

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

**1st November – 30th
November 2023**

Corporate Affairs 3
 Director: Stephen Brady

Finance and Water Services 7
 Director: Helena Cunningham

Housing *
 Director: Catherine Keenan

Planning and Economic Development..... 10
 Director: Aidan Blighe

Forward Planning Infrastructure *
 Director: Anne Devine

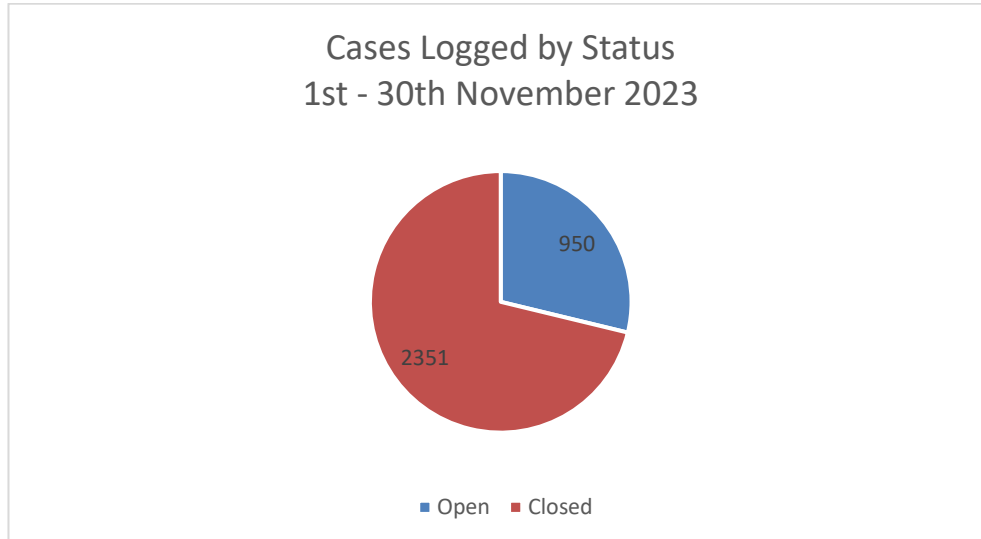
Infrastructure and Climate Change 17
 Director: Paul Kennedy

Architects..... 27
 County Architect: Andrée Dargan

Community, Cultural Service and Parks.....29
 Director: Therese Langan

*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Civic Hub Stats

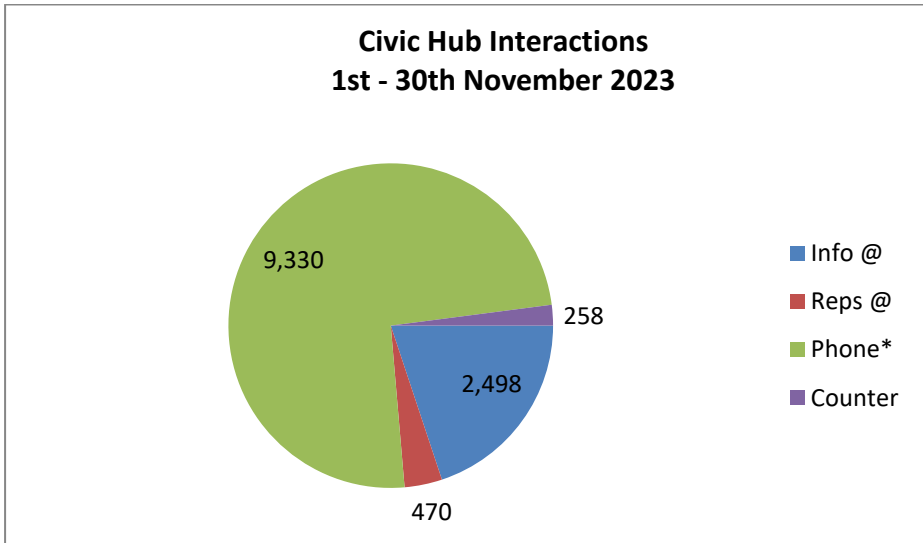


■ Cases logged from 1st – 30th November 2023

Open	950
Closed	2351

Cases Logged from 1st – 30th November 2023, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	4	6	10
Comms & Civic Hub	9	446	455
Community	6	1	7
Corporate Services	4	3	7
Enterprise		2	2
Environment	55	146	201
Finance	10	295	305
Harbour	2	12	14
Housing	64	100	164
ICC	316	769	1085
IT	1	1	2
Libraries	3		3
Parks	135	249	384
Planning	6	17	23
Property	10	4	14
Transportation	137	166	303
Waste Enforcement	184	111	295
Water Services	4	23	27
Grand Total	950	2351	3301



Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from

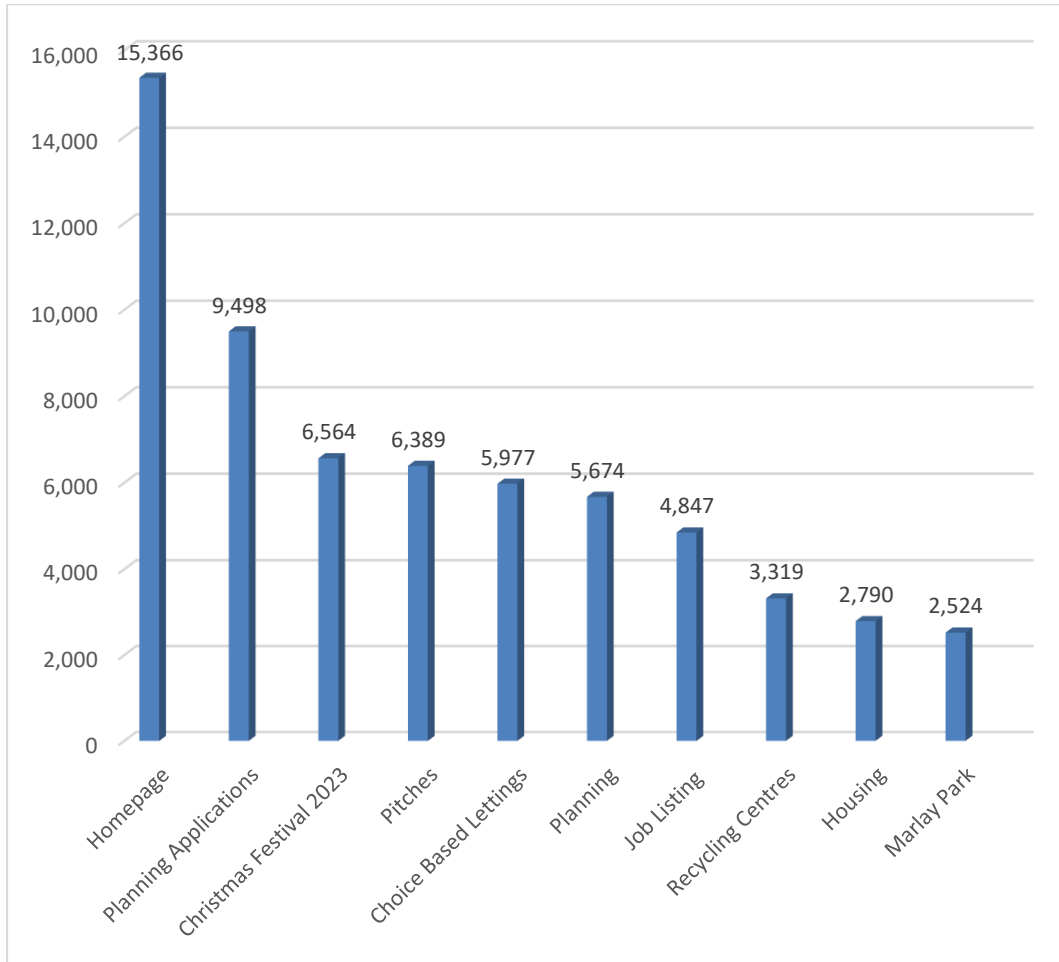
Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	8119	1211

