

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

DECEMBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

**1st December – 31st
December 2023**

Corporate Affairs 3
 Director: Stephen Brady

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 Director: Aidan Blighe

Forward Planning Infrastructure *
 Director: Anne Devine

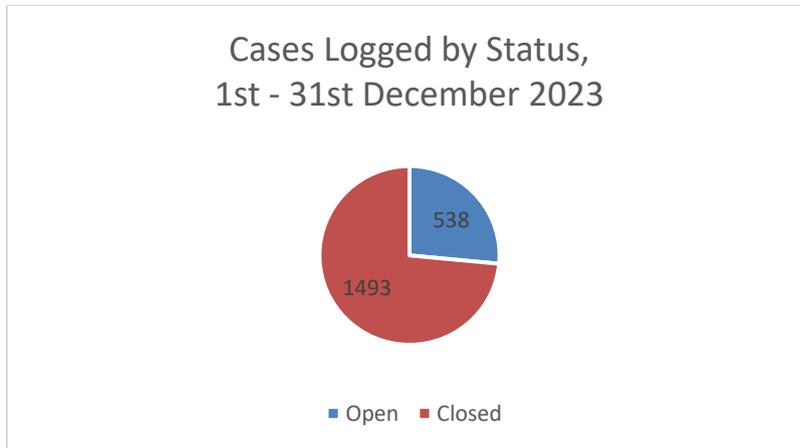
Infrastructure and Climate Change 16
 Director: Paul Kennedy

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 County Architect: Andrée Dargan

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*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Civic Hub Stats

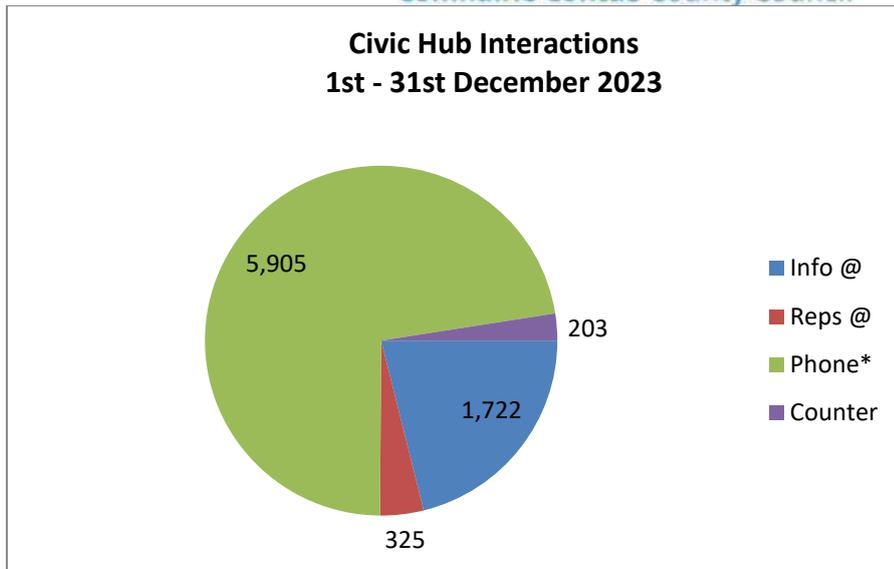


Cases Logged from 1st – 31st December 2023

Open	538
Closed	1493

Cases Logged from 1st – 31st December 2023, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects		1	1
Comms & Civic Hub	17	317	334
Community	1		1
Corporate Services		2	2
dlrcoco	15	5	20
Enterprise		1	1
Environment	31	74	105
Finance	6	245	251
Forward Planning Infrastructure		1	1
Harbour	1	4	5
Housing	29	102	131
ICC	247	591	838
IT	1		1
Libraries		3	3
Parks	132	106	238
Planning	3	5	8
Property	4	2	6
Transportation	13	9	22
Waste Enforcement	40	18	58
Water Services	1	7	8
Grand Total	538	1493	2031



Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from

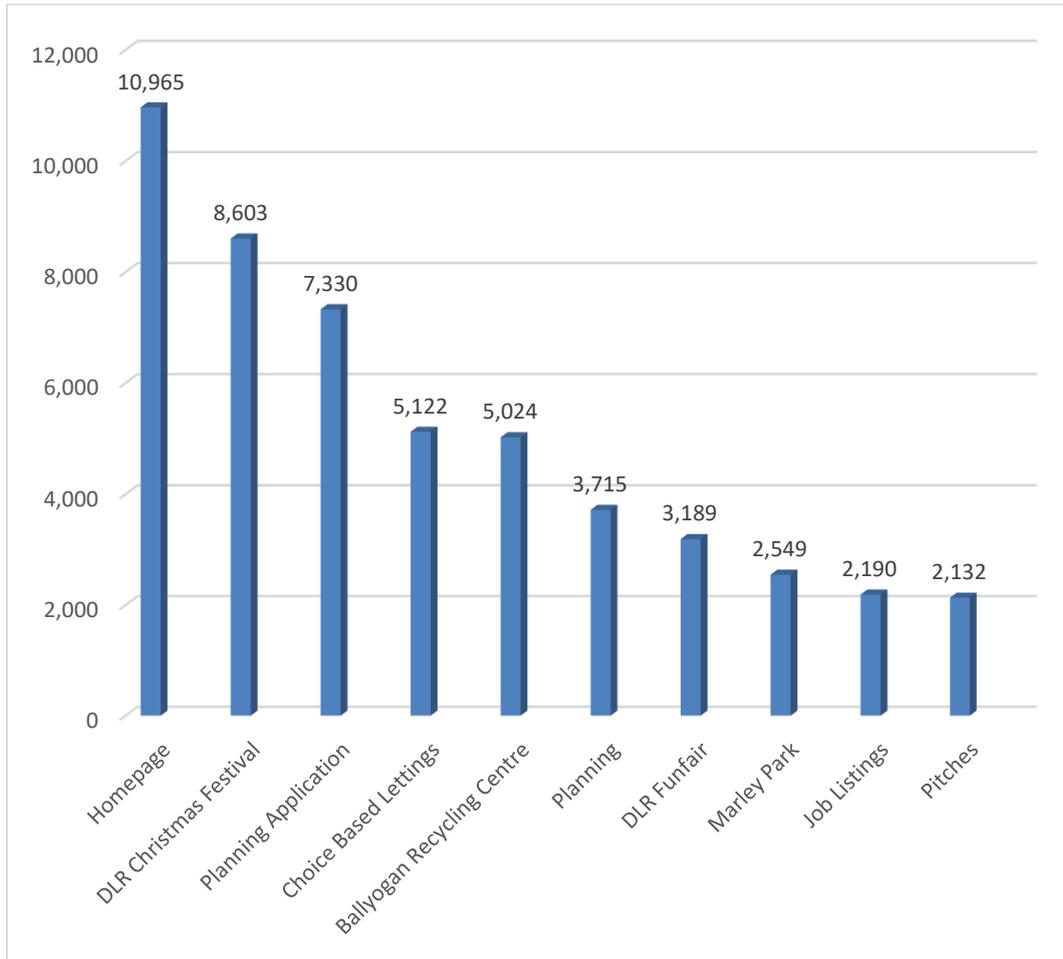
Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	4738	1167

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	1722	325	2047

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	158	45	203

Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	121,328
dlrLibraries	30,252



Social Media Activity

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period	88,034	273	585	1,034,174	31,389	3%	93,543
Dec 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023	↗ 0.3%	↘ 52%	↘ 26.2%	↘ 22.1%	↘ 32.6%	↘ 13.5%	↗ 99%
Compare to	87,761	569	793	1,327,714	46,586	3.5%	47,003
Nov 1, 2023 - Nov 30, 2023							
 @DLR_Libraries	8,804	2	14	5,319	156	2.9%	47
 @dlrArts	3,073	3	21	7,826	210	2.7%	7
 @dlrcc	20,491	33	120	142,887	3,519	2.5%	7,661
 @dlrheritevents	4,006	-1	2	1,745	110	6.3%	0
 @leo_dlr	5,578	2	33	1,712	22	1.3%	0
 dlrcoco.ie	8,153	83	145	204,792	2,376	1.2%	49,789
 dlrevents	14,326	63	34	89,250	3,764	4.2%	2,735
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	18,972	65	183	537,598	19,219	3.6%	31,749
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,631	23	33	43,045	2,013	4.7%	1,555

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Press Queries:

There were 11 press queries received during this period.

