

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

29 September – 31 December 2023

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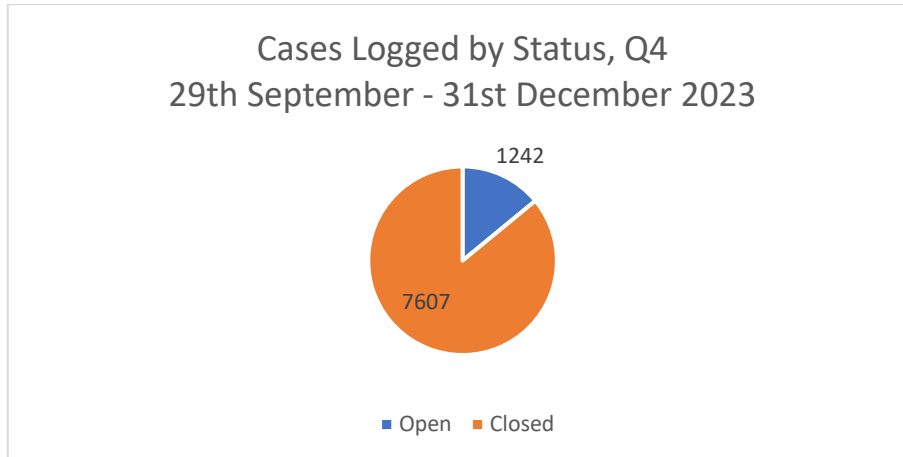
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Corporate Affairs

CRM Statistics

Cases logged



Open	1242
Closed	7607

Cases logged by section

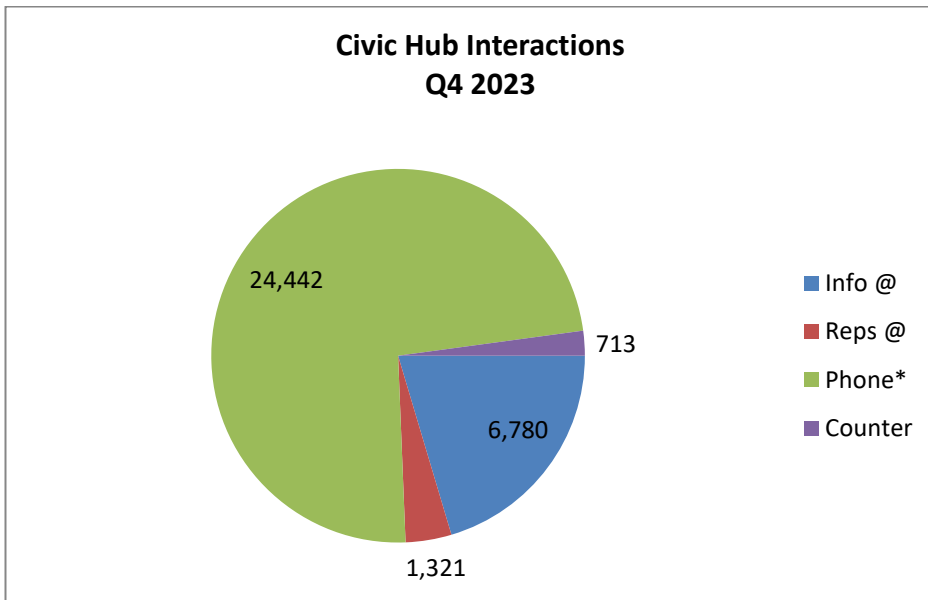
Section/Dept	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	4	14	18
Arts	1		1
Comms & Civic Hub	43	1403	1446
Community	7	7	14
Corporate Services	4	8	12
dlrcoco	14	8	22
Enterprise	1	3	4
Environment	62	531	593
Finance	22	830	852
Forward Planning Infrastructure		1	1
Harbour	3	44	47
Housing	68	439	507
ICC	456	2882	3338
IT	3	1	4
Libraries		10	10
Parks	350	840	1190

Planning	11	48	59
Property	17	13	30
Transportation	109	64	173
Waste Enforcement	61	397	458
Water Services	6	64	70
Grand Total	1242	7607	8849

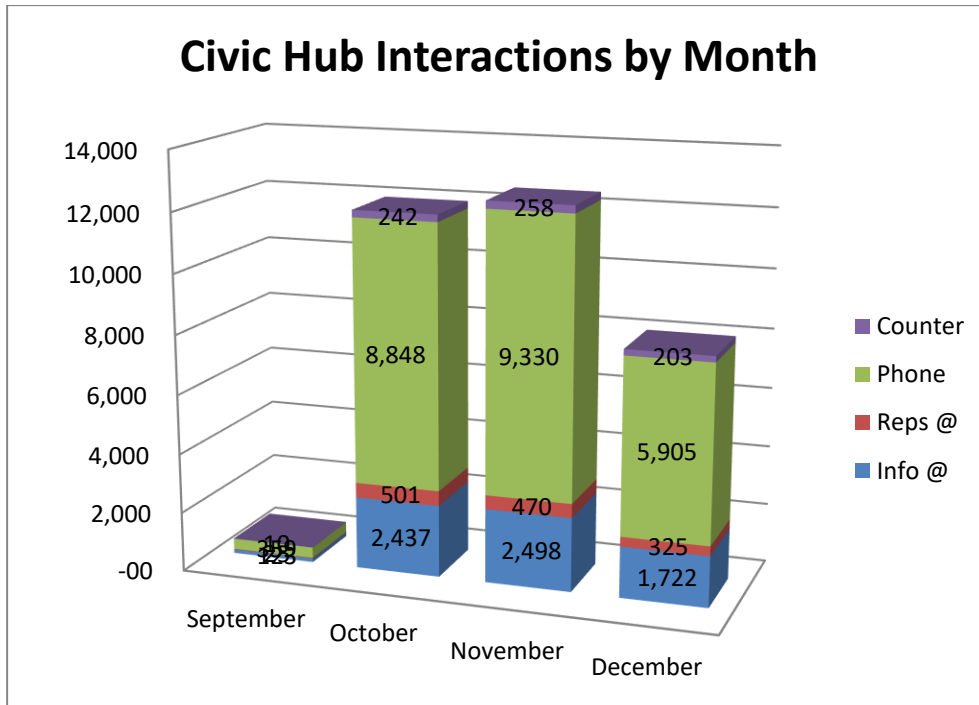
*This does not fully reflect the interaction of the Housing Department as they also directly deal with calls, emails and post.

Dlr Civic Hub:

In Quarter 4 of 2023, the Civic Hub has dealt with over 33,256 customer interactions.



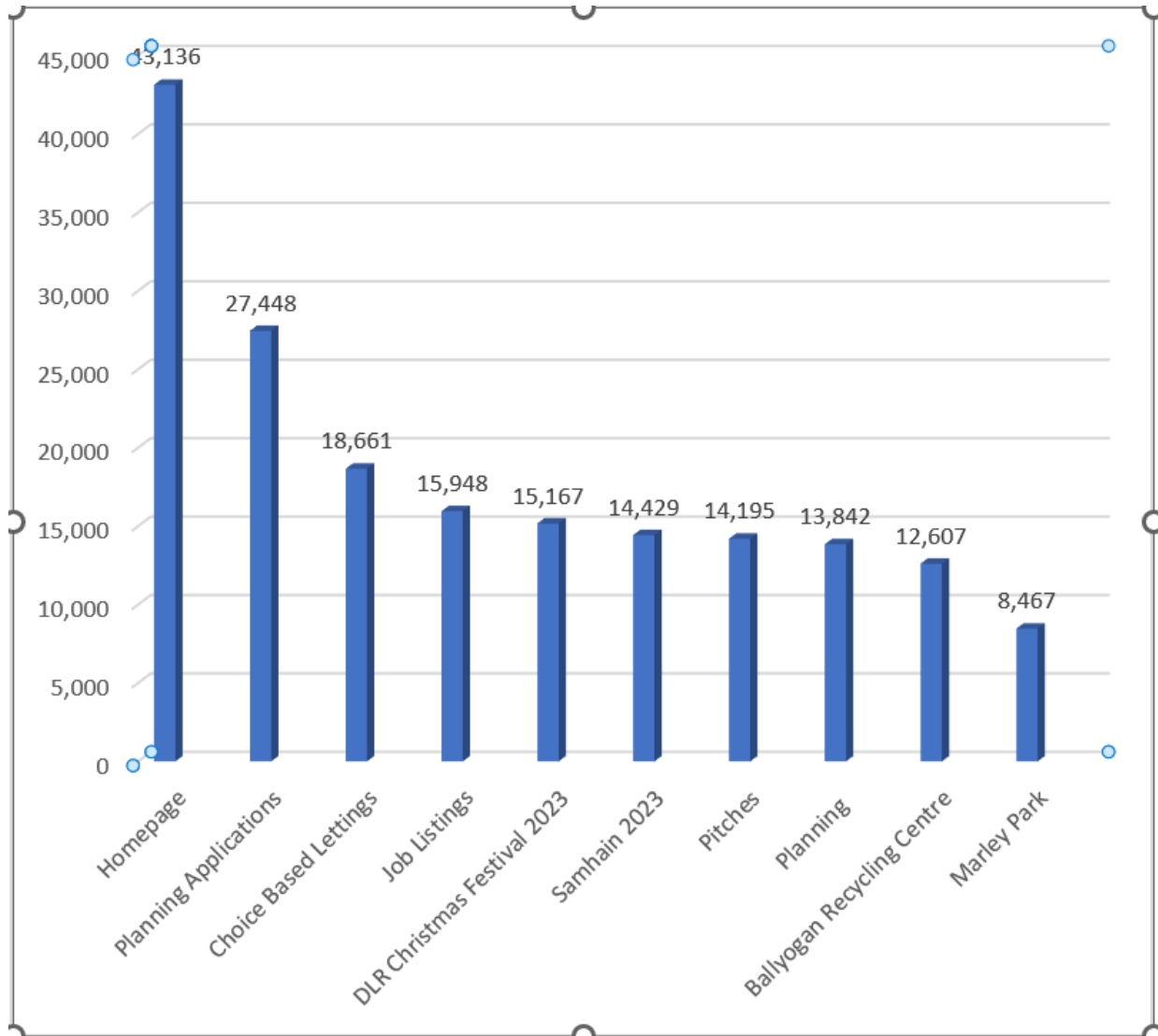
Over the past 3 months the figures break down monthly as follows:












Communications

Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	465,475
dlrLibraries	99,454



Social Media Activity

Profile [▲]	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period	88,034	1,433	2,575	3,598,237	124,981	3.5%	153,710
Sep 29, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023	↗ 1.6%	↘ 35.4%	↗ 20.5%	↗ 13.1%	↘ 15.1%	↘ 24.9%	↗ 386%
Compare to	86,610	2,218	2,137	3,181,547	147,140	4.6%	31,625
Jun 27, 2023 - Sep 28, 2023							
 @DLR_Libraries	8,804	21	147	55,676	892	1.6%	813
 @dlrArts	3,073	17	102	36,303	890	2.5%	885
 @dlrcc	20,491	141	617	869,935	19,168	2.2%	17,790
 @dlrheritevents	4,006	-6	16	6,311	296	4.7%	0
 @leo_dlr	5,578	-4	90	5,992	83	1.4%	83
 dlrcoco.ie	8,153	469	582	630,170	7,916	1.3%	87,101
 dlrevents	14,326	327	103	325,471	24,069	7.4%	2,804
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	18,972	288	773	1,300,893	57,642	4.4%	41,610
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,631	180	145	367,486	14,025	3.8%	2,624

Press Queries

There were 33 press queries received during this period.

Freedom of Information

There were FOI 29 requests received during this period.

Finance and Water Services

Rates

The Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act (LGROMA), 2019 was passed by the Oireachtas and enacted on 11th July 2019. Only certain provisions of the Act relating to rates commenced in 2019. The Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2023 was identified as the vehicle for carrying Rates Act amendments. That Act was signed into law by the President on 13th October 2023.

Section 4(3) of the Local Government Rates & Other Charges Act, 2019 which states:

‘The rate calculated under this section in any year shall be due and payable on the first day of January of that year’.

Has been enacted which results in changes to how rates will be levied from 1st January 2024.

Rates will now be due on 1st January and will no longer be payable in two moieties.

From 1st January 2026, interest will be applied on overdue rates (Section 12).

Main Process Changes resulting from the commencement of the LGROMA 2019

- Removal of two moieties – there will now be a single bill for the year. The due date is 1st January of each year.
- Amendments to a valuation list will be effective immediately i.e.:
 - *Revisions;*
 - *Additions and Removals; and*
 - *Appeals (Valuation Tribunal and Courts).*
- There will now be provision for pro-rata liability and billing where occupation ends or begins mid-year.

The annual rate on valuation was agreed at the Budget meeting on 28th November 2023 and was adopted in accordance with section 3 of the LGROMA 2019 rather than in accordance with section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, which has been the underpinning legal provision up to now. The commercial rate for 2024 was levied at 0.2077. The vacancy abatement rate for 2024 will be 35%, as provided for in Section 9 of the LGROMA 2019.

The Council continues to facilitate businesses who are experiencing difficulty paying their rates and where possible payment plans are entered into which are mutually acceptable to the business and the Council. There has been a continued increase in the number of accounts paying monthly instalments by direct debit.

We have increased enforcement including the use of a Debt Collection Agency, who have issued reminders to Commercial Rate’s customers who are in arrears.

Rates Revaluation

Tailte Éireann, formerly Valuation Office, conducted a revaluation of all commercial and industrial properties in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's administrative area. Valuation Certificates for circa 5,078 Commercial Rates customers were issued on the 15th September 2023. The Certificate states the valuation of the commercial property and will be used to calculate the property's rates liability from 1st January 2024 onwards. The Commercial Rates Team have worked closely with Tailte Éireann to assist our Ratepayers through this process.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable continues to work to ensure suppliers are paid as quickly as possible to assist with their cash flow requirements. Invoices from over 3,700 suppliers, totalling €340m, have been processed in 2023.

Financial Management

Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely. The 2024 Revenue Budget was adopted by the Members at the annual budget meeting held on 28th November, 2023. The consideration of the Report on the Capital Programme 2024 – 2026 was deferred at the budget meeting to the December Council meeting.

Overdraft Facility

The Council agreed a resolution at the Council meeting in September to keep the overdraft facility in place for 2024 with a limit of €10m. Sanction was received from the Minister in November.

Annual Financial Statement 2022

The Local Government Auditor completed the audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2022 on 31/08/2023.

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

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

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

91.67%

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

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

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

Balance as at 30/11/2023	€1,943,345	Surplus
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Housing

Housing Progress Report Q4/2023

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Overview

In accordance with Guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Council's Corporate Plan, this Report is produced to give an overview of the Housing portfolio at Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The Report covers the provision, maintenance and management of housing stock and the housing supports available for those who need them.