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2498	470	2968










Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	199	59	258

Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	157,043
dlrLibraries	36,454



Social Media Activity

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Nov 1, 2023 - Nov 30, 2023	87,753 ↗ 0.6%	561 ↗ 5.5%	793 ↘ 30.5%	1,323,767 ↗ 16%	46,754 ↗ 9.5%	3.5% ↘ 5.6%	47,148 ↗ 265.9%
Compare to Oct 1, 2023 - Oct 31, 2023	87,201	532	1,141	1,141,075	42,691	3.7%	12,884
 @DLR_Libraries	8,802	13	26	12,337	194	1.6%	408
 @dlrArts	3,070	16	36	9,974	282	2.8%	434
 @dlrcc	20,458	103	194	435,326	10,506	2.4%	7,835
 @dlrheritevents	4,007	-1	2	1,339	62	4.6%	0
 @leo_dlr	5,576	-5	42	3,227	42	1.3%	1
 dlrcoco.ie	8,066	229	163	189,094	3,081	1.6%	29,226
 dlrevents	14,261	86	35	140,142	6,612	4.7%	47
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	18,907	75	249	411,920	20,023	4.9%	8,782
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,606	45	46	120,408	5,952	4.9%	415

Press Queries:

There were 9 press queries received during this period.

Freedom of Information

There were 16 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 the Part 8 is now being prepared and will be brought to the December Council Meeting.

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 to present the options on the scheme will take place mid 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 phonenumber 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 31/10/2023				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/10/2023 €
1 Total Housing & Building	19,396,542	110,954,571	115,091,059	23,533,030
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	7,132,720	35,622,509	36,870,621	8,380,832
3 Total Water Services	2,106,576	481,698	735,043	2,359,921
4 Total Development Management	190,242,443	37,945,689	9,257,340	161,554,095
5 Total Environmental Services	2,177,644	26,105	316,500	2,468,039
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	13,896,870	9,852,657	8,741,840	12,786,053
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,040,386	4,263,508	4,719,363	4,496,242
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	40,954,458	1,129,541	1,395,899	41,220,816
Grand Total	279,947,639	200,276,278	177,127,666	256,799,027

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/10/23						
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €		Balance at 31/10/23		Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	25,264,293		38,881,283		22,500,340	16,380,943

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2023

83.33%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	57,239,390	72,721,224	78.71%
B	Road Transport & Safety	29,466,608	35,181,888	83.76%
C	Water Services	10,571,670	12,568,752	84.11%
D	Development Management	32,946,015	28,095,012	117.27%
E	Environmental Services	29,946,931	36,294,420	82.51%
F	Recreation & Amenity	32,213,775	37,496,868	85.91%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	5,126,233	4,792,800	106.96%
H	Miscellaneous Services	7,923,425	9,364,272	84.61%
Total Expenditure		205,434,047	236,515,236	86.86%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	50,497,510	64,175,328	78.69%
B	Road Transport & Safety	10,774,815	13,012,752	82.80%
C	Water Services	7,073,715	8,420,220	84.01%
D	Development Management	15,286,802	6,560,712	233.01%
E	Environmental Services	6,767,645	7,498,392	90.25%
F	Recreation & Amenity	4,798,383	5,699,244	84.19%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,897,173	3,369,900	115.65%
H	Miscellaneous Services	15,415,176	17,213,376	89.55%
Sub Total		114,511,219	125,949,924	90.92%

LPT	Local Property Tax	10,299,579	12,566,604	81.96%
RA	Rates	82,019,060	97,998,804	83.69%
Total Income		206,829,858	236,515,332	87.45%

Balance as at 31/10/2023		€1,395,811	Surplus
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Planning and Economic Development

Planning Applications – monthly statistics 1st November – 30th November 2023

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	124	124
Decision Deferred	0	15	15
Decision to Grant**	0	65	65
Decision to Refuse**	0	5	5
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	50	50
Invalid Applications	0	10	10

*Includes 9 Applications for Retention.

**Split decisions; are entered as follows

60 Grant Permission (2 SDZ)

3 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

1. 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 /718	<p>Alber Developments Ltd. 1.19 Ha. At Lisieux Park, Murphystown Road, Leopardstown, Dublin 18.</p> <p>The application seeks permission for amendments to the permitted Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Reference number ABP-307415-20 with no change in the number of permitted apartments (200no.) and an overall reduction in gross floorspace from 18,937sqm to 18,806 sqm (-131sqm) and the following:</p> <p>(1) Removal of curved glazed link entrance/ reception area and glazed link corridors which connects the apartment blocks on the courtyard side and associated minor revisions to the courtyard landscaping as a result of the above;</p> <p>(2) Reconfiguration of permitted floor plan layouts in each block on all levels with no change in the overall unit numbers (i.e. 200 no. apartments). The unit type/ mix are proposed to change from 20 no. studio units, 72 no. 1 bed units, 100 no. 2 bed units and 8 no. 3 bed units to 1 no. studio, 87 no. 1 bed units, 104 no. 2 bed units and 8 no. 3 bed units.</p> <p>(3) Revisions to the ancillary resident services and amenities resulting in minor increase in the creche from 356sqm to 370sqm (+14sqm) and increase in resident amenity / gym area from 367sqm to 385sqm (+18sqm);</p> <p>(4) Revisions to internal main vertical circulation cores and rearrangement of ground floor of cores to allow fire fighting access to stairs/lifts from public streets to comply with Fire Officer's requirements;</p> <p>(5) Removal of glazed rooflight over main cores as a result of necessary internal rearrangements and introduction of low-profile photovoltaic panels on each block.</p> <p>(6) Removal or reduction in width of non-essential columns on the balcony facades and associated minor elevational changes to the 4 apartment blocks;</p> <p>'Lisieux Hall' (not within the current application site) is included on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS No.</p>	1711/2023	21/12/2023	www.lisieuxpark-lrd3.ie	19/01/2024

<p>1662). No works are proposed to Lisieux Hall itself as part of the application. The proposed development relates to amendments to a permitted Strategic Housing Development (ABP-307415-20). The current application is a Large-scale Residential Development (LRD). Details of the current application are available on: www.lisieuxpark-lrd3.ie</p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97379>

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions / Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD23 A/0719	<p>The development will consist of: The demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings known as the 'Old Farm' and the construction of 114 no. residential units comprising of 100 no. apartments and 14 no. houses (74 no. 1-bed and 40 no. 2-bed units) to form an Assisted Living Accommodation/Retirement Homes development, solely for persons 65 and over, consistent with the definitions of Assisted Living/Retirement Homes and Sustainable Neighbourhood Infrastructure Zoning Objective and Specific Local Objective attached to the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block A will range 2-3 storeys in height and will provide 12 no. apartments. (Supporting amenities located on ground floor include a prayer room, communal area and library) • Blocks B, C and D will range 2-3 storeys in height and will provide 7 no. apartments each. (Blocks A-D are situated along the west of the site). • Block E will be 5 storeys in height and will provide 19 no. apartments. (Supporting communal residential amenities at ground floor include a communal social room with Barista bar, library and reading room, gym area, small cinema, pre kitchen area, indoor and outdoor café for residents and their visitors, consulting rooms for medical, wellness and personal supports and administration/reception area with staff facilities) • Block F will be 3 storeys in height and will provide 24 no. apartments. • Block G will be 5 storeys in height and will provide 24 no. apartments. (Blocks E-G are situated in the lower walled garden and are organised around a central communal courtyard with resident facilities). • The proposed 14 no. houses will range in height from 1.5-2 storeys. These are situated along the east of the site. The residential development is organised outside and around the upper walled garden which contains the protected Glasshouse (Protected Structure RPS. 2100) which will not be altered other than maintenance and will continue its existing horticultural use. <p>The upper walled garden will be organised to contain open lawn, a sensory garden, reflective orchard, beehives and a food production garden</p>	17/11/2023	21/12/2023	www.mountanvillelrd.ie	19/01/2024

	<p>and will contain an outdoor community cafe space served from a 12 sqm cafe structure at the north east corner. The proposal will include the removal of sections of brick/stone walls from the lower walled garden and new openings and pathways through the upper walled garden for access.</p> <p>Pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular access will be from the existing entrance from Lower Kilmacud Road. Existing access to Sophie Barat Residence and 'nun's walk' shall be retained and maintained. The layout is served by 20kmph residential streets and a network of paths. Car parking for 76 no. cars (12 no. EV, 4 no. accessible, 2 no. community car share spaces) and 147 no. bicycle spaces (33 no. short-stay and 114 no. long-stay) are located throughout the site at surface level. Site servicing (including ESB substations), plant areas, PV panels, site lighting, bin stores, balconies/terraces, reprofiling, landscaping, tree planting & transplanting and SUDS measures are incorporated and integrated into the proposed development.</p> <p>The LRD application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.mountanvillelrld.ie</p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97575>

Planning Counter Figures: 1st – 30th November, 2023

Customers Served	241
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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 November – 30th November 2023

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	12
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	23
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	6
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	8/0
Commencement Notices Validated	52
7 Day Notices received	5
Completion Certs Validated	33

*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 - November 2023	Enterprise Ireland target January – November 2023
Feasibility Study	11	46
Business Priming	9	
Business Expansion	14	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	13	
Trading Online Vouchers	99	41
Other Grant Applications (Green, Digital, Agile, IP etc.)	36	19
Microfinance Ireland *	12	12
Total Approvals	194	

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

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	January-November 2023
No of jobs created	37

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2023	Total January – November 2023
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	194
Clients attending Networking Events	377
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1264
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	238
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	411
Total No of Clients Assisted	2484

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total January – November 2023
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	3
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	12
Business Promotion Grants	7
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in November 2023

DLR Enterprise News	<p><u>EEN Meet the Buyer Event - Food and Nutrition</u> (Sent 07/11/23) Open rate 52%, 3487 recipients</p> <p><u>Upcoming Training Opportunities With LEO DLR</u> (Sent 17/11/2023) Open rate 50%, 3492 recipients</p>
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Business Advice Sessions	Business Advice Sessions throughout November
How to sell on Etsy & Shopify Workshop	8 th November
Strategic Development & Business Planning Workshop	13 th November
Trading Online Voucher Information Seminar	14 th November
TikTok for Business (2 part) Workshop	20 th November
Validation & Customer Discovery Workshop	23 rd November

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 1st November-28th November 2023				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,178	-2	41	551
Twitter	5,576	-5	41	3,246
Instagram	1,729	9	41	3,023
LinkedIn	965	4	41	754

Tourism Development

Dún Laoghaire Comedy Festival 2023

The second Dun Laoghaire Comedy Festival took place from November 9th -12th. This year's festival consisted of twenty shows and six venues over the 3-day event. The festival was hugely successful with almost 2,000 people attending. This is becoming one of the biggest comedy festivals in the country.

Christmas Festival Planning 2023

The Tourism Unit facilitated a number of stakeholder meetings with the aim to bring all the Christmas activities in Dún Laoghaire Town into one coordinated festival. These included Ice Skating, Santa Experience at the Maritime Museum, Christmas Lights, Carol Singing, Family Funfair and Santa's arrival to his grotto in the National Maritime Museum.

A coordinated social media launch to advertise the upcoming festival events and activities took place on November 20th with support from DunLaoghaireTown.ie, DLR Tourism and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Comms Office.

New Santa Arrival Event in Dun Laoghaire 25th November

For the first time in many years we organised a Santa Arrival Event in Dún Laoghaire Town. Working with the Town Team and The Dún Laoghaire Business Association we formed a project team to manage the event.

The event started at 12.00 noon at County Hall where Santa, accompanied by An Cathaoirleach, travelled by Festive Train to Myrtle Square. Other characters in the parade included an ice queen, giant teddy conductor, stilt walkers, a drumming band. Santa and An Cathaoirleach officially opened the first Dún Laoghaire Christmas Festival. Santa then continued the parade from Myrtle Square to the Peoples Park and finished in Haigh Terrace.

Christmas Baubles & Competitions

Our signature DLR Christmas Baubles have been installed around the county including Dún Laoghaire, Blackrock, Sandyford, Dundrum.