Freedom of Information

There were 4 FOI requests received during this period.

Drainage & Flood Alleviation

Engineering and environmental consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Deansgrange Stream. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a constraints study, hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders continue. A Ground Investigation Contract is complete. We have received preliminary approval from Irish Rail to tunnel under the rail line. Public consultation for the Part 8 Planning process on the proposed scheme ended in August. The Chief Executive report for Part 8 was brought to, and approved at, the December Council Meeting, subject to approval from ABP and also a survey of SuDS opportunities being carried out in the wider catchment.

Engineering and environmental consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey is complete. Further topographical survey work has been done. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost beneficial scheme is achievable. An initial public engagement has been completed following short briefing sessions with Area Councillors. The on-site investigation work is largely completed. The options for the project are being considered. Interim technical reports have been developed for some option locations due to the complexity of the project. Initial discussions have now begun with a small number of landowners. Options are currently being refined. A Public Consultation Day took place on the 13th December 2023.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially completed, and final draft mapping and draft options have been submitted for review. It is planned to submit the flood maps to the OPW in December.

Uisce Éireann & The Effective Date

On September 20th, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown successfully implemented the 'Effective Date', which transferred the full responsibility for the delivery of Water Services in the County to Uisce Éireann. This means that for just over 50 Water Services' staff members, they are now under the management and control of Uisce Éireann, which includes their health and safety. This development is part of a National program. It will have no change to the current communication lines for Councillors, who, in relation to matters for Water Supply and Foul & Combined drainage, should use the dedicated phone line and email facility, noted below. Similarly, Uisce Éireann will continue to arrange meetings between its staff members and the elected representatives of DLR.

Telephone No: 0818 178 178, or email: localrepsupport@water.ie.

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2023**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/11/2023 €
1 Total Housing & Building	19,396,542	154,790,911	160,703,719	25,309,350
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	7,132,720	30,342,507	29,912,756	6,702,969
3 Total Water Services	2,106,576	506,772	685,043	2,284,847
4 Total Development Management	190,242,443	35,403,225	14,206,774	169,045,993
5 Total Environmental Services	2,177,644	26,105	449,750	2,601,289
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	13,896,870	11,008,411	9,263,231	12,151,690
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,040,386	4,696,027	4,768,263	4,112,622
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	40,954,458	1,133,499	1,916,456	41,737,416
Grand Total	279,947,639	237,907,457	221,905,994	263,946,175

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/11/23

	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Balance at 30/11/23	Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	25,264,293	32,190,534	16,975,075	15,215,459

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2023

91.67%

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	66,909,404	72,721,224	92.01%
B	Road Transport & Safety	30,858,267	35,181,888	87.71%
C	Water Services	11,609,865	12,568,752	92.37%
D	Development Management	36,497,130	28,095,012	129.91%
E	Environmental Services	33,489,380	36,294,420	92.27%
F	Recreation & Amenity	36,611,717	37,496,868	97.64%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	5,847,035	4,792,800	122.00%
H	Miscellaneous Services	8,928,154	9,364,272	95.34%
Total Expenditure		230,750,952	236,515,236	97.56%

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	59,824,246	64,175,328	93.22%
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,365,481	13,012,752	95.03%
C	Water Services	7,865,862	8,420,220	93.42%
D	Development Management	17,272,949	6,560,712	263.28%
E	Environmental Services	7,382,088	7,498,392	98.45%
F	Recreation & Amenity	5,781,714	5,699,244	101.45%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,051,110	3,369,900	120.21%
H	Miscellaneous Services	16,583,085	17,213,376	96.34%
Sub Total		131,126,535	125,949,924	104.11%

LPT	Local Property Tax	11,346,796	12,566,604	90.29%
RA	Rates	90,220,966	97,998,804	92.06%
Total Income		232,694,297	236,515,332	98.38%

Balance as at 30/11/2023	€1,943,345	Surplus
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Planning Applications – monthly statistics 1st December– 31st December 2023

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	120	120
Decision Deferred	0	18	18
Decision to Grant**	0	72	72
Decision to Refuse**	0	5	5
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	61	61
Invalid Applications	0	10	10

*Includes 7 Applications for Retention.

**Split decisions; are entered as follows

65 Grant Permission (2 SDZ)

2 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

4 Grant Permission for Retention

1 Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (Split Decision) these are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications

Planning Applications received under Section 5 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (Large-scale Residential Development) Act 2021.

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions / Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD23A /798	<p>Dundrum Retail GP DAC: The proposed development relates to modifications to a permitted Strategic Housing Development (ABP-305261-19) and therefore constitutes a Large-scale Residential Development (LRD). The development will consist of the construction of a ventilation stack (12.4sq.m) at podium courtyard level with associated reconfiguration of the podium and insertion of plant rooms (totalling 64.8sq.m) at Basement Levels -1, 1 and IM. The proposed development results in the loss of 2no. car parking spaces at Basement Level -1 and reconfiguration of parking spaces at Basement Levels 1 and IM within Dundrum Town Centre. No modifications are proposed to the permitted unit types or residential building at The Ironworks. The application may be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.ironworks-lrd1.ie</p> <p>Deemed Invalid on the 21st December 2023 therefore Publicity Expiry date lapsed on that day.</p>	18/12/2023	21/12/2023	www.ironworks-lrd1.ie	20/02/2024

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97860>

Planning Counter Figures: 1st – 31st December, 2023

Customers Served	191
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RZLT update

- A total of 82 submissions on the draft RZLT map were received by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- There were no third-party submissions seeking the inclusion of additional lands.
- DLR had until 1st April 2023 to make a determination on submissions.
- A Supplemental Map, showing new sites only has been published, submissions on this were open from 1st May 2023 to 1st June 2023.

Building Control: 1st December– 31st December 2023

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	15
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	12
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	10
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	8/1
Commencement Notices Validated	31
7 Day Notices received	5
Completion Certs Validated	36

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved January - December 2023	Enterprise Ireland target January – December 2023
Feasibility Study	11	50
Business Priming	9	
Business Expansion	13	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	12	
Trading Online Vouchers	99	45
Other Grant Applications (Green, Digital, Agile, IP etc.)	35	21
Microfinance Ireland *	13	13
Total Approvals	192	

*Number of clients supported to submit MFI application for approval by MFI

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	January-December 2023
No of jobs created	44

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2023	Total January – December 2023
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	192
Clients attending Networking Events	393
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1292
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	253
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	447
Total No of Clients Assisted	2577

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total January – December 2023
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	4
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	12
Business Promotion Grants	7
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in December 2023

DLR Enterprise News	<p><u>LEO DLR - January 2024 Training Announced</u> (Sent 06/12/23) Open rate 55.5%, 3488 recipients</p> <p><u>EEN Meet the Buyer Event - Food and Nutrition</u> (Sent 07/12/2023) Open rate 51%, 3482 recipients</p> <p><u>LEO DLR Christmas Opening Hours</u> (Sent 15/12/2023) Open rate 54%, 3486 recipients</p>
Business Advice Sessions	Business Advice Sessions throughout December
Visual Storytelling Workshop	5 th December
Goal Setting Like a Pro Workshop	6 th December
Cashflow Management Workshop	7 th December

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 29th November-31st December 2023				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,178	0	33	1,367
Twitter	5,579	3	33	1,686
Instagram	1,740	11	33	1,754
LinkedIn	956	-9	33	830

Tourism Development

DLR Tourism Strategy 2024 /2028

The draft document is at an advanced stage and was presented to the Senior Management Team and the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC December 14th

Dun Laoghaire Christmas Festival.

The Dun Laoghaire Christmas Festival is a collection of activities and experiences which included Ice Skating at the Harbour, new Santa Experience in the Maritime Museum, Carrol Singing at Myrtle Square, Christmas Bauble Lighting, Vintage Fun Fair at the Harbour Plaza. Local businesses also painted their windows and ran a competition in conjunction with the Ice-Skating experience.

These activities were extensively promoted on social media in conjunction with DLRC Comms Office and Dunlaoghaire.ie

St. Patrick's Day Event

Preparations are under way for the reestablishment of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. A working group has been established to oversee this project.

James Joyce Board Meeting

The Joyce Tower Board met on December 8th. Overall, the year has been very successful. The Board are very happy with the appointment of the new manager / curator. The building itself is however problematic with water ingress continuing to be a significant problem.

Dun Laoghaire Town Team.

December 15th was the final Town Team meeting of 2023. This meeting included wider participation from the Christmas Festival Team, Dun Laoghaire Welcome Ambassadors and DLR Tourism. Everyone was thanked for their engagement and work throughout the year.

Social Media Analysis December 2023

	<i>No of followers</i>	<i>No of New followers</i>	<i>No of posts</i>	<i>Impressions</i>
Facebook	9,472	17	12	28,993
Twitter	3,959	7	9	3,954
Instagram	3,594	46	12	19,221
Instagram	10,593	209	37	42,472

Enterprise Hub by Quarterdeck in the Ferry Terminal

The members agreed to a S183 leasehold disposal of the terminal building to Quarterdeck at the Council meeting held on 13 June 2022 to operate an Enterprise Hub. Quarterdeck had indicated that they expected to incur expenditure of c€4m and began the process of seeking tenders for the necessary works after the lease became effective in July 2022. Widespread tender price inflation meant that the tenders obtained by Quarterdeck came in significantly higher than expected, resulting in a delay to the commencement of the works as Quarterdeck sought to get the project to a position where it was financially viable, based on the short-term lease.

In the interim the following conditions of the lease have been satisfied:

- Insurance paid 30/09/22 which was confirmed to be in order

- Deposit of €200,000 lodged 13/12/22
- A photographic survey was provided on the 16/09/22 as required by the contract.
- 20-day notice re commencement of works was provided 23/12/22
- Stena Line Offices - Fit out works substantially completed and further works underway on other parts of the building
- 1st quarter rent paid. 2nd quarter to be paid imminently
- Ground Floor Office Space – Works underway
- Food Hall and Ground Floor Co-working space - Works pending
- External Signage - Design completed and submitted to planning control.
- Office Occupation – There is still a strong level of interest from the business community due to the lack of space in the environs.
- Quarterdeck are currently progressing through building Control Compliances and hoping to have the fire cert in place Q1 2024.
- The Economic Development Team continue to engage with Quarterdeck on delivery of this project.

Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Cruise Ship Business

The 2023 Cruise season was very successful with positive feedback from Ships Agents, Cruise Ships officers and crew and most importantly the visiting cruise guests. Bookings for 2024 are strong with 95+ vessels currently booked into Dun Laoghaire Harbour. We are working with the Tourism Department, the Dun Laoghaire Business Association and the Dun Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce to maximize the local benefits of the cruise visitors.

Projects:

National Watersports Campus

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 Grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information and are now finalizing the grant process and agreements with the project partners. An MOU has been signed with Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland in order to set out and agree the objectives of the project.

A concept brochure was presented to the Elected Members during the February Council meeting and has since been published. It is hoped that this initiative will assist in building momentum and support for the project. This document was presented to Councillors in February 2023.

A scheme to apply for additional “top-up” funding was announced in July and DLRCC have been successful in securing an additional €410,952 for this important project. We are working to complete the grant contracts and hope to tender for a design team in Q1 2024 to commence the Stream 1 design phase.

Berth 2 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. The project is now largely completed, and this berth is back in use.

Berth 3 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to replace the Berth 3 fenders from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. The project is now on site and Berth 3 will remain closed to shipping for 2-3 months to facilitate the new fender installation. This project is likely to complete in January 2024

East Pier Revetment Repairs

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to repair the sloping revetment at the back (east side) of the East Pier from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This revertant provides the primary protection for the East Pier and has suffered some damage over recent years from the larger storms. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed to design and manage the project which is likely to be on site during the summer of 2023. Cunningham Civil & Marine have been appointed to carry out the works on this project. This project is now complete and was very successful. Delivering a marine engineering works project of this magnitude in the height of our busy season without any disruption is unprecedented. The work completed should help to protect the pier structure for many years to come.

Dublin Array Windfarm

The developers of the Dublin Array Windfarm have approached the Harbour about the possibility of establishing an Operations and Maintenance Base for the windfarm. It is hoped that there might be synergies with the Ferry Terminal project. Early engagement is ongoing with the developer's team to establish the exact requirements.

Skate Park

Due to delays with Irish Water in the original location, a temporary BMX was constructed in the car-park in Apna Park, behind the West Pier. The track is very popular with local young people. An adjacent Skateboard ramp is under construction at present.

Ice Rink

An Ice Rink was installed in the Harbour for the months of November, December, and January. This is of the largest Ice Rinks in Ireland and tickets are now on sale.

Harbour Masterplan

A project to create a Masterplan to guide the future development of the Harbour has been approved. Tender documents are live for an Urban Design led multidisciplinary team to deliver this important project. The proposal includes significant public and stakeholder consultation, and will likely commence early in 2024.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	The Park Estate Cabinteely (part of)				✓	Works Completed
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	Works Completed
3	Barrack Road, Glencullen (part of)				✓	Works Completed
4	Meadowmount (part of)				✓	Works Completed
5	College Road / Killmashogue (part of)				✓	Works Completed
6	Ballinlea Road (part of)				✓	Works Completed
7	Ashlawn Estate (part of)	✓				2024 Works Programme
8	Glenageary Road Upper			✓		Works commenced in June 2023 and junction works are ongoing. Road surfacing works to take place in 2024
9	Barnhill Road (part of)				✓	Works substantially complete
10	Dalkey Avenue (part of)		✓			Contractor has been appointed with works to take place in early 2024
11	Monkstown Crescent (part of)				✓	Works Completed
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Old Clonkeen Road				✓	
2	Trisilian, Foxrock				✓	Works Completed
3	Olivemount Grove / Road				✓	
4	Prospect Lawn				✓	
5	Brennanstown Road	✓				2024
6	Grange Wood				✓	
7	Idrone Lane				✓	Works complete

8	Pucks Castle Lane				✓	Further temporary works were carried out on surface defects in December
9	Sallynoggin Road				✓	Works complete
10	Avondale Road (driveways)				✓	Works substantially complete
11	Rock Road (Boosterstown to Blackrock)				✓	Works complete
12	Foxrock Court		✓			Contractor has been appointed with works to take place in early 2024
13	Dundela estate (parts of)				✓	Works substantially complete
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley (part of)				✓	Works Complete
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)				✓	Works Complete
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)				✓	Works Complete
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)				✓	Works Complete
5	Mount Anville Road (part of)				✓	Works Complete
6	Dún Laoghaire Town (part of Northumberland Avenue)			✓		Footway works are completed on Phase 1 and Phase 2 Public realm works will commence in early 2024 due to Operation Freeflow concerns and loss of parkign in December.
7	Watsons Estate (part of)	✓				2024 Works Programme
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				A scheme design has been prepared. Due to an existing nearby Road Closure, works will take place as part of 2024. Programme
9	Trafalgar Terrace		✓			A Contractor has been appointed. Works to take place at the junction early in 2024
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme		✓			
2	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
3	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment			✓		Consultant has inspected 75% of bridges in the County

DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood				✓	
2	Mount Albion Road Churchtown				✓	Works Completed
3	Brighton Road Foxrock.				✓	Works Completed
4	Cherrywood Road/Bray Road junction				✓	No works required
5	Castlebyrne Park				✓	Driveway works substantially complete
6	Priory Avenue			✓		Works ongoing
7	Mounttown Road Upper				✓	Works Complete
8	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction		✓			contractor appointed
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing			✓		Phase 3 of the Pavement Renewal Works are on-site with the outbound side to Loughlinstown to be completed by end of November. Inbound side between Wyattville and Loughlinstown to be completed before Christmas
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Loreto Park (part of)			✓		on site
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	Works are complete
3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings				✓	Works are complete
3	Laneway Between Seaview Park and Shanganagh Road (near Texaco Garage)				✓	Works are complete
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Wyckham Bypass				✓	Works are complete
2	N11 3-Year Resurfacing Programme				✓	Outbound carriageway on Phase 3 has been completed to Loughlinstown Roundabout. The Phase 3 works commenced on 20th September.
3	Sallyglen Road (part of)				✓	Cycle track lining has been renewed each side of Sallyglen Road

EMP Estate Management Programme						
1	Moreen/Blackthorn			✓		on site
2	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	Works substantially complete
TICP Taking in Charge Programme*						
1	Redesdale estate - certain laneways				✓	Works Complete
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				
*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.						
RCRP Roads Control Reinstatement Programme						
1	Cherrygarth, Stillorgan				✓	Works Substantially Complete
2	Sandycove Avenue re-instatement works				✓	Works are complete
3	Castle Close re-instatement works				✓	Works are complete
4	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill				✓	Works are complete
Other Notable Minor Works Schemes						
1	St. Johns Park resurfacing				✓	Works are complete
2	Pakenham Road Longford Place junction resurfacing				✓	Works are complete
3	Footway works Avoca Road			✓		on site

2. Traffic and Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2023 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes-Permeability links						✓	Substantially complete
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)			✓				Progressing slowly due to lack of internal resources
Cycle Parking Development					✓		Cycle parking roll-out continuing. A tender is being prepared for the purchase of new cycle stands.
Stepaside Village and Cycle Scheme		✓					Awaiting final public consultation report. Funding is on hold

Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme						✓	<p>A contractor was recently appointed to carry out works on Phase 1 of Sandyford Village.</p> <p>Phase I of the works will consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised table and Zebra crossing at the junction of Sandyford Park (North of the Village) • Entry treatment at the south end of the village <p>Works are almost complete Phase 2- funding is on hold</p>
<p>Public Consultations- Speed Limit Review</p> <p>Public consultation has commenced, and submissions may be made at the link below. The deadline for submissions is Friday the 19th of January 2024.</p> <p>Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye Laws 2024 - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council - Citizen Space</p> <p>Ballybrack Underpass Churchview Road</p> <p>The final report has been sent to Ward Councillors for feedback. A deadline of the 8th of December has been sent to Councillors for return of feedback.</p>							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Prelim redesign almost complete. Property title searches ongoing.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

No TAG meetings in December 2023

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

- Upgrade of Albert Road/Hudson Road Junction –Works are complete

Deputations

No deputations in December 2023

Bus Connects

The Council made a submission to ABP with respect to the proposed the Bray to City Centre CBC planning. This submission is now available to view on the Council website. See link below.

[Submission on the BusConnects CBC - Bray to City.](#)

Bus Interchanges at Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire

Discussions regarding Dundrum bus interchanges are ongoing. Dún Laoghaire (Harbour Rd) has gone to public consultation. Submissions on Dún Laoghaire (Harbour Rd) may be made at the link below until Friday, January 12th, 2024.

[Traffic: New BusConnects Layout at Harbour Road, Dún Laoghaire - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council - Citizen Space](#)

Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs)

The Dundrum LAP was made by Elected Members at a Special Council Meeting on the 10th of October 2023 and came into effect on Tuesday, 21st November 2023. The Dundrum ABTA reports, including the Final Area Based Transport Assessment, are available on the Council Website at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/dundrumlap>

Racecourse South lands & at Kiltiernan and Glenamuck

The Council, in conjunction with the NTA, is progressing ABTAs for the Racecourse South lands at Carrickmines, in accordance with the requirements of SLO 143 in the current County Development Plan, and also for the Kiltiernan – Glenamuck area in order to support the preparation of a LAP to replace the current Kiltiernan - Glenamuck LAP, due to expire later this year. Work is now substantially complete on Stage 1 of the studies – Baseline Assessments. Work is progressing now on Stage 2 – Establish Context & Options Development.

Ongoing work

ICAS for Old Connaught is ongoing. 'Options Development Long List' has been prepared with a view to consolidating to a Short List.

Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In December 2023 there were:

- 5 applications for road closures and Road Safety Speed limit order
- 2 applications for film location
- 1 application for event signage

3. Roads Control

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Programme 2023	
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Trees Road Lower, Stillorgan	The remedial works on the public road being completed by the Contractor are now substantially complete. A small number of isolated footpath sections will be addressed by DLR direct labour staff in the new year with some minor landscaping works also left to be completed.

Road Opening Licences (1st December 2023 – 19th December 2023)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	116
Applications Not Processed Yet	63
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	1
Valid Licences Issued	50
Licensed Works Completed	2

Section 254's

Local Authorities, in their capacity as planning authorities, are tasked with the issuing of licenses for the placement of appliances, cables, signs, and/or other items on public roads under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The Road Maintenance Section is the area responsible for the issuing of such licenses for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1st December 2023 – 19th December 2023	
Applications	
Received	0

Granted	2
Withdrawn	0
Refused	0

4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics:

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	247	229	193	210	441	386
Clean-Ups Assisted	78	54	68	72	64	70
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	20	21	26	12	28	24
Bathing Water Samples Taken	49	60	37	45	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	1117	1745	886	883	1264	1077
Dumping Incidents Managed	31	51	50	48	70	47
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	7	7	2	9	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	No report received					
Street Bin Collections	6008	5359	5409	5259	4813	4769

* Statistics available up to the end of November 2023.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – December 2023

- Kavanaghs Corner (adjacent to the 40 Foot) – Storm damage remedial repair project on bathing access points. A Contractor has started the remedial repair works, with completion anticipated in January 2024.
- Coliemore Harbour granite wall remedial repair project – Works have been completed including the installation of rock anchors to reinforce the bedrock beneath the southern pier access, pointing and reinstatement of the pier access pathway.
- The Beaches team are collaborating with the SCORE project on the deployment of smart sensors at Killiney Beach as part of the Beach pebbles project.

5. Public Lighting

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

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Dec 2023:	250
Percentage of lights out at the end of Dec 2023:	1.9%
Pole replacement carried out in Dec 2023:	7
Bracket replacements:	14
Tree trimming:	96
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	25
LED Upgrades	77
Total lights upgraded to LED	21,437

Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	86.7%
<u>Additional lighting TIC have altered % of LED</u>	

LED Upgrading Program

ARNOLD GROVE CYCLETRACK (LANEWAY)	2
BALLYCORUS ROAD	10
BARNHILL ROAD	1
BEAUFORT OAP complex	1
BRAEMOR PARK	1
BRIGHTON ESTATE	1
CHURCHVIEW ROAD	1
CLONKEEN RD	1
CROFTON ROAD	1
DODDER VALE AND ORWELL WALK	1
DRUMMARTIN LINK ROAD/GREEN ROUTE	2
GLENALUA ROAD	5
HOLYWELL OFF UPR KILMACUD RD	1
KILMACUD ROAD UPPER	1
Lambs brook	1
MARSHAM COURT *****	1
MONALOE CRESCENT	1
MOUNT MERRION AVENUE	4
OLD QUARRY ROAD	1
PARK ROAD (QUEENS RD D/L)	1
RATHMICHAEL ROAD	1
ROEBUCK CASTLE *****	1
SAND.I.E. BLACKTHORN ROAD	1
SEAPOINT AVENUE	1
St. Helens Wood	3
STONEMASONS WAY EXTENSION	1
THE HILL	5
Travellers - Gort Muire	1
WOODFORD	1

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	29
Inspections completed	5

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	2
Alterations:	2
Legal requests:	3

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,425 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 31st December 2023 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	968

Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	448
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	342
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	227
Parking a vehicle on a footway	120
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	81
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	55
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	50
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	29
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	28
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	18
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	11
Overstaying 3 hour parking limit	10
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	8
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	5
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	4
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	3
Parking out of the limits of a bay	3
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	3
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	2
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	2
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	2
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance	1
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	1
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	1
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Total no. of Fixed Charge Notices issued between 1st and 31st December 2023	2425

There were 59 convictions secured in the District Court in December 2023.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT, LITTER AND ANIMAL CONTROL

DATE: 1 st – 31 st Dec 2023	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	20	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	158	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	80	Litter Section

Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	85	Litter Section
Litter Fines issued	13	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	2	Waste Bye-laws
Legal Proceedings initiated	1	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws

Dog Statistics from 1st December – 31st December 2023	
No. of dogs on hand on 1 st December	5*
No. of dogs entering the shelter	3
No. of dogs surrendered	0
No. of dogs rehomed	4
No. of dogs reclaimed	2
No. of dogs sent to rescue	0
No. of dogs put to sleep	0
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 31 st December	2
Dog attacks in this period	0

*At the end of November, the report showed 4 dogs on hand in the shelter. This is due to the timing of receipt of data.

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	21
Section 5 Declarations	1
Pre-Planning	1no. large-scale Residential Development

2024 Grants Reminder - The deadline for applications to DLR is Friday 12 January 2024.

Details of the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2024 and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2024 have been announced by Malcom Noonan TD, Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform. The BHIS allocation for 2024 for DLR is €126,400.

Applications are now open. Information and application forms are available online at: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news/general-news/2024-funding-conservation-works-and-repairs-protected-structures>

Please note applicants cannot avail of funding under both schemes in the same year.

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	0
Total	2

Community Response Forum

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28th April 2022. The Centre has capacity to accommodate up to 392 displaced Ukrainian nationals for short periods. Up to 15th December over 10,896 people have stayed at the centre. Among the facilities available in Ballyogan are separate laundry, sanitary facilities, internet access, television spaces, games room, chessboards, recreation room, libraries of Ukrainian books for children and adults, translation services, as well as online access to Ukrainian newspapers and magazines.

As part of the comprehensive wrap around service, accommodation services at the Centre are being supported by HSE staff providing onsite support to meet the healthcare needs of Ukrainian residents, and residents also have access to an offsite GP service 7 days a week.

The Community response to the crisis in Ukraine and the influx of Ukrainian nationals into the county is being led and coordinated by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders through the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

The Community Response Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and has met once in December 2023. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in the Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre and Larch Hill Scout Centre as well as in hotels and in private accommodation within the County.

A sub-committee of the Forum has also been established to provide support services to International Protection Applicants who are being accommodated in the County.

Local coordination efforts continue to provide comprehensive support services from Southside Partnership, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Department of Social Protection, dlr Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Community and Family Resource Centres, dlr Volunteers Centre and a number of other community and voluntary groups.

Community Recognition Fund

Community Department continued to work with the successful applicants under the Community Recognition Fund to progress their projects. This fund launched by Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys and Minister of State Joe O'Brien on 24th January 2023 is designed to specifically support communities that have welcomed and are hosting families and citizens from Ukraine and other countries.

LCDC

There was one LCDC meeting in December.

Local Policing Fora (LPF)

A meeting of the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF took place on 5th December 2023.

Local Enhancement Programme was announced by Department of Rural and Community Development with €149,273.40 in funding provided to DLR LCDC to support grants for capital costs for community groups in the County, with an additional fund of €29,854.68 ring-fenced for Women's Groups, bring the total allocation for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to €179,128.08.

Age-Friendly & Social Inclusion Programme, December 2023 Report:

A new edition of the **2024 dlr Age-Friendly Magazine** is currently being prepared and will

be available free of charge to the public from January 2024. This will be the fourth year this free 84 page, full-colour magazine packed with information on Age-Friendly activities, services and supports available in dlr will be available to the public and promoting 'Good Brain Health' is the theme for the 2024 edition.

dlr Age Friendly Alliance held their Q4 meeting on the 12th December in the New Council Chamber with updates on the implementation of the dlr Age-Friendly Strategy 2022-2026 as well as reports from the HSE & Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB.

Ongoing support is given by the dlr Age-Friendly Programme to active retirement and older peoples groups across the county and during December support was given for activities and events with Rochestown residents, Sallynoggin, Foxrock Active Retirement Association, Ballinteer Men's Shed in the Nutgrove Shopping Centre and Dún Laoghaire Active Retirement Association hold weekly exercise classes and their monthly meetings in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire since the Boylan Centre has become unavailable.

The Social Inclusion Unit hosted the **Rehab Care Christmas Concert in the Assembly Hall**, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire on Friday 15th December which was well attended.

The **dlr Integration Forum** met during December and are organising a **seminar on 'Promoting Cultural Integration & Inclusion in the Workplace'** to take place in the Clayton Hotel, Leopardstown on Thursday 25th January 2024 with further details [here](#)

Comhairle na nÓg

Following the Annual Youth Conference held in November, 26 Young people have signed up to join dlr Comhairle na nÓg for the year ahead. The first meeting of the new members was held in mid December. A new committee will be formed in January and work will commence on the development of the work plan for 2024.

Estate Management

Each of the 12 Estate Management Fora have submitted service plans for the 2024 period. Service plans will be reviewed in early 2024.

Arts

Nature and Place: new series of projects

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council recently announced the three commissions awarded under its new 'Nature and Place' initiative at a photocall in Barnaslingan Forest with Cathaoirleach Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan. The selected artists are Méadhbh O'Connor; Robert Coleman and Laura Sarah Dowdall; and Martin Healy. Also supported by Coillte and the Dublin Mountains Partnership, the artists are going to explore and respond to the forests in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown over the next few months. There will be a public outcome during National Tree Week 2024 (19-26 March).

dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme

The short films recently awarded funding under the dlr First Frames Scheme 2023/24 are The Invitation, Snámh and Departure Time. The films are due for completion in Autumn 2024. The Invitation is written by Niamh O'Connor directed by Sinéad O'Brien and produced by Sharon Lawless. Departure Time is written and directed by Neil Saul, produced by Fiona Kinsella and Megan Kelly for Tile Media. Snámh [Float] is written by Maura Campbell, directed and co-produced by Anna Czarska, and produced by Gemma Stack. It will be the first Irish language short commissioned under the dlr First Frames Scheme. The Scheme is funded by the Arts Office and the Economic Development Unit; it is managed by IADT with additional support and mentoring from the National Film School.

