

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

OCTOBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

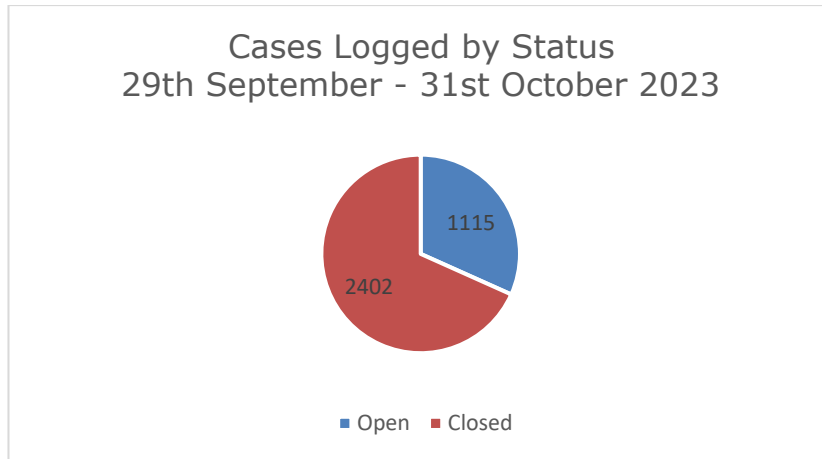
**29 September – 31st October
2023**



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	16
Director: Paul Kennedy	
Architects	25
County Architect: Andrée Dargan	
Community, Cultural Service and Parks	27
Director: Therese Langan	

*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Civic Hub Stats



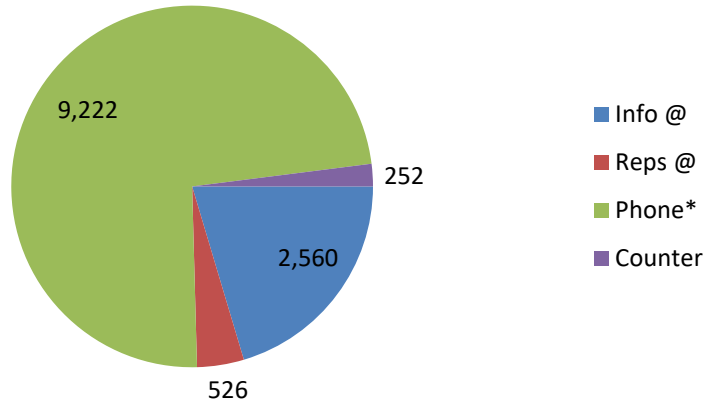
■ Cases logged from 29th September - 31st October 2023

Open	1115
Closed	2402

Cases Logged from 29th September – 31st October 2023, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	1	5	6
Arts	1		1
Comms & Civic Hub	22	630	652
Community	5	2	7
Corporate Services	3	1	4
dlrcoco	21	7	28
Enterprise	1		1
Environment	99	251	350
Finance	26	270	296
Harbour	1	4	5
Housing	89	123	212
ICC	199	222	421
IT	1		1
Libraries	2	2	4
Parks	264	297	561
Planning	9	21	30
Property	7	10	17
Transportation	300	485	785
Waste Enforcement	49	56	105
Water Services	15	16	31
Grand Total	1115	2402	3517

Civic Hub Interactions 29th September - 31st October 2023



Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from

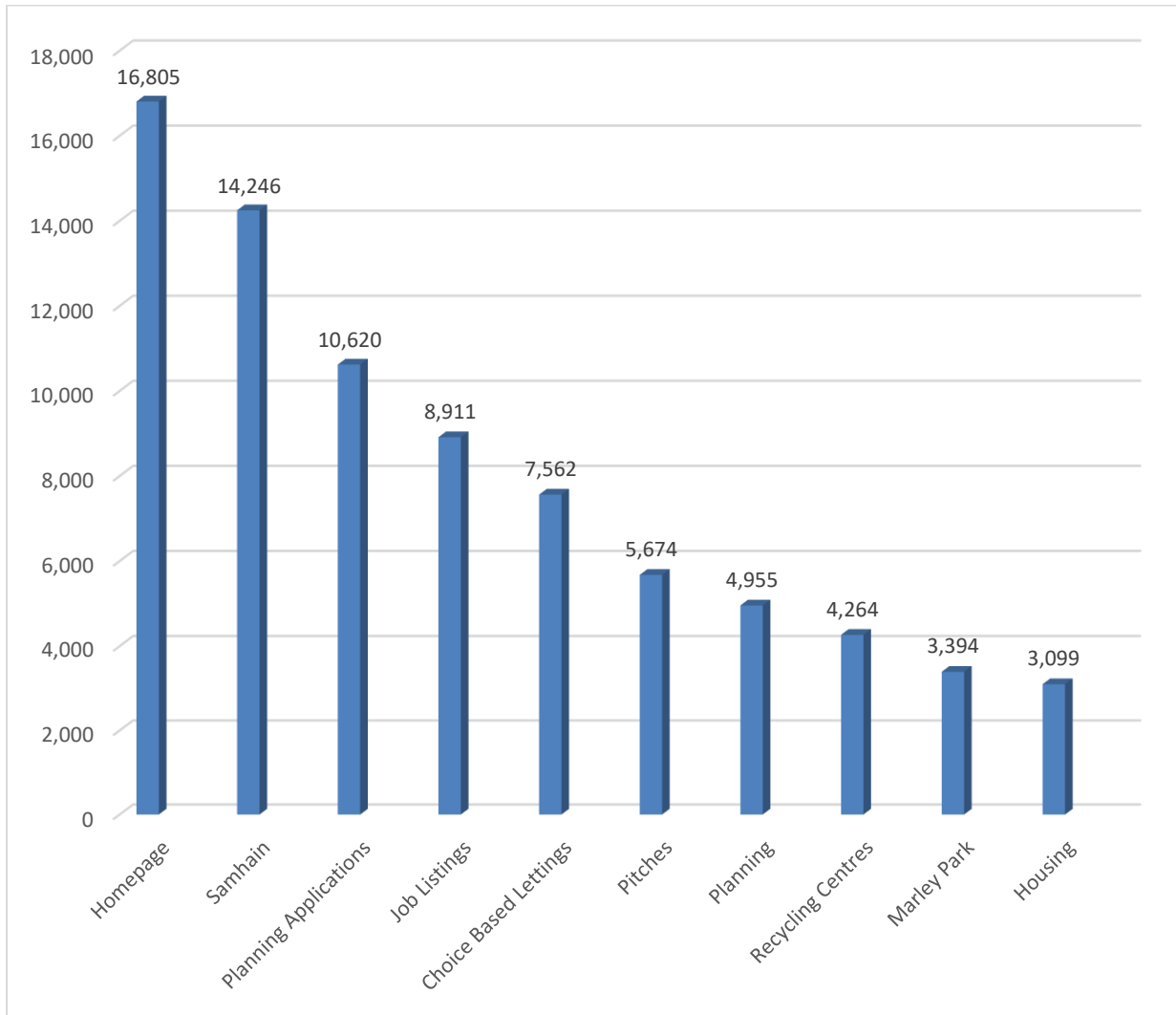
Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	7839	1383