A number of social media Christmas competitions have started this month to highlight the things to do in the county this Christmas, including food and drink, horse racing, Santa experience, ice skating and cooking.

Dublin Region Tourism Officers Meeting

South Dublin County Council hosted the final meeting of 2023 for the Dublin Region Tourism officers Network. All four local authority tourism departments met to discuss current issues, updates on tourism strategies development and plans for coordinated work in the future.

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 relatively 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 maximise 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 finalising 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 submitted an application for increased funding to assist with the impacts of inflation etc.

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 will be installed in the Harbour for the months of November, December, and January. This will be one 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 commence in 2024
9	Barnhill Road (part of)		✓			Contractor has been appointed with works due to commence in November
10	Dalkey Avenue (part of)		✓			Contractor has been appointed with works due to commence in November
11	Monkstown Crescent (part of)		✓			Contractor has been appointed with resurfacing works due to commence in November. Footpath works to take place in early 2024
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Old Clonkeen Road				✓	
2	Trisilian, Foxrock		✓			On site end November 2023
3	Olivemount Grove / Road				✓	
4	Prospect Lawn				✓	
5	Brennanstown Road	✓				2024
6	Grange Wood				✓	
7	Idrone Lane				✓	Works complete
8	Pucks Castle Lane				✓	Temporary works on surface defects have been carried out

9	Sallynoggin Road				✓	Works complete
10	Avondale Road (driveways)				✓	works complete
11	Rock Road (Boosterstown to Blackrock)				✓	Works complete
12	Foxrock Court		✓			Contractor to be appointed in November
13	Dundela estate (parts of)			✓		Footway works have commenced
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley (part of)				✓	Works Complete
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)				✓	Works Complete
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)			✓		On site
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)			✓		On site
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 November 2023
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 at the junction
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme		✓			
2	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
3	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment		✓			A Consultant has been appointed to inspect bridges in the County
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood				✓	
2	Mount Albion Road Churchtown			✓		on site
3	Brighton Road Foxrock.		✓			on site end of November
4	Cherrywood Road/Bray Road junction				✓	No works required
5	Castlebyrne Park			✓		Dishing works on site & CCTV survey procured and on site in November
6	Priory Avenue			✓		on site November
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)		✓			Contractor to be on site end of November
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		✓			Contractor to be on site end November
2	N11 3-Year Resurfacing Programme				✓	Additional cycle lane works to be completed between Mount Merrion and Loughlinstown as part of the contract for Phase 3 of the main carriageway resurfacing. 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 Complete
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	Redesdale estate - certain laneways				✓	Works Complete
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				
<i>*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.</i>						
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Cherrygarth, Stillorgan			✓		Works scheduled to be complete by 8th December 2023
2	Sandycove Avenue re-instatement works				✓	Works are complete
3	Castle Cloase 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

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							
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave				✓			The tender assessment is complete. It is hoped to appoint the Contractor in December when we have internal resources in place to manage the contract.
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes						✓	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. No NTA funding has been forthcoming therefore other sources of funding will have to be identified
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme				✓			A contractor was recently appointed to carry out works on Phase 1 of Sandyford Village. Phase I of the works will consist of the following: <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 Works are continuing on site and expected to be completed in December 2023
Public Consultations- Ballybrack Underpass Churchview Road							
The final report has been sent to Ward Councillors for feedback. A deadline of the 8 th of December has been sent to Councillors for return of feedback.							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

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

Speed Limit Review

Public consultation to be commenced in coming weeks.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

A TAG area 1 (East) took place on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at which 23 items were dealt with. A TAG area 2 (West) took place on Wednesday 29th of November at which 15 items were dealt with.

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

- Upgrade of Albert Road/Hudson Road Junction - Contractor commenced works on 27th of November and due to be completed in 2 weeks.
- Go Safe speed detector van locations installed at Kill Lane and Enniskerry Road near Farmer Browne’s were completed.

Deputations

Council Staff met with the following Residents the on the West side of the County 2023 on the 15th of November 2023.

Pine Valley estate residents’ association, Woodlawn Parks Residents Association and Wedgewood Park residents Association.

No deputations on East side of County in November 2023

Bus Connects

The Traffic Section, with cross departmental input, made a submission to ABP with respect to the proposed the Bray to City Centre CBC planning application, before the October 10th, 2023, deadline.

Bus Interchanges at Dundrum, Dún Laoghaire & Blackrock

Discussions regarding Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire bus interchanges are ongoing. There is an internal meeting planned later this week to review Dundrum (and other locations) proposals. Dún Laoghaire (Harbour Rd) is planned to go to public consultation shortly.

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 Kiltarnan 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 Kiltarnan – Glenamuck area in order to support the preparation of a LAP to replace the current Kiltarnan - 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 November 2023 there were:

- 2 applications for road closures
- 1 application 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	Public road remedial works in progress.

	Lower, Stillorgan	The end section of the cul de sac is complete with some minor changes needed, and the middle section is also complete. Works are currently ongoing in the last remaining section at the junction to Trees Road.
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Road Opening Licences (1st November 2023 – 24th November 2023)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	233
Applications Not Processed Yet	64
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	2
Valid Licences Issued	152
Licensed Works Completed	8

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	
1 st Jan 2023 – up to date	
Applications	
Received	14
Granted	3
Withdrawn	1
Refused	1

4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2023
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	316	247	229	193	210	441
Clean-Ups Assisted	88	78	54	68	72	64
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	26	20	21	26	12	28
Bathing Water Samples Taken	36	49	60	37	45	18
Gullies Cleaned	594	1117	1745	77	883	1264
Dumping Incidents Managed	93	31	51	50	48	70
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	7	7	2	9	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	N/A	No report received	No report received	No report received	No report received	No report received
Street Bin Collections	5545	6008	5359	5409	5259	4813

* Statistics available up to the end of October 2023.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – November 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 and should be completed in early December.
- Coliemore Harbour granite wall remedial repair project – A Contractor has commenced the onsite drilling and the rock anchor installation process. The works will be completed in early December, subject to weather conditions.
- Minor concrete repair works were completed to the platform at Seapoint Beach.
- Bathing water sampling is on-going at our 9 locations every week as scheduled since the 1st of June and will revert to sampling every fortnight after the 15th of September.
- Ringbuoy inspections and maintenance are on-going.
- DLR Baths – Dlr Cleansing crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc.
- The Road Sweeping schedules were suspended in early October due to the start of the leaf fall season. Heavy leaf fall areas are being swept as per CRM worklists and site inspections. The Sweeping schedule will be reinstated in early February 2024.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going. Gully Cleaning works that require Traffic Management are also on-going
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning.
- Junction Head sweeping and weeding has commenced and is being done on high priority areas throughout the county.
- The fleet of Smart Bins are being maintained and emptied on a daily basis throughout the county.
- Litter Picks and Blue Bag collections are on-going.