Municipal Art Gallery, dlr LexIcon

Justice and Peace Exhibition

This exhibition of youth arts by local young people opened in December. The title, theme and overall look of the exhibition was developed by a group of young people from Crosscare Youth Services, Dún Laoghaire. They collaborated with artist Ciara Keegan and were supported by youth workers to explore the different stages of putting together an exhibition. Together as a group they looked at theme, graphic design, selection of artworks and exhibition layout. The group advertised for young people to exhibit, responding to their chosen theme Justice + Peace. This project provided a space for conversation amongst the group about what may be affecting young people today in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area and across the world. The mural which features as part of the exhibition was created by local young people at a drop-in session in the Gallery.

In December we hosted 2 **Open Art Studios**, one for adults and one for children. Both took place in the Project Room, Level 3, dlr LexIcon. These are popular drop-in Open Art Studios, with no experience or pre-booking required, facilitated by artist Kim Jenkinson.

Arts and Health Programme

Funded by the HSE, the dlr/HSE Arts and Health Programme supports a wide range of creative supports for older people, people living with dementia and people with disabilities in the County. In December we hosted our last Dementia Inclusive Gallery Tour for the year with a group from Loughlinstown Hospital that are living with younger onset Dementia. We hope to expand the services for people presenting with younger onset in 2024.

Baths Artists' Studios

Artist Róisín White started as the latest artist in residence at Dún Laoghaire Baths Artist Studios. Róisín will work on her project "Safe Harbour" exploring the topography of DLR and its connection to the built coastline, looking at the natural formations of hills and mountains in the county, and the protective structure and architecture of the harbour and baths. Róisín will announce a selection of public events in the New Year.

In its first year the Baths facilitated 3 artist studios and 3 artist residencies providing space and funded time for artists to create new work and engage with the local community through their work.

Arts Grants

49 grants were approved by Council, awarding €77,380 to support a wide variety of Arts activity within the County during 2024. Artists, art organisations, local art groups and community groups will benefit from these awards.

Libraries

Online Resources

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website here <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library> All you need is your dlr Library card.

- **Kanopy** is our film streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.
- **Moshi** is a well-being app for kids, with hundreds of original and inspiring audio stories, music and mindful meditations to enrich the imagination, promote improved sleep, and unlock potential.

- **LOTE** is an online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations.
- **Medici.tv** is the leading video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballet, jazz, and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

dlr Libraries' resources for Ukrainians and other guests of the County

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://shorturl.at/HMQX5> and at <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>

As with all DLR websites, content on <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/> can be accessed in multiple languages, including Ukrainian and Russian, by using the Accessibility button at the top of the webpage. Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include: [LOTE Online](#), [PressReader](#) and [Borrowbox](#).

Library staff in dlr LexIcon recently visited with staff and service users of the International Protection Centre in the Eblana in Dún Laoghaire to inform them of the services and resources available to them in their local library, and a meeting space in the library has been made available for them to use with free wifi. Book stock has been purchased for delivery to the service users of the IPCs in Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire.

Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse

This December we were joined by Tanya the Elf, from Genie Mackers childrens' entertainers, for some Christmassy magic and party games in the Studio this month for our final Studio Saturday of 2023. Her calm energy and kind disposition reaches all children whatever stage they are at.

This family event took place in the Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon on Sat 16 December and more than 230 attended. This was a drop-in event, with the hours of 11am-2pm specifically tailored for Neurodiverse families, and 2pm-4pm open to all.

Sensory resources

- Our Tovertafels (Magic Tables) in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries continue to be booked for use by individuals and groups
- Requests to borrow items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment are ongoing.
- We continue with designated *Quiet Evenings* in many library spaces where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse.

dlr LexIcon celebrated its 9th birthday in December. The building opened its doors to the public for the first time on 8 December 2014.

Staff Christmas Selection

Library staff posted recommendations for their Christmas reading list on social media channels in December, and also collated a new video version of "Twas the night before Christmas" which will be available to view on the dlr YouTube channel shortly.

Events for Adults

Introduction to sewing with Green Thread (21, 28 November & 5,12 December, dlr LexIcon.

These popular sustainability workshops introduced participants to how to use a sewing machine, cut a paper pattern and how to sew and finish a piece of clothing, as well as how to repair and upcycle garments.

Blackrock Library Film Club (21 December, Blackrock Library)

Held once a month, this film club offers the screening of a cinematic classic or undiscovered gem, followed by a group discussion. December's choice is the German film *Good Bye Lenin!* (2003), directed by Wolfgang Becker and starring Daniel Brühl.

Language Exchange Groups (Daily, Deansgrange Library)

Deansgrange Library offers daily conversation groups, from 10.00am -11.30am, in an informal self-led setting. All levels are welcomed, and no booking is required. The schedule is: Mondays – Italian, Tuesdays – Irish, Wednesdays – German, Fridays – French, Saturdays – Spanish

Guiding Lights: Music & Art from impressionism to jazz with Emile Conway (Mon 4, 11 & 18 December, dlr LexIcon)

This 4-week series ran from 27 November until 18 December in the Studio, dlr LexIcon. Vocal jazz artist Emile Conway explored the relationship between music and art across different eras of the 20th century. Following the sound of the music and the smell of oil paint, the audience journey through time to la Belle Époque Europe, Paris, Munich, Vienna, east to St. Petersburg, through World War I, the Spanish flu, the Jazz Age, the Roaring '20s and the outbreak of World War II, fleeing to the safety, lights and glamour of New York in the 40s. The series finished with a wonderful performance by Emile and friends on 18 December.

Digital Literacy

Weekly computer classes with Age Action continued in Deansgrange and Blackrock Libraries. Staff-led computer information sessions continued in dlr LexIcon.

Seasonal Craft Events for Adults

- Wreath Making Workshop with Wicklow Willow in Dalkey Library
- Christmas Paper Crafts with Kim Jenkinson in Blackrock Library
- Seasonal Clay Decorations Workshop in Dundrum Library
- Seasonal Pom Pom Wreath Workshop in Shankill Library

The Supertones Children's Choir entertained their audience in Blackrock Library with some festive tunes, while Holy Cross Church Choir performed their carol concert in Dundrum Library.

Library Clubs & Groups for adults

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to use our library spaces to meet. These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library and Craft Connoisseurs in dlr LexIcon, the Knit Club in Cabinteely Library, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The English in the Library group meet weekly in dlr LexIcon.

The Musical Memories Choir, for those affected by dementia plus their family carers, takes place every Thursday morning in Deansgrange Library, and is run in conjunction with Newpark Academy of Music.

Book Clubs

Each of our 8 libraries has in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library. The popular online Book Club with Mary Burnham took a break in December but will be back in January.

Exhibition Programme

History Ireland Exhibition 4 October-4 December 2023

Level 3, dlr LexIcon

History Ireland was founded in 1993 with the intention of taking the study of Irish history 'out of the ivory tower' and making the latest research and insights available to the widest possible audience. Its inception came at a time when Ireland and the study of history were experiencing significant changes. This exhibition attempts to offer a flavour of the magazine's approach by showing the full range of nearly 200 covers from 1992 to 2023, while demonstrating what a rich illustrative archive of historical material is available in both art and photography in its content.

Age is a privilege, unless you forget! Debbie Castro 4 December – 9 February

Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Age is a privilege, unless you forget! is an intimate collaboration with the artist's father, Charles. Multi-layered, it explores the perspective of a person living with dementia with an aim to open up a dialogue for the wider community. There are no answers and no guarantees with this illness, only that it gets progressively worse. The number of people with dementia by 2051 worldwide is thought to rise to 250 million and as such, needs to be discussed as much as possible now.

Age is a Privilege, Unless You Forget! encourages visitors to find their own unique way of responding to the show and to experiences they may have had, of witnessing the decline in memory of people in their lives.