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2560	526	3086










Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	207	45	

Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrco.co.ie	187,105
dlrLibraries	32,748



Social Media Activity

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period	87,201	591	1,197	1,241,168	47,097	3.8%	13,181
Sep 29, 2023 - Oct 31, 2023	↗ 0.7%	↘ 26.8%	↗ 30%	↘ 11.3%	↘ 35.6%	↘ 27.4%	↗ 32.9%
Compare to	86,610	807	921	1,399,375	73,188	5.2%	9,919
Aug 27, 2023 - Sep 28, 2023							
 @DLR_Libraries	8,789	6	107	39,187	566	1.4%	361
 @dlrArts	3,054	-2	45	18,637	409	2.2%	454
 @dlrcc	20,355	5	303	301,893	5,383	1.8%	2,452
 @dlrheritevents	4,008	-4	12	3,296	127	3.9%	0
 @leo_dlr	5,581	-1	15	1,168	18	1.5%	82
 dlrcoco.ie	7,846	153	274	225,822	2,459	1.1%	8,086
 dlrevents	14,175	176	34	96,079	13,693	14.3%	22
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	18,832	148	341	351,360	18,400	5.2%	1,078
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,561	110	66	203,726	6,042	3%	646

Press Queries

There was 14 press queries received during this period.

Freedom of Information

There was 10 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. This is a 4-to-5-year project. 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.

Engineering and environmental consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. 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. The Public Consultation Day to present the options on the scheme will take place shortly.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially completed, and final draft mapping and draft options have been submitted for review.

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 30/09/2023**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/09/2023 €
1 Total Housing & Building	19,396,542	105,484,759	109,278,297	23,190,080
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	7,132,720	21,949,160	22,368,516	7,552,076
3 Total Water Services	2,106,576	559,446	758,920	2,306,050
4 Total Development Management	190,242,443	27,107,343	223,903	163,359,003
5 Total Environmental Services	2,177,644	26,105	299,250	2,450,789
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	13,896,870	7,850,440	8,422,028	14,468,458
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,040,386	2,910,531	4,763,307	5,893,162
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	40,954,458	1,126,908	1,289,988	41,117,538
Grand Total	279,947,639	167,014,692	147,404,209	260,337,156

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/09/23

	Balance at 01/01/2023 €		Balance at 30/09/2023		Current year debit €		Arrears >1 year
RATES	25,264,293		44,344,503		27,288,260		17,056,243

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/09/2023

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		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget	
A	Housing & Building	50,137,083	72,721,224	68.94%
B	Road Transport & Safety	25,192,457	35,181,888	71.61%
C	Water Services	9,426,604	12,568,752	75.00%
D	Development Management	30,035,485	28,095,012	106.91%
E	Environmental Services	27,187,064	36,294,420	74.91%
F	Recreation & Amenity	29,162,424	37,496,868	77.77%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,631,234	4,792,800	96.63%
H	Miscellaneous Services	7,125,410	9,364,272	76.09%
	Total Expenditure	182,897,760	236,515,236	77.33%

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget	
A	Housing & Building	42,900,975	64,175,328	66.85%
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,794,407	13,012,752	75.27%
C	Water Services	6,370,961	8,420,220	75.66%
D	Development Management	14,167,663	6,560,712	215.95%
E	Environmental Services	6,109,260	7,498,392	81.47%
F	Recreation & Amenity	4,537,474	5,699,244	79.62%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,576,762	3,369,900	106.14%
H	Miscellaneous Services	13,608,792	17,213,376	79.06%
	Sub Total	101,066,294	125,949,924	80.24%

LPT	Local Property Tax	9,252,362	12,566,604	73.63%
RA	Rates	73,817,154	97,998,804	75.32%
	Total Income	184,135,810	236,515,332	77.85%

Balance as at 30/09/2023	€1,238,050	Surplus
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Planning and Economic Development

Planning Applications – monthly statistics 29th Sep – 31st October 2023

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	98	98
Decision Deferred	0	23	23
Decision to Grant**	0	97	97
Decision to Refuse**	0	4	4
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	83	83
Invalid Applications	0	19	19

*Includes 5 Applications for Retention.

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

1 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and 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/0676	<p>Alber Developments Ltd. 1.19 Ha. At Lisieux Park, Murphystown Road, Leopardstown, Dublin 18.</p> <p>Permission for amendments to permitted Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Reference number ABP-307415-20 with no change in number of permitted apartments (200no.) & an overall reduction in gross floorspace from 18,937sqm to 18,806 sqm (~131sqm) &:</p> <p>(1) Removal of curved glazed link entrance/ reception area & glazed link corridors which connects apartment blocks on the courtyard side & associated minor revisions to the courtyard landscaping as a result;</p> <p>(2) Removal or reduction in width of non-essential columns on the balcony facades & associated minor elevational changes to the 4 apartment blocks;</p> <p>(3) Minor floor plan amendments to accommodate conversion of 13 studios to 13 one bed apartments;</p> <p>(4) Revisions to ancillary resident services & 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>(5) 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>(6) Removal of glazed rooflight over main cores as a result of necessary internal rearrangements.</p> <p>'Lisieux Hall' (not within the current application site) is included on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS No. 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).</p>	26/10/2023	29/11/2023	www.lisieuxpark-lrd3.ie	20/12/2023

<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
LRD23A/0678	Red Rock Glenageary Ltd. Lands at junction of Sallynoggin Road & Glenageary Avenue & Glenageary Roundabout, Glenageary, Co Dublin. The proposed development will consist of a new neighbourhood centre to include apartments, commercial and retail units, public plaza, childcare facility and all associated residential amenity spaces. The proposed development includes: a) Construction of 138 no. residential apartment units (37 no. 1-bedroom units, 68 no. 2-bedroom (4 person units), 6 no. 2-bedroom (3 person units) and 27 no. 3bedroom units) in 2 no. interlinked blocks at third to fifth floor level (ranging in height from four to seven storeys over basement level) A and B (c. 996 sqm) to include (a) 2 no. restaurants (c. 267 sqm and 295 sqm) in Block A, (b) a retail – clothing unit (c. 142 sqm), (c) retail - florist unit (c. 66 sqm), (d) retail - pharmacy unit (c. 126 sqm) and (e) hairdresser unit (c. 100 sqm) all in Block B. e) Childcare facility (c. 263 sqm) with dedicated open space and children's play area (c. 39.5 sqm) at ground floor level of Block B. f)	31/10/2023	04/12/2023	www.glenagearygatelrd.ie	03/01/2024

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97396>

Planning Counter Figures: 29th September – 31st October, 2023

Customers Served	227
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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: 29th September – 31st October 2023

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	14
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	17
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/1
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	12
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	19/0
Commencement Notices Validated	58
7 Day Notices received	5
Completion Certs Validated	22

*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 -October 2023	Enterprise Ireland target January – October 2023
Feasibility Study	10	42
Business Priming	9	
Business Expansion	12	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	12	
Trading Online Vouchers	87	38
Other Grant Applications (Green, Agile, IP etc.)	27	18
Microfinance Ireland *	9	11
Total Approvals	166	

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

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	January-October 2023
No of jobs created	32

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2023	Total January – October 2023
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	166
Clients attending Networking Events	377
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1154
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	219
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	386
Total No of Clients Assisted	2302

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total January – October 2023
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	3
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	11
Business Promotion Grants	7
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in October 2023

DLR Enterprise News	<p><u>October Training Opportunities with LEO DLR</u> (Sent 26/09/23) Open rate 53%, 3479 recipients.</p> <p><u>LEO DLR - November Training Opportunities</u> (Sent 26/10/23) Open rate 53%, 3493 recipients</p>
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Business Advice Sessions	Business Advice Sessions throughout October
Katapult Programme	Beginning 25 th September
4 Week Accounting for Small Business Course	Beginning 5 th October
How to Submit Income Tax Return Form 11 on ROS	16 th October
8 Week Start Your Own Business Course	Beginning 18 th October
8 Week Online Marketing & Social Media Course	Beginning 24 th October
WhatsApp for Business	26 th October

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 25th September 2023-31st October 2023				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,180	4	13	779
Twitter	5,581	0	13	1,340
Instagram	1,720	30	14	2,524
LinkedIn	961	16	12	278

Tourism Development

Tourism Information Services

The kiosks are now on winter opening hours (opening later & closing earlier on Mon & Tues) and still running a 7 day a week service.

Cruise Ships – Numbers for October – 3 tender calls, 9,000 passengers & 4,000 crew.

Festivals & Events

- Echoes at Dalkey Castle
- Alpine Fest @ The Ski Club of Ireland (Kilternan)
- Food on the Edge @ Airfield Estate, Dundrum.

Twinning - Dep Mayor of Brest - Fortuné PELLICANO visited the county for 2 days visiting & meeting the following

- Tourism, Harbour Team & Tour
- Lunch at NYC with County Manager, Aidan Blithe, Harbour Master and Eoin Laverty
- Joyce Tower & Museum, Johnnie Foxes & IADT
- Discussed key opportunities for collaboration with Economic Development, Tourism and LEO

Dublin Bay Biosphere Meeting – Attendance at the quarterly meeting held in Dun Laoghaire.

Renovation of Geographical Pointer on East Pier

Groundworks complete so the area is no longer pooling water after the rain. Awaiting a clear weather period to allow painter and mosaic repair to take place.

Tourism Strategy 2023-2028 is in development and due for completion by the year end.

Social Media Analysis October 2023

	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	3,977	88	12	38,536
Twitter	3,922	14	13	4,710
Instagram	3,451	66	12	12,101

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 are ready for occupation. The initial plan was to use the existing fire cert of the Stena Line offices. There is a significant delay on the issue of the fire cert which is impacting the ability to allow clients into the building. The promoter was informed on the 3rd of August that a new Fire Cert is required to allow occupation of any part of the building and has engaged the services of a reputable consultant to assist.
- Rent is up to date
- Ground Floor Office Space – Works pending
- Food Hall and Ground Floor Co-working space - Works pending
- External Signage - Design completed and submitted to planning control.
- Office Occupation - Commitments and interest have been received for 102 desks before marketing
- Quarterdeck are currently working through building Control Compliances.
- 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 on site and the Carlisle Pier is closed to shipping to facilitate the new fender installation. Berthing trials will commence mid November with the new fender system.

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 the Carlisle Pier will close 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.

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 for an Urban Design led multidisciplinary team will be published shortly. 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 due to finish on 20th October.
5	College Road / Killmashogue (part of)			✓		Works due to finish by end of October
6	Ballinlea Road (part of)				✓	Works Completed
7	Ashlawn Estate (part of)	✓				
8	Glenageary Road Upper			✓		Works commenced in June 2023 and junction works are ongoing. Road surfacing works to commence at the end of October
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 October / November
11	Monkstown Crescent (part of)		✓			Contractor has been appointed with works due to commence in October / November
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Old Clonkeen Road				✓	
2	Trisilian, Foxrock	✓				
3	Olivemount Grove / Road				✓	
4	Prospect Lawn				✓	
5	Brennanstown Road	✓				
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 partly complete
10	Avondale Road (driveways)			✓		Works to footways and driveways are ongoing

11	Rock Road (Booterstown to Blackrock)		✓			Contractor has been appointed with works due to commence in October
12	Foxrock Court		✓			scheme has been tendered
13	Dundela estate (parts of)		✓			scheme has been tendered
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley (part of)				✓	Works Complete
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)				✓	Works Complete
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)		✓			Contractor to be on site 31/10/23
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)			✓		On site
5	Mount Anville Road (part of)				✓	
6	Dún Laoghaire Town (part of Northumberland Avenue)			✓		Footway works are completed on Phase 1 and Phase 2 Public realm works will commence in October/November 2023
7	Watsons Estate (part of)	✓				
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				A scheme design has been prepared. Due to an existing nearby Road Closure, works will take place until 2024.
9	Trafalgar Terrace		✓			A Contractor has been appointed
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	✓				
3	Brighton Road Foxrock.		✓			
4	Cherrywood Road/Bray Road junction	✓				
5	Castlebyrne Park	✓				
6	Priory Avenue		✓			A Contractor has been appointed
7	Mounttown Road Upper				✓	
8	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					

1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing				✓	Phase 3 of the Pavement Renewal Works commenced on the 20th September, and will continue for the next 8 weeks at night on the main carriageways. Diversions will be in place for the duration of those works. Minor civil works and high frictions surfacing to be completed in the new year.
AWP Accessibility Works Programme						
1	Loreto Park (part of)					Contractor to be on site end of November
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	
3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings				✓	Works are completed
3	Laneway Between Seaview Park and Shanganagh Road (near Texaco Garage)			✓		Works on site 18th Oct
CMP Cycleway Maintenance Programme						
1	Wyckham Bypass		✓			Contractor to be on site mid 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		✓			Contractor to be on site 23/10/23
2	Rathsallagh Estate			✓		Footpaths works are substantially completed
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 have commenced on site at the end of August. The Project Programme is 16 weeks and works should be completed by the end of this year
2	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill				✓	works 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	Sandycove Avenue re-instatement works				✓	Road resurfacing works on Sandycove Avenue took place alongside Irish water reinstatement works are mostly complete. Further works near Albert Road will take place in September

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 Contactor 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. Progression of scheme dependent on NTA funding
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 expected to start on site week commencing 6 th November 2023
Public Consultations- Ballybrack Underpass Churchview Road							
The final report has been sent to Ward Councillors for 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 2 (West) took place on Tuesday 17th October 2023 at which 17 items were dealt with.

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

- Zebra Crossing installed at Stillorgan Park Road - Completed
- Upgrade of Albert Road/Hudson Road Junction - Contractor appointed
- Go Safe locations being installed at Kill Lane and Enniskerry Road near Farmer Browne’s. To be completed end of October 2023.

Deputations

Council Staff met with Castlebyrne Park Residents and St Helens Road Residents, Booterstown on 11th of October 2023.

No deputations on West side of County in October 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 are ongoing with the NTA regarding bus interchange improvements at these locations. The improvements are needed to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects’ programme.

Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs)

Dundrum ABTA - Work on this project is progressing and the ABTAs Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 are now complete with the ABTA recommendations having informed the draft Dundrum LAP being progressed by the Planning Section. Public consultation on the draft LAP has now closed. The CE’s Report has been prepared and is now with Elected Members for consideration.

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

Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In October 2023 there were:

- 3 applications for road closures
- 4 applications for film locations
- 4 applications for event signage

3. Roads Control

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Programme 2023	
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Trees Road Lower, Stillorgan	Public road remedial works in progress. Paving and road complete at the end section of the cul de sac. Middle section commencing first week in November.

Road Opening Licences (29th September 2023 – 27th October 2023)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	230
Applications Not Processed Yet	82
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	1
Valid Licences Issued	159
Licensed Works Completed	3

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 are 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	13
Granted	3
Withdrawn	1
Refused	1

4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2023
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	238	316	247	229	193	210
Clean-Ups Assisted	81	88	78	54	68	72
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	14	26	20	21	26	12
Bathing Water Samples Taken	18	36	49	60	37	45
Gullies Cleaned	829	594	1117	1745	77	883
Dumping Incidents Managed	37	93	31	51	50	48
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	7	7	2	9
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	N/A	N/A	No report received	No report received	No report received	No report received
Street Bin Collections	5118	5545	6008	5359	5409	5259

* Statistics available up to the end of September 2023.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – October 2023

- Kavanaghs Corner (adjacent to the 40 Foot) – Storm damage remedial repair project on bathing access points. A Contractor has been appointed and is due to start in early

November. The works will take circa 3 weeks to complete, subject to weather conditions.

- 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.
- 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.
- DLR Baths – Maintenance 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.
- A weeding contractor is working at various locations within the county. The rapid rate of weed growth and re-growth has been noted due to the optimum growing conditions experienced over the last number of months.
- 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.

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 Oct 2023:	217
Percentage of lights out at the end of Oct 2023:	1.8%
Pole replacement carried out in Oct 2023:	0
Bracket replacements:	0
Tree trimming:	75
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	10
LED Upgrades	25
Total lights upgraded to LED	21,208
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	86.9%

(extra lines added)

LED Upgrading Program

ARAN AVENUE	4
BALLYBRACK/MILITARY RD VILLAGE IMPROVEME	1
BRENNANSTOWN VALE	1
CARRIGLEA ESTATE	1
DODDER ROAD LOWER (PARTIAL)	1
GLEN ESTATE	1
LANEWAY B/T ROLLINS COURT & NOGGIN RD	1
ROCWOOD	1
SAND.I.E. BLACKTHORN AVENUE	5
SAND.I.E. BLACKTHORN DRIVE	1
SAND.I.E. BLACKTHORN ROAD	5
St. Helens Wood	1
TREESDALE B/S STILLORGAN PARK HOTEL	1

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	26
Inspections completed	1

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	1
Legal requests:	3

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2413 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 29th September to 31st October 2023 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	957
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	437
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	301
Parking a vehicle on a footway	184
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	173
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	83
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	55
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	26
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	24
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	15
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	13
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	12
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	7
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	6
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	6
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	5
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	3
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	3
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	3
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	2
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	2
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	2

Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	2
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	1
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	1
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	1
Parking out of the limits of a bay	1
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance	1
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	1
Total no. of tickets issued between 29th September and 31st October 2023	2413

There were 35 convictions secured in the District Court in October 2023.

Environmental Enforcement, Litter and Animal Control

Environmental Enforcement: 29 September – 31 October 2023

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	29	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	37	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	116	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	120	Litter Section
Litter Fines issued	20	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 29th September 2023 – 31st October 2023

No of dogs on hand on 29 th September	5
No of dogs entering the shelter	6
No of dogs surrendered	1
No of dogs rehomed	1
No of dogs reclaimed	2
No of dogs sent to rescue	7
No of dogs put to sleep	0
No of dogs remaining in the pound on 31 st October	2
Dog attacks in this period	9 – 2 of these on person

Open House Dublin

The Architects' Department co-ordinated and organised a number of events for the Open House Dublin annual architecture festival which took place 7-15 October. The first weekend, 7-8 October had tours and activities focused on families.

The OH events provided for a wide range of thought-provoking experiences to encourage discussion about contemporary and historic architecture, infrastructure and urban design initiatives.

Local Programme Highlights

Junior and Family events – Saturday 7 October

'Fernhill Park Experience' Workshop, Fernhill House
Killiney Obelisk, Heritage Building Tour
The Oratory, Dún Laoghaire, Heritage Building Tour
'Grounded' Heritage Walking Tour, Blackrock Park

Friday 13 October

Discussion with thought leaders on 'The future of sustainable travel and public spaces – key opportunities and challenges'
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Saturday 14 October

County Hall Dún Laoghaire, Building Tour
Dún Laoghaire Baths, Walking Tour
'How to be Energy Smart at Home' Q&A Seminar, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire
The Grainstore, Cabinteely Park, Open Studio
'Home' a presentation by Artist Mary Burke in the dlr LexIcon
Shanganagh low energy housing development, Site Visit

Energy

As part of dlr Energy Team's public communications work, an energy awareness event was held in the Council Chamber under the title 'How to be Energy Smart at Home'. The event was part of the Open House Dublin festival of architecture and was chaired by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Denis O'Callaghan with the panel featuring Carmel O'Connor, Manager of ESB Networks Smart Meter Programme; Gobnait Ní Neill of Codema, Dublin's Energy Agency; Josephine Maguire of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI); and Fergus O'Toole of the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU). The event received over 80 bookings however was attended by a much smaller number on the day. A recording of the event is now available on the dlr YouTube channel.

The Reduce Your Use (RYU) campaign has been initiated again this year, following the successful reductions in energy consumption achieved last winter. This Government of Ireland campaign is facilitated by the SEAI and seeks to achieve a 15% reduction in energy consumption from October until March compared to a 2019 baseline. Last winter, dlr achieved an overall reduction of 15.3% across electricity, natural gas, heating fuels and transport through operational changes and awareness-raising initiatives. This year's campaign is voluntary and dlr has signed up again with the aim of maintaining last year's positive performance and in the process save more energy, money and emissions.

In order to maintain our ISO50001 certification, the dlr Energy Management System (EnMS) must be audited annually by an approved body. In November, the National

Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) will conduct an audit of the EnMS, including site visits to the Significant Energy Users (SEUs) within the organisation.

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	15
Section 5 Declarations	6
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 Grant Scheme	Deadline of 4 October for return of all paperwork to DLR. Site inspection by Conservation Officers to all projects. Processing of payments for all grant projects.
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023 Grant Scheme	Deadline of 4 October for return of all paperwork to DLR. Site inspection by Conservation Officers to all projects. Processing of payments for all grant projects.

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	5
Not Dangerous	3
Total	8

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 10,366 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 met three times in October 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

The National Public Participation Network (PPN) Conference was held in Arklow on the 5th and the 6th October. The Chief Officer of Dlr LCDC attended on 5th October and the Director of Community, Cultural Services and Parks attended on 6th October and the staff and secretariat members of the dlr PPN were in attendance.

There was one LCDC meeting in September and a new PPN nominee from the Community & Voluntary pillar of the PPN was in attendance.

Local Policing Fora (LPF)

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

A meeting of the Loughlinstown/Ballybrack/Shankill LPF took place on 6th September 2023.



The Joint Policing Committee meeting took place on the 13th of September 2023.

A meeting of the Sandyford/Stepaside LPF took place on 19th September 2023.

dlr Age Friendly Alliance held their quarterly meeting on the 12th September and Eugene Magee chaired his last meeting of the Alliance. Frank Curran, Chief Executive of dlrc, who will now take over as Chair of the dlr Age-Friendly Alliance, thanked Eugene for his contribution as Alliance Chairperson since 2018 and a presentation was made to Magee on behalf of dlrc. Presentations were also given on the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator's, Southside Partnerships' Age Friendly Work Programme and HSE Update on the Integrated Care Programme for Older Person's in dlr.

Community Grants

Dlr provides a wide range of Grants to community groups to assist with actions and projects being undertaken in their local area. These grants are intended to sustain community activity and active citizenship. The application process for Community Grants for 2024 opened on the 27th September and closed on 25th October. A total of 233 applications were received for Community Grants. Assessment of grants will now commence.

Comhairle na nÓg

Dlr Comhairle members are busy preparing for the DLR Annual Youth Conference. This year's conference is on the 8th November in the Talbot Hotel. The conference is organised and delivered by dlr Comhairle members. All secondary schools and youth services in the county are invited to send delegates. The adult coordinators of dlr Comhairle have worked with youth services in the county over the past year to support the participation of seldom heard voices in dlr Comhairle Annual Youth Conference. Members have been consulted on the DLRC draft climate action plan 2024-2029.

Estate Management

Skip and Recycle Days took place in Estate Management areas in advance of Halloween to recycle waste that might otherwise be used as bonfire material. WEEE collections also took place in many areas, reducing the amount of electronic equipment and batteries going to landfill.

Collaboration and coordination between the Community Department, Estate Management Volunteers, Gardai, and the Litter Enforcement Section resulted in the effective running of the Community Skip Days. Please see below the schedule of collections which took place during October.

Meadowlands /Fitzgerald Park	14th October
Shanganagh / Rathsallagh / Clifton	21st and the 28th October
Goatstown Close	21st October
Cois Cairn	10th October
Kilcross	28th October
Sandyford Park / Bearnna Park	14 th October
Hillview	28th October
Moreen Blackthorn	14th October

Halloween Safety Social Media Campaign

Dlr Community Section along with colleagues in dlr Environment, Parks and Tenancy Management have worked with students from IADT and members of An Garda Síochána in the development of a Social Media Campaign raising awareness of the dangers and impact of bonfires and fireworks. The tag line for the campaign is 'Be sound to those around this



Halloween'. Social media links have been shared with relevant partners and with services and agencies in dlr working with Children and Young People.

Glencullen Community Hall

Glencullen Community Hall hosted 'Centric' an Art Exhibition of sculptures by local artists. The Exhibition was officially opened by An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Denis O Callaghan, on 27th October.

Arts

Municipal Art Gallery, dlr LexIcon

The exhibition '**Landscapes and Oddities**' continued throughout October. It features large-scale paintings, wide vistas and aerial views of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and the wider Dublin area, as well as a large sculpture, which is inspired by the masts and rigging visible in Dún Laoghaire Harbour. The exhibition is the result of the dlr Visual Art Commission, funded by the Arts Council and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Gallery Learning Programme, dlr LexIcon

The Gallery Learning Programme was busy in October. We had a variety of events and workshop for adults, children, and early years children. Open Art Studios for children, adults, and young people. Over 100 people of all ages attended this wide range of creative activities.

Musicians in Residence Programme

Singer Simon Morgan completed his Residency with a performance in the Studio, dlr LexIcon on 5 October. He was joined on stage by Drazen Derek, Oleg Ponomarev, Cormac O' Brien, Richie Buckley, Myles Drennan. The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Musicians-in-Residence Scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and is managed by Music Network.

Baths Artists' Studios

Seidín O'Sullivan continues her residency. She is working on a project called **Sea Rise** that promises to creatively connect to the sea and involves numerous public-facing events. She gave a workshop for IADT students in the Studio and has set up a reading group around Rachel Carson's book, 'The Sea around us' (1951). Seidín's art projects are collaborative and focus on bringing people together.

Our Shed – Performance by LBS Men's Shed

Over 100 people came to dlr LexIcon to see LBS Men's Shed performance to mark World Mental Health Day 2023 on October 13. This performance was the culmination of a long-term project with poet Colm Keegan, funded by Creative Ireland. A bus came from Ballybrack to bring residents to and from dlr LexIcon. The Men's Shed were interviewed by Nationwide about this project, and it will be aired over the coming weeks.

Arts Grants

Applications for the dlr Arts Grants 2024 closed on the 25th October and 128 applications were received. The Arts grants support individual artists as well as Arts projects and events throughout the County. There are specific grants for Older Persons groups and Community groups working in the Arts.

dlr Primary Arts Programme 2023/24

The first meeting of this academic year's artists and teachers took place in Blackrock Education Centre on Monday 23 October. 6 schools and 6 artists will work together to

explore a process-based arts programme in the classroom until next May. This year's schools are Scoil Mhuire, Harold Boys NS, Brigid's Boys NS, St. Patrick's Girls NS, St. Patrick's Boys NS and Monkstown Educate Together NS.

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 Dún Laoghaire to inform them of the services and resources available to them in their local library, and a meeting space is available for them to use. Book stock has been selected for delivery to the service users of the IPC in Dundrum.

New! adult short loan collection – Rockin' Reads

In October, we unveiled a new service in Blackrock Library - a short loan collection for adults, consisting of multiple copies of popular titles, available to borrow on the spot without the need to reserve ahead of time. This new collection of fiction and non-fiction titles allows loans for 10 days, giving our readers time to enjoy the latest books before dropping them back for the next reader, eliminating the need for long reserve lists and waiting times.

Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse

The theme for this month's popular Studio Saturday was Active Play with Active Academy. This family event took place in the Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon on Sat 14 October. This was a drop-in event, with the hours of 11am-2pm specifically tailored for Neurodiverse families, and the hours of 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

Climate Readers' Day (Sat 21 October)

We welcomed over 1,300 visitors to dlr LexIcon for our first Climate Readers' Day which focused on literary workshops, panel discussions and interactive sessions based on and around the subject of climate change, climate action and climate grief. Invited speakers on the day included Kerri Ní Dochairtaigh, Oein deBhairduin and Jane Clarke, and activities included a family willow-weaving session and a Yoga workshop.

Fadó Fadó Storytelling Festival (20 October - 4 November)

For the second year in a row, we held our storytelling festival Fadó Fadó, delivering some of Ireland's finest storytellers for adults, young people and school classes to enjoy. Guest storytellers included Pat Speight, Nuala Hayes, Raquel McKee and Colin Urwin.

<https://shorturl.at/kyAN4>

dlr Yarnspinnners (18 October)

For those who would rather do the storytelling themselves, dlr Yarnspinnners, our monthly storytelling circle took place in dlr LexIcon. Each month we welcome a guest storyteller who tells stories, then opens the floor to anyone who would like to share a story. Our guest storyteller for October was Senem Donaten Mohan.

Creative Brainwaves: (11 October-8 November)

This 5-part series of talks and workshops explored how engaging in the creative arts can improve brain health. Led by Karen Meenan of the Global Brain Health Institute, guest speakers included neuroscientists, researchers and music therapists to discuss how song, dance, poetry and art can stimulate the senses and improve cognition.

<https://shorturl.at/epvK9>

This series was supported by Creative Ireland Creativity in Older Age funding.

Digital Literacy

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

Literary events – Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon

During October, we hosted/co-produced the following high-profile author events:

- **Murder One International Crime Writing Festival** (6-8 October)
Crime is one of the biggest-selling literary genres and Ireland boasts some of the world's top crime writers. Invited guests included Liz Nugent, Jane Casey and Catherine Ryan Howard in solo events and panel discussions.
- **Louis de Bernieres in conversation with Martina Devlin** (19 October)
The author of the best-selling *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* spoke about this new novel *Light Over Liskeard*.
- **Anne Doyle in Conversation with Deirdre Sullivan** (31 October)
Former journalist and RTÉ newscaster Anne Doyle has a penchant for the macabre. On Halloween, she spoke with Deirdre Sullivan about her book, *Tales of the Otherworld*, an anthology of her favourite Irish ghost stories.

Talks commemorating the sinking of the RMS Leinster (10 October)

As part of the commemorations for the 105th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Leinster on 10 October 1918, we hosted events in dlr LexIcon, including a talk with historian Philip Lecane and Stephen Ferguson, and a storytelling event for schools with Carmel Uí Cheallaigh, author of A Forgotten Tragedy.

Active Movement for Seniors (3,10, 17 & 24 October)

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 and a new monthly Silver Screen Film Club began in dlr LexIcon, aimed at older audience members with screenings of cinematic classics and old favourites.

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 25 October with a discussion of **Bloomsbury Girls** by Natalie Jenner.

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.

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

Services & Events for Teenagers

Transition Year Work Experience Programme (23-27 October)

TY applicants from schools around the County took part and got the opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes in a modern, busy, and dynamic library service. Student participants got to find out more about stock management, customer service, event planning and our online resources.

TY STEM events

Weekly workshops for local schools took place in the Lab, dlr LexIcon with Dr Jake Rowan Byrne from Metatech.

Events for Children and Families

Children’s Book Festival

October means Children’s Book Festival time, which means time for some fantastic events with authors and illustrators. We were delighted to host events in each of our 8 libraries, to help spread the enjoyment of books and reading among children and families, authors and illustrators, teachers and librarians all over the County. We had a great range of authors, illustrators and storytellers lined up including Peter Donnelly, Shane Hegarty, Juliette Saumande, Megan Wynne, Aoife Dooley, Sarah Webb, Alan Nolan, Ellen Ryan. Helena Duggan, Niamh Sharkey & Mary Murphy, Ellen Ryan & Conor Merriman!

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 run a monthly Junior bookclub and Dalkey have recently started a 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 31 October)

Facebook	8,100
Twitter	8,788
Instagram	4,165
TikTok	473
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	11,702

Online resources (as of 25 October)

Resource	Description	Prelim stats October 1–25
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		2023
Overdrive	eBooks	1,497
	eaudio	1,283
	Magazines	10,342
	Comics	1
Borrowbox	eaudio	8,286
	eBook	4,377
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	4,937
Pressreader	Offsite and onsite Newspapers	13,929
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	25
Lote4Kids	logins	1
Who else writes	logins	21
Who next guide	logins	5
Medici	Videos Viewed	<i>No figures until end of month</i>
Moshi	Accounts	<i>No figures until end of month</i>
Kanopy	Visits	3,530
Totals		48, 234 (excluding Medici & Moshi)

Heritage

- Decade of Centenaries funded performances; Juggernaut by Balally Players
- Open House Dublin events; Grounded at Blackrock Park, access to Obelisk at Killiney, Oratory
- *Know Your Locality* free online 5 week course commenced, 32 participants, Creative Ireland funded
- Dlr Heritage community grant scheme – online webinars and support for applicants
- Dublin Mountains Archaeology Community talk in Glencullen Community Centre
- Attendance at Climate Action Plan public events in Dundrum and County Hall
- Input to repair of walls at dlr historic cemeteries
- Progress of restoration of haha at Marlay Park
- Working with archaeologist on conservation works at Carrickmines Castle site
- Support for 105th annual RMS Leinster wreath laying ceremony
- Dlr tourism strategy input
- Dublin Bay Biosphere partnership meeting
- James Joyce Tower and Museum Board and consultant meetings
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups
- Heritage Officer on panel at Local Authority Decade of Centenaries Forum
- Heritage Officer at Heritage Ireland 2023 summit

Sports Development

Dlr Leisure set up the following activities in October 2023

- Colmcille's, Ballybrack - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Dominican School, Dún Laoghaire - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Good Shepard, Dundrum - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Gael Scoil Phadraig, Ballybrack - mixed group (10-12 age)
- St. Kevin's, Sallynoggin - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Holy Family, Monkstown - mixed group (10-12 age)

Youth groups

- Sallynoggin Youth Reach - multi activity - mixed group (16-18 age)
- St. Michael's House, Goatstown - mixed group (20-24 age)
- Hillview Family Resource Centre - mixed group (10-12 age)
- After school Sports Club, Ballybrack in collaboration with school completion officer Colin Barry – mixed group (10-12 age)
- Carmona Services - mixed group (20-24 age)
- Strive, Dún Laoghaire - special needs group (20-24 age)
- Festina Lente - mixed group (20-24 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - girls only group (10-12 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group (15-17 age)
- Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Ballybrack - boys only group (12-14 age)
- Nutgrove Crosscare - boys only group (13-15 age)
- Woodside Way Youth Group, Sandyford - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Peter McVerry Trust - mixed group (10-13 age)
- Sophia House - mixed group (10-13 age)
- Whitehouse - boys only group (10-14 age)
- Youth Diversion Ballyogan - boys' group (14-17 age)
- My Project Youth service - mixed group (12-15 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - girls only group gym session (17-22 age)
- Dun Laoghaire Community Training Centre - mixed group (16-18 age)

Other activities

- Met with Lynda Earls from Nutgrove Crosscare to discuss setting up sporting activities in November.
- Met with Kilcross Crosscare in relation to setting up an after-school sports club.
- Met Ann Bolger from Drug Task Force, Sandyford to arrange activities.
- Met Karen from Southside Partnership and have arranged a block of sessions starting in November.
- Assisted dlr Sports Partnership with their Men on the Move programme.
- Assisted Sallynoggin Senior Crosscare with their open day.
- Met with Jane O' Doherty from My Project in relation to setting up a 6-week programme.
- Met with Colin Barry and Jodi Garry, School Completion coordinator for Shankill area in relation to setting up after school sessions after midterm break.
- Met with dlr Sports partnership and have arranged a Couch to 2k programme starting in November.

Leinster Rugby – October 2023 report

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools = 7 (1116)

Males = 574

Females = 542

Secondary Schools =

Males =

Females =

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO)

Primary Schools = 4 (301)
 Males = 72
 Females = 229

Secondary Schools = 3 (151)
 Males = 0
 Females = 151

Luke Sloyan (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Seapoint RC)

Primary Schools = 3 (654)
 Males = 323
 Females = 331

Secondary Schools = 3 (151)
 Males = 85
 Females = 66

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

IRFU mini active coach badge award in Old Wesley RFC Ballycorus Road = 12 coaches – JS
 Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC U8s contact session = 20 players – JS
 Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC U9s contact session = 20 players – JS
 Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC parents workshop = 16 parents – JS
 Seapoint RC U8s training – LS
 Seapoint RC U12s training – LS

dlr female club rugby

Seapoint RFC Minis U8s – U12s vs Old Belvedere RFC – EMcK

dlr rugby development schools (male/female)

Two dlr schools took part in the grading events for the division 3a league, the schools are Clonkeen College and Oatlands College both entered junior and senior teams – JS
 10s rugby event in Wesley College – 2 dlr schools entered junior & senior female teams – EMcK
 St Raphaela’s female secondary school after school training = 15 players – EMcK

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

Round one of the SD7s – 20th of October 2023 – five dlr schools attended – 98 players – JS
 X7’s event hosted in Old Belvedere RFC – 2 dlr schools entered junior female teams – EMcK

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.

Commemorative Benches/tree

Bench

- 1 x Killiney (accepted)
- 1 x Marlay

Tree

- 1 x Marlay

CoCo Markets

October 2023

- 4 x Seasonal Dún Laoghaire Sunday (Craft, Other food)
- 5 x Seasonal Application Marlay Sat & Sunday (Craft, other food, Hot food)
- 1 x Seasonal Application Marlay Saturday (Hot Food)
- 3 x Seasonal Application Marlay Sunday (Craft, Hot food, craft)
- 2 x Christmas Market Application Dún Laoghaire (Producer, craft)

2 x Accepted – Vendor 30683 & 30684

2 x Offered, no response. (Craft, other food)

	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.
Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion)					✓		Works to commence in Q2 2024 – for completion in Q3 2024
Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 3		✓				✓	Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-leash area, sports pavilion complete. Other elements to commence.
Blackrock Park - Phase 2			✓	✓	✓	✓	Teenage zone, boules court and play space complete, commenced in July 2023 – for completion in Oct 2023, 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.

Pavement Improvement Programme				✓	✓		Works and procurements on-going.
Mounttown Boxing Facility				✓			Works to commence in Q1 2024 – for completion in Q4 2024
Marlay Golf Redevelopment				✓			On-going.
Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works				✓			Works to commence in Q2 2024 – for completion in Q3 2024
Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1			✓				New Part 8 closed in late May 2023. EIA has been appealed to An Bord Pleanála.
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2			✓				Works scheduled to commence in Q3 2024 for completion in Q4 2025 (subject to approval).
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.