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 Nov 2023:	372
Percentage of lights out at the end of Nov 2023:	1.9%
Pole replacement carried out in Nov 2023:	3
Bracket replacements:	0
Tree trimming:	21
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	10
LED Upgrades	77
Total lights upgraded to LED	21,285
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	87%

LED Upgrading Program

MOUNT MERRION AVENUE	3
N11 South Bound	1
R118	1
WINDSOR TERRACE-NEWTOWNSMITH CYCLETRACK	27
BALLYOGAN ESTATE	1
BEECH GROVE	1

Belarmine Close Heath Vale	1
BLACKTHORN DRIVE TO SANDYFORD ROAD	1
BREWERY ROAD (NEW POLES DCC SERVICED)	1
CASTLE FARM	1
CASTLEBROOK (DUNDRUM)	1
CORKE ABBEY	1
DRUMMARTIN LINK ROAD/GREEN ROUTE	1
ENNISKERRY RD (Columns 3-29)	1
GLENCAIRN ESTATE (THE GALLOPS)	1
Harbour: Coal Yard Rd and Car Park Lighting	4
HILLCREST DOWNS	5
JOHNSTOWN ROAD CABINTEELY	1
KILCROSS ESTATE	1
KILL AVENUE	1
KILL LANE	1
LANE OFF DUN EMER DRIVE, SANDYFORD	1
LYNWOOD	1
MOUNT ALBANY/RICHMOND	1
NUTGROVE AVENUE	1
ORPEN ESTATE	2
OVEREND WAY	1
PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY @ PATRICIAN VILLAS	1
ROEBUCK ROAD	2
SAND.I.E. ARENA ROAD	1
SAND.I.E. BLACKTHORN AVENUE	2
SAND.I.E. BLACKTHORN ROAD	2
SHREWSBURY WOOD CABINTEELY	1
St. Helens Wood	3
TALBOT LANE	1
WESTMINSTER ROAD(3 IN LANE OPPTS CAIRNHAL	1

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	28
Inspections completed	5

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	3
Legal requests:	2

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,991 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st November and 30th November 2023 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1213
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	420
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	418
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	336
Parking a vehicle on a footway	177
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	83
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	64
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	60
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	58
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	57
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	21
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	13
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	11
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	8
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	7
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	5
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	5
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	5
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	4
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	4
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	3
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	3
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	3
Parking out of the limits of a bay	3
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	2
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	2
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	1
Total no. of Fixed Charge notices issued between 1st and 30th November 2023	2991

There were 65 convictions secured in the District Court in November 2023.

Environmental Enforcement, Litter and Animal Control

Environmental Enforcement: 1st – 30th November 2023

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	226	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	91	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	112	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	142	Litter Section
Litter Fines issued	13	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	0	Waste Bye-laws
Legal Proceedings initiated	4	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws

Dog Statistics from 1st November – 30th November 2023

No of dogs on hand on 1 st November	3
No of dogs entering the shelter	9
No of dogs surrendered	0
No of dogs rehomed	2
No of dogs reclaimed	3
No of dogs sent to rescue	3
No of dogs put to sleep	0
No of dogs remaining in the pound on 30 th November	4
Dog attacks in this period	7 – 7 of these on person

Energy

Following a successful Audit on Monday 20 November, ISO50001 certification has been retained until the next surveillance audit in winter 2024. Since initial certification in 2016, each of the annual audits have been undertaken by Certification Europe, however this was the first year the audit was undertaken by National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI). There are only two approved ISO50001 certification bodies available to local authorities and the transfer to NSAI represents an opportunity to gain fresh insights from a new auditing body, as well as ensuring value for money. The transfer audit required site visits to each of dlr’s Significant Energy Users (SEUs) as well as a comprehensive review of energy documentation. Thanks to the ongoing support of the Chief Executive, the Management Team, dlr Energy Team, and staff throughout the organisation, the auditors were impressed with dlr’s energy performance and the “commitment to energy management and sustainability overall”. Two opportunities for improvement were reported - to review fleet management effectiveness through improved data gathering and to update the Energy Manual for the benefit of those in energy champion and energy representative roles.

Zero Emissions Building (ZEB) Summit

On 21 November the Council & MosArt announced the launch of the ground-breaking Zero Emission Buildings (ZEB) Summit. This event scheduled to take place on 21 and 22 February 2024 will provide insights as we work together to build a world without carbon emissions. A workshop on the 21 February will take place in County Hall and will entail a detailed interactive study of our Shanganagh housing scheme.

For more information on the Summit, please visit [Homepage - ZEB Summit](#) or [Zero Emission Buildings \(ZEB\) Summit 21 & 22 February 2024 | Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council \(dlrcoco.ie\)](#)

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	21
Section 5 Declarations	4
Pre-Planning	3 including 1no. large-scale Residential Development
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 Grant Scheme & Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023 Grant Scheme	Recoupment claim for both grant schemes submitted to the Department.

2024 Grants

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. The deadline for applications to DLR is Friday 12 January 2024. 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	6
Not Dangerous	0
Total	6

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. Over 10,527 people have stayed at the centre during this time. 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 twice in November 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 November and two new PPN nominees, one from the Community & Voluntary pillar, the other from the Social Inclusion Pillar of the PPN were in attendance.

Local Policing Fora (LPF)

A meeting of the Loughlinstown, Ballybrack, Shankill LPF took place on 7th November 2023.

A meeting of the Dundrum Stillorgan LPF took place on 15th November 2023.

A Public meeting of the Sandyford Stepside LPF took place on 21st November 2023.

The Joint Policing Committee meeting took place on the 14th of November 2023.

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

The [dlr Festival of Inclusion 2023](#) finished up during November with Diwali and India Fest celebrations. Dozens of community groups and organisations organised 50+ activities and 'Belonging | Muintearas' was the theme of this year's festival. Events ranged from

concerts, discussion panels, music, dance and theatre performances, information seminars, training events, classes, coffee mornings, tea dances, fashion shows, sports and physical activities, open days and official launches, workshops and much more.

dlr Festival of Inclusion 2024 will take place earlier in the year from the 16th – 26th May 2024. We hope that more community-based groups and organisations will take part in the festival to bring people together, engage and celebrate community well-being and raise awareness, provide supports and promote equality, diversity, integration and social inclusion across dlr.

India Fest

India Fest took place on Saturday 18th November in Leopardstown Racecourse and Indian culture, music, dance, food and the Diwali festival were celebrated with hundreds of performers and a large attendance. India Fest was organised by Social Space Ireland with support from DLRCC Social Inclusion Unit and Events office.

Chief Executive Frank Curran met with the **dlr Older People's Council** at their November meeting and a consultation presentation was made on the Dún Laoghaire Living Streets plans.

The **Cuairt & Cultúir Programme** is taking place currently across the county with artists and wellbeing facilitators running workshops and activities in 18 Residential Nursing Homes & Day Care Centres. The programme will run from November 2023 - March 2024 and is organised and funded by dlr Arts, Library Services and dlr Age-Friendly Programme.

The 'Sofa to Saddle' programme for over 55's was shortlisted for an Age-Friendly Transport Award at this year's **National Age Friendly Ireland Recognition & Achievement Awards** that took place in Wexford on the 30th November.

Comhairle na nÓg

Dlr Comhairle na nÓg held their Annual Youth Conference on the 8th November in the Talbot Hotel. A total of 91 young people from both Secondary level schools and local Youth Groups attended the conference. The topic young people in attendance voted on as being of most important to them was School and School stress. This will form the basis of dlr Comhairle's workplan for 2024.

Estate Management

The Estate Management Networking & Training Event took place on 25th November in Fitzpatrick's Castle. This event provides an opportunity for each of the 12 Estate Management Forums to give feedback on their work and achievements in 2023 and share ideas for 2024.

Pride of Place

The 2023 Pride of Place Awards took place on 10th November. Pride of Place is an all-island competition which acknowledges the work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland. The focus of the award is on people coming together to shape, change and improve daily lives in their communities.

Dlr submitted nominations for four community groups with two groups receiving awards on the night. Hillview Estate received an award under the Housing Estates / Resident Associations category and dlr Community Support for Displaced Ukrainians received an award under the Communities Welcoming New Communities category.

Inclusive Community Engagement

Following on from the recent launch of 'A Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making', community staff participated in national training events targeted at Local Authority Staff. This training focused on skills and approaches for

facilitating activities to engage communities experiencing marginalisation in local planning and decision-making.

Arts

Dementia Inclusive Arts Programme

As part of the Creative Brainwaves Programme funded by Creative Ireland, dlr Arts Office hosted 2 events in November. On 7 November, a session for artists that work with people living with dementia with Professor Ian Robertson, building capacity for this area of arts practice. On the 21 November, a session for healthcare staff and artists was held in dlr LexIcon. Guest speakers from Reálta, the National Arts and Health organisation, artists, and an activity director with specialist experience in dementia gave presentations to the audience.

Exploring and Thinking Partnership: Early Childhood Arts

On the 16 November, the Exploring & Thinking Partnership of the four Dublin Local Authority Arts Offices hosted a special sharing day for artists, early childhood arts professionals and early years educators in Malahide Castle. This partnership supports early childhood arts in the Dublin region, over 25% of the national population of under 5-year-olds live in this area. The guest speaker was Dr. Suzanne Zeedyk, a developmental psychologist and research scientist from the UK. Four artists that have been funded through the partnership spoke about their work with early years children. Funded by the Arts Council and supported by the four Dublin Local Authorities.

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 November the joint libraries, age friendly programme and dlr arts programme 'Cuairt agus Cultúr' began for 2023, supporting creative and wellbeing projects in residential and day service settings in the County, supporting 18 centres this year. 'Our Shed' funded by the HSE and Creative Ireland featured on RTÉs Nationwide on Friday 24 November, this project involved LBS Men's Shed working with poet Colm Keegan, supporting local men to creatively explore mental health through poetry and performance.

Municipal Art Gallery, dlr LexIcon

Dave Madigan's exhibition '**Landscapes and Oddities**' finished at the end of November. It featured large-scale paintings, wide vistas and aerial views of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and the wider Dublin area, as well as a large sculpture, inspired by the masts and riggings visible in Dún Laoghaire Harbour. The exhibition was the result of the dlr Visual Art Commission, funded by the Arts Council and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme

A Cast and Crew Showcase of two short films made by recent award winners of the dlr First Frames Scheme, Conveyance and Nay Day, was held in the Studio, dlr LexIcon on 16 November. The directors of the two films were interviewed on Arena, Radio 1, on 21 November. dlr First Frames is an initiative of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office and Economic Development Unit, managed and supported by IADT.

Baths Artists' Studios

Seidín O'Sullivan completed her residency. She worked on a project called Sea Rise that creatively connected to the sea and involved numerous public-facing events. Several public events took place over November including a printmaking workshop; an Open Studio and making workshop; a seaweed pressing and printing workshop; and a session exploring the tides and sea levels of Dún Laoghaire. The artist brought in creative practitioners, a geographer and an oceanographer as part of the events.

Arts Grants

Applications for the dlr Arts Grants 2024 closed on the 25th October and 127 applications were received and were assessed throughout November by the Arts team and external experts.

Poetry and Music Beside the Sea

A series of poetry writing workshops culminated on the 8th November with a poetry and music performance in dlr Lexicon led by poet Jane Robinson and musician Malachy Robinson and attended by 70 people.

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/vlqvjsj8lxav4ukf0>

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 selected for delivery to the service users of the IPC in Dundrum.

Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse

November's Studio Saturday was Festive Arts and Craft workshops, with artist Laura Steerman. Families had the opportunity to make clay candle holders, decorate Christmas stockings and other festive crafts to bring home. There were art stations and a paint spray wall. This family event took place in the Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon on Sat 18 November 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.

Events for Adults

Social Prescribing Programme for Health & Well-Being

Funded by the Creative Ireland Programme, this collaboration between Southside Partnership and dlr Libraries aims to offer a targeted programme for people with disabilities, to help improve the mental health and well-being of participants and reduce the sense of isolation often felt by such vulnerable groups in our society.

A 4-week Creative Café began in dlr LexIcon in November. Four “taster” sessions were programmed, from watercolour painting, a local history talk on the Dublin mountains, the history of blues music and reading for well-being. Separately, a 6-week nature art course with artist Joyce Fitzpatrick took place. A further Creative Café will take place in February 2024, along with three additional 6-week courses.

Learn Watercolour with Svetlana Starikova (7, 14, 21 & 28 November, dlr LexIcon)

The course is intended for people who want to know or develop their skills in watercolour painting and is suitable for beginners. The classes aim to give students a sense of watercolour and a love for the medium.

Irish Language Classes (7, 14, 21 & 28 November, dlr LexIcon)

A 6-week class for beginners and intermediate Irish language learners, facilitated by Conradh na Gaeilge.

Literary events – Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon

During November, we programmed the following high-profile author events:

- **Readers’ Day** (Sat 25 November)

We welcomed over 130 visitors to dlr LexIcon for our third and final Readers’ Day of 2023, this one programmed by writer Martina Devlin. The line-up on the day included a range of writers and thinkers, including Emily Hourican, Hazel Gaynor, Martin Doyle, Nuala Moore and Carlo Gébler. Professor Luke O’Neill was in conversation with broadcaster Anne Cassin.

- **Séamus Heaney in his Own Words** (Thurs 30 November)

Ten years on from his death, Seamus Heaney’s legend continues to grow. Mick Heaney, journalist and son of the poet, shared insights into his father’s life and work, along with his editor, friend and fellow poet Christopher Reid, who has edited the newly-published *The Collected Letters of Seamus Heaney* by Faber & Faber. The two were in conversation with writer Martina Devlin, and the evening included a dramatic reading of excerpts from the letters.

Guiding Lights: Music & Art from impressionism to jazz with Emile Conway (Mon 27 Nov)

This 4-week series started on 27 November and will run until 18 December in the Studio, dlr LexIcon. Vocal jazz artist Emile Conway explores 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.

Digital Literacy

Weekly computer classes with Age Action took place in Deansgrange Library. Staff-led computer information sessions continued in dlr LexIcon.

Craft Events for Adults

- Needlefelting Ornaments Workshop in Dalkey Library
- Christmas Card Printmaking Workshop in Shankill Library
- Introduction to Sewing with Green Thread in LexIcon Lab

Active Movement for Seniors (7, 14, 21 & 28 November, dlr LexIcon)

Lisa Redmond from Active Academy led this 4-week series in dlr LexIcon of functional fitness classes, designed to help with everyday life and suitable for all abilities.

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.

The staff-led Film Club in Blackrock continues along with the Silver Screen Film Club in dlr LexIcon, which screens cinematic classics and old favourites.

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 continues to meet online monthly. The group met on 29 November with a discussion of *Marzahn, Mon Amour* by Katja Oskamp.

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.

DLR Waves

3 October - 7 November

Level 4, dlr LexIcon

DLR Waves are a women's football club who play in the League of Ireland Premier Division. This photo exhibition will highlight the best football photos from the 2023 season for the DLR Waves senior team and provide further information about the club and its history. There will also be photos of the successful DLR Waves U17 and U19 youth teams as well as past/present DLR Waves players who have played for Ireland over the years. This exhibition will be a celebration of local women's football, aimed at promoting the achievements of the players and raising awareness of our local women's football team.

Events for Children and Families

Tales Along the Road, storytelling project (Tues 14 November, dlr LexIcon)

We were delighted to partner with Mermaid Arts Centre to run a series of workshops in St. Kieran's national school, Bray. Traveller children are natural storytellers and award-winning teller Liz Weir MBE celebrated Traveller culture encouraging a love and appreciation of stories. The children were invited to dlr LexIcon to have the chance to enhance their telling and listening skills, to hone their natural storytelling skills after collecting stories from their families and communities. The workshops took place across all class levels during October and November and culminated in two performances in November - one in dlr LexIcon, one in Mermaid Arts Centre, where they shared their stories and songs.

Kids' Kitchen Takeover with Oliver Mc Cabe (Thurs 23 November, dlr LexIcon)

Chef & author Oliver McCabe brought *The Kids Kitchen Takeover Cookbook* to dlr LexIcon to host a fun, interactive, family food demonstration & talk. The event showcased easy to follow, healthy recipes that children learned to prepare and cook with their family in the heart of the home, the kitchen.

Family Film Club at dlr LexIcon (Mon 27 November)

Monthly film club for children and families. This month's film was *Fantastic Mr Fox*, directed by Wes Anderson.

Celebrating Science Week 2023: STEM events for children

In November we celebrated all things STEM, with a series of interactive events for in dlr LexIcon. Children learned how sound works, what makes a kite fly and the basics of 3D modelling.

Coding Ireland Workshops (Wed 8, 15, 22 & 29 November)

Back by popular demand, a 4-week coding workshop suitable for ages 9-12 yrs. Skills learned included how to create a game in Scratch, making an arcade game and playing it on a handheld game device, programming a strip of LED lights to show patterns and effects and how to make autonomous cars race against each other around a track.

Parenting Your Anxious Child with Dr David Coleman (Tues 21 November)

Dr David Coleman, clinical psychologist, specialising in working with children, teenagers and their families discussed supporting your primary school child's self-confidence, helping them manage anxiety and develop their independence as well as how best to respond to our children to support their emotional development. More than 70 parents attended this informative and supportive talk.

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 hosts a monthly Junior bookclub and Dalkey has a popular new family book club. Deansgrange Library has started a new baby/parent group who meet weekly. Storytimes for children take place across our libraries weekly.

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

Statistics

Social media (as of 28 November)

Facebook	8,182
Twitter	8,804
Instagram	4,222
TikTok	486
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	11,691

Online resources (as of 22 November)

Resource	Description	Prelim stats November 1-22 2023
Overdrive	eBooks	1,463
	eaudio	1,070
	Magazines	9,207
	Comics	0
Borrowbox	eaudio	7,553
	eBook	3,709
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	5,378
Pressreader	Offsite and onsite Newspapers	13,128
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	21
Lote4Kids	logins	14
Who else writes	logins	8
Who next guide	logins	5
Medici	Videos Viewed	(stats available at end of month)
Moshi	Accounts	(stats available at end of month)
Kanopy	Visits	6,079
Totals		47,635 (without Medici & Moshi)

Heritage

- Summer of Heritage 2023 launched, start June 26th, 10 week programme, 22 tours across the county, two new tours (County Hall and Barnaslingan/Carrickgollogan)
- Cruinniú na nÓg June 10th: Archaeology for kids workshops and mock excavations at Samuel Beckett Civic Campus and dlr Lexicon
- Coastival Heritage tours planned July 3rd – 6th, *Of a Mind*/Dún Laoghaire Street Art
- Dún Laoghaire Street Art tours to continue over summer on Mondays @ 7pm
- Jun 17th - European Archaeology Day; Carrickgollogan and Rathmichael archaeologist-led walk
- Dublin Mountains Community Archaeologist 2023 tender process complete
- Dlr Climate Action Plan workshops/meetings
- Site work re biodiversity at dlr historic cemeteries
- Part of welcome to Vincennes delegation on Bloomsday
- Brief presentation to Maltese delegation on Strategic Environmental Assessment

- Progression of memorials approved by Memorials Committee
- James Joyce Tower and Museum Board and consultant meetings
- Dalkey Castle Board meeting
- dlr Tourism Strategy workshop
- Attendance at National Heritage Officer Network training and development sessions
- Planning for National Heritage Week 2023 (August 12 to 20)
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Attendance at Killiney Village Community-Led VDS workshop
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups

Markets

Sixteen applications were received requesting a Market Stalls in CoCo Markets in November.