It is through engagement with the exhibition that viewers will learn more about the experience and practice of the artist, while discovering more about themselves. Inside the lost and found memories of Debbie and her father, we are encouraged to form a mosaic of our own recollections, reveries and feelings. By illustrating the development of her father's illness and giving his experience a physical form in her exhibition, Debbie invites others to gain a profound insight into the loss of memory. The personal becomes universal.

'Friday Friends' Living Well with Dementia Art exhibition December & January

Level 4, dlr LexIcon

Friday Friends is an exhibition of various art works produced by the members of the Living Well with Dementia art group. This weekly group is facilitated by Caroline Hyland who is an illustrator and art facilitator with a background in Visual Communications, Art Education and Occupational Therapy. The LWwD weekly art group is open to all but is particularly welcoming to people living with dementia. Every Friday, using a variety of media, Caroline guides the group in the creation of beautiful artwork and provides an opportunity for participants to engage in meaningful self-expression, pleasure, and enjoyment. This exhibition showcases the innate talent and artistic ability that lives within us all.

This exhibition promotes Living Well with Dementia and advocates for a society to see the person first and not the disease.

December Through the Years 1 - 22 December

Level 5, dlr LexIcon

Step back through time to visit some now familiar Christmas traditions from their roots. Christmas cards, Pantomime shows and the famous Forty Foot Christmas Day swim are all explored in this collection of ephemera from dlr's Local History section. This compact



exhibition is free to browse any time within dlr LexIcon's regular opening hours.

For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

Events for Children and Families

Family Time at your Library

Family events and activities took place in our libraries during the month of December to support the involvement of the whole family in children’s reading and storytelling. Part of the national Right to Read programme, the aim is to support a family-focused approach to reading with children and to increase awareness of the benefits of reading as a fun, recreational activity for children.

- **Cool Food School: Santa Snacks!** (Sat 9 December, Dalkey Library)
 - A fun, interactive kids simple cooking class making healthy treats for Santa!
- **Festive Family Yoga** (Wed 13 December, Blackrock and Deansgrange Libraries)
 - A fun beginners’ Hatha Yoga class suitable for little elves aged 0-5 yrs accompanied by a parent/guardian!
- **Family Lego Time** (Sat 16 December, Blackrock Library)
 - Lego fun for all the family
- **Storytelling with Anna Bananas** (Sat 16 December, Dundrum Library)

Christmas events

Our libraries offered a variety of Christmas events for children and families throughout December. These included a Sing-along Christmas Storytime in Deansgrange and a special Christmas Baby Book Club in Cabinteely. There was Christmas Collage craft event with White Doodle Art in Cabinteely and Craft and Storytimes in Dalkey Library.

Family Film Club at dlr LexIcon (Mon 18 December)

Monthly film club for children and families. This month’s film was *Arthur Christmas*.

Library Clubs & Groups for children

Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely, dlr LexIcon once a week. Shankill Library host a monthly Junior bookclub and Dalkey have a popular new family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a new baby/parent group who meet weekly. Storytimes for children take place across our libraries weekly.

For full details visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-services-for-the-young/storytime>

Statistics

Social media (as of 15 December)

Facebook	8,197
Twitter	8,805
Instagram	4,261
TikTok	494
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	11,683

Top 10 Adult Fiction titles borrowed from dlr Libraries in 2023 (Jan-Nov)

	Author	Title
1	Connelly, Michael	Desert Star
2	Osman, Richard	Thursday Murder Club
3	Connelly, Michael	The Night Fire
4	Child, Lee Child, Andrew	No Plan B
5	Spain, Jo	Last To Disappear
6	Norton, Graham	A Keeper
7	Osman, Richard	Man Who Died Twice
8	Norton, Graham	Forever Home
9	Connelly, Michael	The Law of Innocence
10	Norton, Graham	Home Stretch

Top 10 Junior Fiction titles borrowed from dlr Libraries in 2023 (Jan-Nov)

	Author	Title
1	Pilkey, Dav	Dog Man 1
2	Pilkey, Dav	Dog Man: mothering heights Bk. 10
3	Pilkey, Dav	Dog Man unleashed
4	Smart, Jamie	Looshkin: The Maddest Cat in the World
5	Smart, Jamie	Bunny vs Monkey and the Supersonic Aye-aye
6	Smart, Jamie	Bunny vs Monkey and the League of Doom
7	Kinney, Jeff	Big Shot
8	Smart, Jamie	Bunny vs Monkey: Rise of the Maniacal Badger
9	Green, John Patrick	Investigators: Take the Plunge A Full Colour, Laugh-Out-Loud Comic Book Adventure!
10	Kinney, Jeff	The Getaway

Parks Capital Projects – Q4 2023 Progress							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Greenways in Holly Park/Springhill/ Rockfield		▪			▪	✓▪	Complete
Blackrock Park – Booterstown Entrance		▪			▪	✓▪	Complete
Rosemont School Pitches		▪			▪	✓▪	Complete in June 2022.
Killiney Hill Accessible Entrance		▪			▪	✓▪	Complete in May 2023.
Corke Abbey/Woodbrook Glen Improvements		▪			▪	✓▪	Playground to be opened in early May 2023.
Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening		▪	▪	▪	▪	✓▪	Complete in Oct 2023.
Meadowbrook Pitches, Padel Courts & Teenage Play		▪	▪	▪	▪	✓▪	Complete in Oct 2023.
Grass Pitch Refurbishments		▪	▪	▪	✓▪		Works started in April 2023 for 6 grass pitches (+ running track at Kilbogget) – pitches out of use until Sep 2024.
Oatlands All Weather Pitch		▪	▪	▪	✓▪	▪	Works commenced in Aug 2023 for completion in July 2024.
Mounttown Boxing Facility		▪	▪	▪	✓▪	▪	Works to commence in Jan 2024 for completion in Dec 2024.
Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion)		▪	▪	▪	✓▪	▪	Modular building being constructed off site – for completion in Q3 2024
Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 3		✓▪	▪	▪	▪	✓▪	Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-

							leash area, sports pavilion complete. Adventure Play Space being progressed.
Blackrock Park - Phase 2		▪	✓▪		✓▪	✓▪	Teenage zone, boules court and play space complete, renovation of steps for completion in Q1 2024, seating and planting for completion in Q1 2024. Conservation Architect led team appointed for the kiosk building – detail design on-going.
Pavement Improvement Programme		▪	▪	✓▪	✓▪	▪	Works and procurements on-going.
Marlay Golf Redevelopment		▪	▪	✓▪	▪	▪	On-going.
Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1		▪	✓▪	▪	▪	▪	New Part 8 closed in late May 2023. EIA has been appealed to An Bord Pleanála.
Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works		▪	▪	✓▪	▪	▪	Works to commence in Q2 2024 – for completion in Q4 2024
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2		▪	✓▪	▪	▪	▪	Works scheduled to commence in Q4 2024 for completion in Q4 2025.
New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross		▪	✓▪	▪	▪	▪	Works scheduled to commence in Q3 2024 for completion in Q4 2024.

Play Space Development (East & West)		✓▪	✓▪	▪	▪	▪	Priority projects for completion in Q4 2024.
Jamestown Park Masterplan		✓▪					Masterplan considerations on-going.
Parks Depots	✓▪		▪	▪	▪		Initial stakeholder engagement is taking place.
Shanganagh Castle Sports Facilities	✓▪		▪	▪	▪		Recent structural and renewable energy studies complete. Uncertainty on short term use – on hold.
Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch	✓▪		▪	▪	▪		Delay due to Dept. of Education review. On hold
Cabinteely Park Projects	✓▪						No progress
Dalkey Island (Upgrade Tower & Gun Battery)	✓▪						No progress
Marlay Park Masterplan	✓▪						No progress. Recent pedestrian entrance constructed and putting green with Padraig Harrington.
Wetlands & Attenuation (East & West)	✓▪						Recent work on Cabinteely Pond. Other projects being identified.
Sandyford Urban Open Space	✓▪						Acquisition is being progressed.
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	✓▪						No funding available. On hold.
Shanganagh Crematorium	✓▪						No funding available. On hold.
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms	✓▪						No funding available. On hold.

CoCo Markets

Email	01/12/2023	1			Producer	N
CRM 308673	06/12/2023	1		1	Hot Food	N
Email	08/12/2023		1	1	Producer	Y
CRM 309233	04/12/2023	1	1		Producer	Y
CRM 309524	11/12/2023		1	1	Craft	N
Total December		3	3	3	Total accepted	2
Total Quarter 4 2023		16	15	17	Total	48

Commemorative Benches

CRM 307824	08/12/2023	X	X	Cabinteely	
CRM 309411	12/12/2023		X	Cabinteely	
CRM 309425	08/12/2023		X	Peoples Park	
CRM 309630	08/12/2023		X	Royal Terrace Square	
CRM 309841	10/12/2023		X	Cabinteely	
CRM 310306	15/12/2023		X	Shanganagh park	
CRM 310461	18/12/2023		X	Woodpark	
Total December		1	7		

Filming in the Park

Source	Location	Date Request Received	Date of Filming	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
309696	Ticknick Park	08/12/2023	15/12/2023	Y	
Total December	1				

Filming in the house

Source	Location	Date request received	Date of Filming	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
Email	Marlay House	31/10/2023	13/10/2023-To present	Y	N/A
Total December	1				

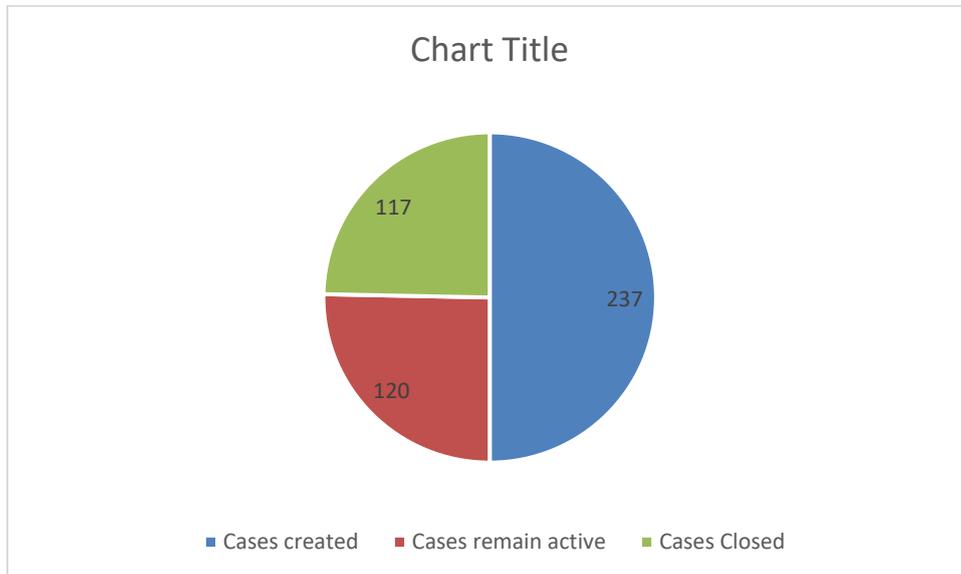
DLR Sports Partnership –December 2023

- **Santa Dash** – second year of this family fun 2km around Cabinteely Park on the 10th December with over 300 participants of all ages and abilities.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme 2024** – 36 applications across Women In Sport (15), Disability (10) and Training (11) with total allocation of €40,000 Sport Ireland funding.
- **Sports Ability Opportunities Booklet** – updated our existing booklet that highlights sport and activity opportunities for people with a disability launched on the 3rd December.
- **Marathon Kids** – completed delivery of this programme across 15 primary schools (1,300 children) with final event in DSD track in St. Thomas's on the 24th November.
- **Awards Shortlisting** – Sofa To Saddle programme shortlisted for Age Friendly Achievement Awards and Inclusive Cycling programme shortlisted for Excellence in Local Gov. Awards.

- **Local Sports Plan** – consultants have completed desk-based research, initial internal meetings and detailed consultation process with workshops, meetings and an online survey.
- **Irish Sports Monitor** – a county specific report on the DLR respondents that took part in the 2022 ISM survey has been received from Sport Ireland.
- **Dormant Accounts Fund 2023** – received funding for four projects (Active Cities - €116,500, Her Moves - €15,000, Disability Capital €25,000, Volunteer Supports - €15,000).
- **Volunteer Training** – delivered Child Safeguarding (16 workshops – 208 attendees), Sports First Aid and Disability Awareness training to sports volunteers/coaches across the County.
- **Winter Initiative** – linking into this Sport Ireland initiative to roll out a range of participation and awareness raising activities during the winter months.
- **Active Cities Steering Group** – last meeting of the year took place on 4th December to review year and planning for 2024 to advance collaboration initiatives.
- **Hop On Hike Off** - Transport friendly hiking programme with 4 guided hikes over 8 weeks from 22nd of October to 2nd December (18 participants).
- **Get Strong in Sallynoggin** - 6-week core strength programme for adults looking to return to activity (20 participants).
- **Couch To 2K** – delivery of a new in-person programme for the winter based out of Shanganagh Park (22 Participants).
- **Return to the Outdoors** – Cabinteely Community School have completed a 5-week beginners' water and climbing programme (50 participants).
- **Get Going Get Rowing** – secondary schools' programme to introduce the sport to teenage girls. Stepside Educate Together completed the programme (100 participants).
- **Men On the Move** – delivering another 8-week programme aimed at adult men to support them to become active in a social group (17 Participants).
- **Woodlands For Health** – Finished this 10-week walking programme for adults experiencing mental ill-health in a woodland setting (15 participants).
- **Inclusive Yoga with St Michaels House** - weekly yoga and archery sessions with the day service users (16 participants).
- **Map My Park** – launched on 8th November in Loreto Park. Five parks have received upgraded maps and new distance markers to encourage increased usage of the park.
- **BoxUp** - both stations in Kilbogget and Marlay Parks are getting good usage with over 700 total users in first 3 months and over 300 people have registered accounts on the app.
- **Website** – new DLR Sports Partnership website is performing strongly in its first 5 months with over 21,000 page views, 6,500 new visitors and creating landing pages for campaigns.
- **Social Media** – 4,300 Facebook followers (up 12% since March 2023), 2,173 Twitter followers and 1,101 Instagram followers (up 30% since March 2023).

CRM December 2023

237 created 120 remain active 117 closed



Allotments

In December, the annual licence renewal letters were sent to all plot holders in both Castle and Mount Anville Allotments.

Castle Allotments Sept to December 2023	
Allotments currently in use	91
Re-allocated allotments to people on waiting list	3
Plots vacant awaiting re-allocation	2
Plot due for use change (raised beds)	1
Total Plots	97

Mount Anville Sept to December 2023	
Allotments currently in use	103
Vacant plots	7
Total Plots	110

Heritage

- *Know Your Locality* free course - site visit to Monkstown Castle
- Promotion of dlr People's Archive Day (January 12th)
- Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology free guided walk in Tibbradden Forest
- Recoupment of government grants; Decade of Centenaries, Heritage Council, Creative Ireland, Community Monument Fund
- Input to repair of boundary walls at dlr historic cemeteries
- Survey completion to guide restoration of haha at Marlay Park
- Methodology developed for conservation works at Carrickmines Castle site
- Draft conservation management plan for Carrickbrennan graveyard
- Conservation architect advice for bringing Deansgrange Cemetery chapel buildings into use



- Research for “Women of Deansgrange Cemetery” brochure
- Presentation of new Dalkey Castle video at SPC
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups