. of Education & Skills to access part of former depot site at Mount Anville to construct an interim 3-storey 8-classroom primary school with 2 no. Special Educational Needs Classroom and ancillary development school
- Woodbrook DART Station: Section 183 disposal of land at Woodbrook/Shanganagh brought to and approved at December's Council meeting to facilitate development of the DART station
- Organized and facilitated a series of workshops between Dublin Array (RWE Renewables Ireland Ltd) and Council Departments throughout 2022 to identify the optimum cable route and site location of a new 200kv sub-station in advance of submitting their planning application to An Bord Pleanála for an offshore wind farm
- Estates Management assisted Municipal Services in overseeing the conversion of the baling station, Ballyogan into use as a short-term shelter/accommodation for up to 300 Ukrainian refugees
- Shanganagh Castle: DHLGH request to proceed with a survey/costing to refurbish Shanganagh Castle Buildings [Former Sports Hall (Building C) and Dormitory (Building B)] for medium term emergency accommodation. dlr continues to work with IPAS, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, the Department of Social Protection, the HSE, Social Services and Gardai to find solutions for temporary accommodation in the county

- Upgrade works to the Wash House, Kelly's Avenue, Dún Laoghaire near completion and will maximise the potential utilisation of the building (a Protected Structure)
- dlr Estates Management has established and is leading a National Working Group of Local Authorities, engaging with the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) and the County and City Management Agency (CCMA) to review a Property Management and Facilities database solutions across Ireland. The goal is the development of an IT platform that can be utilised to centrally monitor and manage Corporate Buildings as well as the wider Estates & Property Portfolio

The Fire Service in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is also provided by Dublin City Council pursuant to an agreement under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 1955.

Stats for Estates Management:

- 2 Compulsory purchase orders completed – Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme and the Glenamuck District Roads Scheme
- 54 commercial leases in place in 2022
- 10 sites on the Derelict Sites Register, of which at the end of 2022, 3 are pending removal and 3 are in the process of being sold.

Civic Defence and Fire Service

The Civil Defence for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is provided by Dublin City Council.



Tidy Districts Winners 2022

**LEGAL
Services
Department**



Legal Services Department

In 2022, the Legal Services Department supported the Executive in the delivery of services in accordance with its mission statement as follows:

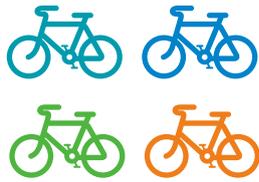
“To provide effective, efficient and responsive legal services to our clients, To support our clients in delivering effective outcomes, To play an active role in identifying and managing legal risk, To share our knowledge and expertise with our clients.”

The Legal Department dealt with instructions and requests for advice from the Executive in the following areas:

- Advisory – Legal advice to the Management Team and Council staff in relation to the Council’s functions under the various Statutes relating to Local Government
- Property and land – Acquisition and disposal of property and land, advice, enhanced leasing, leases and licences, tenant purchase, Council loans, Part V agreements and wayleaves
- Judicial review of administrative decisions
- Dispute resolution including construction disputes (negotiation, mediation, conciliation)
- Commercial contracts
- Regulatory enforcement – planning and litter enforcement
- Civil litigation
- Recovery of rates and debt collection
- Data protection and freedom of information
- Corporate governance

MUNICIPAL **Services**





BIKE WEEK 2022 took place on **14TH TO 22ND OF MAY** with several events held including a **COASTAL MOBILITY ROUTE 6KM FUN FAMILY CYCLE**

Provision of the School Warden Service - **72 full time wardens** and **10 reserve wardens**



Cycle Training delivered to a total

1364 STUDENTS in **27 SCHOOLS**

57% of paid parking transactions now "cashless payments"



Installed **2 EV CHARGERS** and **2 EBIKE** charging hubs with ESB xHub

595 CYCLE PARKING SPACES

+
260 SCOOTER STANDS

installed in public areas and schools



Blue Flag status at Seapoint and Killiney maintained



Road Resurfacing Programme Major Works (Roads Programme) – reconstruction/resurfacing of a road length of

c. 8.5KM



Completed **c. 64,859** street bin collections



Cycleway Maintenance Programme – resurfaced a cycleway length of

c. 1.7KM

Cleaned **c. 11,912** gullies



Road Safety Plan adopted in September 2022



24,300 lights maintained by the Public Lighting Section



Deep Cleans completed in **12** towns/villages



Purchased **25** new Big Belly bins

3 pilot Zebra pedestrian crossings completed with NTA funding



Municipal Services

Municipal Services is the operations department of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council which covers most of the outside operations of the Council. The sections included are Water & Drainage including Service Level Agreement with Irish Water; Flood Alleviation; Coastal Protection; Water Pollution Control; Traffic; Road Safety; School Wardens; Paid Parking; Road Maintenance; Roads Control, Public Lighting; Cleansing; Beaches; Coastal Protection; Fleet/Machinery Yard and Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

Water Services

The Flood Alleviation Section within Water Services manage the OPW funded Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Management (ECFRAM) projects. The first project commenced in 2019, namely the Deansgrange Stream Flood Relief Scheme (FRS); this is the first part of the Loughlinstown Scheme.

The Deansgrange Stream FRS is well underway, the detailed hydraulic model is completed and extreme flood events have been modelled. The project team is now examining several flood alleviation options (and their costs). The emerging preferred option was presented to the public during a public engagement event in December 2022.

The second part of the Loughlinstown Scheme, the Carrickmines Shanganagh Rivers Flood Relief Scheme, commenced in 2020. An initial public engagement day was held (virtually) and data gathering was undertaken. This included topographical surveys, a rainfall and flow measurement survey and extensive environmental surveys. The river model has been developed. An initial site investigation is currently nearing completion. Emerging options will be presented to the public mid-2023.

The Monkstown and Stradbroom environs flood mapping project commenced in 2021 and is now substantially completed with final draft mapping being delivered to dlr by the consultant in February 2023. This project is partially funded by the OPW Minor Works funding mechanism. Another project, the Dodder FRS Phase 3, is continually under review by our team. Although the project is managed by DCC, the Dodder River forms a border with Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown and our input to the project is important.

Key Achievements 2022

- Ongoing project management of the ECFRAM Loughlinstown Scheme.
- Substantial completion of the Monkstown/Stradbroom environs flood mapping project

Water Pollution Control

The EU Funded Dublin Urban Rivers Life Project (in partnership with SDCC) began in the Carrickmines Catchment in 2021. The goal of the project is to demonstrate the most effective way to remove domestic misconnections properties in urban areas. From May to December 2021, 808 properties were assessed. 89 of these properties were misconnected of which 56 had been

repaired by the end of the year. A longstanding non-compliant septic tank which failed the National DWWTS Inspection Criteria was replaced with a new DWWT system. All the rivers in the County are sampled on a quarterly or biannual basis. All the required Water Framework Directive samples were taken and delivered to the EPA Lab in Clonskeagh.

Key Achievements 2022

- 808 properties assessed for misconnections. 89 misconnections found and 56 repaired.
- There are now 18 construction sites licensed for trade effluent discharges to water under Section 4 of the Water Pollution Act.

Water Services – SLA Agreement with Irish Water

The Water Services Section is responsible for managing and maintaining the public water and foul drainage systems within the county under the terms of a Service Level Agreement with Irish Water, and in accordance with an Annual Service Plan.

The Service Level Agreement also provides for dlr Water Services staff to assist Irish Water in planning for the provision of future infrastructure in the county, which is a necessary component in achieving the Corporate Goals of facilitating the development of housing and supporting business growth and employment opportunities in the county.

Transportation Services

Traffic & Road Safety Section

Principal activities of the Traffic & Road Safety Section include:

- Design, construction and upgrading the Council's road network, traffic management and road safety
- Management of the traffic signals system (SCATS)
- The provision of Statutory Signing & Lining
- The provision and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities and the improvement of facilities for mobility impaired and disabled road users.
- The delivery of sustainable mobility and active travel initiatives



Bike Week 2022 - Pedal Power

Paid Parking Control Section

The Council operates a Paid Parking Scheme on a number of public roads/car parks within its administrative area and the Harbour area. The scheme is operated under the Council's Parking Control Byelaws 2020.

- New Paid Parking Scheme introduced in Mulvey Park, Dundrum
- Craigmore Gardens and Wilmount Avenue became "Cashless" Paid Parking Schemes

Traffic and Road Safety Section

Under the NTA's funding of €39m in the area of Sustainable Transport measures in the delivery of Cycling and Walking the following were provided:

- Road Safety Plan adopted in September 2022
- Nova UCD new pedestrian and Cycle entrance completed
- 3 cycle protection schemes completed (Avondale Road, Blackthorn Avenue and Roebuck Road)
- New pedestrian crossing installed on Johnstown Road and footway improvements carried out on Clarinda Park West
- 3 pilot Zebra pedestrian crossings completed with NTA funding
- 595 cycle parking spaces installed in public areas and schools and also 260 scooter stands
- Cycle Training delivered to a total 1,364 students in 27 schools
- Bike Week 2022 took place on 14th to 22nd of May with several events held including a Coastal Mobility Route 6km Fun Family Cycle (1,700 participants)

Fleet Management

The Fleet Management Section manages and maintains the Council's fleet, with focus on meeting the operational requirements of the Council while being cost effective, energy efficient and adhering to the Climate Action Bill.

Key Achievements 2022

- 2 new electric vehicles
- 1 diesel jeep and 1 utility vehicle purchased

Paid Parking Control Section

- 'Cashless' transactions 57% of all payments made

Dún Laoghaire Harbour

The Harbour Section currently has 12 direct staff within management, administration, maintenance and security. Harbour staff are responsible for the management of vessels within or on approach to the Harbour, Aids to Navigation, Port Security requirements, enforcement of the Harbour Byelaws along with boat storage and swing moorings. Harbour staff are also responsible for the management and upkeep of Harbour Properties, liaison with Harbour Tenants, cleansing and general maintenance within the Harbour as well as the management of all events and filming within the Harbour Estate.

Key Achievement 2022

- New Harbour Master appointed
- 65 Cruise Ships arrived into Dún Laoghaire with a positive visitor feedback throughout
- Ferry Terminal building leased to Quarterdeck Ltd
- Successful Grant applications for
 - East Pier Revetment Repair project
 - Berth 2 Fender replacement project
 - Berth 3 Fender replacement project
 - Ice Plant Demolition project
- Ice Plant Demolition project completed & improved facilities for the Dún Laoghaire Fishing Fleet installed
- Upgrades to the Public Boat Yard completed
- National Watersports Campus concept progressed with Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland

Key Achievements 2022

- €1.2m in NTA funding for various Active Travel Related Schemes to supplement Road, Footpath, Cycleway and Accessibility Improvement schemes.
- NTA funded Roebuck Road scheme - 1.0km road reconstruction, 1.9km footpaths, 2.0k cycle protection, 5 junction improvements
- Road Resurfacing Programme Major Works (Roads Programme) – reconstruction/resurfacing of a road length of c. 8.5km
- Road Resurfacing Programme Minor Works (Patching Programme) - road length of circa 2.4km reconstructed/resurfaced
- Cycleway Maintenance Programme - resurfaced a cycleway length of c. 1.7km.
- Substantial Drainage and Gully Repair works carried out at 13 locations.



Star Pride at dock in Carlisle Pier July 2022

Road Maintenance

The Road Maintenance Section maintains a network of c. 809 km of roads and c. 1,400 km of footpaths. The section carries out a wide range of maintenance works including road resurfacing, footpath programmes, bridge & structure maintenance, drainage & gully repairs, cycleway maintenance and an accessibility works programme as well as other works.

- Extensive resurfacing and footpath upgrades completed in 2 Estate Management Forum locations.
- Accessibility improvements implemented at 3 locations.

Roads Control

The Roads Control Unit is responsible for the control and management of roadworks throughout the County. The Unit also processes Surface Permit applications including licences

for hoarding, scaffolding, skips and abnormal load permits, and implements the programme of permanent reinstatement repair works on behalf of Irish Water/ Water Services under a service level agreement.

The Unit carries out restoration works on roads and footpaths that have deteriorated directly due to utility or private development works by utilising 'long-term impact' charges collected from road opening licences.

Key Achievements 2022

- Processed and granted 2,437 Road Opening Licences.
- Processed and granted 43 Surface and Hoarding Permits.
- Completed 683 permanent Irish Water Reinstatements
- Completed resurfacing works at Silchester Park in conjunction with Irish Water

Public Lighting

The Public Lighting Section maintain the lighting on all the roads, footpaths, walkways and parks that are accessible to members of the public 24 hours per day.

There are over 24,300 lights in the county maintained by the Public Lighting Section. Alongside the day-to-day maintenance, there is an on-going upgrade programme of columns, brackets, networks and de-coupling of direct feed networks.

The Public Lighting Section, through its Energy Reduction Programme, is committed to environmentally friendly lighting.

This programme is focused on the installation of energy efficient LED lanterns thereby assisting the council in its energy and carbon reduction targets as we work towards 2030. dlr Public Lighting are also working towards the installation of neighbourhood and rapid hub EV Charging points at various locations throughout the county in line with the Dublin Metropolitan Area EV Charging Strategy.

Key Achievements 2022

- Continued to provide a high level of maintenance throughout post COVID environment
- Installed 2,026 LED lanterns
- Completed 5,655 repairs
- Installed 2 EV chargers and 2 ebike charging hubs with ESB xHub

Cleansing and Beaches

The Cleansing and Beaches Section provides services centred around the cleaning of roads and public spaces, and maintenance of beaches and harbours.

The section delivers a wide range of services including:

- Road, footpath, laneway and cycle track cleaning
- Management of the street bin service
- Maintenance of 22,000 gullies
- Provision of emergency flood response



Roundabout at night

- Dumping/litter clean-ups
- Management of 2 recycling centres and countywide bottle banks
- Weed control throughout the County
- Management of beaches, harbours and bathing areas, inclusive of Lifeguard provision
- Bathing Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting
- Management of public conveniences

Key Achievements 2022

- Deep Cleans completed in 12 towns/villages
- N11 and Wyattville Link Road Cleansing Projects
- Extensive seasonal weeding was undertaken throughout the County
- Successful management of challenging bathing season
- Blue Flag status at Seapoint and Killiney maintained
- dlr Baths was opened to the public in December
- Ladder and handrail tender awarded at the 40 Foot with construction to take place Q1 2023.
- Completed circa 64,859 street bin collections
- Purchased circa 25 new Big Belly bins
- Support of over 717 voluntary clean-ups
- Cleaned circa 11,912 gullies

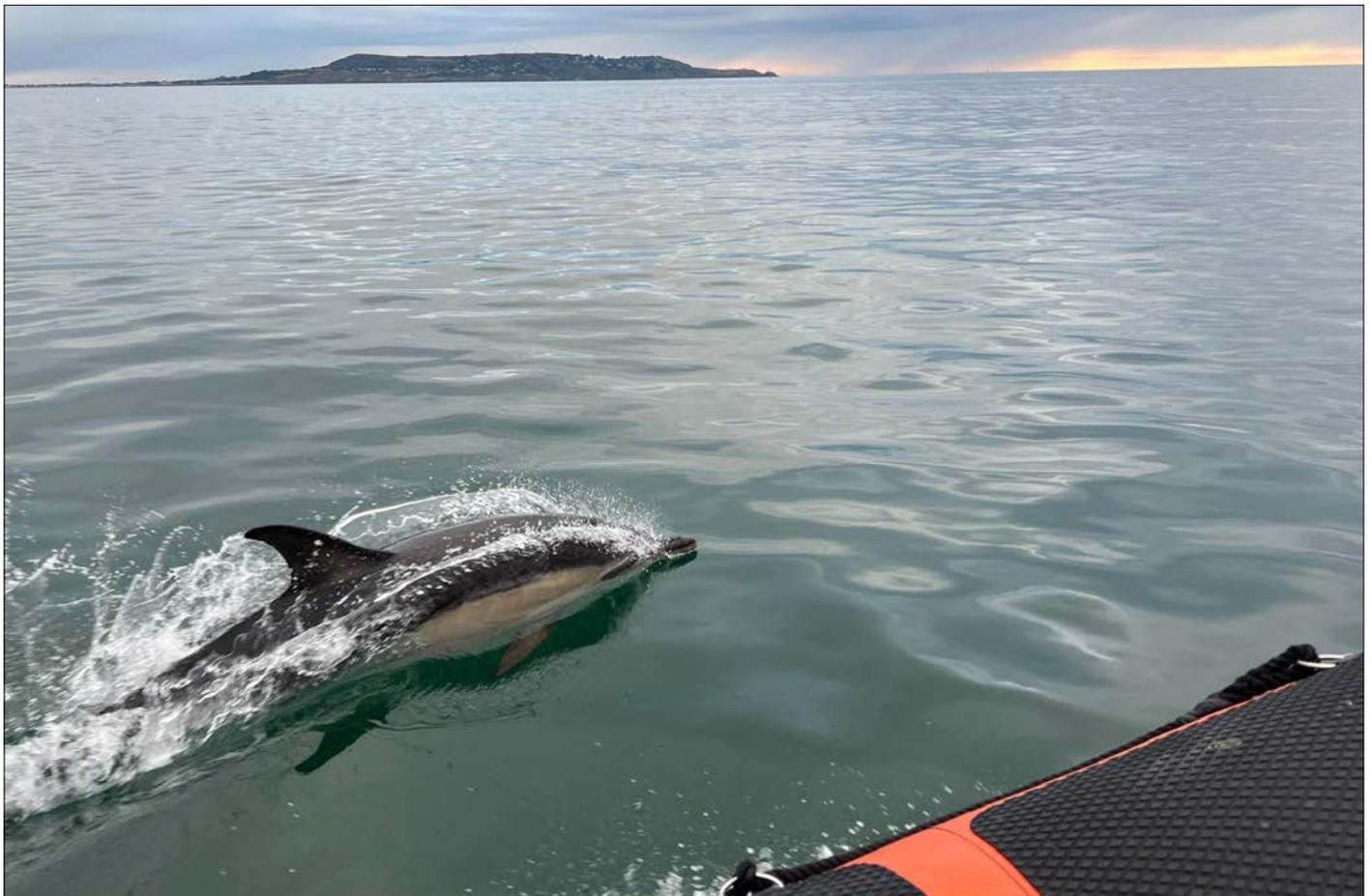
- Dún Laoghaire designated “Clean to European Norms” in IBAL survey – significant achievement
- Played a key role in achieving the Academy of Urbanism award for Dún Laoghaire.

Coastal Protection

The Council continues to monitor coastal erosion at key locations along the coast, which are known to be vulnerable to erosion because of their geology and soil type. The key locations are south of Killiney Beach as far as the dlr boundary at Bray.

Key Achievements 2022

- Remediation project at Old Bray Landfill substantially complete
- Ongoing monitoring of the extent of erosion at key locations along the dlr coastline
- The Coastal Defense Strategy update commenced and is due for completion in 2023
- A planning application was submitted to and granted by An Bord Pleanála for the installation of rock bolts on the Southern Pier bedrock face at Coliemore Harbour. Works to take place in Q3 2023.
- A tender process was completed for concrete repair and rock armor installation remedial works on the beach access point at Quinns Road. On-site works are to commence in late Q1 2023.



Dolphin Escort Safety Patrol Boat



PLANNING



1713

Planning Decisions issued



676

Certificate of Compliance on Completions



23%

increase in compliances received



Permission in place for



18,022

homes

676



Commencement Notices Validated



2022-2028 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN Adopted



Display of RZLT draft map

Number of homes under construction

5725



10

Developments taken in charge



Planning

The highlight of 2022 was the making of the New County Development Plan this was the culmination of a two-year process of engagement, consideration and debate by the Elected Members, as well as extensive consultation and engagement with the public and statutory stakeholders.

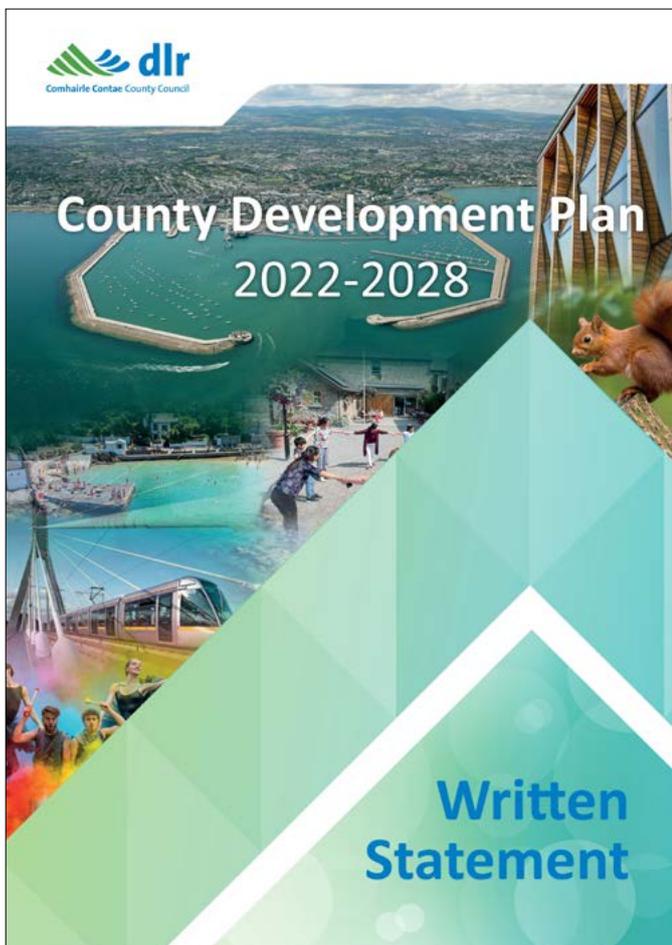
It was also a busy year for development management at the end of Q3 2022 dlr had permission in place for 18,022 homes and 10,027 homes in the planning process. Included in this are 6,984 homes contained SHD applications.

In 2022 legislation was enacted that increased the regulatory and land management role of the Planning Department, this included the Planning and Development (Large Scale Residential Developments) Act 2021 replacing the Strategic Housing Development process (SHD) and the introduction of the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) Finance Act 2021.

Forward Planning

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 was adopted by the Elected Members in March 2022 and came into effect in April 2022. The Plan sets out a framework

for development in the County for a six-year period up to 2028. It consists of a written statement, 17 appendices including the Sandyford Urban Framework Plan, the Dún Laoghaire Urban Framework Plan, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Housing Strategy & Housing Needs Demand Assessment (HNDA) and a Building Heights Strategy, 14 Land use zoning maps, 14 Flood Risk maps and associated environmental reports.



Key Achievements 2022

- Preparation of Chief Executives Report on material Amendments
- Consideration by members of the Draft Plan and Chief Executive's Report on material Amendments
- Adoption of County Development plan with amendments
- Section 55 addition to the Record of Protected Structures
- Extension of Woodbrook Shanganagh Local Area Plan for an additional 5 years

Development Management

The increase in planning applications is best illustrated by the increase in planning fees, as planning fees reflect the scale of the development proposed. In 2022 there was a 5% increase in planning fees.

With regards to Compliance applications, there was a 23% increase on application numbers. This speaks to the level of construction activity and the level of commencement on site. 2022 also saw the transition from SHD (Strategic Housing Development) to LRD (Large Residential Development). This transition led to a "bulge" of SHD applications in a short period, requiring the Planning Authority to report on 15 applications for residential schemes of greater than 100 units over a 7-week period.

Key Achievements 2022

- 1713 decisions issued in 2022
- Number of SHD applications 25
- Managed the transition from SHD to LRD and increased work loads
- 23 LRD pre-planning meetings held
- 9% increase in the number of enforcement cases closed
- 610 Planning compliances decided by the planning authority

Active Land Management

Active Land management refers to the suite of tools which are available to the Planning Department which aim to activate development of land for residential development. It includes the Vacant site levy, Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) and Housing Task Force Review

Key Achievements 2022

- Preparation of Draft Residential Zoned Land Tax map November 2022
- Display of RZLT draft map
- Continuation of Housing Task Force returns
 - 121 sites with permission for 18,022 units (Q3 2022)
 - Construction is ongoing on 54 of these sites with 5725 homes under construction
 - 11,321 homes yet to commence construction



Active site

Building Control

Building Control's objective is to promote a culture of compliance with the Building Regulations through the fulfilment of the various statutory functions and active engagement through a risk assessed inspection process. There was a slight drop in the number of commencement notices (CNs) validated in 2022 (7%). To put that figure in context, in 2021 there was a 30% increase in CN's. Although there has been



Taking in Charge

a drop in the overall numbers of applications, the fees for 7-day notices are continuing to rise, which speaks to the scale and complexity of the developments that are commencing

The Building Control section also manage the taking in charge and return of bond process. In 2022 the section recommended the taking in charge of 10 developments to the elected members, which were formally taken in charge at the October Council Meeting

Key Achievements 2022

- 10 Developments Taken in Charge
- 685 Commencement Notices validated
- 63 7 Day Notices validated
- 153 Fire Safety Certificates granted
- 154 Disability Access Certificates granted
- 676 Certificate of Compliance on Completions validated
- Preparation of a new Taking in Charge policy

Departmental Service improvements

Due to the continual change to Planning Legislation, process and procedures within the Planning Department are continually kept under review to ensure that they align with legislation. In 2022 these included the shift from LRD to SHD, the introduced timelines for planning compliances, new planning exemptions to assist in providing accommodation for refugees from the war in Ukraine and the introduction of new Section 28 Guidelines “Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments. All these changes require the review of the Planning Departments process and procedures across sections to ensure they are fit for purpose.

In 2022 the Planning Department launched a pre-planning module that allows applicants to submit and interact fully online in relation to a pre-planning application. In 2022 we received circa 90% of our pre-planning enquiries through the portal.

To prepare for e-planning, there is a working group tasked with examining all existing registration and decision processes and redesign where necessary to align with the e-planning and system and improve business processes.

Key Achievements 2022

- Continual process and procedures review to align with changing legislation
- Successful launch and implementation of the pre-planning module
- Working group to review process and procedures ahead of e-planning
- Transition from SHD to LRD
- Changed process to align with the introduced timelines for compliances

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 31st December 2022

	Notes	2022 €	2021 €
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,487,806,340	1,480,301,335
Infrastructural		1,766,121,709	1,771,343,791
Community		58,086,139	56,729,140
Non-Operational		101,967,287	101,967,287
		3,413,981,475	3,410,341,553
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	63,580,640	39,624,137
Long Term Debtors	3	154,546,543	141,795,993
Current Assets			
Stock	4	1,104,920	980,204
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	77,130,097	64,957,730
Bank Investments		374,663,229	315,161,708
Cash at Bank		4,618,529	140,482
Cash in Transit		1,106,325	2,904,669
		458,623,101	384,144,794
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		–	–
Creditors & Accruals	6	131,586,396	110,905,019
Finance Leases		–	–
		131,586,396	110,905,019
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		327,036,705	273,239,775
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	7	124,853,986	132,840,016
Finance Leases		–	–
Refundable Deposits	8	44,908,983	43,187,981
Other		70,296,338	52,957,753
		3,719,086,057	3,636,015,707
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		3,636,015,707	3,560,935,144
Represented By			
Capitalisation	9	3,413,981,475	3,410,341,553
Income WIP	2	58,879,093	32,327,364
General Revenue Reserve		8,875,579	8,810,086
Other Specific Reserves		12,033,190	12,033,190
Other Balances	10	225,316,721	172,503,515
Total Reserves		3,719,086,057	3,636,015,708

Statement of Comprehensive (Income & Expenditure Account Statement) For Year Ended 31st December 2022

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure.

It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

	Note	Gross Expenditure 2022 €	Income 2022 €	Net Expenditure 2022 €	Net Expenditure 2021 €
Expenditure By Division					
Housing and Building		58,870,764	52,369,841	6,500,922	4,118,978
Roads, Transportation & Safety		27,315,716	12,909,116	14,406,600	15,909,238
Water Services		11,872,508	8,106,261	3,766,247	4,173,132
Development Management		34,007,247	16,343,658	17,663,589	16,098,189
Environmental Services		32,794,899	7,302,655	25,492,244	26,223,225
Recreation & Amenity		35,198,401	6,185,112	29,013,289	28,374,101
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		4,723,137	3,609,318	1,113,819	1,439,550
Miscellaneous Services		12,614,092	14,782,102	(2,168,010)	747,981
Total Expenditure/Income	15	217,396,763	121,608,063		
Net Cost of Division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax				95,788,701	97,084,394
Rates				93,497,908	92,026,671
Local Property Tax				11,818,975	18,633,673
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer				9,528,182	13,575,951
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	14			(9,462,689)	(13,506,676)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	16			65,493	69,274
General Reserve at 1st January				8,810,086	8,740,812
General Reserve at 31st December				8,875,579	8,810,086



APPENDIX



Appendix 1

Energy Management and Awareness

Energy Management and Awareness

The cross-departmental dlr Energy Team, led by the Energy Performance Officer and County Architect Andree Dargan, endeavours to improve energy performance across the organisation. The team features representatives of the Significant Energy Users (SEUs) with the largest influence on energy consumption within the scope of the dlr Energy Management System (EnMS). These are the Community Department, including Libraries, Parks and dlr Leisure buildings for which we are responsible; Municipal Department, including Public Lighting and Fleet; and Corporate Services, including key buildings County Hall and Block 1 Harbour Square. In December 2022, the dlr EnMS had an in-depth 3-day re-certification audit carried out by Certification Europe and dlr successfully retained the ISO 50001:2018 accreditation.

In addition to improving energy performance within the organisation, the Energy Team and wider dlr staff, also seek to encourage and support energy improvement across the County. Through initiatives like 'Reduce Your Use', which included an extensive social media campaign, and the Home Energy Upgrade event, awareness-raising and practical supports have been delivered to the public to assist communities along their energy improvement journey.

Key Achievements 2022

- Based on the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) system, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council improved energy efficiency by 51% in 2021 compared to the 2009 baseline, maintaining the level of performance achieved in 2020.
- dlr's energy-related emissions in 2021 were 39% lower than the baseline of the 2016-2018 average. While this indicates significant strides towards the 50% target by 2030, it marks a decrease on dlr's 2020's performance of 44% so attention must be paid to ensure that early gains are not reversed.
- There is also a specific target for non-electricity emissions associated with transport and thermal (heating buildings) energy consumption, with a 51% improvement required by 2030. The improvement is measured against a baseline of the 2016-2018 average and dlr recorded a 27% reduction in non-electricity emissions in 2021.
- dlr took part in the Government's 'Reduce Your Use' campaign which supported energy consumption reduction, with a particular focus on fossil fuels. To date dlr and dlr Libraries' social media accounts have made 444 posts as part of the campaign, generating 1,777 engagements. A final report will be made available when the campaign concludes, however preliminary data indicates dlr is on track to achieve the 15% reduction targeted.
- Public Lighting maintained 24,300 lights on roads, walkways, laneways, and piers across the County. 5,655 lighting repairs were carried out and 2,026 LED lanterns were installed, taking the percentage of LED lanterns to 85.9%. In addition, 2 EV chargers were installed and 2 ebike charging hubs with ESB xHub. The average energy per light was reduced from 77.96W to 71.5W even while increasing the number of lights by an extra 600.
- Within the Community section, the Samuel Beckett Energy Team held one meeting. dlr's Community Workers have been encouraging the various community facilities and groups of the need for improved energy efficiency. Grant funding (Council Community Grants, and Government-funded Community Enhancement Programme, Community Activity Fund) in excess of €61,000 has been made available for sustainable projects including energy efficiency improvement projects.
- Under ISO50001, three dlr Leisure Centres, Monkstown, Meadowbrook and Loughlinstown are Significant Energy Users. An Energy Performance Contract (EPC) with Energy Supply Company, Lawlor Sustainability, was signed by dlr Leisure in 2021. Following capital investment works and operational changes, along with investment in training and awareness across staff, a total energy saving of 21% was achieved in 2022 across the three leisure centres.
- Within the Libraries, the Library van was upgraded to an electric vehicle and conservation repair works were undertaken on some of Shankill library's windows. 3 additional Home Energy Savings Kits (HESKs) were added in 2022, bringing the total library stock to 13 kits. The HESKs were loaned out 183 times and Library staff presented them at the Home Energy Upgrade Event in October 2022 in County Hall. In addition, the Thermal Leak Detectors contained within the kits were added to lending stock in libraries, with 25 devices available and 28 loans recorded since they were made available to the public.
- Within Corporate Services, highlights include the inclusion of Harbour Square Block 1 in a new multi-site facilities management contract – this will include monthly monitoring of energy performance and allow for improved management of energy use on site. Plantroom upgrades were also undertaken in Harbour Square in 2022.
- External lighting is a significant user of energy at the Ballyogan Operations Centre. In Q4 2021, a project was commissioned to commence a phased approach to converting sodium-type external lighting to LED - eighteen street lanterns were converted to LED during phase I of the project. In 2022, phase II realised the conversion of the perimeter lighting in the operations yard. Phase III addressed flood lights in the staff car park. It is expected that electrical consumption associated with converted external lighting will reduce by 40-60%. Delivery of the project was a collaborative effort between Corporate Affairs and Municipal Services staff.
- Additional efforts in Ballyogan included a focus on investigating the split of thermal energy contributions from natural gas versus wood pellets (biomass) with improved maintenance, reliability and control strategies identified. Finally, a maintenance strategy was developed to improve the performance of the DALI lighting system in operation at Ballyogan. This included replacing 15 DALI gateways, which has improved the control, responsiveness and energy efficiency of the system.

- The Fleet Management Section manages and maintains the Council's fleet, with a focus on meeting the operational requirements of the Council while being cost effective, energy efficient and adhering to the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021. Key achievements within the section include the purchase of 2 new electric vehicles.
- An online staff energy awareness presentation was held in May 2022 and attended by 120 staff. A recording of the presentation was also made available to those that could not attend, along with slides featuring practical resources to support staff in efforts to use energy more efficiently both at work and at home.

Actions Planned for 2023

- Plans for public lighting in 2023 include carbon negative street lighting installation on Wyattville Road. Other plans include an upgrade to the decorative lanterns on the East Pier, Newtownsmith Walkway and Blackrock Village. An EV charger tender will be awarded for both rapid hubs and destination chargers.
- Progress is expected on the DeliveREE Project, which aims to accelerate the delivery of an energy efficiency and renewable energy project in County Hall, the dlr LexIcon and the Pavilion Theatre. It is anticipated that support for the project will be provided by SEAI's Pathfinder Scheme, which will provide capital funding to promote complete approaches to building retrofit, including the use of renewable heat to meet 90% of the overall space heating demand. In parallel, progress will be sought on a solar panel project at County Hall in 2023. In addition, operational control procedures in County Hall will be improved.
- Phase II of plantroom upgrades in Harbour Square will commence (including the installation of a new BMS) and installation of a new energy efficient LED Lighting system as part of the Level 3 refurbishment of Harbour Square.

Multiple sustainable plant and technology upgrades have been identified for Ballyogan Operations Centre, feasibility and development efforts are underway with a view towards project approval and commencement of implementation. There will also be further LED lighting upgrades; continual improvement of the Energy Management System; and implementation of ISO50001 requirements along with work to ensure readiness for an ISO50001 surveillance audit in Q4 2023.

- Upgrades are scheduled in 2023 for Dalkey and Deansgrange Libraries and these will include the installation of Heat Pumps and solar PV in both branches. In addition, insulation will be put in place on the pipework around the water tank on the roof of Deansgrange Library. Repairs to the biomass boiler in the dlr LexIcon will be complete and it will be put back in operation.
- Additional Codema Home Energy Savings Kits will be added to the Library stock. Plug-in Energy Meters will also be added to the lending stock in libraries too.
- Community groups will continue to be encouraged to focus on energy efficiency and to apply for any energy efficient funding. Energy data will continue to be gathered by the community facilities owned by dlr and guidance will be provided where possible to support the reduction of energy consumption. Where appropriate, as equipment, such as lighting, in Council owned facilities needs replacement, these will be replaced by more energy efficient equipment.



CLlr Mary Hanafin, An Cathaoirleach and Andree Dargan County Architect launching Home Energy Upgrade Seminar

Appendix 2

Acronyms

AAMP - Ambient Air Monitoring Programme
BHIS - Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021
CCAP – Climate Change Action Plan
CCMA - County and City Management Association
CDP – County Development Plan
CPO – Compulsory Purchase Order
DHLGH – Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
dlr PPN – Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
ETB – Education and Training Boards
FSC – Fire Safety Certificates
FPI – Forward Planning Infrastructure
GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation
ICC – Infrastructure and Climate Change
JPC – Joint Policing Committee
LCDC – Local Community Development Committees
LDA – Land Development Agency
LGMA – Local Government Management Agency
LIHAF - Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund
LPF – Local Policing Forums
MUHDS – Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites
NOAC – National Oversight and Audit Commission
NTA - National Transport Authority
OGP – Office of Government Procurement
OPC - Older Persons Council
PPN – Public Participation Network
PQQ - Pre-Qualification Questionnaire
QQI – Quality & Qualification Ireland
RIAI – Royal Institute of Architects
RIHL – Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan
SDZ – Strategic Development Zone
SEAI – Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
SHD – Strategic Housing Development
SICAP - Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme
SPC - Strategic Policy Committee
TAP – Traveller Accommodation Programme
URDF – Urban Regeneration Development Fund
WEEE - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

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