The data included in this Report covers Q1 from 1st January to 24th March, Q2 from 25th March to 16th June, Q3 from 17th June to 15th September and Q4 from 16th September to 15th December 2023. The data regarding the activity of this department prior to this report can be found on our website at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/housing/housing-statistics>.

The Government's new housing plan, *Housing for All*, was published on 2nd September 2021. The plan can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ef5ec-housing-for-all-a-new-housing-plan-for-ireland/>.

This Report considers the following areas:

Housing Delivery

- Build
- Acquisition
- Part V
- Social Leasing
- Traveller Specific Accommodation
- HAP / RAS
- Cost Rental
- Affordable Purchase

Support

- Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock
- Retrofits
- Housing Adaptation Grants
- Allocations & Assessments
- Choice Based Letting
- Homeless Services
- Private Rented Housing Standards
- Tenancy Management & Anti-social Behaviour
- Local Authority Home Loan Scheme
- Tenant Purchase Scheme

2. Housing Delivery

2.1 Overview

The Social Housing Target 2022-2026 for delivery by this Council is 1,994 homes.

Table 1: Homes Delivered

		2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total	2023 Target
DLR Build		0	67	0	6	73	364
DLR Part V		13	27	58	1	99	
AHB Build		0	0	0	193	193	
AHB Part V		0	0	0	125	125	
DLR Acquisitions (includes Tenant-in-Situ)		0	1	1	6	8	50
AHB Acquisition	CAS	0	0	0	0	0	-
	CALF	0	1	0	3	4	
Total Build & Acquisition		13	96	59	334	502	414
DLR Lease		144	0	0	0	144	39
AHB Lease		0	0	0	0	0	
RAS		11	13	7	9	40	
HAP - Standard		29	28	23	73	153	
HAP - Homeless		20	18	17	18	73	
Total RAS & HAP & Leasing		204	59	47	100	410	
Total Delivery – all social housing delivery streams excluding bad relets		217	155	106	434	912	

Note: figures previously reported in some quarters have been changed to show updated delivery figures not available at that time.

Table 2: Traveller Specific Accommodation

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Refurbishment Works and New Sites	0	0	1	1	2
Casual Vacancies/Relets	0	2	1	0	3
Standard Housing	0	0	3	1	4

2.2 Housing Construction

The Housing Department recognises the importance of managing the development process as part of the effort to achieve the targets set by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). To this extent, the schemes are closely monitored from inception through to completion.

DLRCC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2022 – 2026 Includes SHIP, Major Refurbishments and AHB New Build

The following tables provide an overview of the different schemes under the Housing Construction Capital Programme, their current status and estimated completion date. It should be noted that dates indicated for handover are estimates and are subject to change. In some cases the figure includes social and affordable housing. Schemes being delivered under the Planning and Development (S.179a) Regulations 2023 are identified.

Table 3: Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Rockville Green	13	Stage 3 approval received. Tender issued.	Q4 2023	TBC
Coastguard Cottages	4	Completed Q4 2023	Q2 2022	Q4 2023
Park House	4	Construction in progress	Q3 2022	Q2 2024
Shanganagh Residential Lands	597 (200 social)	Construction in progress	Q3 2022	Phased delivery from Q3 2024
Moyola Court (infill)	4	Construction completed. Road works to be finished.	Q3 2022	Q1 2024
5 Corrig Road, Dalkey (Regeneration)	2	Completed Q4 2023	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
37A Rollins Villas (infill)	1	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Loughlinstown View (AHB)	42 (34 social)	On-Site	Q1 2023	Phased delivery from Q2 2024
Total	667			

Table 4: Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date estimated	Handover estimated
Ballyogan Rise (Phase 2)	52	Phase 2 Tender being progressed	Q4 2023	TBC
St. Laurence's Park	88	On Site Q4 2023	Q4 2023	Q4 2025
Roebuck Road Infill	4	Due on Site Q4 2023 – Contract awarded	Q1 2024	Q1 2025

Woodpark TAU	3	Part 8 approved at June 2022 Council Meeting. Tender documents being progressed. Stage 3 approval received.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Total	147			

Table 5: Schemes at Design/Tender Stage

Site Name	No. Units estimated	Status Detail	On Site Date estimated	Handover estimated
Infill Site at Rockville Drive	1	Stage 2 approved. (Due to go out to display under S179a)	Q1 2024	Q4 2024
27 Patrick Street Infill (Formerly Cross Ave)	4	Stage 2 approved. Site investigation work carried out. S179a	Q2 2024	Q3 2025
St Michaels TAU	3	Part 8 Approved February 2023 Council Meeting. Tender documents being progressed.	Q4 2023	Q1 2025
Old Connaught TAU	6	Stage 2 approved. Due to go out to consultation under S179a	Q4 2024	Q2 2026
Blackglan Road Phase1	125	Stage 1 Approved. Preliminary Design stage. To go out to public display S179a	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balally PPP – Bundle 5	52	Being developed under S85 Agreement.	TBC	TBC
Lambs Cross PPP – Bundle 5	25	Being developed under S85 Agreement.	TBC	TBC
Ballyman	300 (includes 150 for Affordable)	Accelerated Delivery Site Stage 1 Approved. S179a	Q4 2024	TBC
Lehaunstown	80	Accelerated Delivery Site Stage 1 Approved. S179a	Q4 2024	TBC
Old Connaught Avenue Housing site	60	Accelerated Delivery Site Stage 1 Approved. S179a	Q4 2024	TBC
Mount Anville	25 (Affordable)	At design stage. S.179a	TBC	TBC
Total	681			
OVERALL TOTAL	1,495			

3. Housing Support

3.1 Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock

Table 6: Re-Lets and Retrofits

Re-Lets & Retrofits	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Non-Standard Voids	0	0	0	0	0
Relets	34	20	18	29	101
Retrofits - Energy Upgrade Works	0	0	45	49	94

Table 7: Maintenance Requests

Routine Maintenance	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Requests received	1,925	1,768	1,807	2,534	8,034
Requests in progress	618	616	550	477	477*
Requests completed	1,307	1,152	1,257	2,057	7,577

* This figure is the total number of maintenance requests outstanding when the Q4 report was produced. All other maintenance requests received in 2023 have been resolved and closed.

Table 8: Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Works on hand at beginning	173	179	174	179	-
Works Requests Received	25	30	40	29	124
Works Completed/Closed	34	32	48	59	173
Works on hand at closing	170	174	151	140	-

Note: figures previously reported in some quarters have been changed due to updated information received.

3.2 Allocations

Table 9: Allocations

Allocations	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Social Housing List	60	100	58	82	300
Transfer List	12	50	61	59	182
Total Allocations	72	150	119	141	482

3.3 Choice Based Letting (CBL)

Table 10: CBL Adverts by Area of Choice

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Area 1 (South West of M50)	7	3	22	39	71
Area 2 (Between M50 & N11)	9	0	13	12	34
Area 3 (North West of N11)	33	6	14	34	87
Total	49	9	49	85	192

Note: Figures shown are for adverts which may represent multiple properties. Under the new Allocation Scheme there are now three areas of preference as shown above.

3.4 Homeless Services

Table 11: Homeless Services

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4
No. of Homeless Families	77	81	81	84
No. of Homeless Individuals	156	157	150	160
No. of Allocations to homeless individuals/families	15	27	53	69
No. of social housing offers made to homeless individuals/families who have signed for or accepted a tenancy	7	13	13	17
No. of Housing First Tenancies	4	8	13	21

3.5 Housing and Disability Steering Group

A meeting of the Steering Group was held on the 6th December 2023. Up to the end of November 2023, 22% of all housing allocations were made to Disabled People. The steering group are continuing to progress the Local Plan for Disabled People. This Plan can be found [here](#). An update from the steering group was given to the Housing SPC on the 13th December 2023.

3.6 Grant Assistance to Older Persons and Disabled People

Table 12: Breakdown of Grant Assistance to Older Persons and Disabled People

Housing Adaptation Grant for Disabled People

Housing Adaptation Grant for Disabled People	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
No. of Applications received	32	43	58	56	189
Provisional approvals issued	26	38	37	44	145
Grants paid	38	34	23	38	133
Value of Grants paid	€395,078	€328,102	€235,548	€392,330	€1,351,058

Note: figures previously reported in some quarters have been changed due to updated information received.

Housing Aid for Older Persons

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
No. of Applications received	19	23	15	35	92
Provisional approvals issued	6	10	32	29	77
Grants paid	9	9	10	27	55
Value of Grants paid	€44,370	€42,316	€40,446	€125,713	€252,845

Note: figures previously reported in some quarters have been changed due to updated information received.

Mobility Aids Grant

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
No. of Applications received	6	7	14	18	45
Provisional approvals issued	7	1	5	12	25
Grants paid	3	4	2	7	16
Value of Grants paid	€11,374	€14,270	€8,300	€38,550	€72,494

2023 Budget

Budget Provision (3 Schemes)	€2,570,504
Budget Spent	€1,676,397
Budget % Spent	65%

Note: Some applications may be received in one year and processed in the following year as it can take some time before full documentation is submitted by the applicant.

3.7 Rent Arrears

Table 13: Rents

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Rent Charged	€3,766,145	€4,461,200	€4,136,023	€4,169,453	€16,532,821
Rent Payments Received	€3,715,661	€4,112,649	€4,473,051	€3,726,488	€16,027,849
Accrued Rent Arrears	€9,307	€98,365	€176,096	€381,037	€664,805

3.8 Private Rented Housing Standards

Table 14: Private Rented Housing Standards

Private Rental Inspections	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Inspections carried out	688	828	1,412	2,200	5,128
Dwellings Inspected	636	549	853	781	2,819
Dwellings Inspected Compliant with Housing Regulations	105	154	264	423	946
Dwellings Inspected non-Compliant with Regulations (this may include more than one inspection)	531	395	589	358	1,873

Note: Dwellings deemed compliant in a quarter are only deemed compliant with the Regulations at a particular point in time.

3.9 Tenancy Management and Anti-social Behaviour

Table 15: Estate Management

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Pre-tenancy courses	0	2	1	0	3

Table 16: Anti-social Behaviour

Anti-social cases	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Received	38	28	46	35	147
Completed	27	25	44	40	136
Ongoing	10	12	16	17	17*
Tenancy Warning	4	3	2	3	12
Tenancy Notification	2	3	2	3	10
Verbal Warning	4	1	4	3	12
Advice Given	15	12	29	21	77
Refer to Other Depts	3	2	4	2	11
No Further Action	1	3	1	1	6
Successful Possession Proceedings	1	1	0	1	3
Ongoing Possession Proceedings	-	-	3	2	2**
Successful Exclusion Order Proceedings	0	0	1	0	1
Ongoing Exclusion Order Proceedings	0	0	1	1	1**

* these cases are ongoing and carried over each quarter giving a total of 16 cases to date
 ** these cases are carried over if ongoing or not if completed.

Table 17: Tenancy Management Interviews

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Tenancy Management Interviews	18	14	8	10	50

3.10 Loans

Table 18: Local Authority Home Loan Scheme

Local Authority Home Loans (including Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans)	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Total
Applications received	9	13	16	5	43
Applications approved in principle	3	3	7	2	15
Loan Drawdowns	0	3	3	1	7

Planning & Economic Development

Section 48 and Glenamuck Scheme:

Section 48

29/9/2023 – 31/12/2023	Invoiced= €6,518,461.44	Receipted = €11,406,325.76
29/9/2022 – 31/12/2022	Invoiced= €8,543,665.15	Receipted = €40,185,664.97
29/9/2021 – 31/12/2021	Invoiced= €11,342,624.06	Receipted = €13,249,412.97

Glenamuck

29/9/2023 – 31/12/2023	Invoiced = €0.00	Receipted = €5,177,305.23
29/9/2022 – 31/12/2022	Invoiced = €2,359,284.56	Receipted = €3,963,611.91
29/9/2021 – 31/12/2021	Invoiced = €11,499,726.05	Receipted = €1,644,311.69

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: 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 (no. 200 units) and an overall reduction in gross floorspace from 18,937sqm to 18,806 sqm (reduction of 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) 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>(3) Minor floor plan amendments to accommodate conversion of 13 studios to 13 one bed apartments;</p> <p>(4) 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>	26/10/2023	09/11/2023	www.lisieuxpark-lrd3.ie	20/12/2023 Application Declared Invalid on the 09/11/23

	<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). The current application is a Large-scale Residential Development (LRD). Details of the current application are available on: www.lisieuxpark-lrd3.ie</p> <p>Deemed Invalid on 09/11/2023. Publicity Expiry date lapsed on that day.</p>				
LRD23A/0678	<p>Red Rock Glenageary Ltd:</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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. 3-bedroom units) in 2 no. interlinked blocks at third to fifth floor level (ranging in height from four to seven storeys over basement level) consisting of:</p> <p>(i) Block A (5-6 storeys) comprising 41 no. apartments (8 no. 1-bedroom units, 17 no. 2-bedroom (4 person) units, 2 no. 2-bedroom (3 person) units and 14 no. 3-bedroom units).</p> <p>(ii) Block B (4-7 storeys) containing 97 no. apartments (29 no. 1-bedroom units, 51 no. 2-bedroom (4 person) units, 4 no. 2-bedroom (3 person) units and 13 no. 3-bedroom units). Each residential unit has associated private open space in the form of a balcony/terrace.</p> <p>B) Residential amenity areas of approx. 342 sqm are proposed in the form of resident support services, concierge services, co-working space,</p>	31/10/2023	04/12/2023	www.glenagearygate.lrd.ie	21/12/2023 Decision to Grant Permission was Granted on the 21/12/2023.

	<p>social/activity spaces and gym at the ground floor level of Blocks A and B.</p> <p>C) Open Space (approx. 2,806.6 sqm) is proposed in the form of</p> <p>(a) public open space (c. 1,848.4 sqm) in the form of a public plaza accommodating outdoor seating, planting, pedestrian footpaths and cyclist links and</p> <p>(b) residential/communal open space (approx. 958.2 sqm) including c. 750.6 sqm at surface level (incl. playground), roof terrace at fifth floor level of link between Blocks A and Block B (c. 151 sqm) and roof terrace (c. 56.6 sqm) at fifth floor level of Block B. 1.8 m opaque screens are proposed around both roof gardens.</p> <p>D) Commercial and retail uses at ground floor level of Blocks 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>F) Basement areas (total approx. 3,411 sqm) are proposed on one level and include car and bicycle parking areas, waste management and plant areas. An ESB substation (approx. 31.7 sqm) is proposed at surface level at the top of the basement ramp accessed off Glenageary Avenue. Commercial bin stores (c. 47.9 sqm) are proposed to be located at ground floor level of both Blocks A and B.</p> <p>G) A total of 80 no. car parking spaces at basement level are proposed to include 3 no. accessible parking spaces, 2 no. GoCar spaces and 17 no. EV charging spaces. 5 no. motorcycle parking spaces are also proposed at basement level.</p> <p>H) A set down area/loading bay is proposed at surface level at Sallynoggin Road and 2 no. set down areas/loading bays including 1 no. accessible car parking space are proposed at surface level at Glenageary Avenue.</p> <p>I) A total of 310 no. bicycle parking spaces to include 254 no. bicycle parking spaces at basement level including 10</p>				
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	<p>no. cargo bicycle spaces and 56 no. bicycle parking spaces including 16 no. cargo bicycle spaces at surface level.</p> <p>J) The development shall be served via a new vehicular access point to the basement level from Glenageary Avenue. New pedestrian and cyclist access points will be provided onto Sallynoggin Road and Glenageary Avenue from the site.</p> <p>K) Removal of existing cycle path and footpath and dropped kerb pedestrian crossing at Glenageary Avenue to be reinstated by soft landscaping and replaced by a new shared cyclist and pedestrian raised table crossing point located on Glenageary Avenue linking to the existing signalised crossing on the R118. Existing 1.2 m pedestrian crossing on Glenageary Avenue to be widened to 2 m.</p> <p>L) Emergency services/servicing access is proposed from Sallynoggin Road and Glenageary Avenue.</p> <p>M) All associated site and infrastructural works include provision for water services; foul and surface water drainage and connections; attenuation proposal; permeable paving; all landscaping works; green roofs; roof plant room and general plant areas; photovoltaic panels; landscaped boundary treatment; footpaths; public lighting; and electrical services.</p> <p>All application documentation and information is available for public viewing at the following website set up by the applicant: www.glenagearygatelrd.ie.</p> <p>Decision Granted 21/12/2023</p>				
LRD23A/0718	<p>Alber Developments Ltd.</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>	17/11/2023	21/12/2023	www.lisieuxpark-lrd3.ie	19/01/2024

	<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; '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). The current application is a Large-scale Residential Development (LRD). Details of the current application are available on: www.lisieuxpark-lrd3.ie</p>				
LRD23A/0719	<p>Tetrach Residential Ltd: 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</p>	17/11/2023	21/12/2023	https://moutanvillelrd.ie/	19/01/2024

	<p>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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The upper walled garden will be organised to contain open lawn, a sensory garden, reflective orchard, beehives and a food production garden 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>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'</p>				
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	<p>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. The LRD application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.mountainvillelrd.ie.</p>				
LRD23A/0798	<p>Dundrum Retail GP DAC: The proposed development relates to modifications to a permitted Strategic Housing Development (ABP-305261-19) and therefore constitutes a Large-scale Residential Development (LRD). The development will consist of the construction of a ventilation stack (12.4sq.m) at podium courtyard level with associated reconfiguration of the podium and insertion of plant rooms (totalling 64.8sq.m) at Basement Levels -1, 1 and IM. The proposed development results in the loss of 2no. car parking spaces at Basement Level -1 and reconfiguration of parking spaces at Basement Levels 1 and IM within Dundrum Town Centre. No modifications are proposed to the permitted unit types or residential building at The Ironworks. The application may be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.ironworks-lrd1.ie</p> <p>Deemed Invalid on 21/12/2023. Publicity Expiry date lapsed on that day</p>	18/12/2023	21/12/2023	www.ironworks-lrd1.ie	20/02/2024 Application Declared Invalid 21/12/2023.

LRD23A/0676 - <https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97379>

LRD23A/0678 - <https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97396>

LRD23A/0718 - <https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97396>

LRD23A/0719 - <https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97575>

LRD23A/0798 - <https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97860>

Planning Statistics: 29th September – 31st December 2023

	Outline Permission	Full Permission
New application Received*	0	368
Decision Deferred	0	57
Decisions to Grant**	0	234
Decision to Refuse**	0	14
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	194
Invalid Applications	0	39

*Includes 24 Applications for Retention.

*Includes 20 Web Applications (1 Invalid & 1 Withdrawn in October)

- 10 October
- 2 November
- 8 December

**Decisions are as follows:

211 Grant Permission (6 SDZ)

7 (3 SDZ) Grant Permission & Grant Retention

13 Grant Permission for Retention

3 Grant Permission & Refuse Permission are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

Building Control	29th September 2023 – 31st December 2023
Fire Safety Certs applications received *	43
Fire Safety Certs Applications Granted *	52
Fire Safety Certs Applications Refused/Invalid	1/1
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	30
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted/Refused **	37/1
Commencement Notices Validated ***	138
7 Day Notices received	14
Completion Certs Validated	91

*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs & Rev Fire Certs

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

*** Includes 7 Day Notices

Taking in Charge

Taking in Charge requests are submitted under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

TIC Applications Received:	Planning References:
1. Millmount Terrace, 19-22 Millmount Terrace, Dundrum Road, Dublin 14	D22A/0321
2. Sandyford Central, Sandyford Business Park, Dublin 18	ABP-305940-19

Customers to Planning Counter: 29th September to 31st December, 2023	Customers 659
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The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 (Commencement) Order 2021 (SI 714 of 2021), provides that points of detail relating to a grant of permission be agreed between the planning authority and the person carrying out the development and, accordingly— (a) where for that purpose that person has submitted to the planning authority concerned such points of detail, then that authority shall, within 8 weeks of those points being so submitted, or such longer period as may be agreed between them in writing either-

- (i) reach agreement with that person on those points, or
- (ii) where that authority and that person cannot so agree on those points, that authority may—
 - (I) Advise that person accordingly in writing, or
 - (II) refer the matter to the Board for its determination,

This came into effect on 17th December 2021.

The following number of compliance submissions have been received in the last quarter:

Month	No. of submissions
October	84
November	138
December	57

Local Area Plans

Since the adoption of the dlr County Development Plan 2022-2028, the Council have been progressing three separate LAPs, as part of the overall six-year programme for the County.

Dundrum Local Area Plan

The Draft Dundrum LAP was made by way of a resolution, with minor amendments at a Special Council Meeting on the 10th of October 2023. The LAP then came into effect, 6 weeks later, on Tuesday, 21st November 2023.

The Dundrum LAP is available to view online at www.dlrcoco.ie/dundrumlap

Old Connaught Local Area Plan

Pre-Draft public consultation for the Old Connaught Local Area Plan finished on the 6th June 2023 and 38 submissions were received. A Chief Executive's Report on the submissions made to the Pre-Draft public consultation stage was prepared and issued to the Elected Members on 4th September 2023.

The Council have now commenced the preparation of a Draft LAP for Old Connaught, taking into consideration the submissions made during the Pre-Draft public consultation stage.

Once prepared, the Draft LAP will be placed on public display for a further period of public consultation.

Kiltiernan/Glenamuck Local Area Plan

The Pre-Draft public consultation stage for the Kiltiernan/Glenamuck Local Area Plan concluded on the 17th of October 2023. A total of 109 submissions / observations were received following well attended public consultation events.

A report on the submissions / observations received is now being prepared and it is anticipated that this will be circulated to the Elected Members in the new year.

Active Land Management

Housing Task Force

The Housing Supply Coordination Task Force, established by the DHLGH, tracks the quantum of residential development in the four Dublin Local Authorities on a quarterly basis for residential schemes consisting of 10 or more homes. The data has been collected since 2016 and provides detailed insight into planning and construction activity in the residential sector. The Housing Returns exclude all Part 8 planning applications.

Dublin Local Authorities 'Tier 1' Housing Task Force Returns – Q3 2023

The most up-to-date data available for the 4 no. Dublin Local Authorities relates to Q3 2023. The Table below details the Q3 2023 Returns for the four Dublin Local Authorities as published by the DHLGH. The data comprises residential developments (schemes consisting of 10 or more homes) where a final grant of planning permission has been obtained from the Local Authority or An Bord Pleanála. The data includes schemes that are both commenced and not commenced but does not include schemes which have been completed.

The data indicates still comparatively high levels of construction activity in DLR although there has been a slight decline since Q2. At Q3 2023, there were 3,437 homes under construction in DLR which comprised a rate of c. 22% of all homes under construction across the four Dublin Local Authorities.

	Total Number of Permitted Units		Total Number of Units Built to Date		Total Number of Units Under Construction		Total Permitted but not Commenced	
	Houses	Apartments	Houses	Apartments	Houses	Apartments	Houses	Apartments
DCC	720	28,274	198	979	134	4,988	388	22,307
DLRCC	1,914	14,892	531	1,657	694	2,743	689	10,492
SDCC	4,950	10,038	1,847	1,611	888	2,888	2,215	5,539
FCC	7,663	13,846	2,772	632	1,114	1,936	3,777	11,278
Total	15,247	67,050	5,348	4,879	2,830	12,555	7,069	49,616

* 2,982 of the 11,181 units in DLR classified as 'Permitted but not Commenced' at Q3 2023 are currently caught up in Judicial Review proceedings.

DLR 'Tier 1' Housing Task Force Returns – Q3 2023

The following Table details the confirmed Housing Task Force Returns for DLR at Q3 2023.

	Total Number of Permitted Units		Total Number of Units Built to Date		Total Number of Units Under Construction		Total Permitted but not Commenced	
	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.
DLR	1,914	14,892	531	1,657	694	2,743	689	10,492
Total	16,806		2,188		3,437		11,181	

* 2,982 of the 11,181 units in DLR classified as 'Permitted but not Commenced' at Q3 2023 are currently caught up in Judicial Review proceedings

DLR 'Tier 2A' Housing Task Force Returns – Q3 2023

The following Table details the data relating to sites in DLR which were subject to a 'live' planning application for residential development at Q3 2023. The data relates to sites where: a planning application was lodged with the Planning Authority (Local Authority or ABP); or was within the appeal period of 4 weeks of the date of the decision of the Local Authority; or was the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

At Q3 2023, there were planning applications in the system for 7,471 potential new homes. 4,060 of the units in the planning system at Q3 2023 were for Build-to-Rent residential schemes. The ratio of houses to apartments for units in the planning system was 1:23.

	Houses	Apartments	Total
DLR Q3 2023	310	7,161	7,471
(% mix)	(4.3%)	(95.7%)	(100%)

Based on the Q3 2023 Housing Task Force Returns for DLR, the following is noted:

- There were 852 residential units completed in DLR, in schemes of 10 units or more, in Q3 2023. A total of 9 residential schemes were recorded as fully completed in Q3 and there were residential completions recorded in 10 other schemes that remain under construction.
- Compared to the year previous, there was a 6% decrease in the number of sites with planning permission from 121 in Q3 2022 to 114 in Q3 2023. In terms of the total number of units with planning permission, there was a 7% decrease from 18,022 in Q3 2022 to 16,806 units in Q3 2023. These decreases reflect the high levels of residential completions in DLR from Q4 2022 to Q3 2023 (a total of 15 no. schemes were fully completed and removed from monitoring).
- Compared to the year previous, there was a 27.7% decrease in the number of active sites from 54 sites in Q3 2022 to 39 sites in Q3 2023, and a 24.7% decrease in the number of units under construction from 5,725 in Q3 2022 to 3,437 in Q3 2023. These

decreases reflect both recent high levels of residential completions in DLR and a moderation in residential commencement levels (see chart below).

- At Q3 2023, there were 8,199 homes that had the benefit of planning permission which were not commenced and could be progressed to implementation stage. This figure excludes residential schemes subject to Judicial Review proceedings.
- At Q3 2023, there were planning applications in the system for c. 7,471 potential new homes. This represents a 34% decrease from the 10,027 units that were in the system at Q3 2022.
- In terms of housing mix, the ratio of houses to apartments for permitted units at Q3 2023 was approximately 1:8. The ratio of houses to apartments for units in the planning system was 1:23.

Housing Trends

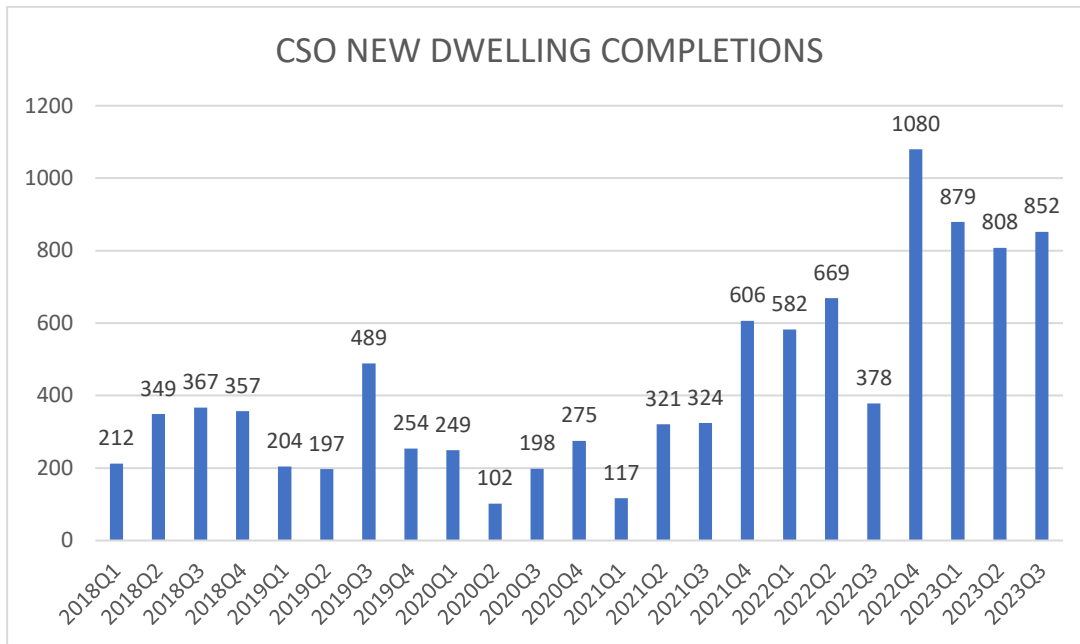
The following section illustrates housing trends in DLR using data from a range of data sources. Each data source is referenced and is based on its own methodology.

Residential Completions in DLR

The following chart details new housing completions in DLR for the period Q1 2018 to Q3 2023. The data is sourced from the CSOs 'New Dwelling Completions' database which comprises a comprehensive data set capturing all completions in the County.

In Q3 2023, there were 852 residential completions recorded in DLR (12% of the national total). 65% of the completions in Q3 were apartments (555 units). DLR has had the highest number of completions - of all Local Authorities in the State - in each of the last three Quarters.

There were 3,783 residential completions in DLR in the last 12 months (Q3 2022 to Q3 2023). This comprises 16% of the national total over the same period.

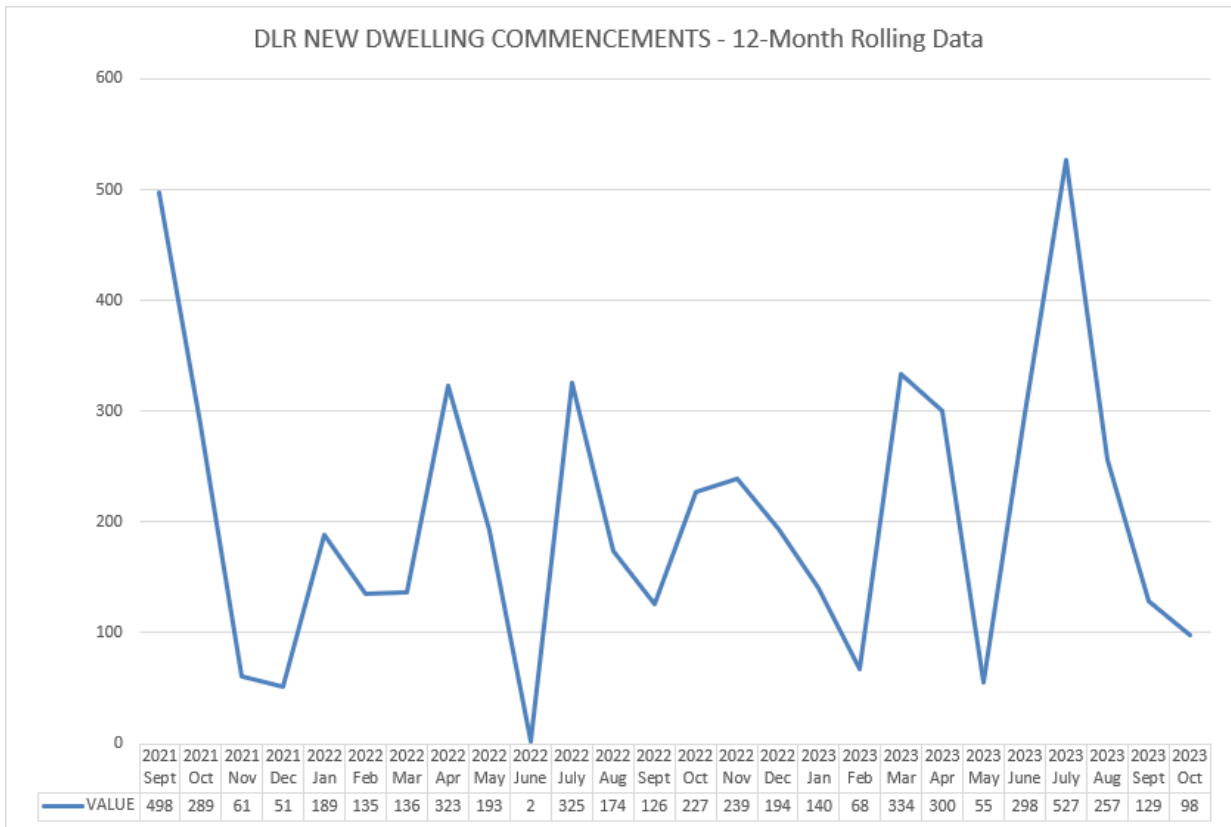


Source: CSO New Dwelling Completions (Table NDQ06: <https://data.cso.ie/table/NDQ06>)

Residential Commencements

The following data comes from the Building Control Management System and is based on Commencement Notices recorded on a rolling 12-month average basis.

The chart illustrates an increase in commencement levels in DLR post pandemic with a high of over 3,400 commencements recorded in the 12-month period up to March 2022. More recently, the level of commencements has moderated but remained robust with 2,992 commencements recorded in the 12-month period up to October 2023. This comprises 8.6% of the national total, over the 12-month period, and is 3rd highest of all Local Authorities in the State.

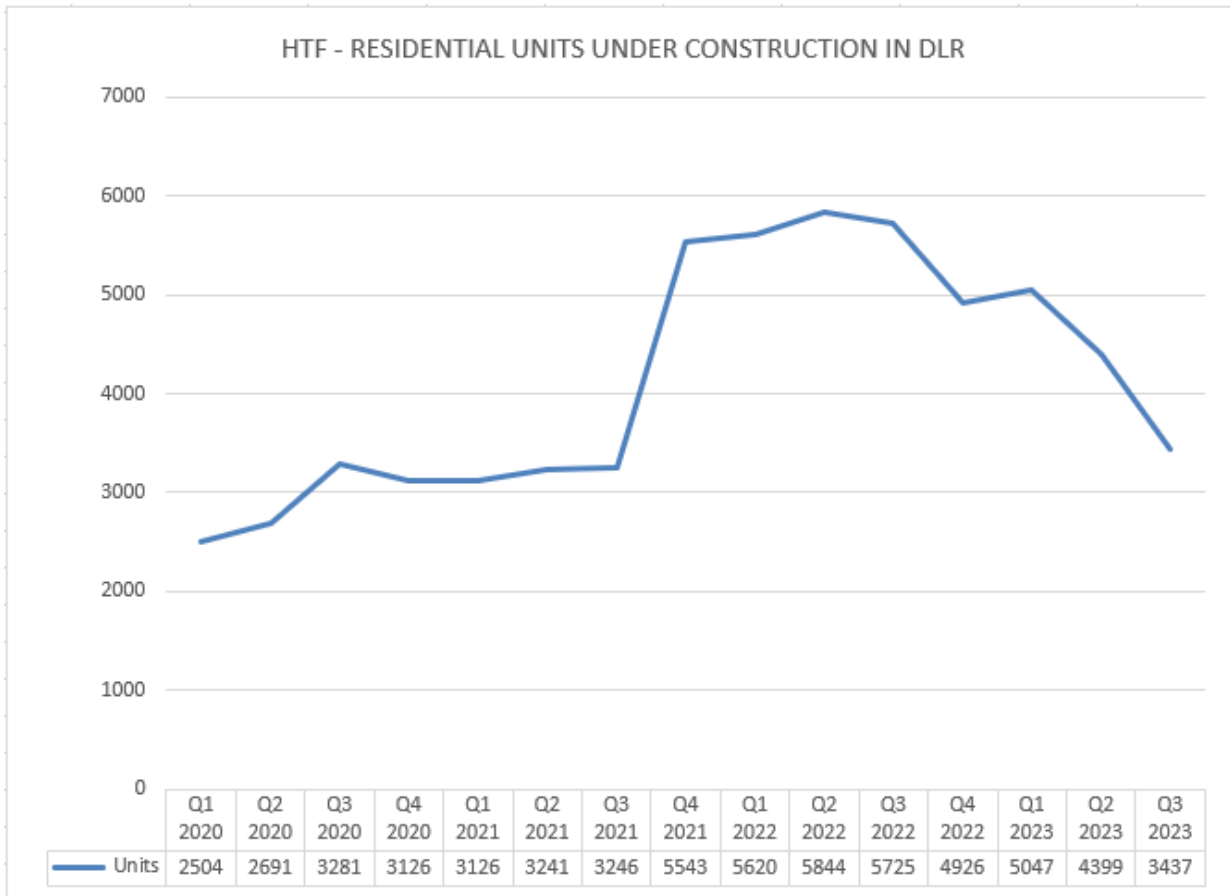


Source: CSO – Commencement Notices (Table HSM13: <https://data.cso.ie/table/HSM13>)

Residential Construction Activity

The data in the following chart is taken from DLR’s Housing Task Force Returns for Q3 2023 and illustrates the number of homes under construction in the County at each Quarter from Q1 2020 to Q3 2023.

The graph illustrates an upward trend in the number of homes under construction in DLR from c. 2,500 at Q1 2020 to c. 5,850 at Q2 2022. At Q3 2023, c. 3,437 homes were under construction. The decrease in the number of units under construction in DLR between Q3 2022 and Q3 2023 reflects the high number of residential completions recorded over the same period.

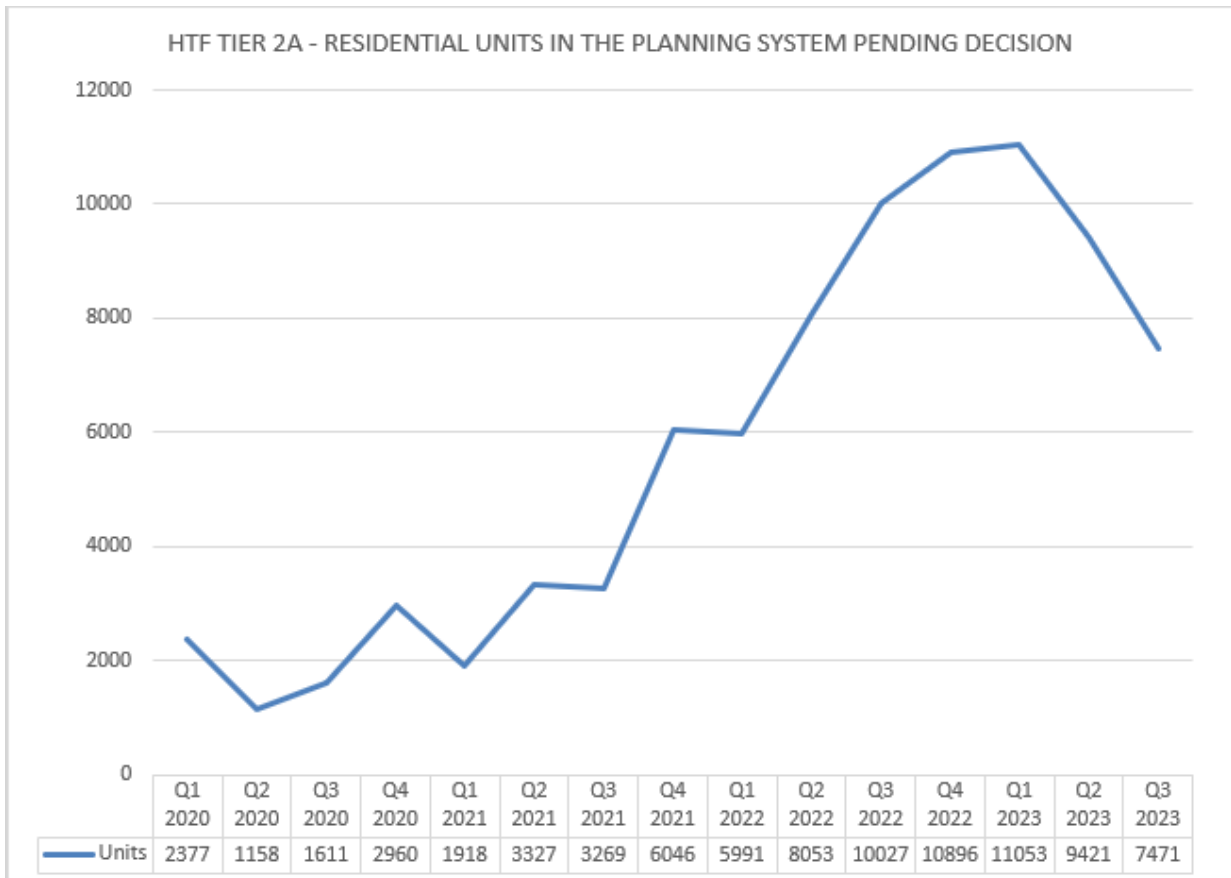


Source: DLR Housing Task Force Returns

Planning Applications in the System Pending Decision

The data in the following chart is taken from DLR’s Housing Task Force Returns (HTF Tier 2A) and illustrates the number of residential units in the planning system pending decision from Q1 2020 to Q3 2023. The graph indicates a relatively high number of units in the planning system with c. 7,400 units awaiting decision at Q3 2023 however this is notably fewer than the previous quarter.

This trend reflects both the high number of planning applications submitted before the ending of the SHD process with an indication that the backlog of cases awaiting decision with An Bord Pleanála is being reduced as SHD figures awaiting decisions has lowered. At Q3 2023, there were SHD and LRD planning applications for c. 5,300 homes with An Bord Pleanála. While the Board has a statutory objective to try to decide cases within 18 weeks, all SHD planning applications in DLR currently with ABP have exceeded this timeframe.



Source: DLR Housing Task Force Returns

Residential Zoned Land Tax

Under the Finance Act 2021 the Planning Authority have a statutory requirement to prepare a map identifying lands that will be subject to the new Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT). The administration of the tax is then a matter for the Revenue Commissioners. A Draft Map was prepared and placed on display in late 2022 and a Supplemental Map, showing additional land, was placed on display mid-2023. Following a process of submissions and appeals, the Final Map for 2024 was published on 1st December 2023. However, following changes announced by the government in budget 2024, the tax will not now become liable until February 2025 to allow for another round of submissions and possible rezoning requests. The next stage in the process from a local authority perspective is the preparation of the first annual review draft map, which will be published on 1st February 2024.

Economic Development & Local Enterprise Office

Dún Laoghaire Comedy Festival 2023

As part of its ongoing efforts to support the night-time economy in the county, the Economic Development Unit provided funding for the second Dún Laoghaire Comedy Festival. The festival took place in November 2023 and was once again very successful, with 30 comedians and 20 events taking place over the weekend, attended by 2000 people.



Seasonal Fund 2023

Once again, DLRCC supported business groups across the county to decorate their towns and villages for the festive period. A total of €130,000 was issued from the fund with the aim of increasing footfall and encouraging people to shop local.

St Patrick's Day Parade 2024

DLRCC is supporting the return of a St Patrick's Day Parade to Dún Laoghaire in 2024. The parade aims to unite local businesses and the community in celebration. It will be organised by the Dún Laoghaire Business Association with the support of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.



Katapult graduation

This is the fifth year of the highly successful Katapult program which saw 10 businesses graduate in November. This program provides early-stage high potential companies with a strong foundation for growth and positive founder outcome. It is delivered by a variety of experts who raise the founder's awareness of critical aspects of starting successfully. Katapult has developed a strong national reputation and is instrumental in growing our HPSU base of companies and EI/ LEO clients regionally.



Pictured L to R. Chloe Lynch (Trend VR) and Eoin Dempsey (Shift) receiving their prizes for joint first place from Owen Laverty Head of LEO DLR

DLR Tourism Development

DLR Tourism Strategy 2024 /2028

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

EU project POST – Polycentric Tourism

DLR Tourism attended the Kick Off Group meeting for this project. This project will be active in 2024. A meeting was also held with our academic partners at the Atlantic Technological University Sligo to progress the next steps of the project.

Festivals & Events

Q4 was a busy time for Festivals and Events in the county. ECHOS Festival in Dalkey, Food on the Edge Festival in Dundrum, Dun Laoghaire Comedy Festival, Halloween, and Christmas Festivals.

This year the Dun Laoghaire Christmas Festival reintroduced a Santa Arrival Event on November 24th. Santa accompanied by An Cathaoirleach paraded through Dun Laoghaire to Myrtle Square. This event was very successful.

Cruise Ships

October seen the last three cruise ships of 2023. 8th, 11th & 20th Oct 2023 carrying over 8k guests and over 3k crew. In total 2023 seen 78 Cruise Calls and 127,747 passengers and 58,121 Crew.

James Joyce Tower & Museum

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

Promotion and Marketing.

DLR Tourism implemented several social media campaigns promoting all the key events and attractions operating during Q4.

Social Media Analysis Q4 2023				
	<i>No of followers</i>	<i>No of New followers</i>	<i>No of posts</i>	<i>Impressions</i>
Facebook	18,927	220	37	91,817
Twitter	11,833	51	33	17,026
Instagram	10,593	209	37	42,472

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.



A Cruise Tender arriving into Dun Laoghaire Town

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 been successful in securing an additional €410,952 for this important project. We are working to complete the grant contracts and hope to tender for a design team in Q1 2024 to commence the Stream 1 design phase.

Berth 2 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

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

Berth 3 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

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

East Pier Revetment Repairs

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



A "landing craft" delivering concrete to the back of the East Pier.

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.



The Pump Track under construction in Apna Park

Ice Rink

An Ice Rink was installed in the Harbour for the months of November, December, and January. This is 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.

Forward Planning Infrastructure

Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) and Cherrywood Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) - Progress Report

LIHAF

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH) as part of their 'Rebuilding Ireland' programme announced on 28th March 2017 that DLR were successful in their LIHAF application in respect of 4 projects, for which final approval for 3 of these projects was received in March 2018.

The underlying principle of LIHAF is to provide public off-site infrastructure to relieve critical infrastructure blockages which have been identified as one of the main impediments to the development of key sites for housing, thus enabling the accelerated delivery of residential units on these sites in both Dublin and urban areas of high demand for housing.

As previously advised to the Members, there is 1 remaining active LIHAF project in DLR, an overview of which is as follows;

Project Name	Detail of Infrastructure	Total LIHAF allocation €M	Amount to be funded by DHLGH €M (75%)	Amount to be funded by DLR (S48 Cherrywood specific dev contributions) €M (25%)
Cherrywood	Druid's Glen Road (road only); Druid's Glen bridge - (short bridge structure traversing valley); New N11 junction 'Q' at Druid Glen Road; Druid's Glen Road (bridge feature)	€15.19	€11.39	€3.80

A table of summary details was published by the Minister on 28th March 2018 for all 30 LIHAF sites across the State.

http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/lihaf_information_table_-_march_2018.pdf

A status of the Cherrywood LIHAF project is as follows:

➤ **Phase 1 – Complete**

Construction works on Phase 1 of this project comprising Junction Q (a new signalised junction on the N11) and part of the Druid's Glen Road (130m in length).

➤ **Phase 2 – (P* - P3) – at Construction Stage**

The next section of road comprises of circa 315m of road and a 40m short bridge spanning the Cabinteely Stream. The project was recently awarded to the preferred contractor Clonmel

Enterprises Limited. Mobilization commenced at the end of September 2023 and works are progressing well. The requisite land transfers from the single remaining landowner is nearing completion. The construction programme is circa 12 months.

➤ **Phase 3 – Appointment of Consultant Stage**

The final section of the road comprises c. 55m of road and a 120m significant bridge feature.

DLR has completed the tender process for the appointment of a consultant to bring the final Phase of the Druids Glen Road infrastructure project from concept design through to completion. The consultant appointment (subject to necessary approvals being in place) is anticipated by early 2024.

LIHAF affordability proposal - update

DLR has had extensive discussions with the Cherrywood Landowners and the DHLG&H in relation to landowner commitment to LIHAF given the passage of time and expiration of the original landowner affordability proposal. A revised landowner affordability proposal is required and currently DLR awaits formal notification from the Cherrywood landowners on their decision to renew their commitment. DLR wrote to the landowners in November 2023 and followed up again in early December 2023. No formal notification has been made by the landowners.

The Council will continue to work with the DHLG&H and the Cherrywood Landowners in addressing infrastructure deficits required in opening up land for development, particularly for housing.

Within Cherrywood SDZ, grants of planning, further information stage, commencements and residential completion stats are all highlighted in the Planning update below.

The commencement of the remaining units granted will be dependent on developer construction programmes, but it is envisaged that the momentum of development that has accrued on the site will continue, and these developers will commence as soon as practicable.

Cherrywood URDF Infrastructure

The URDF 2018 (first call) was established to support more compact and sustainable development, through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Ireland's five cities and other large towns, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework and National Development Plan (NDP). This is to enable a greater proportion of residential and mixed-use development to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of our cities and towns and to ensure that more parts of our urban areas can become attractive and vibrant places in which people choose to live and work, as well as to invest and to visit.

DLR was successful in obtaining funding under the URDF in respect of the Category A Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project, the total cost of which is estimated at €17.8M and for which formal approval of the total project was received in June 2020.

Funding is by way of 75% direct government funding and 25% funded by the separate Section 48 Cherrywood Development Contributions.

This will see the development of 4 distinct sub-projects comprising the Linear Park, surface water attenuation ponds 2a and 5a and completion of Tully Park Phase 2.

A brief update on the current status of each sub-project is as follows -

- **Linear Park – Part 8 Planning secured**
The statutory Part 8 was approved by the Elected Members on the 13th of June 2022. Tender documentation has been drafted to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team and this will progress further in 2024 This project is being delivered in collaboration with the NTA.
- **Pond 2a – at Detailed Design and Tender**
Statutory Part 8 stage is complete. Site clearance for ground investigations, ground penetrating radar and topographical surveys complete. The Contractor has completed Phase 2 site investigations. Findings will inform the detailed design and tender documents. Tender documents to issue in Q2 2024.
- **Pond 5a – at Detailed Design and Tender**
Ground penetrating radar and topographical surveys are complete. Phase 1 of the site investigations are complete and draft tender documents are prepared. ESB diversion details are agreed with the ESB. Tender documents issued in Q2 2023. It is intended to commence construction in Q1 2024.
- **Tully Park Phase 2 – Project complete**
Construction commenced on site on the 24th June 2021 and has now been completed, with the whole of the Tully Park area (Phase 1 and Phase 2) opened to the public on 31st May 2023.

Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF) Call 2

A second call for proposals under the URDF 2020 was advertised in January 2020. DLR submitted 5 applications for consideration under this Call 2 process on 29 May 2020.

These 5 applications are listed in their ranked order as follows:

1. Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity
2. Dundrum – Civic & Community Centre
3. Dún Laoghaire Greening Project
4. Sandyford Green Infrastructure
5. Shanganagh Park

In addition, a standalone request to initiate a study for Blackrock Village was also submitted.

On the 5 March 2021, DLR was notified by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that two of the applications submitted by the Council for funding, under Call 2, were successful. The DHLGH formally confirmed preliminary approval of the €44,361,115 funding on the 25 of August 2021 for the Dundrum and Cherrywood projects for the inclusion in the URDF supported capital programme and approval to move to the next stage of the

project lifecycle, the preliminary business case stage.

Information in relation to the national announcement may be found via the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/56ef8-urban-regeneration-and-development-fund-urdf/>

Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity €40,361,115

The infrastructure being provided under 'Call 2' consists of the following:

- **Castle Street Link** - Completion of Cherrywood's bus priority route to connect it to the existing Park & Ride facility at Carrickmines Luas stop. The appointment of a consultant to advance a flood mitigation review to inform the Castle Street Link project is expected in Q1 2024.
- **Ticknick Park – Ballycorus Access** – development of cycle, pedestrian and vehicular access to Ticknick Park, which opened to the public on 31st May 2023.

A report on this project was brought to the April 2023 Council Meeting and DLR is now progressing to preliminary design stage of the project. Engagement with landowners is ongoing with regards to the acquisition of lands. A consultant was appointed in Q4 2024 to consider a number of options to inform the preliminary design to ensure the optimum option is progressed.

- **Town Centre Pedestrian & Cycle Link** – development of an elevated pedestrian and cycle bridge within the Cherrywood Town Centre.

This project is at concept design stage.

- **3 Public Parks** – creation of centrally located, multi-functional spaces providing a focal area for each of the associated village communities.
 - **Lehaunstown Park** – Planning Permission in place
 - **Priorsland Park** – To be progressed in line with Castle Street Link project.
 - **Parade Green** – To develop concept and commence preliminary design stage.
- **Smart Parking Study** – research and application of measures to create efficiencies in Cherrywood's required parking provision. A tender brief has been completed to appoint a consultant to complete the study. This study will be the commission awarded to the successful tenderer for the new technical consultant Framework currently being procured by DAPT.
- **Beckett Link (& Barrington Rd Connection)** – development of pedestrian, cycle and vehicle link from the Kiltarnan Link to the Cherrywood Town Centre, to include the uncompleted portion of Barrington's Road.

It is envisaged this project will be delivered in 2 Phases - The landowner secured planning permission for Phase 1 of this project on 14th November 2022 and DLR has engaged a consultant to progress Phase 1 through detailed design, tender, construction and handover and final close out. DLR is currently progressing with the Detailed Design stage for this project.

DLR received confirmation on 14th of March 2023 from the DHLG&H, that five URDF Call 2 projects will be approved to proceed to Decision Gate 2 of the Public Spending Code subject to further information being provided by DLR. This information was issued through an addendum to the Department on the 3rd of May 2023. The final URDF 2 project 'Beckett Link' was determined to require a standalone Preliminary Business Case, given the scale of the project, which was subsequently approved by the Department on the 24th of July 2023. The project is progressing well and is currently at the completion of the detailed design stage. Stage 1 of the 2 stage procurement process to appoint a contractor is ongoing in Q4 2023.

Cherrywood SDZ – Progress Report.

The **current Main Work Streams** include:

- Cherrywood LIHAF - as reported above;
- URDF Call 1 Projects (2018) - Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation – as reported above;
- URDF Call 2 Project (2020) – Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity application submitted to DHLGH on 29 May 2020 which received funding approval in the order of c.€40M - as reported above;
- The Cherrywood Steering Group, comprising the Chief Executive and Directors of Services in key service departments met 20 times since it was established in 2017. The Steering Group has been convened to provide oversight in all key aspects of the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ that cover multi – disciplinary themes;
- Progressing the required Common Infrastructure Agreements for the provision of the common infrastructure in the build out of Cherrywood;
- Proposed Amendment No. 8: Building Height and Density Review: - This proposed amendment came into effect following the withdrawal of a third party appeal on 31st May 2023;
- Proposed Amendment No. 9: Car Parking Standards Review – DLR as Development Agency for Cherrywood submitted this proposed amendment to An Bord Pleanála on 31st May 2023 under Section 170a of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The purpose of this review was to update the approved Planning Scheme 2014 (as amended) to align with National, Regional and Local policy, promote sustainable public and active travel modes and address Climate change mitigation measures. This is now with an Bord Pleanála for determination as the competent authority, and there is a revised indicative determination date of 10th January 2024.
- DLR has commenced a plan-led review of the Cherrywood Town Centre and Environs, the purpose of which is to ensure an appropriate mix, quantum and phasing of uses in this area to secure a balance of employment, commercial, retail, residential, community and social uses. A non-statutory Have Your Say public consultation commenced Friday 15th December 2023 and will conclude on Wednesday 31st January 2024. The DLR Consultation Hub link to the details and submissions page can be

accessed here: <https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com>

- The DAPT has established a cycling review group to draw from the expertise of the NTA and the dlr Sustainable Mobility Group to scope out enhancements to what has been provided in the area and explore new experiences in cycling (including technology). It is intended to bring a Report on findings and recommendations of this group to a future meeting.

Planning Applications – FOR NOTING

The Status of applications from 26th September 2023 to 8th December 2023 inclusive is as follows:

- DZ23A/0083 - Druid Glen Road Enabling Works & Plot DG3 Access – Decision to Grant issued 27/10/2023.
- DZ23A/0573 - TC4 Block F2 & F3 (4 additional Res units) - Decision to Grant issued 19/10/2023.
- DZ23A/0455 - 5 Residential Units, Cherrywood – Decision to Grant issued 27/10/2023.
- DZ22A/1025 - 44 Residential Units, Cherrywood – Decision to Grant issued 02/11/2023.
- DZ23A/0443 - modifications to Condition 5 of Reg. Ref. DZ21/1085 - Decision to Grant issued 07/11/2023.

There is currently 1 live SDZ application for which a report is being prepared.

To date, the total no. of residential units permitted is 4,810 (this figure includes the application that was previously subject to Judicial Review which is now resolved). An additional 743 units are at Further Information Stage. There are 714 homes under construction and 1,273 units completed. The Tully primary school is well advanced on site also with permission granted for the first post primary school also.

The total amount of non-residential development permitted is circa 113,724 sq.m of Town Centre Mixed use (retail/non-retail/commercial including HIE) including circa 35,340sq.m of High Intensity Employment (HIE).

Stakeholder Engagement

The delivery of the Scheme is complex requiring a number of stakeholders to engage and DLR as Development Agency continues to actively promote the implementation of the objectives of the approved Planning Scheme through collaboration and engagement with all relevant stakeholders.

With the Government's focus on the housing crisis the DHLGH has taken specific interest in progressing the Cherrywood Planning Scheme and has designated it 1 of 23 key strategic national Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites (MUHDS). Meetings with all key stakeholders are on-going with the DAPT facilitating progress meetings on key issues, as they arise, that require a coordinated approach from a number of state agencies and service providers including high-level engagement with the DHLGH on the main issues.

Funding

DLR has concluded the review of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme 2017-2020 and the new Development Contribution Scheme in respect of development in the Cherrywood Planning Scheme Area 2023-2028 ("the Cherrywood Scheme", was adopted at a meeting of the Council on 9th October 2023 having undergone the statutory process in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. All planning applications for development in the Cherrywood Planning Scheme area will be subject to financial conditions relating to development contributions under this Scheme.

In addition to the Cherrywood Scheme, government funding, LIHAF and URDF (Call 1 and Call 2) have been secured and contribute to the funding of internal common infrastructure. These current funding mechanisms, along with the new Cherrywood Scheme resolve the current funding gap that existed in relation to the provision of the entire common infrastructure. The Report indicating the current Programme of Capital Projects 2024 – 2026, due to be presented at the January 2024 Council Meeting provides further detail.

With regard to the application for Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Access under the URDF Call 2 DLR received confirmation on 14th of March 2023 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLG&H), that five URDF Call 2 projects will be approved to proceed to Decision Gate 2 of the Public Spending Code subject to further information being provided by DLR. This information was issued through an addendum to the Department on the 3rd of May 2023. The final URDF 2 project 'Beckett Link' was determined to require a standalone Preliminary Business Case, given the scale of the project, which DLR issued to the Department on the 21st of April 2023 and subsequently approved by the Department on the 24th of July 2023. This project is progressing and is currently at the completion of detailed design stage.

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Capital Projects

Blackglen Road/ Grange Road Improvement Scheme – Significant progress has been made on both Blackglen Road and at Lambs Cross junction; with Hillcrest Road, Enniskerry Road and Sandyford Road wearing course completed. The remaining works will include the Blackglen Road wearing course, and completion of accommodation works. There will be ongoing landscaping works at Ticknock Hill and at the old Mail house site which will be ready for Spring 2024. The scheme is nearing completion with the expected finish date in Q1 2024.

Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS) including the Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade (Golden Ball) - A revised tender was issued in late November due to the land restriction to the proposed Glenamuck Park site. The construction tender return date is 19th January 2024.

Subject to governance, budgetary approvals, and staff availability the contractor is likely to commence on site in late Q1 2024. Estimated construction period is 2 years.

Druids Glen Road Phase 2 - Clonmel Enterprises Ltd. has been appointed as the contractor and works are currently on site. Contract signed on 18th September and works began on 25th September, with a 30-week programme proposed and substantial completion on 15th April 2024. Currently 3 months into the 7-month project, ground clearance almost completed, commence utility ducting and bridge piling works completed.

M50 Junction 14 Link Road - Consultants have been appointed to review / update the design and progress the scheme to completion. The site investigation contractor has been appointed and due to commence in January 2024. Tender documents are scheduled to be ready for April 2024 with September 2024 as construction start date. Estimated construction period is 18 months.

Dublin Bay Trail / S2S – The scheme now focuses on the link between Blackrock Park and Blackrock Dart station (Blackrock Link). Surveys have been completed and route options have been developed. Multi-criteria analysis has been carried out and preferred design has been developed to Preliminary Design Report for internal circulation and start of Statutory Consultation Process. Part 8 documentation is being finalised and discussions with landowner ongoing. Part 8 due to start Q1 2024.

Bray Woodbrook Landfill Remediation Project - The Contractor has completed the revetment which stabilises the landfill from sea erosion. Following review of the landfill site as an amenity area, the contractor is preparing to import material from nearby sites. Expected completion Q2-2024.

Hillcrest Road Improvement Scheme – Surveys and options reports have been concluded. Preliminary design agreed.

Cherrywood Road Improvement Scheme – Preparing documents to tender for the appointment of consultants.

Special Projects

Lehaunstown Neighbourhood Road & Plot A Access – Projects Office is assisting the Client Department, Housing, for this project. SYSTRA has been engaged to carry out preliminary design (to Part 8/179A stage) of the neighbourhood road which connects Grand Parade to Lehaunstown Lane as per the Cherrywood Planning Scheme (CPS). Their brief also includes the preliminary design of an access point into dlr Housing Plot A. Meetings have been held between the Design Team, Housing, ICC and the Development Agency Project Team (DAPT). On the request of DAPT, an Options Assessment Report has been completed to identify preferred access to Plot A. Site investigations including topographical survey, ground investigations, arborist, archaeological and hydrogeological surveys have been completed. Preliminary design ongoing with projected submission January 24.

Infrastructure Capacity Assessment Study for Old Connaught and Rathmichael LAPs – Projects office is assisting Forward Planning with this project. ARUP has been engaged to carry out the study. Project expected to be completed Q1 2024.

Dundrum Community, Cultural and Civic Hub (DCCCH) - An Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) Call 2 project application was provisionally allocated funding support (up to max of 75% of eligible costs) for advance Public Realm works. Architects Department is developing a project brief. Feasibility of emerging preferred site is under investigation. Indecon Consultants have completed the Strategic Assessment Review (SAR) which has been agreed. Indecon Consultants have completed the draft Preliminary Business Case which is with dlr for review/comment.

Dún Laoghaire Baths - Dún Laoghaire Baths were opened on the 13th of December 2022. Phase 2 (accessibility ramps) has started and is due to finish April 2024.

Samuel Becket Phase 2A – Ballyogan Library
Construction ongoing – due for completion Q2 2024.

Samuel Beckett Phase 2 - Sports Campus and Swimming Pool. Architects Department is preparing a Part 8 for issue Q1 2024. Indecon Consultants have been appointed by the Projects Office to prepare the Preliminary Business Case. The Projects Office is preparing a project brief in consultation with the Working Group. €650K funding was granted under a LSSIF top-up application December 2023 in addition to the original allocation of €5m.

URDF Call 3 – dlr have been allocated €6m. in funding under URDF Call 3 for an initial approved programme of 24 properties. Call 3 is designed to address long term vacancy and dereliction across URDF cities and towns and the acceleration of the provision of residential accommodation. A working group has been set up for this project. A workshop was held with Limerick CoCo to discuss and optimise the project strategy. Property owners for the Approved Programme have been identified and issue of notices under the Derelict Sites Act are progressing.

Shanganagh Castle Buildings and Grounds - Design layouts were received for the dormitory building (Building 'B') and sports hall (Building 'C') resulting in potentially 100 bed spaces for emergency Ukrainian accommodation. The Council is liaising with the *Local Government Management Agency (LGMA)* and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH) for this emergency accommodation. Local Government

Management Agency (LGMA) in August 2023, required/recommended changes to floor plan layouts reducing the bed spaces from 100 to 84. Proposal has been put forward to the DHLGH to proceed with the design/construction works. The Architects working on the scheme have also prepared layouts for the possible future use of buildings "B" & "C".

For Building 'A' (Castle – a Protected Structure, RPS No. 1845 refers) the contractor has completed all propping works for immediate works for safe access to the to the building. A Shanganagh Castle feasibility report prepared by conservation consultants 7L Architects with assistance from CORA Consulting Engineers has been received. This informs on the condition of the existing buildings and challenges and opportunities with refurbishment of Building A and feasibility for reuse in respect of building B. Conservation Architects recommendation is to restore original roof features and remove later flat roofs shared with Building B. The next steps will be an outline brief for roof repairs and review of priority works identified prior to preparation for tender.

Offshore Windfarms and onshore grid connection - Dublin Array (RWE) will be one of Ireland's first commercial offshore wind farms to be constructed, helping to meet the Government's target of 5GW of offshore wind energy being connected to the Irish national grid by 2030. The project intends to apply for planning consent early 2024 and, subject to this being secured, construction of Dublin Array Project could begin in 2026. RWE have advised two consent applications will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála (ABP); one under section 291 [offshore array & O&M Base) and the onshore transmission system under section 182a.

IB-Green Corrig Park Sandyford Business Estate - This Sandyford Green Infrastructure Project, a collaborative effort between Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Sandyford Business District, aims to transform 0.8 hectares of land into the Sandyford Business District Civic Park, strategically positioned at the junction of Corrig Road and Carmanhall Road, (consistent with SLO 57 CDP 2022-2028). This undertaking not only seeks to enhance the overall quality of public spaces but also addresses heat stress within the business park area. This project is an integral part of the Interreg North-West Europe Programme (NWE) known as IB-Green.

The Council is 1 of the 11 project partners from 6 NWE countries representing local authorities, business park operators and managers, networks, sector organisations and science institutions in the field of climate adaptation who are joining forces to work on this challenge. Special focus lies on older industrial and business parks from the last century which are becoming less attractive. Here, the need for change is high but complex.

Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Development update
Bride's Glen (Cherrywood-Shankill Bridge)	Pedestrian and cycle connection from Bride's Glen Luas Stop via St Colmcille's Hospital grounds and the old viaduct to the footbridge over the N11 north of the Loughlinstown roundabout.	The scheme is being reviewed to consider a quick build option that avoids CPO (Compulsory Purchase Order) and land acquisition using the N11
Clonskeagh Road Cycle Improvement Scheme (UCD to Ashtons)	Development of a cycle route between Sandyford and Dublin city centre, proposed in the GDA (Greater Dublin Area) Cycle Network Plan. This includes the provision of cycle facilities on Clonskeagh Road from UCD to Clonskeagh Bridge.	Construction completed
Rochestown Avenue Multi-modal Transport Improvement Scheme	Design of walking and cycling facilities and bus routes along Rochestown Avenue.	Part 8 completed.
DLR Connector	Design and implementation of walking and cycling facilities east / west across the County	Stage 3 approval from NTA Board completed – Preliminary design ongoing.
Dun Laoghaire to N11 (Mounttown Road and Kill Avenue)	Design and implementation of walking and cycling facilities on Kill Avenue, Mounttown Road Upper / Lower, Glenageary Road Upper.	Detailed design ongoing. Tender for contractor in Q4 2023
Wyattville Road (Phase 2)	Design and implementation of walking and cycling facilities along Wyattville Road.	Construction completed
Cherrywood-Sandyford greenway	Design and implementation of a cycle route between Leopardstown Road and Ballyogan / Cabinteely area.	Revised options report received and being reviewed

Park to Park and Mountains to Metals Routes	Active School Travel Route commencing in Loughlinstown and ending in Blackrock via Loughlinstown Linear Park - Kilbogget Park - Clonkeen Park - Deansgrange - Rockville Park.	Deansgrange Road construction ongoing
Seafield Safe and Quiet Streets	Traffic calming and public realm enhancement scheme developed in conjunction with residents.	Detailed design underway
Love our Laneways	Upgrade of the existing laneways in Sallynoggin.	Construction underway
Cabinteely Park Greenway	Cornelscourt Road to Cherrywood.	Predesign engagement underway
Safe Routes to Schools	Carysfort NS, Holy Family, Holy Cross, St. Kevin's, St. Patricks, The Harold, Sion Hill	Lot 1 consultation completed and progressing to detailed design. Lot 2 design underway.
Living Streets: Dun Laoghaire	Pathfinder project	Part 8 underway.
Living Streets: Blackrock	Permanent scheme for the village.	Detailed design continuing
Living Streets: Coastal Mobility Route	Permanent scheme	Public consultation completed.
Deerpark Entrance Improvements	Accessibility improvements to the entrance off North Ave	Construction underway

Climate Action

- As a requirement of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, each local authority will prepare a Climate Action Plan in 2023/2024, addressing both climate mitigation and adaptation. The Council participated in national level workshops and meetings with the other Dublin local authorities, Dublin CARO (Climate Action Regional Office) and Codema, on the preparation of the draft Plan.
- On 20 September, the draft plan was launched for public consultation for a period of 6 weeks until 3 November. There were a number of events planned throughout the consultation period to engage the community and help promote/encourage submission of the draft plan.
- Following the public consultation, the Climate Team will produce a Chief Executives report summarising the submissions on the draft Plan. The Plan will require approval by resolution with or without amendments by the Elected Members in February 2024.
- The Art installation Linte na Farraige was extended to run through to the end of the public consultation period of the draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

- On December 13th dlr opened the grant applications for the Community Climate Action Programme. An allocation of €883,000 has been given to dlr for communities to carry out projects in their local area that have a *direct* climate action impact. An information session and workshop will be held on January 11th to support community groups to develop proposals for their local community action projects. The application portal will remain open until Wednesday, 6th March, 2024.

Property Management

- **Former Carnegie Library and ground floor Carnegie Offices, Library Road, Dún Laoghaire:**
- Disability Access Certification approved. Awaiting approval on A.I. for Fire (Regularisation) Certification to facilitate the IADT (Institute of Art, Design and Technology);
- New entranceway completed for the inter-connector linking both Carnegie Offices and former library building;
- Construction of special needs toilet completed as per Fire Regulation requirements.
- Painting and decorating of former library building nearing completion.
- Electrical and heating upgrade (in line with safety certification requirements) works to Carnegie Library progressing. Cleaning of main entranceway arranged. IADT to take up residence in early Q1, 2024.
- **9 Georges Place, Dún Laoghaire:**
Property is available and requires decision on its future use (property has recently been assessed by Fr. Peter McVerry Trust/Housing).
- **Wash House, Kelly's Avenue, Dún Laoghaire:**
Electrical, insulation and security alarm upgrade works completed which will enable the building, a Protected Structure, to be utilised.
- **Dalkey Garda Station Buildings:** DLR approached by LGMA/Dept of Children (DCEDIY) to project manage upgrade works to former Dalkey Garda Station buildings (currently in OPW ownership) for emergency Ukrainian Accommodation. Conservation report received, December 2023. Requires further investigations/costings for Fire Certification and Disability Access before project can commence.
- **Woodbrook DART Station:**
Licence issued September 2023 for 3 separate plots of land to allow access to Iarnród Éireann over Council owned land in order to commence construction of their new DART Station. Construction works on new station have now commenced.
- **East Coast Railway Infrastructure Protection Projects (ECRIPP):** Letter of Agreement issued Iarnród Éireann/C.I.É. and Jacobs Engineering enabling site access for ground and coastal assessment works to safeguard the future of railway infrastructure along the east coast. These works commencing mid-December 2023.
- **Glenamuck Road CPO:** Negotiations on-going between plot holders and our Valuers and negotiations are progressing.
- **Dom Marmion Society, Dundrum:** New 21 Year Lease approved at November 2023 Council Meeting.
- **Corrig Road -** Engagement with owners of units at Corrig Road, Sandyford, regarding purchase of same for civic park/SLO 57, County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Derelict sites October 2023 - December 2023:

Number on register:	Number added:	Number removed:	Section 11's served:	Levies served:	Levies received:
9	0	0	0	0	0

- **Letters of consent 1st October 2023 – 31st December 2023**

- 4 Original Letters
- 3 Re-issues

- ***Sandyford Commercial consents 1st October 2023 – 31st December 2023**

- Eight Sandyford consents applications received for Q4, 2023. However, two of the applications received require retrospective consents to be completed which comes to a total of 10 consents to be administered by Property Management Section.
- Processed and completed;
 - 3 Consents for approval and Sealing by An Cathaoirleach;
 - 1 With Legal Services – To be returned to Property Management for approval and Sealing by An Cathaoirleach;
 - 5 Awaiting Documents from Solicitors to process these Sandyford consents.

**The Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2020 (Schedule 3, Prescribed Notices, Form No. 2, p426) specifically states that "If you are not the legal owner, please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation."*

Environmental Enforcement Section and Animal Control

Dlr Litter Management Plan 2024-2026

The public consultation on the 2024-2026 dlr Litter Management Plan was completed in October and a report on this was presented to the December Council meeting. The Plan was adopted by the Council and is now available on our website. The plan outlines targets and objectives for tackling the problem of litter pollution and sets out to achieve quantifiable improvements in the prevention of litter with the following objectives:

- Prevent and control litter pollution in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
- Eliminate litter black spots
- On-going development of our education and awareness programmes in association with schools and communities
- Support any initiatives, new legislation and actions that arise from the recently published 'Draft Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy'.
- Ensure rigorous enforcement mechanisms of the Act and Byelaws are effective.

CCTV

The draft Codes of Practice for the use of CCTV and Mobile Recording Devices (MRDs) for use in the enforcement of the Waste Management Acts and Litter Pollution Acts were approved by Ossian Smyth, TD, Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Public Procurement, eGovernment, Communications and the Circular Economy, on 13th December 2023. They have been laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas by Local Authority Waste Programme Co-ordinator, Seán Scott, on behalf of the LGMA and in accordance with Sections 22 and 33 of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022. The commencement of the legislation, which has to be completed by the Attorney General's Office and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is expected to take place in early January 2024.

Air Monitoring

The section has received grant funding to install air quality monitors in 7 strategic locations around the county from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications. Due to a supply chain issue the installation has been delayed until January 2024. The installation will be accompanied by an information campaign on air quality in dlr.

Checkpoints

Waste Enforcement checkpoints were undertaken with An Garda Síochána, in October 2023.

Waste Enforcement

Waste Permit Monitoring

The enforcement section continues to validate data returns from waste collectors. Detailed audits are undertaken with certain waste collectors in our county with a focus on waste streams such as construction and demolition waste.

Noise Action Plan

The section is also making progress in the development of a new Noise Action Plan for the Dublin region and has participated in workshops through this period to ensure that the priorities of dlr are incorporated successfully into the new Noise Action Plan. An update on the Noise Action Plan was brought before the Environment and Climate SPC in December. The draft noise action plan will be completed in Q1 2024 and subject to a public consultation. It is anticipated that the plan will be completed with implementation commencing in Q2 2024.

DUBLIN WASTE TO ENERGY (DWTE)

The DWTE (DUBLIN WASTE TO ENERGY) Facility has received their final determination from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to process up to 690,000 tonnes per annum. The operator is reviewing the licence conditions.

Waste Management Section

We provide 3 Recycling Centres and 37 Bring Centres throughout the County which accept a total of approximately 15,000 tonnes of waste annually.

Ballyogan Recycling Park accepts a wide variety of waste types, Eden Park and Shanganagh Recycling Centres accept mainly mixed dry recyclables and the Bring Centres accept glass

bottles and aluminium/steel cans and textiles. Hard Plastics were accepted on a trial basis at Shanganagh and this service is continuing.

We participate in the Rediscovery Paint Re-Use Scheme and the Rotary Bikes to Africa Scheme at Ballyogan Recycling Park. We received 6.86 tonnes of paint and 491 bikes. The 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection was held on 7th October at Dún Laoghaire Harbour. The total tonnage of household hazardous waste received was 19,482 tonnes.

Environmental Enforcement Complaints 29th Sept – 31st Dec 2023	
Complaints Received	280
Complaints Closed	281

Litter & Waste 29th Sept – 31st Dec 2023	Number
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	44
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	2
Legal proceedings initiated.	6
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	416
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	423

Dog Statistics: 29th September – 31st December 2023	
No. of dogs on hand on 29 th September	5*
No. of dogs entering the shelter	20
No. of dogs Surrendered	1
No. of dogs rehomed	7
No. of dogs reclaimed	7
No. of dogs sent to rescue	10
No. of dogs put to sleep	0
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 31 st December	2
Dog attacks in this period*	17 – 9 on people 2 of these cases refer to the same attack

*At the end of September in the Q3 report, the report showed 7 dogs on hand in the shelter. This is due to the timing of receipt of data.

Routine Enforcement Section Inspections - Q4	Number completed
Air Incident/complaint related inspections	0
Ambient Air Monitoring Programme	1
Article 27 Inspections	4
Construction & Demolition handling at development sites	21
Commercial Food Waste	98
Deco Paints Regulations – Vehicle Refinishers	1
Hazardous waste (e.g., garages, mini-labs, C&D sites, industrial, healthcare & others)	1
Inspections (environmental) in advance of grant/refusal of planning permission	0
Inspections (environmental) of existing planning permissions	3
Mercury inspections	0
Noise / Vibration Incident/complaint related inspections	11
Solid fuel regulations	3
Solvents Regulations (e.g., Dry cleaners, surface cleaning etc.)	1
Tyres and End of Life Tyres	2
Vehicle Checkpoints	2

Architects

Energy

DLR has held ISO50001 Energy Management System certification since 2016. Compliance with the standard requires annual surveillance audits and in-depth recertification audits every three years. Since initial certification in 2016, each of the annual audits were undertaken by Certification Europe, however this year we changed to National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) as our certification body. 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.

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	13
Not Dangerous	3
Total	16

Community, Cultural Services & Parks

Community Response Forum

The Community Response Forum met 6 times in relation to the Ukraine crisis. The focus of the Forum is on co-ordinating the response to the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in the County. The wide range of stakeholders in the Forum remains in place.

A range of supports and activities were in place, including English language classes and employment support classes. These are available to all displaced Ukrainians within the County.

Community Recognition Fund

Community Department continued to work with the successful applicants under the Community Recognition Fund to progress their projects.

LCDC

The LCDC held 2 meetings in this quarter – 28th June 2023 and 6th September 2023.

Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

Public consultation for the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2028 which took place between from April – May 2023 has included written submissions, surveys, interviews and workshops. Views, ideas and feedback were invited from the public, businesses and other key stakeholders for the new LECP. The deadline for submissions was extended and closed on Friday 19th May 2023.

Joint Policing Committee (JPC) & Local Policing Fora (LPF)

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

There were four Local Policing Fora meetings held in the quarter as follows.

A meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF took place on 30th August 2023

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.

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

A Joint Policing Committee (JPC) Meeting took place on the 30th May. This was followed by the annual public JPC Meeting. Both meetings took place in the Talbot Hotel Stillorgan.

At the committee meeting, The Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2023-2028 was presented and was agreed by the committee.

There were 5 Local Policing Fora meetings held in this quarter. The meetings took place on the following dates:

- Sandyford/Stepaside - 25th April
- Central Dun Laoghaire – 10th May
- Dundrum/Stillorgan – 11th May
- Ballybrack/Loughlinstown Shankill – 6th June
- Sandyford Stepside – 13th June

Operation Irene 2023 was launched in Kilbogget Park, Cabinteely on Thursday 15th June 2023.



This is a targeted multi-agency operation to combat underage alcohol consumption and consumption of alcohol in public places throughout the Dublin Metropolitan Region and specifically in the Dún Laoghaire area, through the enforcement of legislation regulating the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol as well as relevant public order legislation.



Community Support Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme

This DRCD grant fund closed for application in February with 70 applications received for funding support. €296,010 is available to community groups across three categories – capital projects, operating costs and ringfenced women’s shed funding.

Comhairle na nÓg

In October and November Dlr Comhairle were busy preparing for and hosting the Annual Dlr Comhairle na nÓg Youth Conference. While December has been focused on bringing the new Dlr Comhairle na nÓg members together to begin the process of committee elections and brain storm on the work topic for 2024, School and School related stress.

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.

Age-Friendly & Social Inclusion Programme, Q4 2023 Management Report:

The [dlr Festival of Inclusion 2023](#) finished up during November with Diwali and India Fest celebrations as well as the Global Brain Health Institute series of talks that took place in dlr LexIcon library. Over 40 organisations and groups organised and participated in almost 60 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, trips, tea dances, fashion shows, sports and physical activities, open days and official launches, workshops and much more. Almost 3,000 people attended the variety of events that took place as part of the festival, not including the India Fest celebration.

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 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 with estimated attendance of 3,000. India Fest was organised by Social Space Ireland with support from DLRCC Social Inclusion Unit, Parks and Events office.

The **dlr Older People's Council (OPC)** met during October and November and Chief Executive Frank Curran met with the dlr OPC at their November meeting and presentations were made on the Dún Laoghaire Living Streets plans as well as the Healthy Age-Friendly Homes' programme at their meetings.

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 with representation from DLRCC attending the awards.

Dormant Accounts Funding

dlr Libraries successfully received funding of €28,000 to progress 4 projects under Dormant Accounts Funding, provided by Department of Rural and Community Development.

- Event programming for Ukrainian families in the County
- Accessible Services – events and talks for those with additional needs and their families
- Sensory Equipment – including signage, sensory toys
- Literacy supports – LOTE (Languages other than English)

Creative Ireland Funding

2022 saw the completion of 50+ projects under the Creative Ireland Programme, with over an audience of 11,500 across the year.

Funding in the amount of €394,061 has been claimed by DLRCC in 2022 under the various funding strands including Creativity in Older Age, Social Prescribing, Cruinniú na nÓg and Economic Action Fund.

dlr Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023-2027

Draft document approved for the next 5 years of Creative Ireland.

Callout for event facilitators 2023-2025

68 successful applicants from 75 received.

Dún Laoghaire Baths Artists' Studios

Following the extensive redevelopment of Dún Laoghaire Baths, the Arts Office has advertised opportunities for artists to apply for new workspaces. Six awards are currently available to support local artists with rent free, purpose-built artist workspaces and project funding. Two studios are available to assist local artists to develop their practice in Dún Laoghaire. A Public Art commission will fund a studio and the creation of new work in response to the theme of Home. A fourth opportunity will allow artists to engage in a series of 3-month residencies in a new large workshop space that invites the public into the Baths to engage with the creative process. The studios are provided rent free with additional funding support to assist with the purchase of materials, the making of new work or the presentation of workshops, talks and performances.

These opportunities are funding by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office, the Arts Council, Creative Ireland and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/d%C3%BAAn-laoghaire-baths-studios>

Libraries

Q4: 29 September to 31 December 2023

Capital Projects

Stillorgan Library

Sod was turned for Stillorgan Library, in the beginning of November, by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Denis O'Callaghan as part of the St Laurence's Development. The contractor is now

onsite, work is underway and good progress is being made on delivering the brand new 2-storey multifunctional space, with an expected opening in 2026.

Ballyogan Library

Work continues on the strip out of the leisure centre facilities at the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, including partitions, shower rooms and any extraneous plant equipment that will not be needed in the next phase of the development, where a Library is due to be delivered for the community next year.

Both projects above have also been submitted under the Libraries Capital Programme 2023-2027 Call Out.

Creative Ireland Programme update

Funding in the amount of €281,290 has been claimed by DLRCC in 2023 under the various funding strands including Cruinniú na nÓg, Creativity in Older Age and Social Prescribing. This funding is provided by the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (TCAGSM) and Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH).

Virtual Reality has come to dlr Libraries!

dlr Libraries and An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan were delighted to be the first Library service in Europe to launch the Rendevar virtual reality kit on 12 December.

Rendevar, an American company particularly interested in older persons health & wellbeing, developed a package of virtual reality hardware, software, and wide-ranging content, that creates shared experiences for the senior age cohort, where the group can be transported into an immersive experience anywhere in the world, together! This experience has been proven to be especially moving among older adults experiencing cognitive decline, impaired vision or mobility restrictions. The product got a special mention in Time magazine for its help fighting social isolation in the global pandemic, and it won Time Best inventions in 2022.

The kit, including headsets, is networked to a tablet with wide ranging content on it, from diving with dolphins, to flying in a hot air balloon, to visiting anywhere in the world, and every user is experiencing the same thing at the same time. Rendevar has developed customised reminiscence therapy tools, allowing people to revisit locations from their past and chat with the group about it. It also provides opportunities to be unhindered with mobility issues, check off bucket list items, and engage with the world in ways no longer thought possible. It can also help rekindle old connections or develop new ones, through the power of shared experience!

Users can be guided by a moderator either within the group or by library staff, participating in experiences, games, quizzes and much more. We are looking forward to working with interested groups using this fantastic fun new technology to help us meet our Age Friendly and Digital Inclusion goals.



Image: Launch of Rendever VR headsets with An Cathaoirleach Cllr Denis O'Callaghan

We have also purchased Class VR sets with a different target market in mind – they will be for use with schoolchildren and include content based on the Curriculum, including literary modules such as content relating to Shakespeare's works.

ACORN Tablets

Our popular lending programme of age friendly Acorn tablets continued. The Acorn is designed with user-friendly, easy-to-use technology, aimed at older people with little or no computer or smart device experience. We trained hundreds of older users throughout 2023 on how to use these devices with one-on-one tailored sessions.

We have also rolled out staff training for media literacy, shared curated content with the developer of the tablets, on resources regarding misinformation, media literacy, and tips on how to protect yourself and avoid financial scams, in the suggested content for older users.

ICT Grant

€86,000 euro was awarded by the Department of Rural and Community Development to dlr Libraries to replace all public access computers across all dlr Libraries, as well as other new pieces of equipment such as Apple Macs and laptops for staff outreach. The equipment is currently being configured and upgraded to Windows 11 and will be rolled out in the New Year.

DAF Funding

€5,700 spent on new additions to the ASC collection and programming for the neurodiverse with DRCD funding for 90% totalling €5,010.06. The ASC lending collection includes sensory/tactile toys and equipment; tools to help build motor skills and items that may help develop life skills and literacy.

Healthy Ireland Funding

Some sensory seating was purchased with the help of Healthy Ireland Grant funding and events and event programming under well-being continues.

Parks Capital Projects – Q4 2023 Progress							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Greenways in Holly Park/Springhill/Rockfield						✓	Complete
Blackrock Park – Booterstown Entrance						✓	Complete
Rosemont School Pitches						✓	Complete in June 2022.
Killiney Hill Accessible Entrance						✓	Complete in May 2023.
Corke Abbey/Woodbrook Glen Improvements						✓	Playground to be opened in early May 2023.
Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening						✓	Complete in Oct 2023.
Meadowbrook Pitches, Padel Courts & Teenage Play						✓	Complete in Oct 2023.
Grass Pitch Refurbishments					✓		Works started in April 2023 for 6 grass pitches (+ running track at Kilbogget) – pitches out of use until Sep 2024.
Oatlands All Weather Pitch					✓		Works commenced in Aug 2023 for completion in July 2024.
Mounttown Boxing Facility					✓		Works to commence in Jan 2024 for completion in Dec 2024.
Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion)					✓		Modular building being constructed off site – for completion in Q3 2024
Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 3		✓				✓	Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-leash area, sports pavilion complete. Adventure Play Space being progressed.
Blackrock Park - Phase 2			✓		✓	✓	Teenage zone, boules court and play space complete, renovation of steps for completion in Q1 2024, seating and planting for completion in Q1 2024. Conservation Architect led team appointed for the kiosk building – detail design on-going.

Parks Capital Projects – Q4 2023 Progress							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Pavement Improvement Programme				✓	✓		Works and procurements on-going.
Marlay Golf Redevelopment				✓			On-going.
Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1			✓				New Part 8 closed in late May 2023. EIA has been appealed to An Bord Pleanála.
Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works				✓			Works to commence in Q2 2024 – for completion in Q4 2024
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2			✓				Works scheduled to commence in Q4 2024 for completion in Q4 2025.
New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross			✓				Works scheduled to commence in Q3 2024 for completion in Q4 2024.
Play Space Development (East & West)		✓	✓				Priority projects for completion in Q4 2024.
Jamestown Park Masterplan		✓					Masterplan considerations on-going.
Parks Depots	✓						Initial stakeholder engagement is taking place.
Shanganagh Castle Sports Facilities	✓						Recent structural and renewable energy studies complete. Uncertainty on short term use – on hold.
Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch	✓						Delay due to Dept. of Education review. On hold
Cabinteely Park Projects	✓						No progress
Dalkey Island (Upgrade Tower & Gun Battery)	✓						No progress
Marlay Park Masterplan	✓						No progress. Recent pedestrian entrance constructed and putting green with Pdraig Harrington.
Wetlands & Attenuation (East & West)	✓						Recent work on Cabinteely Pond. Other projects being identified.

Parks Capital Projects – Q4 2023 Progress							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Sandyford Urban Open Space	✓						Acquisition is being progressed.
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	✓						No funding available. On hold.
Shanganagh Crematorium	✓						No funding available. On hold.
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms	✓						No funding available. On hold.

COCO Markets

During the month of October, November & December 2023, we received 48 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

Source	Date request received	Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun	Category	Accepted
CRM 301608	06/10/2023		1	1	Craft	Y
Email	10/10/2023	1			Craft	N
Email	10/10/2023	1			Craft	N
CRM 302588	09/10/2023	1	1	1	Craft	N
CRM 303364	10/10/2023		1	1	Non-Craft	N (electricity)
CRM 303140	11/10/2023		1	1	Craft	Y
CRM 303052	13/10/2023	1			Other food	N
CRM 300773	16/10/2023		1	1	Hot Food	N (electricity)
Email	19/10/2023	1	1	1	Craft	N
CRM-304688	24/10/2023			1	Craft	N
Total October		5	6	7	Total accepted	2
CRM 305863	02/11/2023	1			Craft	Y
CRM 304726	03/11/2023		1	1	Craft	Y
Email	06/11/2023	1			Craft	Y
CRM 305592	02/11/2023	1	1	1	Craft	N
Email	03/11/2023	1			Hot food	N
CRM 306927	14/11/2023		1	1	Hot food	N
Email	26/11/2023	1			Craft	Y

Email	24/11/2023			1	Other food	
CRM 307002	14/11/2023		1	1	Craft	N (electricity)
Email	08/11/2023	1			Craft	N
CRM 306228	08/11/2023		1	1	Craft	N
Email	06/11/2023	1			Craft	N
Email	01/11/2023	1			Craft	Y
CRM 308726	30/11/2023			1	Craft	Y
Total November		8	6	7	Total accepted	6
Email	01/12/2023	1			Producer	N
CRM 308673	06/12/2023	1		1	Hot Food	N
Email	08/12/2023		1	1	Producer	Y
CRM 309233	04/12/2023	1	1		Producer	Y
CRM 309524	11/12/2023		1	1	Craft	N
Total December		3	3	3	Total accepted	2
Total Quarter 4 2023		16	15	17	Total	48

Commemorative Benches & Trees

During the month of October, November & December 2023, we received X Commemorative Benches & Trees applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

Source	Date request received	Trees	Benches	Location	Accepted
CRM 302578	09/10/2023		X	Killiney	Y
Email	16/10/2023	X		Marlay	
Email	19/10/2023		X	Ballawley Park	
CRM-303965	21/10/2023		X	Marlay	
Total October		1	3		
Email	02/11/2023		X	Deerpark	Y
Email	10/11/2023		X	Cabinteely	Y
Email	07/11/2023		X	Cherrywood	
CRM 305195	08/11/2023		X	Taney Green	
Email	10/11/2023		X	Cabinteely	
CRM 306891	14/11/2023		X	Cabinteely	
Email	14/11/2023		X	Dodder Greenway	Y
CRM 307243	16/11/2023		X	Marlay	
CRM 300721	13/11/2023		X	Kilbogget Park	Y
Email	15/11/2023	X		Crosthwaite Park	
Total November		1	9		4
CRM 307824	08/12/2023	X	X	Cabinteely	
CRM 309411	12/12/2023		X	Cabinteely	

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

Filming in the Park

During the month of October, November & December 2023, we received 5 Filming in the Park requests. These applications were for short term filming or photography shoots:

Source	Location	Date Request Received	Date of Filming	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
305355	Fernhill Park	27/10/2023	03/12/2023	N	Funding issue
305467	Killiney Hill Park	31/10/2023	13/11/2023	Y	
306142	Killiney Hill Park	06/11/2023	01/12/2023-3 days	Y	
308456	Carysfort Park	27/11/2023	30/11/2023	Y	
309696	Ticknick Park	08/12/2023	15/12/2023	Y	

Filming in the Heritage Houses

During the month of October, November & December 2023, we received 2 Heritage House Film request. These applications were for longer term filming:

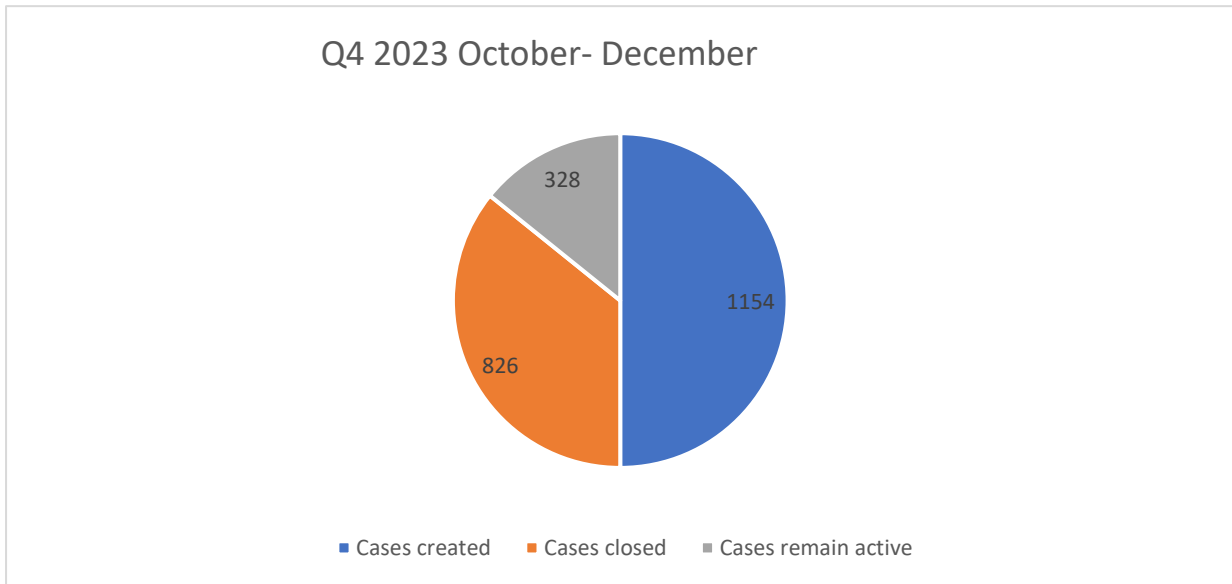
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DLR Sports Partnership Update–October to December 2023

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

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

CRM Report



Rep cases closed last 3 months – 242 cases.

Q4 – 1154 created 328 remain active 826 closed

DEC – 237 created 120 remain active 117 closed

Rep cases open over a year - 30

Rep cases closed last 3 months – 242

Rep cases closed Jan-Dec 2023 – 721 (includes 1-4th jan)

Public cases open over a year – 212

Public cases closed last 3 months – 912

Public cases closed jan-dec 2023 – 3,296 (includes 1-4th jan)

Allotments

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

Mount Anville Sept to December 2023	
Allotments currently in use	103

Vacant plots	7
Total Plots	110

During the months of October, November, and December 2023 we have been liaising with the allotment plot holders. An inspection was carried out at Castle Allotments in Shankill in October. In December, the annual licence renewal letters were sent to all plot holders in both Castle and Mount Anville Allotments.

Biodiversity

- Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Restoration Project – Fencing and signage commenced in Dec 2023.
- Killiney Hill Fire Strategy - Goat Grazing Pilot project in development over Nov – Dec 2023 with the Irish Goat Society and will be commencing Jan/Feb 2024 at the quarry area in Killiney Hill Park.
- Killiney Hill Habitat and Species Management Plan – ecology surveys and reports reviewed in Oct – Nov and the Plan development commenced in Dec 2023 and NPWS consultation due in Jan/Feb. This work was co funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Dalkey Islands Tern Project Review – public surveys and site assessments reviewed in Oct – Nov and report in progress in Dec – NPWS consultation due in Jan/Feb. This work was co funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- DLR working with the Broadford Court residences created a wildlife pond in their courtyard area within the defunct fountain.
- DLR helped Shanganagh Community Gardens to develop their biodiversity area including the treatment of invasives and planting yellow rattle in Dec 2023 (yellow rattle likes cold ground/weather).
- Brent Geese online event in Oct 2023 with FCC and DCC detailing the findings of the Brent Geese Tagging Project
- DLR Biodiversity Officer attended the Climate Change Plan consultations in Oct 2023.
- DLR Biodiversity Officer and Parks staff meeting with ecologist in developing the Kilbogget Biodiversity Plan
- DLR Biodiversity Officer presented to Parks staff on biodiversity and importance of riparian areas, at the Parks Staff Development Day
- Guidance on Approaches to Net Gains for Biodiversity in New Developments – data collection, meetings and consultations with UK and others (who have started to implement their approaches) have commenced from Sept - Dec 2023. Further workshops with dlr departments, various interested parties, LAs and government bodies. FCC and DCC will co fund this project.
- Biodiversity and Cycleways draft guidance completed in October 2023 and workshops with dlr departments, various interested parties, LAs and government bodies will take place in Feb/Mar 2024.
- DLR Biodiversity Officer input to the draft national - County Biodiversity Plan Guidance - developed by the Heritage Council in Nov - Dec 2023.
- AIPP Annual reporting for pollinators by DLR
- Attended and presented at the Biosphere Partners meeting and Biosphere Conservation Group meeting in Nov 2023
- Attended meeting in Deansgrange in Nov 2023 with invasive specialists, Heritage Officer, Parks and cemeteries staff to discuss a proposal for managing horsetail there.

- Meetings with church groups regarding the objective set by Catholic Bishops of 30% rewilding of church lands
- Completion of all invasive alien species treatments and reporting for 2023. Some of this work was co funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Input to various departments projects, plans etc.

Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Restoration Project



DLR have been working for many years to try to conserve red squirrel species and, in consultation with NPWS aim to restore the red squirrel habitats on Killiney Hill to help this species survive as they are the only remaining population in Dublin.



In order to restore some areas for the red squirrel fencing was commenced in December 2023 and is erected along the red squirrel main habitat to allow recovery of their habitat and to also plant some native species to assist recovery. We have engaged with the public, putting signs up and distributing leaflets to the surrounding residential areas and also in the tea rooms. We have also a website page explaining the project.

The habitat recovery will be monitored by ecologists and the red squirrel population will continue to be monitored by the mammal specialists annually.

Killiney Hill Fire Strategy and the DLR Goat Grazing Pilot Project

Grazing can be used to maintain areas and manage vegetation for many reasons including for the management of fire breaks. Goat grazing has been recommended as part of the Killiney Hill Fire Strategy 2023 to maintain fire breaks and other strategic areas identified by the fire experts. Goat grazing can also be important for conservation and to help maintain and enhance biodiversity.

These dual goals for fire management and also for biodiversity will be applied through goat grazing at Killiney Hill. DLR have been working with the Irish Goat Society's goat herder Melissa Jeuken to develop a suitable pilot project for the DLR Killiney Hill goat grazing project. This will commence in Jan/Feb 2024.



Photo: Melissa Jeukin Irish Goat Society and Therese Langan Director of Services DLR Community and Cultural Development

Killiney Hill Habitat and Species Management Plan

A series of specialist ecological surveys were carried out throughout 2023 on Killiney Hill and coastline. These surveys included habitats, flora including rare species and invasive species, birds, bats, badgers and other mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Each specialist provided a report and made recommendations. Since October we have started developing a Habitat and Species Management Plan and will use the specialists reports along with other information to develop a series of actions for Killiney Hill and surrounds. The final plan will be finalised in consultation with NPWS in February 2024. This work was co funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Dalkey Islands Tern Project Review

Dalkey islands are designated as a European or Natura 2000 site called a Special Protection Area (SPA) and it is designated for tern species (Common Tern, Arctic Tern and Roseate Tern). It is important that we provide terns with space to nest and roost. Birdwatch Ireland work on the Tern Project since 2016 and DLR support this project through funding.

As the terns have faced many challenges from predators such as gulls and rats, climate change, human disturbance and avian flu, DLR wish to review the project and examine ways in which we might assist the tern colonies for the future through management and interventions. The Dalkey Islands Tern Project Review commenced over the summer of 2023 with surveys and assessments. The results of these were collated into a report with

recommendations during Oct – Dec 2023 and will be finalised in consultation with NPWS by Feb 2024. This work was co funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Approaches to Net Gains for Biodiversity in New Developments

DLR has commenced developing a guidance for developers - for Approaches to Net Gains for Biodiversity in New Developments in Oct 2023. This is an approach to new development that aims to achieve net gains for biodiversity and to design and manage developments in a manner that leaves biodiversity in a better state is needed.

A new approach was taken in England using the 'Biodiversity Net Gain' (BNG) approach for developments to achieve a 10% increase in biodiversity units, calculated using a metric that compares habitats before and after development. Scotland and Wales developed similar frameworks, implemented under planning policy. However, there is currently no national policy or legislation in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland regarding this process.

The guidance is likely to be finalised by March 2024 following a series of stakeholder engagement and workshops with dlr departments, various interested parties, LAs and government bodies. FCC and DCC will co fund this project.

Heritage

- **Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology** talks in Glencullen Community Centre, Tallaght Library, free guided walk in Tibbradden Forest, training session on Dublin Mountains Archaeology for Stillorgan College of Further Education tour-guiding students, printing and distribution of "Sléibhte Séadchomhartha Bhaile Atha Cliath"
- Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology initiative shortlisted at **Excellence in Local Government Awards**
- Heritage session provided for **HSE Social Prescribing Creative Café** in dlr Lexicon
- **Open House Dublin 2023** events; *Grounded*, a geology walk in Blackrock Park, open access to Obelisk at Killiney, and the Oratory
- Decade of Centenaries funded performances of **Juggernaut by Balally Players**, 1920's play set in Killiney, performed in Mill Theatre, dlr Lexicon, St. Enda's Pearse Museum, Enniscorthy
- **Know Your Locality** free online 5 week heritage course and site visit
- Development and promotion of **dlr People's Archive Day** (January 12th) – Decade of Centenaries co-funded
- Dlr **Heritage community grant scheme** – online webinars, support for applicants, applications assessed, 50% increase in heritage applications on previous year
- **Recoument** of government grants; Decade of Centenaries, Heritage Council, Creative Ireland, Community Monument Fund
- Attendance at **Climate Action Plan** public events in Dundrum and County Hall
- Input to repair of walls at dlr **historic cemeteries**
- Surveys completed to guide restoration of **haha** at Marlay Park
- Conservation architect advice for bringing **Deansgrange Cemetery** chapel buildings into use
- Support for 105th annual **RMS Leinster** wreath laying ceremony
- Dlr **tourism strategy** input
- **Dublin Bay Biosphere** partnership meeting
- Heritage Officer on panel at Local Authority **Decade of Centenaries Forum**
- Heritage Officer at **Heritage Ireland 2023** summit

- Methodology developed for conservation works at **Carrickmines Castle** site
- Draft conservation management plan for **Carrickbrennan graveyard**
- CMF funded conservation works at **Puck's Castle**
- Input to **Heritage Council brochure** on work of Heritage Officers
- Research for "**Women of Deansgrange Cemetery**" brochure
- James Joyce Tower and Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre **board meetings**
- Presentation of new **Dalkey Castle video** at SPC
- Advice for **2024 Community Monument Fund** applicants
- Naming and numbering **planning compliance** reports
- Ongoing **liaison and advice** to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups