

# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **FEBRUARY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**30<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

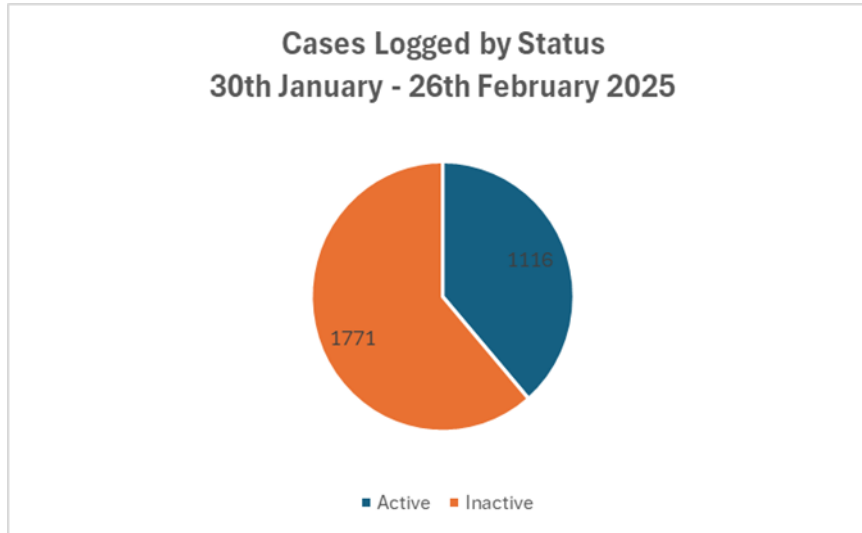


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\*Included in Quarterly Management Report

**CRM Statistics**  
**Civic Hub Stats**



Open	1116
Closed	1771

Section/Department	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	3	7	10
Comms & Civic Hub	6	12	18
Community	4	2	6
Corporate Service	4	318	322
dlrcoco	16	7	23
Enterprise		1	1
Environment	1		1
Finance	14	157	171
Harbour		9	9
Housing	55	121	176
ICC	733	897	1630
IT	1		1
Parks	261	213	474
Planning & Economic Development	4	13	17
Property	10	3	13
Water Services	4	11	15

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1116</b>	<b>1771</b>	<b>2887</b>
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**Civic Hub Activities:  
Cases logged from**

<b>Phone Statistics</b>	Total Calls Received	Answered Directly	Answered after being on hold	Out of Hours
	8301	4400	2735	1166

<b>Categories received</b>	Total	Info@	Cllr Portal	Oireachtas@
	2679	2106	354	219

<b>Counter Interactions</b>	Total	Civic Hub	Appointments
	300	265	35

**Communications Office**

The Communications Office oversees communications for the organisation and is responsible for all internal and external communications, public relations, corporate branding, creative graphic design, crisis management, advertising, event promotion and marketing extending across all service departments.

We publish four editions of the dlr Times in Irish/English which is distributed to every household in the County (70k).

We also manage the Irish Office and the Office of An Cathaoirleach.

**30 January 2025 to 26 February 2025 - Monthly Report for dlrcoco.ie and dlrlibraries.ie**

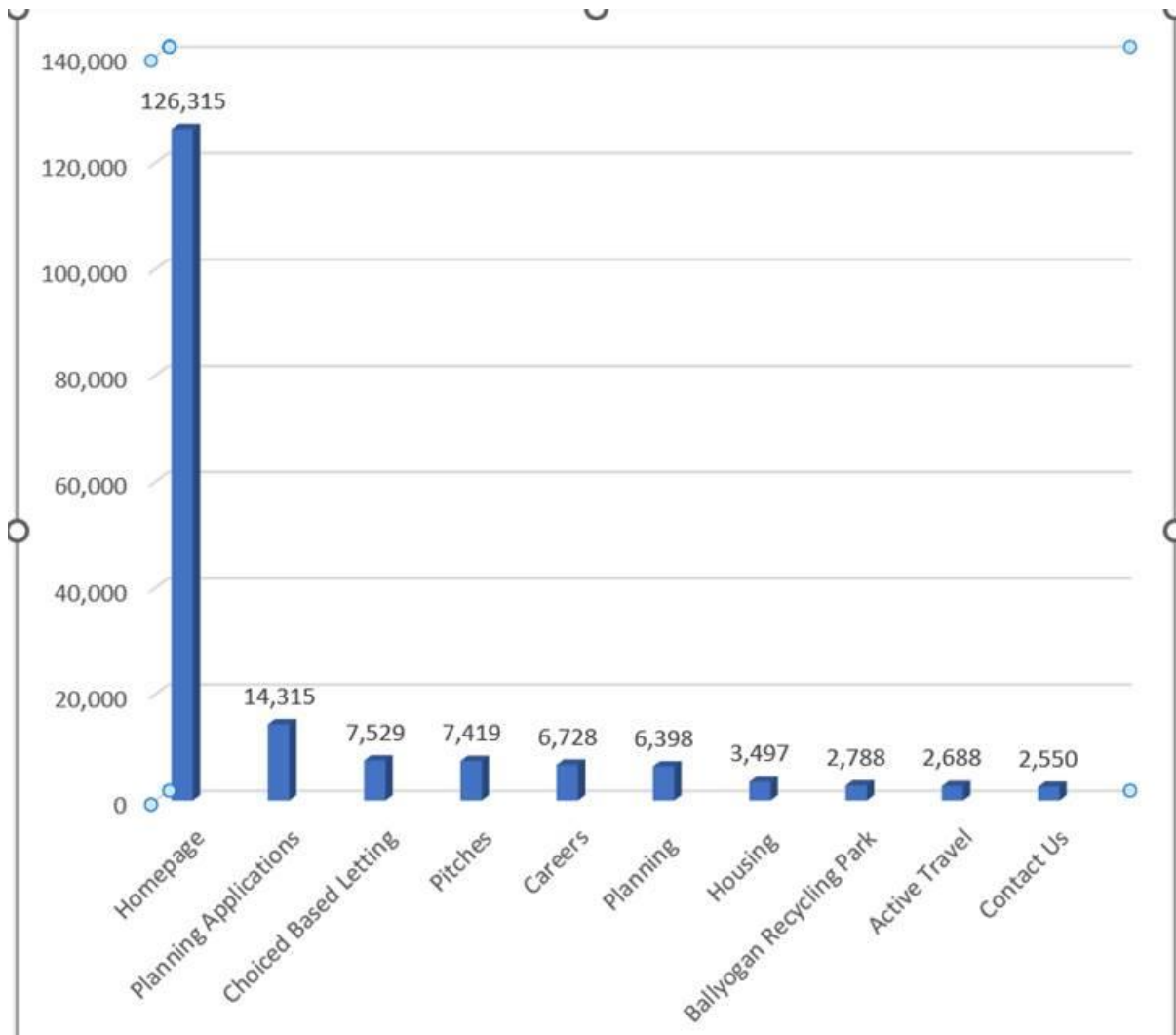
Website Activity – Page views and number of users

Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	297,852	78,775
dlrLibraries	41,180	15,607

**Compared to 19 December 2024 – 29 January 2025**

Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	470,337	133,261
dlrLibraries	56,396	20,596

**Top viewed pages on dlrcoco.ie**



**Press Releases:** 6

**Press Queries:** 15

**Public Consultations:** 3

**Highest Performing News Stories from 19 December 2024 to 29 January 2025**

1. [Drop-In Information Session for a Proposed Housing Development off Leopardstown Road | Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council](#)- Views 1,884
2. [Kiltiernan - Glenamuck Local Area Plan now on display | Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council](#) - Views 842
3. [Public Consultation: Proposal of Residential Development at Leopardstown Road | Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council](#) - Views 633

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### Social Media Activity

#### Highest performing social media posts on Facebook

1. New Housing Development off Leopardstown Road.
2. Traffic works at Baker's Corner.
3. Public Consultation on

Post Title	Total Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares	Post Link Clicks	Other Post Clicks
New Housing Development off Leopardstown Road, Dublin...	4,420	51	20	14	804	3,531
The dlr Central (Active Travel Improvement Scheme) will begin construction on Wednesday the 5th...	2,022	42	68	5	281	1,626
dlr are inviting the public to make submissions in relation to a new housing development proposal in t...	1,328	13	5	3	363	944

#### Highest performing social media posts on LinkedIn

1. Current Vacancies.
2. Reference Post Vacancy.
3. WAM Ahead.ie.

Post Title	Total Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares	Post Clicks (All)
We are #hiring 🗨️ Our current vacancies are as follow: ■ Senior Economic Development Officer ■...	789	17	0	4	768
We are #hiring 🗨️ Referencer ! For more information and to apply click here: <a href="https://bit.ly/41cSeZt...">https://bit.ly/41cSeZt...</a>	91	10	1	1	79
Are you a graduate with a disability looking for employment? We have teamed up with WAM programme a...	82	11	0	6	65

### Highest performing social media posts on Instagram

1. New Housing Development off Leopardstown Road.
2. Centre for Creative Lifelong Learning.
3. Maintenance work at Seapoint.

Post Description	Total Engagements	Likes	Comments	Shares	Saves
We are proposing a new housing development of 80 no. residential units off Leopardstown Road, Dublin...	94	68	9	3	14
dlr have proposed works planned to provide a Centre for Creative Lifelong Learning at 9 George's Place and at...	77	73	2	0	2
Our Beaches team are currently carrying out maintenance improvement works at Seapoint...	74	73	0	0	1

### Highest performing Reels on Instagram

1. St Patrick's Day Festival 1.
2. St Patrick's Day Festival 2.
3. Draft Map.

Post Description	Total Engagements	Likes	Comments	Shares	Saves
The much-anticipated Dún Laoghaire St Patrick's Day Parade is set to make a triumphant return this year. The...	43	38	0	4	1
Join us in Dún Laoghaire for the St Patrick's Day Parade! The parade, scheduled for 17 March at 11am,...	39	35	0	2	2
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council are seeking submissions on the draft map for 2026 for the...	17	14	0	1	2

### Highest performing social media posts on X

1. Roadworks at Baker's Corner.
2. Maintenance work at Seapoint.
3. Centre for Creative Lifelong Learning.

  @dlrcc □  
 Fri 1/31/2025 4:47 pm GMT

The dlr Central (Active Travel Improvement Scheme) will begin construction on the 5th of February...



Total Engagements	109
Likes	6
@Replies	1
Reposts	2
Post Link Clicks	64
Other Post Clicks	36
Other Engagements	0

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  @dlrcc □  
 Fri 1/31/2025 11:00 am GMT

Our Beaches team are currently carrying out maintenance improvement works at Seapoint...



Total Engagements	88
Likes	6
@Replies	0
Reposts	6
Post Link Clicks	6
Other Post Clicks	69
Other Engagements	1

...  

  @dlrcc □  
 Thu 2/13/2025 9:30 am GMT

dlr have proposed works planned to provide a Centre for Creative Lifelong Learning at 9 George's Place and at...



Total Engagements	87
Likes	9
@Replies	0
Reposts	3
Post Link Clicks	30
Other Post Clicks	45
Other Engagements	0

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## Social media statistics

We have 999,66 followers across all social accounts including the corporate account, dlr events, dlr arts, libraries, LEO office, dlr heritage and dlr Sports Partnership.

We published 538 posts from 30 January to 26 February 2025.

Further breakdown below of the accounts and performance.

### Audience growth

- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Facebook** increased by 55 followers.
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Instagram** increased by 273 followers.
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **LinkedIn** increased by 123 followers.

Profile	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
<b>Reporting Period</b> Jan 30, 2025 – Feb 26, 2025	99,966	336	538	621,375	24,429	3.9%	26,594
Facebook: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdo...	23,558	55	128	242,941	14,533	6%	2,170
Instagram: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdo...	5,016	24	37	71,898	4,590	6.4%	679
LinkedIn: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdo...	3,659	123	13	11,046	1,705	15.4%	254
Website: dlrcoco.ie	12,328	273	176	205,505	1,631	0.8%	19,628
X: @dlrcc	20,490	-57	99	62,678	1,541	2.5%	1,491
Facebook: dlrevents	14,479	-1	15	21,401	311	1.5%	2,357
X: @leo_dlr	5,395	-12	54	2,359	69	2.9%	1
X: @DLR_Libraries	8,422	-58	6	1,216	25	2.1%	2
Facebook: DLR Arts Office	2,781	-2	4	1,926	20	1%	12
X: @dlrheritevents	3,838	-9	6	405	4	1%	0

## **Water Services**

### **Carrickmines Shanganagh River Flood Relief Scheme:**

Preliminary designs and environmental assessments have been completed including an Environmental Impact Assessment Report. Approval has been received from the OPW, the funding agency, to progress to the planning stage and the scheme has now been submitted to An Bord Pleanála for a determination. Such determination is unlikely until early/mid 2026.

### **Deansgrange Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme:**

The scheme received planning approval following a Part 8 Planning process and a referral to An Bord Pleanála, in May 2023. Design work is underway on several elements and advance environmental work (otter camera surveys, invasives removal, ecological surveys etc.) in addition to preliminary archaeological excavations taking place for the flood storage area proposed for Glenavon Park.

Ongoing liaison is taking place with key stakeholders on other elements of the project namely flood walls in private property on Killiney Hill Road and Irish Rail re the proposed flood relief tunnel under the rail line.

### **Fernhill Park SuDS and Climate Adaption Measure:**

Design work is advanced on the proposed pond in Fernhill Park which is a collaboration project with Parks. This will provide an element of Sustainable urban Drainage and also will assist with Climate Change Adaption.

### **River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 3:**

This scheme is a collaborative project with Dublin City Council. The preliminary design is nearing completion, an EIAR preparation is underway, and a ground investigation has commenced. It is planned to hold a Public Consultation Day later in the year and submit the scheme to ABP following that.

### **Water Pollution Control Section**

The misconnection surveys were carried out in the Deansgrange Catchment. This catchment will be the primary focus for the misconnection team in 2025.

Five Septic Tank Inspection was carried out and one farm survey was completed.

One Section 4 Licenses (under the Water Pollution Acts) to discharge to waters was processed.

Paul Buggy represented DLR at the Coastwatch/More4Nature Workshop in County Hall on 25/02/25.

<b>DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/01/2025</b>				
<b>SERVICE DIVISION</b>	<b>Balance at 01/01/2025 €</b>	<b>Expenditure YTD €</b>	<b>Income YTD €</b>	<b>Balance at 31/01/2025 €</b>
<b>1 Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	<b>7,235,608</b>	<b>10,458,154</b>	<b>9,681,422</b>	<b>6,458,876</b>
<b>2 Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	<b>7,125,260</b>	<b>601,885</b>	<b>373,736</b>	<b>6,897,111</b>
<b>3 Total Water Services</b>	<b>2,431,038</b>	<b>28,373</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>2,415,165</b>
<b>4 Total Development Management</b>	<b>183,779,521</b>	<b>685,370</b>	<b>709,177</b>	<b>183,803,328</b>
<b>5 Total Environmental Services</b>	<b>3,612,539</b>		<b>70,833</b>	<b>3,683,372</b>
<b>6 Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	<b>17,476,797</b>	<b>862,784</b>	<b>705,470</b>	<b>17,319,484</b>
<b>7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health &amp; Safety</b>	<b>5,273,003</b>	<b>37,552</b>		<b>5,235,451</b>
<b>8 Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	<b>39,066,930</b>	<b>806,949</b>	<b>491,286</b>	<b>38,751,268</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>€266,000,696</b>	<b>€13,481,065</b>	<b>€12,044,425</b>	<b>€264,564,055</b>

<b>SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/01/2025</b>				
	<b>Balance at 01/01/2025 €</b>	<b>Balance at 31/01/2025 €</b>	<b>Current year debit €</b>	<b>Arrears &gt;1 year €</b>
<b>RATES</b>	<b>25,106,381</b>	<b>134,118,077</b>	<b>109,697,270</b>	<b>24,420,807</b>

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/01/2025**

8.33%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	20,127,080	89,908,200	22%
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,688,892	35,318,500	8%
C	Water Services	669,155	9,831,700	7%
D	Development Management	4,029,711	39,825,800	10%
E	Environmental Services	4,293,654	40,380,300	11%
F	Recreation & Amenity	3,977,966	44,676,900	9%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	692,063	7,494,500	9%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,342,580	13,728,900	10%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>37,821,101</b>	<b>281,164,800</b>	<b>13%</b>

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	19,298,076	78,371,000	25%
B	Road Transport & Safety	1,071,805	13,096,900	8%
C	Water Services	310,545	5,713,300	5%
D	Development Management	1,673,028	16,156,700	10%
E	Environmental Services	1,224,779	6,055,300	20%
F	Recreation & Amenity	464,881	6,857,700	7%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	263,193	5,104,300	5%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,902,751	22,707,700	8%
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>26,209,058</b>	<b>154,062,900</b>	<b>17%</b>

LPT	Local Property Tax	1,208,067	14,496,800	8%
RA	Rates	9,309,908	112,605,100	8%
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>36,727,033</b>	<b>281,164,800</b>	<b>13%</b>

<b>Balance as at 31/01/2025</b>		<b>-€1,094,068</b>	<b>Deficit</b>
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## Planning and Economic Development

### Planning Applications – monthly statistics: 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*		147	147
Decision Deferred		14	14
Decision to Grant**		87	87
Decision to Refuse**		10	10
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks		86	86
Invalid Applications		27	27

\*Includes 15 WEB Applications for Retention.

\*Includes 125 WEB Applications

\*\*Split decisions; are entered as follows

74 Grant Permission

1 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

9 Grant Permission for Retention

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

### Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions / Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR

### Planning Counter Figures: 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

Customers Served	154
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### Building Control: 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	10
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	9
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	2/0/1
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	10
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	24/0
Commencement Notices Validated	21
7 Day Notices received	3
Completion Certs Validated	12

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

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

<b>Approvals for LEO Financial Assistance Year to Date</b>		
	Total approved to 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Enterprise Ireland target to 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Feasibility Study	1	8
Business Priming	0	
Business Expansion	1	
Market Explorer	0	
IP Start & RD&I	0	
Energy Efficiency	1	3
Grow Digital	0	1
Green for Business	3	3
Digital for Business	4	3
Lean for Business	0	1
Trading Online Vouchers	45	0*
Microfinance Ireland * *	0	2
<b>Total Approvals</b>	<b>55</b>	

\* No target for 2025 as the Trading Online Voucher Scheme closed for applications on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024. Approvals are in respect of applications received in 2024.

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

<b>LEO job creation as a result of direct financial assistance</b>	
	February 2025
No of jobs created	2

<b>Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2025</b>	<b>Total to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	55
Clients attending Networking Events	28
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	71
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	49
<b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>	

<b>DLR Economic Development Supports</b>	<b>Total to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	0
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	2
Business Promotion Grants	0
Street Furniture Grants	0

### LEO Enterprise Training Events, Programmes & Initiatives

<b>Business Advice Sessions</b>	Sessions throughout February
<b>8 Week Start Your Own Business Course</b>	Started 19 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Selling on Etsy &amp; Shopify Workshop</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Digital Marketing Mastery: Strategies for Success Workshop</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> February

### LEO Enterprise Promotion activities in February 2025

<b>DLR Enterprise News</b>	<p><a href="#">LEO DLR - Pitch Perfect: Battle of the Start-Ups</a> (sent 27/01/2025) Open rate 58%, 3,296 recipients</p> <p><a href="#">LEO DLR - Pitch Perfect: Battle of the Start-Ups 2025</a> (sent 05/02/2025) Open rate 51%, 3,291 recipients</p> <p><a href="#">LEO DLR - Launching Local Enterprise Week 2025</a> (sent 13/02/2025) Open rate 57%, 3,288 recipients</p> <p><a href="#">Local Enterprise Week 2025 Countdown - 2 Weeks To Go!</a> (sent 17/02/2025) Open rate 55%, 3,296 recipients</p> <p><a href="#">Local Enterprise Week 2025 Countdown - 6 Days To Go!</a> (sent 25/02/2025) Open rate 51%, 3,286 recipients</p>
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<b>LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>				
	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>No of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
Facebook	2,240	6	55	2,322
X	5,394	-16	53	N/A
Instagram	2,086	42	55	5,686
LinkedIn	1,129	3	53	811

### Tourism Development

Continued delivery of a 7 Day per week tourist information service operating from Marine Road providing up to date visitor information and welcome to visitors.  
Support the development of the St Patricks Day Dun Laoghaire 2025.

- Planning of the parade route order
- Liaising with community groups and participants
- Ensure professional event management for event

POST Webinar – Our EU POST project held a webinar on 19th February. The event was to present best practice examples to the group. Failte Ireland presented Dublin Coastal Trail as our contribute to best practice.

The Tourism Unit have appointed a new consultant (tendered for Dec 24) to assist with research into the issue of Alternate Accommodation in the Dublin Mountains. This piece of work forms part of our POST Polycentric Tourism project.

20 grant applications have been approved under the 2025 Tourism Festival & Participative Grants scheme.

Failte Ireland have established a working group for the new Mountains DEDP (Destination & Experience Development Plan)

The Tourism Unit participated in the recent Living Streets way finding workshops.

Redesigned and reprinted DLR visitor guides/ maps – currently disseminating these to hotels and key tourist points.

## **Economic Development**

Economic Development team participated in Dun Laoghaire town evening and nighttime economy assessment with DL Chamber, Tidy Towns, Residents, DLBA and An Garda Siochana on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb as part of the proposed Purple Flag Application

DLRCC have participated in a Dublin Place Brand initiative to promote Dublin as a place to live, work, visit and for educational establishments. Dun Laoghaire were represented by Amgen and Microsoft with promotional video and digital asset to be released in March.

Economic Development team have worked with the Dublin Economic Monitor (DEM) and Q1 2025 will feature an article on the Sandyford Business Improvement District (SBID)

It was agreed at the Special Council meeting held in January 2024 to bring an update on the Ferry Terminal to the March Council meeting.

### **Background:**

The Ferry Terminal building has been vacant since 2016 generating no income for the former Harbour Company or the Council. An Estate agent was appointed in 2016 to act on behalf of both Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to seek a suitable tenant for the ferry terminal. The Estate agent ran several promotional and letting campaigns. Despite this, they were unable to find a party prepared to take on the investment risk.

Expressions of interest were sought in 2019 for the operation of the ferry terminal as a co working space in accordance with the existing planning permission to achieve the following objectives;

- Deliver a return for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
- Deliver services to the business sector and
- Provide a positive economic impact for Dún Laoghaire town

In addition to detailed business plans, applicants were required to submit additional information, including bank references and proof of funding for the first three years of the



project. Amongst the required details to be included in the business plans were details in respect of the proposed rent and the level of capital investment to be made in the building.

As the harbour transferred to the Council without any funding the Council did not have any independent funds to make the required investment in the building. It was therefore essential that the successful tenderer had the financial capacity to make the required capital investment in the building. Quarterdeck was the only applicant that had the financial capacity to make any capital investment in the building.

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

In accordance with the terms of the lease Quarterdeck were required to commence the works within 3 months, but due to the inflated tender prices and unforeseen technical challenges this did not happen. Quarterdeck sought to get the project to a position where it was financially viable, based on the relatively short-term lease. We agreed to work with Quarterdeck Innovation Ltd and give them the time to manage these increased costs in a way that would make the project viable.

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

- Work was completed on fit out of Stena Line Offices in April/May 2023.
- Work commenced on the fit out of Ground Floor Offices in October 2023.
- On the 30th April 2024 the Fire Safety Certificate was granted for the building.
- Office furniture installed in Stena offices and first floor.
- Leaseholder committed to accelerate fit out in November 2024.
- Leaseholder advised initial tenants will be in situ by end of 2024
- First tenants took up occupancy in December 2024
- Car parking access and improvements to progress with fit out and occupancy
- The Food Hall and Ground floor co-working area remain under design, being part of Phase 2 with the fit out to commence post Stena offices and first floor completion
- External signage and façade improvements remain in design phase

The Economic Development Team continue to engage with Quarterdeck Innovation on their plans to accelerate the fit out on a phased basis and occupy the building. The Economic team will continue to engage with Quarterdeck Innovation to ensure the conditions of the lease are being adhered to, and to seek remedy to address any non-compliance. It has been acknowledged in the past that progress on the project has been significantly slower than anticipated since the lease became effective. The level of construction price inflation experienced during 2022 following the war in Ukraine was unprecedented and unforeseeable. It would have been unreasonable not to have afforded Quarterdeck Innovation sufficient time to explore options for the longer-term viability of the project. Despite the extraordinary construction price inflation and project delays Quarterdeck Innovation have again reiterated their commitment to the project. The Innovation Hub requires a significantly larger budget which Quarterdeck Innovation have said they are willing to commit to. With the initial tenants occupying the property in December 2024

this will provide an impetus for further tenants. Quarterdeck Innovation have said that although they are committed to the project, the project timelines are still subject to change as they rely on external circumstances.

## **Dún Laoghaire Harbour**

### **Cruise Ship Business**

Dun Laoghaire Harbour are expecting approximately 79 Cruise ships in 2025, with approximately 125,000 passengers and 50,000 crew. Planning to welcome these ships and their guests has commenced.

### **Naval Service**

We have been advised that the Department of Defence have been instructed to commence discussions with DLRCC with a view to securing berthage for the two new inshore patrol vessels procured by the Naval Service in 2022. Some initial contact has been made and we look forward to this engagement.

### **Events:**

#### **Circus**

Circus Gerbola will run from 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in the former Stena HSS compound.

#### **Red-Bull**

Red-Bull are proposing a fitness based event whereby contestants tackle an assault course within the former Stena Vehicle Compound the weekend of 12/13<sup>th</sup> April. More details to follow.

### **Projects:**

#### **Harbour Masterplan**

A project to create a Masterplan to guide the future development of the Harbour has been approved. Tenders for a design team were issued to a consortium led by a Danish firm, Arrow Architects was the successful tenderer. The initial Pre-Draft Public and Stakeholder Consultation was held in October 2024 with approximately 1050 submissions received from key Harbour stakeholders and the public. The consultation consultants (M-CO) have produced a Consultation Report which Elected Members were briefed on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Work is progressing next on the design / options study phase of the project. Workshops were held in person on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February. The design team will now progress to a draft masterplan design.

#### **National Watersports Campus**

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

A 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 hope to appoint a design team in the coming weeks to commence design and permitting for this exciting project.



### **Dublin Array Windfarm**

The developers of the Dublin Array Windfarm (RWE) 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.

RWE are working towards lodging a planning application for the windfarm, to include the cable route, substation and Operations and Maintenance base in Q1 2025.

**1. Road Restoration Programme**

Road Maintenance Management Report - February 2025						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Completed	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Meadowmount (part of)				✓	Works Completed
2	Village Road, Aikens Village (part of)				✓	Works Completed
3	Brennanstown Road (part of)				✓	Works Completed
4	Enniskerry Road (R-117)				✓	Works Completed
5	Ballinteer Road, Dundrum (R-826)				✓	Works Completed
6	Glenageary Road Upper				✓	Works Completed
7	Ashlawn Estate	✓				Preparing non-statutory consultation with residents regarding design
8	Dalkey Avenue (part of)				✓	Works Completed
9	Old Dublin Road (part of)				✓	Works Completed
10	Dundela Estate (parts of)				✓	Completed

						Agreement on design reached with residents
11	Greenville Road public realm	✓				
<b>RRP Minor</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')</b>					
1	Deerpark Road				✓	Works complete
2	Woodpark				✓	Works complete
3	Cornelscourt Hill Junction, Cornelscourt				✓	Works complete
4	Mount Anville Park Cul-De-Sac				✓	Works complete
5	Glenamuck Road				✓	Works complete
6	The Gallops, Ballyogan				✓	Works complete
7	Harbour Road				✓	Works Complete
8	Breffni Road				✓	Works Complete
9	Pucks Castle Lane				✓	On hold - 2025
10	Foxrock Court				✓	Completed
11	Grove Avenue (part of)				✓	Completed
12	Abbey View (part of)			✓		Works on Site
13	Hudson Road (part of)			✓		Works on Site
12	Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park)				✓	Works Completed
<b>FP</b>	<b>Footpath Upgrade Programme</b>					
1	Sandyford Business District (part of)				✓	Works Complete
2	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)				✓	Works Complete
3	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)				✓	Works Complete
4	Mount Anville Road (part of)				✓	Works Complete

5	Cornelscourt Village	✓				On hold - 2025
6	Balally Estate				✓	Works Complete
7	Northumberland Avenue				✓	Works Complete
8	Thornhill Road (part of)				✓	Works Complete
9	Trafalgar Terrace	✓				Surveys on Private Properties Completed
10	Beechwood Park (part of)	✓				Design has commenced
11	Granville Road	✓				Consultant appointed
<b>BSP</b>	<b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b>					
1	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				Developing Tender Documents
2	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment	✓				survey ongoing
<b>DGRP</b>	<b>Drainage / Gully Repair Programme</b>					
1	Landscape Park				✓	Works Complete
2	Old Kilgobbin Road				✓	Works complete
3	Brennanstown-Brighton Roads Junction				✓	Works Complete
4	Blackthorn Road, Sandyford				✓	Works Complete
5	Castlebyrne Park	✓				Site Investigation Works Required
6	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction				✓	Works Complete

	7 Kill Lane				✓	Works have been undertaken at the location by Active Travel
	8 Carrickbrennan Road	✓				Works to be included on Gully Programme Contract
	9 Glenageary Dart Station at junction with Marlborough Road	✓				On hold - 2025
<b>NRP</b>	<b>National Roads Programme</b>					
	1 N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3				✓	Some minor snagging outstanding
<b>AWP</b>	<b>Accessibility Works Programme</b>					
	1 Hillview				✓	Works Complete
	2 Laneway behind Rosehill (part of)				✓	Works Complete
	3 Corbawn Lane Beach access	✓				Meeting to be held with nearby property owners
	4 Sandycove Close				✓	Works Complete
<b>CMP</b>	<b>Cycleway Maintenance Programme</b>					
	1 St. Olaf's National School				✓	Works Completed
	2 Village Road, Aiken's Village	✓				design being prepared - 2025
	3 Bellarmine Avenue	✓				design being prepared - 2025

	4 Johnstown Road (part of)	✓				design being prepared - 2025
	5 N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3				✓	Works complete
<b>EMP</b>	<b>Estate Management Programme</b>					
	1 Moreen/Blackthorn				✓	Works complete
	2 Meadowlands Avenue		✓			Tender has been issued to repairs some defective cobbled areas
<b>TICP</b>	<b>Taking in Charge Programme*</b>					
	1 Redesdale (Laneway at Back of Shops)				✓	Works Complete
	2 Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				Awaiting feedback from Property
	3 Lane Station Road Killiney (near DART) to Marino Avenue West*	✓				Section 11 process has been completed
*Subject to investigation & clarification of ownership, assessment of works & costs						
<b>RCRP</b>	<b>Roads Control Reinstatement Programme</b>					
	1 Cherrygarth				✓	Works Complete
	2 Kilgobbin Road (at Sandyford Hall r-about)				✓	Works Complete
	3 Landscape Park, Churchtown				✓	Works Complete
	3 Rock Road public lighting				✓	Works are complete



## 2. Traffic and Road Safety

	P r e l i m i n a r y D e s i g n S t a g e	P u b l i c C o n s u l t a t i o n	D e t a i l e d D e s i g n S t a g e	T e n d e r e d	O n s i t e	C o m p l e t e	Comment
<b>CAPITAL Schemes 2024 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic &amp; Road Safety Section</b>							
Cycle Parking Development					✓		Identification of further locations ongoing
Stepaside Village – Cycle Link to Cruagh Wood			✓				Detailed Design ongoing for Phase 1.
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						Civil works for Traffic calming interventions at entry points to the village (Phase I) complete. Appointment of Engineering consultant now at tender stage
Public Consultations- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council invites schools and sport clubs to apply for cycle parking stands. As part of the application process, schools and sport clubs are required to show what they are doing to promote cycling and active travel for their students and members. <a href="https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/schools-sports-clubs-cycle-parking/">https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/schools-sports-clubs-cycle-parking/</a>							Closing date for this public consultation was extended to 14 <sup>th</sup> of March 2025

### **Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan**

Phase 3 & 4 – Preliminary redesign ongoing for Phase 4 on Old Dublin Road. Property title searches required to progress Phase 3 on Kilmacud Road Lower.

### **Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)**

Area 2 (Dundrum) had a TAG meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and 21 items were dealt with

### **Road Safety and Sustainable Travel**

- Bollard removal and replacement took place at Sandycove to improve cycle traffic movements/turns
- Special Speed limit by-laws for 30kph countywide came into force on the 11/11/24. County wide signage is due to be erected at relevant locations before the end of February 2025
- Shanganagh Road, Shankill: All works have now been completed. Awaiting connection for pedestrian lights from ESB
- Pedestrians' crossing at Old Bray Road, Cabinteely: All works completed. Awaiting connection for pedestrian lights from ESB
- Churchtown Road Upper Cycle Route: An engineering consultant has been appointed to carry out the design with detailed design currently underway
- Shrewsbury Lawn pedestrian Crossing: Tender documents have been prepared and construction expected to begin in Summer 2025
- School Wardens Service: Refresher training and new recruit training began on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February to the 20<sup>th</sup> of February in Ballyogan Operations Depot

### **Deputations**

Traffic and Road Safety Staff met with residents from Blackrock Area -Waltham Terrace Residents Association in February 2025(Area 1)

Traffic and Road safety Staff met with residents from Dundrum Area -Churchtown Residents Association on the 12th of February 2025(Area 2)

### **Bus Connects**

Traffic Section continues to give feedback to the NTA on new bus stops, terminals, and routes as part of the rollout of Bus Connects

### **Racecourse South land ABTA**

DBFL completed additional transport modelling on Junction 15 as requested by TII.

An updated draft Local Transport Plan was produced taking into account feedback from the various stakeholders and the above modelling exercise.

Caas (Environmental Consultants) continue to work on the SEA/AA reports.

Racecourse ABTA/LAP presented to the Cllrs as part of the Dundrum Area Committee Meeting in on February 5th, 2025.

### **Kilternan and Glenamuck ABTA**

The draft Kilternan and Glenamuck Local Transport Plan (produced last month) forms part of the Kilternan LAP currently out at public consultation. The Traffic Section partook in the public consultation webinar and continue to engage with Forward Planning on the public consultation process including the two open days/evenings this month and next.

Caas (Environmental Consultants) also continue to work on the SEA/AA reports.

**ICAS for Old Connaught**

The ICAS for the Old Connaught and Rathmichael LAPs is now complete. Traffic Section continue to engage with the Forward Planning on the Old Connaught LAP including presenting the transport element of the LAP to Cllrs in early Feb and preparing a video as part of the public consultation process..

**Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and Eastern Bypass Corridor Study**

Meetings ongoing with Planning and Systra the consultants on feedback given on the baseline reports and modelling

<b>February 2025</b>	<b>Road Closures</b>	<b>Filming Locations</b>	<b>Event Signage</b>
Applications Received	3	2	1
Applications-Awaiting Further information	0	1	0

**3. Roads Control Unit**

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
<b>RCRP</b>	<b>Roads Control Programme 2025</b>	
1	Locations are currently being reviewed for the 2025 Programme. The location will depend on the condition of a road/footpath following works by a stakeholder and by completing additional works in the area to improve the quality of the road/footpath surface.	

**Road Opening Licences (30th January to 26th February 2025)**

<b>National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System</b>	
Applications Received	254
Applications Not Processed Yet	61
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	5
Valid Licenses Issued	155
Applications Expired	7

**Section 254's**

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

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
30th January to 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	
Applications	
Received	0
Granted	0
Withdrawn	0

#### 4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section:

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	August 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	197	247	249	295	333	226
Clean-Ups Assisted	73	70	79	63	52	56
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	30	33	36	34	24	45
Bathing Water Samples Taken	38	32	18	18	18	21
Gullies Cleaned	1198	1611	1410	1061	676	1120
Dumping Incidents Managed	61	59	49	37	40	40
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	7	7	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	No report received	No report received	No Report received	No Report received	No Report Received	No Report Received
Street Bin Collections	5154	5054	6184	5560	5195	5160
Filming/Event Licenses	Filming - 0 Events - 4	Filming - 0 Events - 3	Filming - 0 Events - 1	Filming - 1 Events - 0	Filming - 0 Events - 0	Filming - 0 Events - 0

\* Statistics available up to the end of January 2025.

**Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates - Updates - February 2025**

- Bathing water sampling is on-going at 9 locations, with bi-weekly sampling
- Bathing area maintenance, ringbuoy inspections and maintenance are on-going.
- The DLR Road Sweeping schedules are temporarily suspended from the start of October 2024 to enable the Sweeping Crews to concentrate on heavy leaf fall areas within the County.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going. Gully Cleaning works that require Traffic Management are also on-going
- Weeding is ongoing with DLR
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going
- The fleet of Smart Bins are being maintained and emptied on a daily basis throughout the county
- Litter Picks and Blue Bag collections are on-going.
- DLR Baths – Dlr Cleansing crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc.
- Seapoint Beach Access repairs project is ongoing and due to weather conditions will be completed in March
- Rock Armour installation at Sandycove Avenue East – the project has been successfully completed

**Roads Admin**

Roads Admin Stats	Jan 25	Feb 25
Taking In Charge Certs	140	175
Footpath Dishings	3	3
Hoarding Licences	6	5
Surface Permits	16	6
Road Opening Licences	249	254
CRMs (Processed)	501 processed	280 processed

**5. Public Lighting**

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

**Public Lighting Maintenance**

Number of repairs carried out in Feb 2025:	259
Percentage of lights out at the end of Feb 2025:	0.7%
Pole replacement carried out in Feb 2025:	10
Bracket replacements:	30
Tree trimming:	0
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	30
<b>LED Upgrades</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Total lights upgraded to LED</b>	<b>22,227</b>
<b>Total percentage (%) of lights as LED</b>	<b>91%</b>

(extra lines added)

**LED Upgrading Program**

AVONDALE ROAD (KILLINEY)	1
BARNHILL ROAD	2
CLONKEEN RD	2
Crofton road ramp	3
DARGLE VIEW	1
DUNDELA CRESCENT	1
DUNDELA PARK	2
EGLINTON TERRACE	3
GLENAMUCK ROAD	1
GLENCAIRN ESTATE (THE GALLOPS)	1
GRANVILLE ROAD - Cabinteely	1
HYDE PARK	1
KILCROSS ESTATE	1
KILGOBBIN ROAD	1
KILLINEY VIEW	1
KILMACUD ROAD UPPER	1
LANESVILLE	2
LEOPARDSTOWN GROVE	1
MARINE AVENUE	2
MARINO AVENUE EAST	1
MARTELLO AVENUE	2
MILITARY ROAD	1
MONALOE PARK ROAD POLES 1/14	1
MONKSTOWN AVENUE	2
MOUNT EAGLE ESTATE	3
MOUNT MERRION AVENUE	1
MOUNTTOWN UPPER	1
NUTGROVE WAY & STONEMASON WAY	1
OLD CONNA AVENUE	1

OLD RATHMICHAEL ROAD OFF FERNDALE ROAD	1
OLIVER PLUNKETT AVENUE & Villas	2
RICHMOND HILL	1
.ROCHESTOWN AVENUE	1
ROCKFORD PARK	1
ROEBUCK CASTLE *****	1
SANDYFORD ROAD	1
SANS SOUCI PARK	1
SHREWSBURY LAWN	2
St. Helens Wood	5
STILLORGAN WOOD *****	1
WEDGEWOOD ESTATE	2
WILMONT AVENUE	1

**Planning and Building Control**

Applications analysed	47
Inspections completed	11

**Requests**

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	6
Alterations:	7
Legal requests:	4

**6.Relevant Statistics**

There were 2,312 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 30<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 breakdown of which is as follows:

<b>Violation</b>	<b>no. of fixed charge notice issued</b>
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1105
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	440
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	246
Parking a vehicle on a footway	127
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	100
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	42

Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	39
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	36
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	30
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	27
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	22
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	18
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	13
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	10
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	9
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	9
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	7
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	6
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	5
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	5
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	5
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	4
Parking out of the limits of a bay	2
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
<b>Total no. of fixed charge notices issued between 30th January and 26th February 2025</b>	<b><u>2312</u></b>

There were 57 convictions secured in the District Court in February 2025.

### **Environmental Enforcement: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Air/Noise Complaints – Opened	21	
Air/Noise Complaints – Closed	14	
Waste Complaints (Burning, Construction & Demolition, Food Waste, Waste Bye-laws and Waste Collectors ) – Opened	9	
Waste Complaints – Closed	13	Cases closed includes cases opened prior to 30.1.25
Dumping/Litter Cases - Opened	107	



Dumping/Litter Cases - Closed	116	Cases closed includes cases opened prior to 30.1.25
Abandoned car Cases - Opened	38	Waste Section
Graffiti Cases - Opened	28	Waste Section
Presentation/Storage of Waste - Opened	15	
Litter Fines issued	22	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	3	Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act
Legal Proceedings initiated	1	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act

<b>Dog Statistics from 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 to 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025</b>	
No. of dogs on hand on 30 <sup>th</sup> January	5
No. of dogs entering the shelter stray/seized	5
No. of dogs surrendered	0
No. of dogs rehomed	1
No. of dogs reclaimed	0
No. of dogs sent to rescue	5
No. of dogs put to sleep	0
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 26 <sup>th</sup> February	4
Certificate of Exemption issued for XL Bully	15
Dog attacks in this period	5 - 2 on people

### Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	15
Section 5 Declarations	2
Pre-planning Consultations	3
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025 Grant Scheme	Following receipt of letter from National Built Heritage Service, DHLGH approving €336,100 for 2025, provisional approvals were issued to 25no. BHIS grant projects on the 20 February.
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2025 Grant Scheme	11no. applications received. Assessment was undertaken according to the 5no. categories of selection criteria set out in the HSF 2025 Guidance Circular to determine a shortlist. 3no. privately owned and 1no. publicly owned applications were submitted to the DHLGH on the 7 February for their consideration.

### Energy

The M&R deadline on 31 January was met, and old sites no longer owned by dlr were removed. This is the first year that buildings could be removed from the reporting system, making it easier to review meter points for buildings.

dlr continued our commitment to the "Reduce Your Use" campaign, by holding a Teatime talk for all dlr staff on the 26 February. This highlighted energy efficiency at work, home, and in transport. The presentation uncovered energy myths and truths, whilst advising on energy efficiency and the positive benefits from active travel.

dlr's pilot of a hybrid power system won the 2025 LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Award for Best Energy Smart Initiative in February. The use of a battery storage system reduced three generators required to run the construction site at St. Laurence's down to one, reducing the carbon footprint by 70%. The added benefit from this project is the reduction in air and noise pollution, as well as abating fossil fuel sources that would otherwise have been used.

### Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	6
Not Dangerous	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

### **Thrive Funding**

The Part 8 for the renovation, extension and reuse of No. 9 George's Place and renovation and reuse of the former Wash House, Kelly's Avenue, Dún Laoghaire to provide a Centre for Creative Lifelong Learning was published on Thursday 13 February 2025. Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development may be made in writing on or before Friday 28 March 2025.

<https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/infrastructure-climate-change/proposed-renovation-extension-and-reuse-of-no-9/>

The THRIVE Strand 1 funded Integrated Urban Study titled '*Reimagining George's Place*' and the public consultation that took place as part of this study identified strong support for the proposed reuse of these vacant protected structures. The development of the design to Part 8 stage was also funded by THRIVE Strand 1 funding. We are preparing an application for THRIVE Strand 2 Capital Works Funding to be submitted by 15 April 2025.

This project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027.

**Community Integration Forum:**

The dlr Community Integration Forum (CIF) meets every second Monday and met on the 10 and 24 February and discussed and coordinated support services to International Protection Applicants (IPA's) and Ukrainians living in state supported accommodation in dlr.

The CIF is chaired by Chief Executive Frank Curran and a wide range of supports and activities are in place and available to new arrivals which include HSE clinics and health services provision, English language, digital skills, employment and job seeking supports, support with school places, young people's activities, family counselling and supports, volunteering opportunities as well as the provision of sporting, health and wellbeing, social & cultural activities by many organisations and groups.

Member organisations on the dlr CIF include Southside Partnership DLR, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Department of Social Protection, D&DL Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Community and Family Resource Centres, dlr Volunteer Centre, dlr CYPSC, dlr PPN, ETB REALT, Crosscare, Barnardos and a number of dlr County Council departments including Community, Libraries, Cultural Services & Housing.

**dlr Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT):**

The dlr LAIT continue to visit accommodation centres across dlr, hosting clinics to meet residents and to assess their needs, assist with queries and to signpost and encourage engagement of new arrivals with service providers appropriate to their needs – employment, developing English language proficiency, training, healthcare, social welfare, volunteering, childcare & education, sporting, community & cultural activities etc. as well as NGO's and organisations providing support services, advocacy, administrative and legal assistance.

The dlr LAIT signpost, support and encourage new arrivals to avail of the services, training and supports provided by organisations such as DDLETB, Southside Partnership DLR, Crosscare, HSE, JRS, Irish Refugee Council, DePaul Housing; dlr Libraries etc. and local community and sporting groups.

Training and information sessions continued during February 2025 as part of the 'dlr together – dlr Le Chéile' Anti-Racism campaign which included:

- 'Using the iReport platform to report Racism', with the Irish Network Against Racism, 13 February online
- IOM UN *Assisted Voluntary Return Process & Reintegration Program* information sessions visiting various accommodation centres during February 2025
- Information session with Irish Refugee Council for Ukrainian community in conjunction with Southside Partnership DLR, 21 February, Leopardstown Clayton Hotel

**Community Recognition Fund 2024 (CRF)**

DLRCC has been allocated €765,487 under the Community Recognition Fund 2024 and the dlr Local Authority Integration Team is administering the fund on behalf of the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD).

DLRCC opened Window 3, the final round of CRF 2024 funding on the 25<sup>th</sup> November and the closing date to accept applications was extended to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 with recommended applications to be sent to the DRCD no later than 28 February 2025. These applications will be assessed by the DRCD, with applicants notified in Spring 2025.

The successful applications which received funding under the Window 2 CRF 2024 were announced by Minister Darragh Callery on the 24<sup>th</sup> February and further information and list of successful projects can be viewed at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/3ae01-minister-calleary-announces-over-14-million-for-163-community-projects/>

### **Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) & Local Policing Fora (LPF)**

In accordance with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 the JPC has been replaced with the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) – not yet established in LA's. The last meeting of the JPC was the Public Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

During July 2024 dlr invited expressions of interest to the appointment of Chairperson of the new Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) which will be established in dlr in line with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024. The closing date was on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, a number of submissions were received and were assessed. The announcement of the successful candidate will be announced by the Minister of Justice and letters will be sent to the unsuccessful candidates following the announcement.

The Meeting of the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF took place on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.  
The Meeting of the Loughlinstown/Ballybrack/Shankill LPF took place on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-28**

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan for 2023-2028 has been developed to guide the sustainable economic and community development of the County over the next five years. The LECP 2023-28 was adopted at the County Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and the plan was launched in County Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024. A copy of the plan is available at [DLR LECP 2023-2028](#)

### **LCDC**

A meeting of the LCDC took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025. LCDC's are required under Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 to prepare, adopt and submit an annual report to the local authority no later than 31 March each year in respect of the performance of its functions in the previous calendar year.

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC Annual Report 2024 was approved at the LCDC meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and the committee has referred the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC Annual Report 2024 to the March Council meeting under Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001.

### ***Comhairle na nÓg***

Annual funding report for 2024 and funding request for 2025 were submitted. Comhairle members engaged with Sports Partnership for an information session and continued to progress their topic.

## **Estate Management**

A County Fora Meeting was held. Action Plan 1 Funding recommendations were finalised.

## **Community Grants 2025**

The dlr Universal Grant Scheme 2025 opened for applications in September and closed on 25<sup>th</sup> October. In addition to online information sessions held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October, Community Section staff held in person grant information and application support sessions for community groups on 9<sup>th</sup> October in County Hall and 17<sup>th</sup> October in Dundrum. These in person sessions were well attended and Community Section staff supported many community groups with their grant applications. More than 250 Community Grant applications have been received for assessment.

## **dlr Older People's Council**

The dlr Older People's Council Meetings are now bi-monthly. Their last meeting took place on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

## **Domestic Violence Refuge**

The Council commissioned a Domestic Violence Refuge Needs Assessment to establish if there was a need to provide a Domestic Violence (DV) refuge within the County. The report established an evidence-based approach that underpins the need for a refuge in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area.

The Council is progressing this project under the Planning and Development Acts and the regulations made thereunder and more specifically the Planning and Development (Section 179A) Regulations 2023.

This project will deliver 12 units of accommodation and associated facilities to accommodate those affected by domestic abuse and their families.

## **Arts Office**

### **Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme**

An exhibition of new artworks by **Martina O'Brien, brittle record** was formally opened by the Cathaoirleach on 13 February. The work in the exhibition was developed through engagement with marine geochemistry, marine biology and marine ecology experts, and draws on Martina O'Brien's time spent on marine expedition residencies in Oslofjord, Norway and the Arctic Ocean. It includes new video installations, printmaking, animation and archival material. The exhibition is the result of a dlr Visual Art Commission, which was awarded to Martina O'Brien. The commission gives artists the opportunity to create a new body of work that is responsive to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. It is funded by the Arts Council and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

### **Gallery Learning Programme February**

The Project Room was open to visitors during the exhibition opening times and an Adult Open Art Studio took place this month. Scoil Mhuire, Shankill visited the Gallery for a facilitated tour of the Gallery and workshop onsite.

### **LBS Mens Shed - Script Read Through**

Poet and playwright Colm Keegan has been collaborating with the LBS Mens Shed to develop a new script based with the Shed. They had a script read through on Friday 14 February in the Studio, dlr LexIcon to an invited audience from community and cultural connections. The new script is engaging with themes around mens mental health and based in a doctor's waiting room. They are now taking on feedback and will decide what their next steps are for this project.

### **Arts and Climate**

The Arts Office is working to support climate action in the arts and arts practice and help to build a more environmentally sustainable arts community in the County. We conducted a survey throughout February on Citizen Space to identify key concerns; 55 artists/arts organisations completed this.

An in-person climate café networking event took place on Tuesday 25 February; this was a chance for artists to share and exchange with others from the arts community in the County- on progress, challenges, concerns and possible future support. It was facilitated by Julie's Bicycle.

### **Musicians in Residences Scheme 2025**

Funded by the Arts Council and managed by Music Network we launched the Musicians in residence scheme which is now in its 11th year. It provides musicians with space and time to create new work, develop their skills, collaborate with other artists and showcase their music. The closing date for applications was Friday 21 February and we received 45 applications (an increase of 33% on 2024).

The established musicians residency has a maximum funding award of €12,000, and there is an award of up to €7,500 to support the work of an emerging musician or group. This year's residencies will run from May to November 2025.

### **Public Art Co-ordinator**

The Arts Office is delighted to announce that Louise Dredge recently joined our team as Public Art Co-Ordinator.

Louise brings extensive experience in fostering collaboration and community participation in the public realm, as well as in arts programming and commissioning.

Louise will be responsible for the development and coordination of the public art programme with a clear vision for the role artists and communities play in the delivery of Public Art. Her role will facilitate the creation of new public art projects through a shared ownership model connecting artists and art organisations with communities who live, work or study in the County.

### **Libraries**

#### **Online Resources**

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

Highlights include:



**Borrowbox:** Mediahuis titles, including the Irish Independent, Sunday Independent, Herald, Sunday World, Ireland's Own, and various regional and local publications, are now available remotely on BorrowBox. While current loans may still require access from a library location, all new and future loans can be accessed from home or elsewhere. Users can borrow up to 50 newspapers or magazines at a time through the ePress section of the app, which now features a wide range of titles. This update enhances accessibility and offers greater flexibility for users of BorrowBox.

**Kanopy:** film streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.

**LOTE:** online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations.

**Medici.tv:** video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballets and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

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

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://shorturl.at/HMQX5> and at <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>. As with all DLR websites, content on <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/> can be accessed in multiple languages, including Ukrainian and Russian, by using the Accessibility button at the top of the webpage. Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include: [LOTE Online and Borrowbox](#).

Library staff in dlr LexIcon continue to engage with the staff and service users of the International Protection Centre in the Eblana Centre (Dún Laoghaire). Also in the LexIcon, tutors from the *English in the Library* group offer English conversational sessions for Eblana Centre users. Library staff in Blackrock Library are in contact with the staff and service users of Blackrock Hall raising awareness of the services and resources they can avail of through dlr Libraries, especially free internet use, printing and copying service and the ScanEZ scanning/translation resource. Library staff in Dundrum Library are liaising with International Protection Centre staff in the surrounding area and have helped facilitate English lessons for service users. Excess book stock is being sent from Library HQ to these centres.

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### **Sensory resources from dlr Libraries**

- Our Tovertafels (Magic Tables) in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries are available to book by individuals and groups
- Sensory Room in Deansgrange Library is available to book
- Items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment can be borrowed
- We continue with designated *Quiet Evenings* in many library spaces where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse
- Each library has a sensory box with a selection of toys/equipment including ear defenders. These items can be used onsite by visitors to the library
- A dedicated set of items, including ear defenders and a dark den, are available for library staff to borrow from Library HQ for events in their own library.



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**Highlights for February**

**Ireland Reads** (Sat 22 February, all dlr Libraries)

We had over 3,000 visitors to our libraries on Saturday 22 February to mark Ireland Reads Day. This is a national annual celebration of books and the joy of reading. On this day, everyone was encouraged to visit their local dlr Library and "Get lost in a good book!" Ireland Reads is an initiative of the Government of Ireland to celebrate the benefits of reading, funded by Healthy Ireland and supported by public libraries and many organisations that promote reading, literacy, and the arts. Across all dlr Libraries there were activities for children, teens, and adults—from storytelling sessions to creative workshops with award-winning authors and illustrators.

- dlr LexIcon hosted a "Read with a View" area on Level 5 for adults to unwind with a book, either their own or to discover a new one from the library collection.
- In Shankill Library, children dressed up as their favourite literary characters and shared their love of books.
- Blackrock Library welcomed award-winning author Eve McDonnell who helped young writers create a unique wish-filled fingerprint poem to take home.
- In dlr LexIcon, illustrator and author Ashwin Chacko brought stories to life with art and laughter.
- Dalkey Library hosted a special Storytime event for younger readers.
- Zainab Boladale, journalist and author of *Braids Take a Day*, was in Deansgrange Library for a book talk, reading, and live braiding demonstration!

**Stories from dlr LexIcon**

dlr LexIcon is turning 10 this year. To celebrate the anniversary, we are inviting everyone to share their experience of the library. You can write your story and submit it by dropping it off in dlr LexIcon or sending by email [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie). The deadline for submission is 14 March.

Help us highlight the role that the library plays in our community!

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**Events for Adults**

**Learn a Craft this Spring**

- **Introduction to Sewing with Barbara Connolly** (10 February, Dundrum Library)

A beginner's class for adults

- **Introduction to Crochet with Anne Marie Connolly** (10 February, Deansgrange Library)

This class is suitable for complete beginners as Anne Marie will introduce basic crochet stitches. All materials provided. It is hoped to have a regular crochet group established if enough interest.

**Bridge for Beginners/Intermediate Players** (10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 February, dlr LexIcon)

Over these 6-week courses, Michael O'Loughlin will guide participants through either the basics of bridge or take their game to the next level.

**Exploring the Making of Irish Food History: A Companion** (17 February, dlr LexIcon)



Dr Máirtín Mac Con Iomhaire is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Culinary Arts and Food at TU Dublin. His talk, titled 'Exploring the Making of Irish Food History: A Companion' is linked to his recent book, Irish Food History: A Companion. Máirtín engaged the audience with tales of food journeys from earliest man to modern Irish cooking.

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**Creative Writing Groups**

Creative writing groups currently taking place in dlr Libraries:  
Scriveners – Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library  
Writeway - Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library  
Monthly Writers’ Group, Deansgrange Library  
Green Kites Poetry Group – Fortnightly writing group, Deansgrange Library  
dlr LexIcon Writers Group – Fortnightly writers’ group, dlr LexIcon

**Creative Writing Workshop** (7 February, Shankill Library)

A workshop to develop participants’ writing skills and tap into unfulfilled potential. Catherine Talbot provided tips and techniques to encourage one to express their creativity and gain more confidence in practising this artform.

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**Language Exchange Groups** (Daily, Deansgrange Library)

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

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**Clubs & Groups for adults**

**Film Clubs in dlr Libraries**

**LexIcon Studio Film Club** (10 February, dlr LexIcon)

- A Valentine’s Special, a screening of the modern classic *Once* (2006), starring Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová and directed by John Carney.

**Irish Cinema Season – LexIcon Studio Screenings** (27 February, dlr LexIcon)

- A monthly film event which allows for a provoking and inclusive "frame by frame" discussion of Irish Cinema with a panel of experts followed by a Q&A. Attendees are asked to vote for their favourite Irish film on the night and they will be screened monthly until May. February’s film choice was *North Circular* (2022), "A Musical Trip Through Dublin's North Inner City", directed by Luke McManus

**dlr LexIcon Family Film Club** (27 February, dlr LexIcon)

- dlr LexIcon Family Film Club this month showed the 1982 film *The Secret of Nimh*, directed by Don Bluth. To save her ill son, a field mouse must seek the aid of a colony of rats, with whom she has a deeper link than she suspected. The Family Film Club takes place on the last Thursday of the month in the Studio, Level 1, dlr LexIcon.

**Blackrock Library Film Club**

- Blackrock Film Club holds a monthly film club every third Thursday of the month. February’s selection was *12 Angry Men* (1957), directed by Sidney Lumet.

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to meet in our library spaces. These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, Scrabble Club in



Dundrum, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library and Craft and Chat in dlr LexIcon, the Knit Clubs in Cabinteely and Blackrock Libraries, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The English in the Library group meet weekly in dlr LexIcon and Blackrock Library hosts a Local History Group every month. Dalkey Library now hosts an Adult Board Game Club and a self-led Sketch Club offering the opportunity to sketch in a warm, friendly environment.

**Seed Club** (6 February, Cabinteely Library)

Announcing the launch of the Cabinteely Seed Club! Cabinteely Library are looking for anyone with green fingers to share their horticultural knowledge, seeds and cuttings monthly, in this informal club.

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**Book Clubs**

Across our libraries, a total of 21 book clubs continue to thrive, offering a mix of in-person and online options to suit diverse interests, including:

Blackrock Library online Book Club, meeting monthly via Zoom on the second Thursday of the month.

Dalkey Library: Irish-language Club Leabhair.

dlr LexIcon: Thriller Tuesday Book Club, History Book Club, Irish-language Club Leabhar Filíochta and a Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club.

Dundrum Library: Audio Book Club.

Our long-running Online Book Club, facilitated by Mary Burnham, meets on the last Wednesday of each month. The book choice for February is *The Granddaughter* by Bernard Schlink.

These clubs provide valuable community engagement opportunities and foster a love of reading across a range of genres and formats.

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**Exhibition Programme**

**Southside Travellers Action Group 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition 1984 –2024** (29 January – 16 February, LexIcon)

In 1984, a small group of Travellers and settled people came together in South Dublin to create a more equal, less divided society. Over the years, that group has continued to evolve and develop, providing learning opportunities, supporting health and social needs, and working hard with Travellers and with the broader community to make South Dublin a better place, for us all.

On their anniversary Southside Travellers' Action Group celebrates its forty years of existence, and looks to the future with pride, anticipation, and hope.

This exhibition includes articles, photos and interviews assembled as part of the STAG Archives project supported by dlr County Council, Creative Ireland and the Heritage Council.

**National Rehabilitation Hospital Photographic Exhibition** (4 – 28 February, Deansgrange Library)

The annual NRH (National Rehabilitation Hospital) Photography Exhibition is back in Deansgrange Library. Photos are created by patients and staff at the Hospital. Creative Arts Therapy plays an important role in the rehabilitation journey of adults and children



in the NRH, with some patients pursuing a career in photography following on from their journey through the NRH.

**Ouzel Galley Exhibition** (4 – 28 February, Deansgrange Library)

Step back in time to 1695 and set sail on an incredible journey with the legendary ship, the Ouzel Galley. This magical exhibition brings to life the exciting story of a ship that left Dublin Bay over 300 years ago. Discover what happened to the ship and its brave crew through the illustrations of local artist Bex Shelford.

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

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**Events for Children & Families**

**Valentine Cardmaking Workshop** (13 February, Stillorgan Library)

Library staff facilitated this workshop where children could make paper cards to bring home.

**Intergenerational Sewing Workshop** (8 February, dlr LexIcon)

Children and their parent or guardian worked together to hand sew their own doll or tote bag.

**Stockingopolis: Storytime and Drawing with Tatyana Feeney** (27 February, dlr LexIcon)

Author / illustrator Tatyana Feeney read from her new book, Stockingopolis, a big colourful tale of a little grey Victorian town. Following the story, there was a drawing activity where participants could imagine and explore what other places and things might become more colourful!

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**Library Clubs & Groups for children and families**

dlr LexIcon Family Film Club this month held a fun-filled family movie screening of *The Secret of Nimh*, directed by Don Bluth (1982). The Family Film Club takes place on the last Thursday of the month in the Studio, Level 1, dlr LexIcon. Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely and Dalkey Libraries once a week. Shankill Library host a monthly Junior book club and Dalkey has a popular family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a baby/parent group that meets weekly. Cabinteely Library organises a number of clubs which foster creativity and skills, including a Builders' Club which uses Magformers and blocks, and a Gamers Club which provides a changing selection of board games and PS4 games for kids from ages 7 and up.

Dabbleboo Music Monthly Workshops in Dundrum Library are designed to be accessible, engaging and fun, and focuses on playing together as a group.

Dalkey Library holds a Gaming Club, meeting on the first Thursday of the month, suitable for 9-12 yr olds. Lego clubs are held in Dalkey, dlr LexIcon and



Blackrock libraries, with monthly events for families. Family Lego Time in Blackrock Library, children are asked to bring their most creative ideas, and the library will provide the Lego. Dalkey Library Lego Challenge Club is a free play session on the first Saturday morning of the month.

For full details of storytime sessions visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/using-your-library/children-and-families/children-and-families>

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**Events for Schools**

**Discover the Joy of Reading with Julianne Mooney Siron** (4, 11 & 18 February, Deansgrange Library)

Local primary schools have the opportunity to discover the joy of reading with our Reading Programme for primary schools, where classes will engage in fun and interactive book-based activities tailored by the Reader to suit different age groups and ability levels. The programme is a fun and exciting way of providing opportunities for positive engagement with libraries and reading for children and will involve reading excerpts of books to children, book recommendations, creative responses to the stories including drama, drawing, story-writing and arts and crafts. The children get time to choose their own books as part of the session.

**Author Visit: Michael Foley** (10 February, dlr LexIcon)

dlr LexIcon welcomed author and journalist Michael Foley for a school event on the history of Bloody Sunday and Michael’s book, *The Children of Croke Park*. Telling the story from the viewpoints of the children, their friends and parents, the book depicts the excitement of match day at Croke Park and the catastrophe that followed on Bloody Sunday in 1920.

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**Library Outreach Programme**

Library staff attended *An Aonach Gaeilge* in UCD, along with the DLRCC Irish Language Development Officer Tadhg MacLiam. The aim of this Fair was to inform students about the places where they can use their Irish after university. There was an emphasis on social opportunities as well as career opportunities.

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**Creative Ireland Programme**

The dlr Let’s Get Social programme was presented on at a Creativity and Well-being Networking event in Feb 2025. A new series of workshops started in February, running until Easter.

Planning for Cruinniú na nÓg 2025 has begun.

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## Statistics

### Social media (as of 20 February)

Facebook	8,595 followers
X (formerly Twitter)	8,426 followers
Instagram	5,280 followers
TikTok	645 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	15,198 subscribers

### Online resources (as of 20 February)

Resource	Description	stats Feb 2025
Libby	eBooks	1,011
	eaudio	947
	Comics	3
Borrowbox	eaudio	6, 887
	eBook	3, 186
	ePress	16,050
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	1,423
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	5
Lote4Kids	logins	14
Who else writes	logins	0
Who next guide	logins	0
Medici	Videos Viewed	<i>Stats available at end of month</i>
Kanopy	Visits	4,153

### DLR Sports Partnership Update – February 2025

- **Staffing** – still awaiting date to start recruitment for Programmes Manager and Sport 4 Empowerment Officer positions. Two other positions to be made permanent and recruited.
- **Local Sports & Physical Activity Plan** – Final draft complete and document being brought to the March Council meeting for approval.
- **MenoWell** – 6-Week online physical activity and health education programme for women being delivered by EduFit continuing (360 participants).
- **BoxUp** – a new 6-locker unit has been installed in front of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus and will provide free sports equipment to the local community. Delivered as part of Active Cities Dublin and funded through Dormant Accounts.
- **Play Innovation** – working with Sports Development in DLRCC to install a number of Play Innovation Boards for selected parks to enhance informal play.

- **Introduction to Tennis** – starting four new 6-week beginners tennis programme in Marlay Park and Clarinda Park for over 55's with a focus on females (48 participants).
- **Women In Sport Week** – organising a range of taster and promotional events across the county as part of this national initiative taking place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Forest Bathing Event** - parent and teen hike on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March to celebrate World Teen Mental Wellness Day.
- **Forever Fit Ballybrack** - New 6- week resistance training for over 55's in Ballybrack starting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March.
- **Stronger in Sallynoggin** – 10-week multi exercise adults class (25 participants).
- **Weekly Walking Programme** – delivering a 5 weeks beginner walks in Marlay Park.
- **Tea Dances** – organising 6 more events in 2025 with €15,000 in Healthy Ireland funding. First two events taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> March in Sallynoggin and the 26<sup>th</sup> March in Sandyford.
- **Balance Bikes** – loaning out our fleet of 30 balance bikes to local schools to assist in junior/senior infant cycle skills (fully booked until end of school year).
- **Volunteers in Sport Awards** – LSP network as the main sponsor of this national initiative with event on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. DLR winner is Ruby Morrow from Monkstown Hockey Club.
- **SportsAbility Forum** – meeting three times a year with membership across service providers, special schools and inclusive clubs.
- **Athletics Group for Children with a Disability** – continuing work to set up this new group on the new Kilbogget Track in March in partnership with IWA Sport & Cabinteely AC.
- **Inclusive Swim Lessons** – Two new 6-week programmes continuing in Enable Irelands pool.
- **Inclusive Bike Hire** – Ongoing support provided to this free inclusive bike hire service for people with a disability along the Coastal Mobility Route.
- **Inclusive Cycling Programmes** – two separate 6-week courses started in Cherrywood to teach children with a disability to cycle (24 participants).
- **Benincasa Special School** – organised Ultimate Frisbee for students (15 participants).
- **Try Track & Field** – physical literacy programme with Athletics Ireland with 10 schools to take part in 24/25 school year.
- **Research** – DLRCCO, Active Cities Dublin, DLRSP and UCD working together on a project to measure/track participation levels across DLR.
- **Infographic** – summary infographic created to illustrate work carried out in 2024 by the Sports Partnership including programmes, events, training and funding.
- **Social Media** – daily posts around updates and promotion of opportunities across the county. Number of followers across all social media channels increasing.

## **Sports Development**

DLR Sports set up the following activities in February 2025.

### **DEIS After School Sports Programme**

- St. Kevin's Sallynoggin mixed group (10-12 age).
- Scoil Mhuire Shankill mixed group (10-12 age).
- Good Shepherd Nutgrove mixed group (10-12 age).
- Our Ladies Clonskeagh mixed group (10-12 age).
- Queen of Angels Balally mixed group (10-12 age).
- Scoil Cholmcille Ballybrack mixed group (10-12 age).
- Holy Family Monkstown mixed group (10-12 age).
- Dominican Dún Laoghaire mixed group (10-12 age).

### **Youth Group Programme**

- Ballybrack Crosscare mixed group (12-14 age).
- Kilcross Crosscare mixed group (13-15 age).
- Holly House Southside Partnership Ballybrack girls only group (15-16 age).
- Sallynoggin Crosscare mixed group (10-12 age).
- Sallynoggin Crosscare mixed group (13-15 age).
- Shankill Crosscare mixed group (10-14 age).
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare gym session, boys only group (15-17 age).
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare girls only group (12 -14 age).
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare mixed group (16-17 age).
- Mounttown Crosscare mixed group (10-16 age).
- Whitehouse Crosscare Ballyogan boys only group (12-15 age).
- Whitehouse Crosscare Ballyogan mixed group (15-17 age).
- Kilcross Youth Club mixed group (10-12 age).

### **Special Needs Groups**

- Strive Dún Laoghaire mixed group (20-24 age).
- Carmona Services mixed group (24 age).
- Festina Lente mixed group (24 age).
- St. Michael's Goatstown mixed group (24 age).

### **Sallynoggin Youth Reach**

Continued our gym sessions for the above mixed group (16-18 age).

### **Other Activities**

- Attended MATP Special Needs Course in Tipperary.
- Booked in groups for Easter camp sessions in April (Update to follow in later reports).
- Continued our block of spinning classes with St. John's School, St. Laurence College and Scoil Cholmcille Ballybrack in collaboration with School Completion Officer Colm Phillips.
- Started our Healthy Fitness Programme with Dún Laoghaire and Mounttown Crosscare.
- Met with James Bowen, Senior Youth Worker for DDLETB in relation to organising the Active Youth Challenge for Crosscare youth groups.



### **Leinster Rugby – February Report**

#### **J. Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)**

Primary Schools = 7. Males = 444, Females = 418.

#### **R. Hayes (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Seapoint RC)**

Primary Schools = 9. Males = 415, Females = 515.

Secondary Schools = 1. Males = 20, Females = 15.

#### **E. Furlong (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Blackrock College RFC)**

Primary Schools = 3. Males = 173, Females = 76.

Secondary Schools = 2. Males = 0, Females = 80.

#### **K. McDonald (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC)**

Primary Schools = 7. Males = 381, Females = 324.

### **DLR Rugby Clubs Sessions, Workshops or AOB**

Seapoint RC U15's – 9 males.

Seapoint RC U16's – 27 males.

Blackrock RFC U4's (cubs team) fun training session - 8 males & 5 females.

Blackrock RFC U9's breakdown session – 27 males.

Blackrock RFC U10's to U17s scrum half workshop.

DLSP FC U14's breakdown session – 22 males.

Old Wesley RFC U9's breakdown session – 14 males.

### **DLR Female Club Rugby**

Seapoint U18.5 - 9 females.

Blackrock RFC U8's, U10's, & U12's open day – 12 females.

### **DLR Rugby Development Schools**

St. Attracta's' Rugby Training – 26 male students.

Leinster Rugby – DLR team training – 26 males.

### **South Dublin 7's or Female Tournaments 1<sup>st</sup> Year Touch or X7's**

SD7's Round 4 – 132 males & 38 females.

### **Cricket Leinster – February Report**

**Schools** – Sessions are complete in Kill O' The Grange, Ballinteer GNS and St. Patrick's Dalkey and have commenced in Johnstown GNS, Cherrywood ETNS and St. Laurence's BNS

**Open-Space Cricket Group** – Training of 10 Activators has been completed and we are hoping that the sessions for children will be up and running in the very near future.

**Coach Ed** – We ran a level one coaching children course last weekend attended by 15 pax, 4 of which are from DLR clubs.

**Blitz Competition** – Plans are well advanced to run several blitz days in Marlay Park from the end of April to mid/late May. Central to this will be at least one day dedicated to girl's cricket. We are also trying to get an interschools girls' tournament started, using Marlay Park as a central hub for the matches.

### **FAI – February Report**

**Coach Education** – New grassroots format being developed. Second "Me and My Ball" staff workshop module held in February.

**Club Mark** – All junior soccer clubs in DLR registered. Clubs being assisted with new online coaches/volunteers register.

**Primary 5's** – 40+ DLR Schools registered for first round of national tournament.

**Futsal in the Yard** – 300 boys and girls from 4 schools.

**Disney Playmakers** – Three clubs planned for next block.

**Referees** – Beginners course delivered, 30 participants.

**Safeguarding** – Planning for March deliveries.

### **Filming in Parks**

Location	Filming/Photography	Filming Dates	Start time	End Time	CRM/Email	Permission Given (Y/N)
Kilbogget Park	Filming	07/02/25 - 08/02/25	21:00 07/02/25	04:00 08/02/25	Email	Y
Killiney Hill Park	Filming	11/02/25	08:00	11:00	Email	N – too late notice
Blackrock Park	Filming	14/02/25	13:30	15:00	Email	Y
Hyde Park	Filming	16/02/25	08:00	10:00	Email	Y
Kilbogget Park	Filming	28/02/25	08:00	17:00	349782	Y

### **Allotments**

#### Castle Allotments, Shankill:

- Letters and Licence renewals posted to all plot holders for 2025 season on 02/01/2025.
- Follow-up reminder letters posted to remaining plot holders on 17/01/2025.
- To date:
- 85 licences and renewal fees have been returned.

- All payments have been made including new and existing plot holders.
- 3 plots are Vacant.
- 17 new plots have been given out this year

Mount Anville Allotments, Goatstown:

- Letters and Licence renewals posted to all plot holders for 2025 season on 02/01/2025.
- Follow-up reminder letters posted to remaining plot holders on 17/01/2025.
- To date:
- 76 licences and renewal fees have been returned;
- 17 are yet to return payment/licence;
- 28 plots are Vacant, but 13 have been offered to people from the waiting list.

**Markets**

Source	Date Applied	Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun	Category
CRM	31-Jan		1		Craft
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Email	04-Feb				Craft
Email	05-Feb	1			Craft
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Email	14-Feb		1	Dillons Park
Email	15-Feb			Kilbogget
CRM	18-Feb	1		Killiney

Parks Capital Projects – Feb 2025 Progress							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Grass Pitch Refurbis						•	All complete except

hments - Lots 1 & 2							Rosemo unt
Oatlands All Weather Pitch						•	Comple e in June 2024
Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion)						•	Comple e in Jan 2025
New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross						•	Kilcross complete . Finsbury complete but will remain fenced off to give it an opportun ity to establish .
Play Space Develop ment 2024 Projects (Refurbis hments)					•	•	Some projects complete , other projects for completi on in Q1 2025.
Mountto wn Boxing Facility					•		Works commen ced in Jan 2024 for completi on in early March 2025.

Blackrock Park - Phase 2					•	•	Teenage zone, boules court, seating, Phoenix Terrace planting and play space complete • renovation of steps all complete • Historic Kiosk conservation works are on-going – for completion in Q1 2025.
Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works					•		Works commenced early Nov 2024 – for completion in April 2025.
Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 3				•		•	Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-leash area, sports pavilion complete • Adventure

							the Play Space contract has been awarded – commencement date to be established.
Pavement Improvement Programme				•	•	•	Works and procurements on-going.
Marlay Golf Redevelopment				•			On-going. Being progressed through section 183.
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2				•			Tender evaluation is complete – contract award taking place.
Marlay Park Ha-Ha Restoration				•			Works to commence in March 2025.
Grass Pitch Refurbishments - Lots 3 & 4			•				Detail design for Lot 3 is nearing completion.

Cabintee ly Park Projects			•				Part 8 approve d in Nov 2024. Detail design for the sports pavilion is nearing completi on.
St. Michaels Church Plaza			•				Part 8 to commen ce in March 2025.
New Play Spaces at Clonkee n & Ludford			•				Communi cations & stakehol der engage ments on- going.
Hyde Park Communi ty Sports Building			•				Applicati on issued for the LSSIF in 2024 & successf ul. This is progress ing with the club and a project board is being establish ed with DLR.
Jamesto wn Park		•					Masterpl an

Masterplan							considerations on-going. Design team to be appointed. Phase 1 works to progress.
Sandyford Urban Open Space		•					Design team in the process of being appointed.
Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch		•					Delay due to Dept. of Education review but now starting to progress. Surveys on-going.
Kilboggett Park Community Sports Building		•					Engagement is taking place with the clubs.
Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1	•						Part 8 approved at the Feb 2024 Council Meeting. Judicial Review



							is delaying the works
Parks Depots	•						Initial stakeholder engagement is taking place.
Shanganagh Castle Sports Facilities	•						No progress . To progress when resources permit.
Dalkey Island (Upgrade Tower & Gun Battery)	•						No progress . To progress when resources permit.
Marlay Park Masterplan	•						Progress on the ha-ha restoration only. Application issued for the LSSIF in 2024 & successful – to progress .
Wetlands & Attenuation (East & West)	•						Recent work on Cabinteeily pond and Corke Abbey

							Valley Park. Other projects being identified.
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	•						Application issued for the LSSIF in 2024 but unsuccessful. To progress Part 8 in 2025.
Clifton Park Improvement Works	•						To progress
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms	•						No funding available. On hold. Skills wall is complete

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## Heritage

- Launch and administration of Round 2 of 2025 Community heritage grant scheme (closing date 1pm, March 6th)
- Dublin Mountains Archaeology webinar – 130 participants (Feb 19)
- Southside Travellers Action Group Archives exhibition in dlr LexIcon
- Six submissions to 2025 Community Monument Fund (four external applications, two from dlcc) and two submissions to Heritage Council grant scheme

- First session of 8-week course; “Discovering the History and Heritage of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown” as part of “Let’s Get Social”, funded by the Creative Ireland Programme under the Health & Wellbeing in the Community Scheme and supported by Southside Partnership's Social Prescribing programme – running until May 12th
- Carrickbrennan cemetery wall repair – works started January 20th
- Meeting with archaeologist re. repair of St. Begnet’s, Dalkey masonry
- Performance Management & Development System team meetings
- Creative Ireland team meeting
- Project Governance Board meeting - restoration of haha at Marlay Park
- Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre board meeting
- James Joyce Tower board meeting, assistance with conservation project
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups
- Ongoing maintenance/upgrades to dlr heritage properties

### **Operations East County February Monthly Report**

#### **Projects/Works completed:**

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- Trees Planting Commenced
- Playground Installation at Springhill Park and Soldiers & Sailors Park on going
- Engineers engaged to compile report for contractor to progress localized repairs to pedestrian bridge at Rockfield park to facilitate re-opening as soon as possible ongoing.

#### **Project Planning:**

- Project review ongoing in relation to possibility of installing additional boules facilities in Kilbogget Park . Further engagement with Seapoint Boules Club and other sports clubs pending.
- Draft design completed in relation to improvements to open space beside Auburn Drive and Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Follow up meeting with Watson Residents Association pending

#### **Meetings attended:**

- Meeting with Irish Rail on new Woodbrook Dart Station .
- Progress meeting regarding on site Playground works

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- The Gallops playground works complete and partially open - grassed areas to remain closed to allow for grass establishment (weather dependent)

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- Meeting with Pine Valley Residents Assoc in relation to tree planting on open space in Autumn 2025
- Tully Park Playground drainage works – being planned

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- 23 Virgin Media Road opening licences - reviewed and conditioned.
- GNI Wayleave Kilcross -Various Dept. Consultations.
- UE /GMC/Aecom consultations regarding infrastructure proposals for Bearna Park
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- Eirgrid workshop on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Consultation meeting with Housing regarding Japanese Knotweed treatments.

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