- Craft – 12
- Hot Food – 2
- Other Food - 2

Four of these were granted.

Commemorative Benches/Trees

10 requests for Commemorative Benches were received in November by Parks.

3 of these requests were granted and benches will be installed in Deerpark, Cabinteely and Dodder Greenway in 2024.

DLR Sports Partnership Update – November 2023

- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- Awards Shortlisting – Sofa To Saddle programme shortlisted for Age Friendly Achievement Awards and Inclusive Cycling programme shortlisted for Excellence in Local Gov. Awards.
- 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.
- Winter Initiative – linking into this Sport Ireland initiative to roll out a range of participation and awareness raising activities during the winter months.
- Santa Dash – second year of this family fun 2km around Cabinteely Park on the 10th December with a target of 500 participants of all ages and abilities.
- 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 – started 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).

- SportsAbility Opportunities Booklet – updated our existing booklet that highlights sport and activity opportunities for people with a disability. Being launched on the 3rd December.
- Woodlands For Health – Finished this 10-week walking programme for adults experiencing mental ill-health in an woodland setting (15 participants).
- Inclusive Yoga with St Michaels House- Inhouse weekly yoga and archery sessions with the day service users (16 participants).
- Table-Tennis Cricket – staff of Enable Ireland trained in this inclusive sport to facilitate ongoing sessions on-site in the service (10 attendees).
- Active Cities Steering Group – last meeting of the year to take place on 4th December to review year and look at planning for 2024 furthering collaboration.
- International Men’s Day - Active Cities DLR and South Dublin came together to support the day with a Footgolf event for adult men on 19th Nov.
- 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).

Sports Development

dlr Leisure: Set up and completed the following activities in November 2023.

Schools Drafts after school programme

- Queen of Angels, Ballaly - mixed group (10-12 age)
- St Joseph’s, Dun Laoghaire - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Scoil Mhuire, Shankill - mixed group (10-12 age)
- St Lawrence’s Loughlinstown - mixed group (13-17 age)
- St Johns after school sports club in collaboration with school completion officer Colin Barry mixed group (10-12 age)
- Colm Cilles Ballybrack - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Gael Scoil Phadraig, Ballybrack - mixed group (10-12 age)

Youth groups

- Mounttown Crosscare - boys group gym sessions (13-15 age)
- Hollyhouse, Southside Partnership (10-14 age) mixed group
- St Michael’s House, Goatstown - mixed group (20-24 age)
- Hillview Family Resource Centre - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Carmona Services - mixed group (20-24 age)
- Strive Dun Laoghaire - special needs group (20-24 age)
- Festina Lente - mixed group (20-24 age)
- Dun Laoghaire Crosscare - girls only group (10-12 age)
- Dun Laoghaire Crosscare -mixed group (15-17 age)
- Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Ballybrack - boys only group (12-14 age)
- Whitehouse - boys only group (10-14 age)
- Youth Diversion Ballyogan - boys group (14-17 age)
- Dun Laoghaire Crosscare - girls only group gym session (17-22 age)
- Dun Laoghaire Community Training Centre - mixed group (16-18 age)
- Nutgrove Youth Group - gym sessions (16 years age)



- My Project, Monkstown - mixed group (12-15 age)
- Woodside Way - mixed group (10-14 age)

Other activities

- Held quarterly meeting with Aoife Heffernan from the ETB
- Assisted sports partnership with the following programmes.
 - Couch to 2k
 - Men on the move
 - Marathon Kids

Ran nutrition workshops for the following groups.

- St Joseph's School, Dún Laoghaire
- Sallynoggin Youth Reach

- Ran a midterm camp for Woodside Way Residents Group.
- Currently planning our timetable for Quarter 1 2024 updates on bookings to follow in later reports.

Leinster Rugby – November 2023 report

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools = 15

Males = 961

Females = 1,085

Secondary Schools = 7

Males = 85

Females = 254

dlr rugby clubs sessions, workshops or AOB (please include numbers and breakdown male/female)

Impact meetings held with 3 dlr clubs – Old Wesley RFC, St. Brigid's RFC and Seapoint RC (first half season review, the remaining 3 clubs are being met with before the second week in December)

6th class touch rugby event in Seapoint RC = 150 players – LS

IRFU Children's Coaching Award held in Blackrock College RFC = 36 coaches – JS

St Brigid's RFC U9s ruck training = 18 players – JS

St Brigid's RFC U10s tackle training = 22 players – JS

dlr female club rugby

Seapoint RC mini U8s, 10s and 12s event – Old Wesley RFC & Blackrock College RFC attended – EMcK

dlr rugby development schools (male/female)

1st year touch rugby event in Clontarf FC – 4 dlr female secondary schools attended – EMcK

St Raphaela's female rugby secondary school training = 15 players – EMcK

South Dublin 7s or female tournaments 1st year touch or X7s (dlr only)

Junior and senior female X7s event in Blackrock College RFC – EMcK

South Dublin 7s round 2 held in Donnybrook Stadium – 4 dlr schools attended = 101 players – JS

FAI:

- **Administration** - Planning work for all programmes in 2023 on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings and training days on-going on a weekly and monthly basis.
- **FFA** – Walking Football in the National Rehabilitation Hospital started – 30 adults.
- **Club Mark:** All clubs in DLR are now registered for the Club Mark. On-going contact meetings with registered clubs to complete applications in order to achieve the award.
- **Coach Ed** – 1 PDP course delivered for Cabinteely FC, 20 coaches.

Three PDP courses are planned for November.

- **Child Welfare** – 1 Safeguarding course delivered for Cabinteely FC, 20 participants.
 - **Girls ETP Weekly sessions** – 30 participants.
 - **Social Inclusion** – 20 IPA adults playing football one day a week.
 - **Futsal In the Yard** – 7 schools, 350 boys and girls from 3rd class to 6th class taking part.
 - **Girls Future Stars** – 2 schools, 200 4th class girls taking part.
- Disney Playmakers** – 3 clubs started the programme, 120 girls from 5-8 years taking part.

Leinster Cricket:

- On-going planning for future school yard sessions.
- Introduction to cricket course completed in Hollypark National School.
- Introduction to cricket in St. Colmcille’s Junior National School.
- To date we have delivered nearly 300 sessions ranging over 20 schools with over 3300 children receiving coaching and an opportunity for some to take part in blitz competition during 2023.
- Table cricket leaders course completed at Enable Ireland, Sandyford. Cricket Leinster also loaned equipment to the centre and also to Enable Ireland, Dún Laoghaire, with a view to have a table cricket match between both centres.
- Plans are ongoing to create a men’s shed program to coach adult cricket within that framework.
- Continued liaison with both Sandyford and DLR cricket clubs regarding on-going works at both Marlay and Shanganagh parks.