

# **DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

# JANUARY TO MARCH QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

**1** January – **31** March **2020** 



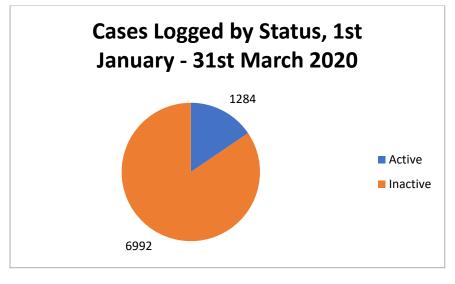
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## 1. CRM Statistics

#### Cases logged



Open	1284
Closed	6992

## Case logged by section

Section/Department	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	4	31	35
Ballyogan Depot	16	20	36
CFU	5	19	24
Communications	38	2432	2470
Community	3	10	13
Corporate Services	7	18	25
dIrcoco	6	2	8
Enterprise	1	3	4
Environment	247	1668	1915
Finance	178	826	1004
Housing	44	451	495
Parks	332	311	643
Planning	14	46	60
Property	8	17	25
Transportation	365	937	1302
Waste Enforcement	16	170	186
Water Services		31	31
Grand Total	1284	6992	8276



## 2. Dlr Civic Hub:



6,070

1,414

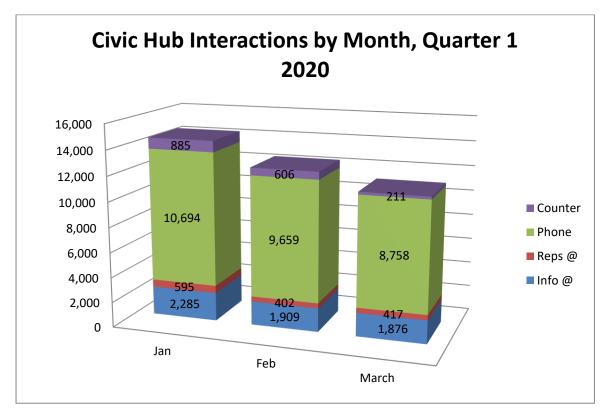
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In Quarter 1 of 2020, the Civic Hub has dealt with over 38,297 customer interactions.



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

29,111





## Finance and Economic Development

## Local Enterprise Office (LEO) and Economic Development

#### **Business Area Promotion Grants**

Applications under a new round of Business Promotion Grants were invited in March. Last year, the Economic Development Unit issued grants totalling euro 100,000 to business groups across the county.

Business Area Promotion grants are open to recognised Business Groups which aim to fulfill the following objectives:

- to help generate and sustain business activity by delivering tangible outputs such as increased footfall
- to encourage firms in an area to work collectively to promote and sustain business activity in their area
- to encourage businesses to locate and prosper in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and other public agencies

Applications can be submitted via the Council's online grants portal for the remaining 2020 funds, and the closing date is Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Enterprise Week**

The Local Enterprise Office's annual Enterprise Week <u>https://www.enterpriseweekdlr.ie/</u> took place in early March, with over twenty events taking place covering a diverse range of topics. Topics were chosen to add value to our client base. We run Enterprise week to bring latest thinking to our SME business community and beyond. With only an approximate 6% of SMEs investing in training the need is very high to bridge the productivity/ innovation gap between the Corporate and SME sectors. A number of workshops took place, providing practical advice on leadership, raising investment, tendering, pricing, sales and lots more. One of the highlights was the visit of internationally renowned speaker and BBC TV presenter David Meade, who not only entertained a packed Leopardstown Pavilion, but also left attendees with many practical tips on how to approach running their business. Over 700 people attended the various events finishing off with a networking walk on Killiney Hill.



David Meade - Enterprise Week 2020



#### COVID -19 Response

The Local Enterprise Office is working hard to support businesses affected by the COVID-19, providing new supports and changing the way in which we deliver existing supports.

#### **Business Continuity Voucher**

The new Business Continuity Voucher, available through Local Enterprise Offices, is designed for businesses across every sector that employ up to 50 people.

The voucher is worth up to  $\leq 2,500$  in third party consultancy costs and can be used by companies and sole traders to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. The goal is to help companies make informed decisions about what immediate measures and remedial actions should be taken, to protect staff and sales.

Successful applicants will be allocated a qualified expert by DLR Local Enterprise Office to work with them on business continuity plans.

#### **COVID-19 Business Loan**

The COVID-19 Business Loan from Microfinance Ireland (MFI), in partnership with Local Enterprise Offices, is a Government-funded initiative to support small businesses through the current period of uncertainty.

It is designed for micro-enterprises that are having difficulty accessing Bank finance and who have been, or may be, negatively impacted negatively by COVID-19.

The loan can be up for up to  $\leq 50,000$  and is available to eligible micro-enterprises (i.e. businesses with less than 10 employees and up to  $\leq 2m$  annual turnover) that are currently trading. Loans are interest- and repayment-free for six months.

Businesses applying for this loan through our office will be eligible for a rate reduction of 1%. This loan may be able to help if a business is impacted or may be impacted by COVID-19 resulting in a reduction of 15% or more in actual or projected turnover or profit, and if the business is having difficulty in accessing finance from commercial lending providers.

Where possible, training has been moved online and a number of additional courses: <u>Cash Management in a Crisis during COVID-19</u> and <u>Leading Your Small Business Through</u> <u>COVID-19</u> have been offered to assist businesses at this time. Courses on managing cashflow, how to lead small businesses through the crisis and how to manage stress and anxiety have proven extremely popular, and have bene set up to allow interaction between participants.

All existing LEO financial supports continue to be available and full details of all supports and how to apply are available at <u>www.localenterprise.ie/dlr</u>.

#### Lift Ireland

We continue to work with LIFT Ireland to roll out their program to business across the County. We will be running a series of <u>facilitator training workshops</u> which have proven



to be highly effective and popular in our business community. Strong leadership is even more critical than ever in the new remote working environment and we will be driving this message out to the community.

#### LEAN

We have developed a new website <u>www.leandlr.ie</u> to promote the rollout of LEAN in Ireland. We are currently reviewing this program to see how we can encourage participation in this time of crisis. While training has moved online many companies are not currently in the position to look at efficiencies while COVID remains a challenge. We are looking at how we may adapt the program in light of these new circumstances.

## TOURISM

#### Tourism & Twinning:

In January, the Tourism & Twinning function of DLRCC have moved Directorship. These services are now under the remit of the Director for Finance & Economic Development.

#### **URBACT III. "Tourism Friendly Cities"**

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is participating in a new EU project under the URBACT III programme. "Tourism Friendly Cities" Network is led by the City of Genoa, Italy and has ten cities as part of this network. The focus of this project is to explore Sustainable Tourism. A Transnational meeting was held in Braga, Portugal on January 28th & 29th. Dun Laoghaire is scheduled to host the next meeting of this network in June this year.

#### **DLR Tourism Steering Group**

A meeting of the DLR Tourism Steering Group took place on February 27th in the dlr Lexicon. This group is made up of key Tourism Sector representatives in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and provides general guidance and support regarding the implementation of the dlr Tourism strategy.

#### **Regional Festivals & Participative Events Funding 2020**

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has received a small amount of funding form Failte Ireland to support a number of Regional Festivals and Participative Events in the County from Fáilte Ireland in 2020.

This funding opportunity was advertised on the DLRCC website on January 3rd 2020 and remained on open call until February 7th 2020.

In total 8 funding applications were received by the February 7th closing date. Following an assessment of these applications, the following grant awards are approved under DLR Regional Festivals & Participative Events Grant 2020.

#### **DLR Tourism Information Kiosk**

On March 13th the Tourism Information Kiosk closed temporarily in response to the COVID 19 Crisis. This service will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.



#### Twinning

The City of Vincennes have extended an invitation for DLRCC to attend a significant event in celebration of their various Twinning relationships on July 3rd & 4th 2020.

DLRCC has also received an invitation from City of Brest, France to participate in Brest's International Maritime Festivities which will take place from July 12th – 15th 2020.

## Finance

#### Making of Rate 2020

An advertisement was placed in the press on the 10 January 2020, giving notice of the intention of the Council to make the rate for the year ending 31 December 2020. Public notice of the making of the rate was given by advertisement placed in the press on 31 January 2020- with rates then made on the 31 January 2020 on rateable properties within the County of Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown.

The Annual Rate on Valuation (A.R.V.) for 2020 is 0.1732 as determined by resolution at the 2020 Annual Budget Meeting held on 6 November 2019.

#### Sandyford Business Improvement Districts Scheme

One of the functions of the Council in relation to the Sandyford B.I.D. Scheme is the determination of the B.I.D. Multiplier. The B.I.D. multiplier is similar to the Council's Annual Rate on Valuation (A.R.V.). Multiplier x Valuation of Property = B.I.D. Levy. The B.I.D. company's budget for 2020 is  $\in$ 618,000 of which  $\in$ 578,000 is to be raised from B.I.D. contribution levies. The multiplier is calculated by dividing the amount to be raised from levies by the valuation of the B.I.D. scheme area, ( $\in$ 618,000/ $\in$ 116,115,979), giving a multiplier of  $\in$ 0.005, unchanged from previous years. The bills issued on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, to businesses within the scheme area.

#### Local Property Tax

LPT Allocation Payment 2020: A payment of &24,921,312 was received from the DHP&LG on the 03/02/2020 representing the first instalment payment (1/6th) of the Council's 2020 discretionary LPT allocation, together with the full self-funding allocation. The second discretionary LPT instalment of &1,811,579 was received on 13/03/2020.

#### Overdraft

Overdraft facility of €10m. in place but not availed of in 2020 to date.

#### Covid-19

#### RATES

The Council is conscious of the impact that COVID 19 is having on many businesses and citizens throughout the County and staff in a number of departments are working with customers whose finances are negatively affected.

In line with the announcement by the Government on the 20 March, 2020, the Council is working with ratepayers whose businesses are impacted by COVID 19 to defer rates



payments due until the end of May. Ratepayers are advised to contact their Rate Collector to put this arrangement in place as soon as possible.

#### ACCCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable are working to ensure suppliers continue to be paid in a timely manner to assist with their cash flow requirements.



# Housing Progress Report Q1/2020

## 1. Executive Summary

#### 1.1 Overview

In accordance with Department Guidelines and the Council's Corporate Plan, this Report is produced to give an overview of the Social Housing portfolio at Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The Report covers the provision, maintenance and management of social housing stock, implementation progress across the 5 Pillars identified in 'Rebuilding Ireland – An Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness' and the housing supports available for those who need them.

Data included in this report represents the current situation at 27th March 2020. Data regarding the activity of the Department in previous years can be found at <a href="https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/housing/how-we-deliver-our-homes/housing-statistics">https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/housing/how-we-deliver-our-housing/how-we-deliver-our-housing-statistics</a>

This Report considers the following areas:

#### Housing Delivery

Build Acquisition Part V Lease Traveller Specific Accommodation HAP / RAS Cost Rental

#### Support

Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock Retrofits Housing Adaptation Grants Allocations & Assessments Choice Based Letting Homeless Services Private Rented Housing Standards Estate Management & Anti-Social Behaviour Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Tenant Purchase Scheme



## **2. Housing Delivery**

## 2.1 Overview

The **Social Housing Target 2018-2021** for delivery by this Council is **1,563 homes**.

 Table 1: Homes Delivered per Quarter during 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
DLR Build	0					
DLR Part V	0					
AHB Build	0					
AHB Part V	0					
DLR Acquisition	2					
AHB Acquisition	5					
DLR Lease	0					
AHB Lease	0					
Total Build, Acquisition & Leasing	7					

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
RAS	5					
HAP - Standard	46					
HAP - Homeless	46					
Total RAS & HAP	97					

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
<b>Total Delivery</b> All Social Housing delivery streams exc. bad relets	104					

## Table 2: Traveller Specific Accommodation 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Refurbishment Works and New Sites	1				
Casual Vacancies	0				
Standard Housing	0				



#### 2.2 **Housing Construction**

dlr Housing recognises the importance of managing the development process in order to achieve the targets set out in the Delivery Strategy 2018-2021 in a timely manner. To this extent, the schemes are closely monitored from inception through to completion.

#### **DLRCC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2018 – 2021**

#### Includes SHIP, Major Refurbishments and AHB New built

The following tables provide an overview of the different schemes under the Housing Construction Capital Programme, their current status and estimated completion date:

Table 3: Schemes on Site								
Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)				
Broadford Rise	21	Construction in progress	Q3 2017	Q2 2020				
Enniskerry Road (AHB)	155	Construction in progress	Q2 2019	Q4 2021				
Abbey View House (AHB)	11	Construction in progress	Q2 2019	Q1 2021				
Ballyogan Ave (New Homes)	2	Construction in progress	Q4 2019	Q4 2020				
Ballyogan Court	119	Enabling works in progress	Q1 2020	Q3 2022				
TOTAL	308							

#### Table 3: Schemes on Site

#### **Table 4: Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval**

Rockville Drive	13	Part 8 Approved	Q2 2020	Q1 2021
TOTAL	13			

Table 5: Schemes at Design/Tender Stage								
Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)				
Shanganagh	597	Part X Planning application submitted						
St Laurences Park	89	Stage 2 Application submitted						
Moyola Court Infill	4	Stage 2 Application submitted						
Loughlinstown Wood	42	Tender Received	Q2 2020	Q2 2021				
Total	732							
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<u>1053</u>							

#### **OVERALL TOTAL**



## **3. Housing Support**

## 3.1 <u>Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock</u>

#### Table 6: Retrofits 2020

Retrofits	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Voids	0				
Relets	15				
Traveller Specific Accommodation	4				

## Table 7: Maintenance Requests 2020

Routine Maintenance	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Requests received	1897				
Requests in process	467				
Requests completed	1430				

## **Table 8: Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Works on Hand at beginning of Quarter	129				
Requests Received	24				
Works Completed	14				

## 3.2 Allocations

Table 9: Allocations 2020								
Allocations	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total			
Social Housing List	78							
Transfer List	19							
Total Allocations	97							



## 3.3 Choice Based Letting (CBL)

#### Table 10: CBL Adverts by Area of Choice in 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Dún Laoghaire/Dalkey	0			
Blackrock/Stillorgan	0			
Ballybrack/Shankill	1			
Ballinteer/Ballyogan	8			
Total	9			

**Note:** Figures shown are cumulative from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and the number of adverts put on CBL. Some adverts represent a number of properties.

#### 3.4 Homeless Services

#### Table 11: Homeless Services 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of Homeless Families	87			
No. of Homeless Individuals	177			
No. of Allocations to homeless individuals/families	17			
No. of SHS offers currently accepted by homeless individuals/families	5			

#### 3.5 Housing and Disability Steering Group

The Council continues to work with the Steering Group on implementing the Terms of Reference. A schedule of meetings for 2020 was agreed at the last meeting held in December 2019.

In Q1 of 2020, 23% of allocations were made to people with disabilities.

#### 3.6 Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities

Table 12: Breakdown of Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People withDisabilities 2020

#### Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	17				
Provisional approvals issued	32				
Grants paid	39				
Value of Grants paid	€293,135				



#### **Housing Aid for Older Persons**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	6				
Provisional approvals issued	1				
Grants paid	2				
Value of Grants paid	€9,660				

#### **Mobility Aids Grant**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	10				
Provisional approvals issued	5				
Grants paid	12				
Value of Grants paid	€46,611				

Budget Provision (3 Schemes)	€1,550,000
Budget Spent	€ 349,406
Budget % Spent	22.5%

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

#### 3.7 Rent Arrears

#### Table 13: Rents 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Accrued Rent Arrears	€4,327,673.03				
Rental Income	€3,893,283.96				

#### 3.8 Private Rented Housing Standards

#### Table 14: Private Rented Housing Standards 2020

Private Rental Inspections	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Inspections Carried Out	305				



## Comhairle Contae County Council 3.9 Estate Management and Anti-Social Behaviour

## Table 15: Estate Management 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Pre-tenancy training	54				

## Table 16: Anti-Social Behaviour 2020

Anti-Social Complaints	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Received	15				
Completed	10				
On-going	5				
Tenancy Warning	2				
Tenancy Notification	1				
Verbal Warning	1				
Advice Given	2				
Refer to Other Depts	4				
Court Case	1				

#### Table 17: Estate Management Interviews 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Estate Management Interviews	10				

#### 3.10 <u>Loans</u>

#### Table 18: Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan 2020

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Applications received	15				
Applications approved in principle	6				
Loan Drawdowns	2				



## Section 48 and Glenamuck Scheme:

- 1/1/2020 31/3/2020 Invoiced = 14,199,805.22 Receipted = 3,786,152.02
- 1/1/2019 31/3/2019 Invoiced = 8,854,973.40 Receipted = 3,548,693.30
- 1/1/2018-31/3/2018 Invoiced = 2,945,830.78 Receipted = 4,141,843.82

## Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

Planning Applications received under section 4 of the P&D (Housing) & Residential Tenancies Act 2016

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Government have made orders which have the effect of freezing all current time limits on planning matters including planning appeals and submissions on appeals and on strategic housing and strategic infrastructure applications. You can read the <u>Minister's press statement</u> and these orders announcing this extension on the Department's website <u>www.housing.gov.ie</u>.

Case No ABP 30642120	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development Curve Devco Limited Castle Park School, Castle Park Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin	Date Application Received 17/01/20	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations 20/02/20	Application Website www.castl eparkroad shd.com	Due to be decided by ABP 07/05/20
ABP 30647120	101 Apartment Units Ironborn Real Estate Limited Sector 3, Aiken`s Village, Townland of Woodside, Stepaside, Dublin 18 444 Apartment units	21/01/20	24/02/20	www.ironb ornshd.co m	11/05/20
ABP 30662620	Winterbrook Homes (Dalkey) Limited Demolition of 'Chareville', 'Coach House' and ancillary buildings, construction of 105 no. apartments and associated site works. Charleville, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Dublin 18.	12/02/20	18/03/20	www.harb ourroadsh d.ie	02/06/20
ABP 30694920	Lulani Dalguise Limited Demolition of existing dwelling and other structures, conversion of Dalguise House, construction of 274 no. residential units (21 no. houses, 253 no. apartments), creche and associated site works. Dalguise House (a protected structure). Monkstown Road, Monkstown, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.	20/03/20	The deadline for receipt of submissions has been extended by 23 days. An órd Pleanála will confirm the revised dates when their offices re-open.	www.dalg uiseshd.co m	To be confirmed by An Bórd Pleanála



http://www.pleanala.ie/shd/applications/index.htm

## **Planning Statistics:**

1st Jan 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 / 1st Jan 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

	<b>Outline Permission</b>		Permission		Total	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
New application Received*	1	0	376	353	377	353
Decision Deferred	0	0	117	92	117	92
Decisions to Grant**	0	0	288	245	288	245
Decision to Refuse**	1	0	49	38	50	38
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	1	0	251	210	252	210
Invalid Applications	0	0	75	55	75	55

\*Includes 21 Applications for Retention in 2019 and 36 in 2020

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

4 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse) in 2019 and 2 in 2020

Building Control	Jan-Mar 2020
Fire Safety Certs applications received	50
Fire Safety Certs Applications Granted	46
Fire Safety Certs Applications Refused	2
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	32
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted	28
Commencement Notices Validated	Currently unavailable
7 Day Notices received	Currently unavailable
Completion Certs Validated	55

Customers to Planning Counter	1,134 Customers
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## Active Land management – DLR Q4 2019

The primary 'performance' indicator available to actively assess the issue of housing supply is the Dublin Housing Supply Coordination Taskforce (DHSCT) data - of which DLR contributes on a quarterly basis. The data utilised within the Household Taskforce is focused to capturing developments with planning permission for 10 or more units across the Dublin Region.

The most significant performance indicators - within DLR- are based on growth rates between Q4 2018 and Q4 2019. This includes:

- 34% increase in the number of sites with planning permission from 101 to 135 sites.
- 40% increase in the total number of units with planning permission from 11,038 to 15,435 units.
- $11^{\circ}$ % decrease in the number of active sites, from 46 to 41 sites.
- 53% increase in the number of units under construction from 1,461 to 2234.
- 110% increase in the number of completions in this quarter from 276 to 580



This section presents a comparison of DLR's HTF Q3 2019 data with that from the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities. The most salient performance indicators are as follows:

- 28% of all units with planning permission within the Dublin Region. (No change from Q2 2019)
- 23% of all Active Sites within the Dublin Region. (Down from 24% in Q2 2019)
- 21% of all units under construction within the Dublin Region. (No change from Q2 2019)
- 16% of all units currently being processed in the planning system within the Dublin Region. (Down from 25% in Q2 2019)
- 32% of all units permitted but not commenced within the Dublin Region. (Up from 30% in Q2 2019)

Please see below for some trends and Regional comparisons

#### Q4 2019:

Please note the DHSCT 'Red Book' compilation of the four Dublin Authorities data sets for Q4 2019 has not yet been posted on the DHPLG website and is currently unavailable. Consequently, it has not been possible to update the Regional comparison tables to include Q4 2019.

#### Q3 2019:

Dublin Authorities – Q2 2019 Data	% of Residential Units with planning permission	% of Residential Units within the planning system - awaiting final determination	% of Residential Units permitted but not commenced	% of Residential Units under construction	% of Active Sites	% of Residential Units completed in completed developments
Dublin City	27%	45%	33%	28%	18%	0%
DLR	28%	16%	32%	21%	23%	34%
South Dublin	13%	28%	9%	22%	16%	10%
Fingal	32%	11%	26%	29%	43%	56%
Total (Figure)	49,502	10,797	31,344	8,610	187	489

#### 02 2019:

Dublin Authorities – Q2 2019 Data	% of Residential Units with planning permission	% of Residential Units within the planning system - awaiting final determination	% of Residential Units permitted but not commenced	% of Residential Units under construction	% of Active Sites	% of Residential Units completed in completed developments
Dublin City	25%	48%	31%	22%	12%	28%
DLR	28%	25%	30%	21%	24%	15%
South Dublin	14%	10%	11%	21%	17%	23%
Fingal	33%	17%	28%	36%	47%	34%
Total (Figure)	46,494	8,797	30,341	7,306	169	1,641



Q1 20:	19:	communic	contac count	council		
Dublin Authorities – Q1 2019 Data	% of Residential Units with planning permission	% of Residential Units within the planning system - awaiting final determination	% of Residential Units permitted but not commenced	% of Residential Units under construction	% of Active Sites	% of Residential Units completed in completed developments
Dublin City	26%	22%	33%	25%	14%	0%
DLR	26%	30%	28%	20%	23%	15%
South Dublin	14%	18%	12%	19%	16%	66%
Fingal	34%	30%	27%	36%	47%	19%
Total (Figure)	43,893	9,693	27,246	7,598	178	1,243



#### Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) - Progress Report

#### LIHAF

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

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

The residential development for all 3 DLR LIHAF sites will progress as and when developers obtain their required planning consents.

Project Name	Detail of Infrastructure	Total LIHAF allocation	Amount to be funded by DHPLG	Amount to be funded by DLR
		€М	€M (75%)	€M (25%)
Clay Farm	Construction of 600m of     Loop Distributor Road	€4.7	€3.5	€1.2
Woodbrook/ Shanganagh	<ul> <li>Revision of the Woodbrook roundabout on the old N11;</li> <li>Road improvements to support housing development;</li> <li>Access to the future DART station.</li> </ul>	€4.16	€3.12	€1.04
Cherrywood	<ul> <li>Druid's Glen Road (road only); Druid's Glen bridge - (short bridge structure transversing valley);</li> <li>New N11 junction 'Q' at Druid Glen Road;</li> <li>Druid's Glen Road (bridge feature)</li> </ul>	€15.19	€11.39	€3.80

An overview of these infrastructure projects is as follows; -

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

http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/lihaf\_information\_table\_march\_2018.pdf



DLR will deliver and administer an Affordable Housing scheme to the value of the LIHAF. Forward Planning Infrastructure and Housing Departments will work together in preparation for the LIHAF sites. Guidance on the criteria selection for house owners will be informed by, Circular APH 01/2019 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, Affordable Housing (Part 5) Regulations 2019 made under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 (S.I. No. 381 of 2019) with further regulations awaited form the DHPLG.

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

A status of each projects is as follows:

#### Clay Farm – Construction of 600m of Loop Distributor Road -Preliminary Design Stage

Forward Planning Infrastructure Department has convened meetings with the respective Landowners. In order to access and build the new section of the loop distributor road, an already constructed section of the loop distributor road will require to be taken-in-charge (TIC). DLR has acted as a facilitator between a set of private landowners to see if an agreement can be reached to allow for the commencement of a process of TIC of a section of the constructed section of the Clay Farm Distributor Road.

If agreement can be reached this, will provide for the progression of the next section of the Clay Farm Loop Road to further the opening up of lands for housing development.

#### • Woodbrook Shanganagh - Preliminary Design Stage

Forward Planning Infrastructure Department has convened meetings with all key stakeholders to include the National Transport Authority (NTA) to provide for the management and delivery of the LIHAF infrastructural elements and to provide oversight in the opening of lands for housing development.

The access (avenue) road design to support housing development and access to the future DART station has advanced as part of the Landowners' master planning for the site and formed part of a Strategic Housing Development planning application lodged to ABP on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. This application was granted on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 by ABP and includes for 685 residential units. dlr has engaged with the developer in relation to updated construction and delivery schedules following this decision. There is also close engagement with the DHPLG with regard to agreeing suitable infrastructure delivery methods noting the road infrastructure and housing development may be delivered in tandem.

A binding Tripartite Legal Contract to address a land swap arrangement is in place, dated 2nd October 2019.

The BusConnects programme has informed the design on the Old Dublin Road and at the Wilford Roundabout. These designs are being progressed by the dlr Road Projects Office. The current round of public consultation on the NTA's Bus Connect programme remains active until Friday 17th April 2020.

Preliminary designs are being advanced by Irish Rail on the new DART station



with a tentative timeline to progress to planning stage in 2020.

#### Cherrywood

The Cherrywood Development Agency Project Team (DAPT) is actively managing the delivery of the Cherrywood LIHAF.

Within Cherrywood SDZ, grants of planning have been secured by developers for approximately 2,406 residential units, although there is a second judicial review case pending, with the result that there is presently planning certainty for 2,064 Units. Construction has been ongoing on the Town Centre development which includes 1,316 residential units with construction expected to commence on the nearby residential site at Domville.

However, in line with recent Government instruction, all active construction sites, including the ones in Cherrywood, are closed until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 due to the ongoing situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The re-commencement of these sites will be dependent on further instruction from the Government.

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

LIHAF Infrastructure

#### Phase 1 – at Construction Stage

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

#### Phase 2 – at Detailed Design Stage

The next section of road (350m of road and a 40m short bridge spanning the Carrickmines Stream) is in design stage and forms part of a planning application which received a grant of permission in January 2020, having been remitted back to dlr following a judicial review.

#### Phase 3 – at Preliminary Design Stage

A design brief and outline budget are presently being scoped out on the 140m span bridge with surveys and site investigations due to commence once the current restrictions relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) are lifted.

#### Cherrywood URDF Infrastructure

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

DLR was successful in obtaining funding under the URDF in respect of the Category A Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project, formal approval of which issued



from the Minister in early 2019. Confirmation of funding was received in respect of  $\in$ 870,000 for 2019 with commitment to fund the remaining  $\in$ 13.4m (subject to assessment and performance) in subsequent years. As with LIHAF, this funding is by way of 75% direct government funding and 25% funded by DLR.

This will see the development of 4 distinct sub-projects comprising the Linear Park, surface water attenuation ponds 2a and 5a and completion of Tully Park Phase 2. Recent Government correspondence has reaffirmed the DHPLG's objective to maintain the continuity and momentum of the URDF supported programme.

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

#### Linear Park – at Preliminary Design Stage

The consultant was appointed following a competitive tendering process to develop a design for the supporting greenway infrastructure to include the Linear Park within the SDZ area and this is progressing. This project is being advanced in collaboration with the NTA.

#### Pond 2a – at Preliminary Design Stage

Preliminary design consultant appointed and construction access solutions being investigated. Project to proceed to Part 8 stage in 2020.

#### Pond 5a – at Detailed Design Stage

Site clearance works have recently been undertaken and a tender process is in progress to appoint a consultant to undertake costings, contractor procurement and development supervision. Construction is due to commence in 2020.

#### Tully Park Phase 2 – at Detailed Design Stage

This has received planning permission and a multi-disciplinary design consultant has been appointed for the detailed design. Construction is due to commence in 2020.

#### URDF Call 2

A second call for proposals under the URDF 2020 was advertised in January 2020 and had an advertised closing date of 31 March 2020 for local authorities to submit suitable applications. This date has subsequently been revised to allow applications be submitted up to 12 noon on 29 May 2020. https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/pl 02 2020 planning d uring covid 19 emergency 30 mar 2020.pdf

Similar to the first call under the URDF Call 1 (in 2018), the Fund is seeking applications that will support the aim of compact growth as set out in Project Ireland 2040 whilst stimulating new residential and commercial development in our larger cities and towns. More details on the URDF can be found by accessing the following link:

https://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/national-planning-framework/urban-regenerationand-development-fund-urdf

#### Cherrywood SDZ – Progress Report

The current Main Work Streams include:

- Cherrywood LIHAF as reported above;
- URDF Call 1 Projects (2018) Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation as reported above;



- Bride's Glen to Shankill pedestrian / cycle Scheme The Part 8 design preparation for the scheme is being advanced by dlr Road Projects. Dialogue continues between dlr, National Transport Authority and Health Service Executive -Loughlinstown Hospital to reach agreement on the project design and route alignment;
- The Cherrywood Steering Group, comprising the Chief Executive and Directors of Services in key service departments met 13 times since it was established in 2017. The Steering Group has been convened to provide oversight in all key aspects of the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ that cover multi – disciplinary themes;
- Development of a Common Infrastructure Agreement with supporting Project Management Protocols for the provision of the common infrastructure required for the build out of Cherrywood SDZ is being progressed by the Development Agency Project Team (DAPT) with oversight by the Cherrywood SDZ Steering Group;
- A Proposed Amendment to the Cherrywood Planning Scheme relating to residential car parking standards was submitted to An Bord Pleanála on25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and approval was issued by the Board in January 2020. The purpose of the approved amendment is to update the Planning Scheme so as to align with Government Policy on housing and, in particular, to take cognisance of the updated ministerial guidance on car parking provision for apartment developments as set out in the "Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (March 2018)" as published by the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government (DHPLG).
- A review of the Scheme, arising from the requirement for same as set out in the recently published 'Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (December 2018) is underway.
- The DAPT is presently scoping out and undertaking an assessment of a potential re-alignment of the Beckett Road from that as shown in the approved Cherrywood Planning Scheme. The re-alignment relates primarily to the southern portion of Beckett Road and to the underpass with the Wyattville Link Road (WLR).

#### Planning Applications – FOR NOTING

The following major infrastructural projects have been granted permission, with substantial completion on site achieved within the main Landowner lands. DZ15A/0813 – Tully Park; DZ15A/0814 – Beckett Park; DZ16A/0570 – Ticknick Park and DZ15A/0758 – Roads and Infrastructure – Phase 1.

The status of other applications from 31st December 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 inclusive is as follows;-

- DZ10A/0577 Loading Bay, Cherrywood Avenue South Decision to Grant issued 23/01/2020
- DZ18A/208 329 Residential Units, Druid's Glen Outcome of Judicial Review to Grant Permission issued
- DZ19A/0597 184 Residential Units, Development Area 8, Tully Decision to Grant issued 11/03/2020
- DZ19A/863 342 Residential Units, Druid's Glen Decision to Grant issued 14/01/2020 (currently subject to Judicial Review)
- DZ19A/0874 Pavilion and temporary car park at Ticknick Park Split Decision issued 15/01/2020
- DZ19A/1022 Replacement LED signs Cherrywood Business Park Decision to Grant issued 26/02/2020
- DZ19A/1024 Amendments to permitted application for TC2, Cherrywood Request for Further Information issued 26/02/2020



- DZ20A/0002 Re-orientation of 2 no. ESB sub-stations, Cherrywood Request for Further Information issued 26/02/2020
- DZ20A/0052 Mixed use development including 198 residential units, TC3 Request for Further Information issued 18/03/2020
- DZ20A/0056 Amendments to permitted residential scheme, Beechpark Decision to Grant issued 20/03/20
- DZ20A/0073 Amendments to permitted residential scheme, Beechpark Request for Further Information issued 26/03/2020

There are currently no SDZ planning applications for which reports are being prepared.

To date the total no. of residential units permitted is 2,406, of which there is a judicial review relating to 342 Units, accordingly, there is planning certainty for 2,064 units or new homes. A further 198 units are at Further Information Stage. The total amount of non-residential development permitted is circa 104,719 sq.m of Mixed Use (retail/non-retail/commercial) and circa 47,406 sq.m of High Intensity Employment (HIE).

#### Stakeholder Engagement

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

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

#### Funding

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme 2017 – 2020, <u>http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/20170613</u> cherrywood planning sc <u>heme development contribution scheme 2017-2020</u> adopted.pdf was adopted at the June Council Meeting 2017 and all decisions to grant planning permission relative to the Cherrywood SDZ area, made on or after 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, are subject to the Conditions of this Scheme.

The common infrastructure elements include for a road network in the order of 10km, storm water infrastructure in the order of 3.8ha and the delivery of amenity open space – Class 1, new parks, neighbourhood plazas, natural greenspace and greenways (as per Appendix III Cherrywood Planning Scheme Projects List of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme (DCS) 2017-2020). The current order of magnitude cost (OMC) exercise is guiding that the cost of providing the common infrastructure to open up land for development to support the development of Cherrywood is in the order of  $\in$ 200M for construction.

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme DSC provides for the conditioning of development contributions, and within the DSC under the Exemptions and Reductions section, provision has been made for development contribution offset of certain development contributions payable against costs for common infrastructure works constructed by the landowners.



In addition to the DCS, government funding, Local Property Tax Income, LIHAF and URDF has been secured and contributes to the funding of common infrastructure. However there still remains a funding gap in relation to the provision of the entire common infrastructure (i.e. the projects that are not LIHAF and URDF funded).

The DHPLG have issued a second call for proposals under URDF Call 2 and the DAPT is currently reviewing what projects in the Cherrywood SDZ would align with the requirements of the Fund for submission. The closing date for receipt of submissions has been extended from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to 12 noon on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 due to the current ongoing situation regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Discussions will continue with all relevant stakeholders to ensure the funding is in place to enable the infrastructure to be delivered.



#### Climate Change Action

• The four Dublin local authority Climate Change Action Plans 2019-2024 received the 'Highly Commended' award under the Climate Change Category at the Planning awards in February 2020.

#### Climate Action Fund 2020 – Expressions of Interest Call

• The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment opened a call for Expressions of Interest from public and private sector bodies, as well as non-governmental organisations, for the Government's Climate Action Fund. This council submitted 5 Expressions of Interest relating to Local Authority work areas.

#### Activities

- Marine conference for schools, An Taisce, in the Royal Marine Hotel 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January
- Work ongoing with the community, IADT and local businesses to identify alternatives to single use plastic.
- Development of Local Authority Prevention Network project for the EPA.
- The Love Deansgrange, Love the Change Campaign, supported by the Community Foundation of Ireland and DLR County Council was rolled out by NOSUP Town during February.
- The 4 Dublin Local Authorities, led by Fingal County Council, tendered for consultancy services to prepare a strategy for Electric Vehicle Charging infrastructure across the Dublin Region and this has been awarded to Element Energy
- The Council in conjunction with the CARO office arranged a site visit for the other Dublin LA's to a newly installed green roof for climate teams in conjunction with Lidl Ireland in Shankill. This Council was the first in Ireland with a green roof policy.
- With the assistance of the Council's Green Business Officer, DLR Properties was awarded its EcoMerit Certificate on February 26 2020.
- St John of God Hospital, a DLR County Council supported EcoMerit certified organisation, was announced winner of the Green Healthcare category of the Green Awards 2020 at an awards ceremony on February 25th in the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, D4. Other finalists from DLR in these Awards were SSE Airtricity, Airfield Estate, Vivid Edge and Bord Iascaigh Mhara.
- DLR County Council will be the headline sponsor of the International Conference on Resource Sustainability, which was due to take place in UCD from June 30th July 2nd 2020. It has now been deferred to July 20th-22nd 2021

#### Environmental Awareness

- Continued Management of Green Schools Programme
- Continued support for Tidy Towns, Resident Associations, Community Groups and Schools
- Management of LA21 EPF.
- Management of Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund.
- Management of Environment Grant.
- Development of Local Authority Prevention Network project for the EPA.



#### SEAI Public Sector Conference 2020 – Thursday 6th February, DCU

• This Council showcased the use of e-cars by local authorities

#### Sustainable Energy Communities

• Dalkey Tidy Towns Group has joined the Sustainable Energy Community Network as part of its contribution to reducing the impact of climate change

#### #Breathelife

• The World Health Organizations #Breathelife is a global campaign which aims to reduce air pollution, improve health and preserve our climate. At the Climate Brave event on February 17th, the 4 Dublin local Authorities formally joined the #BreathLife campaign which aligns with the ambitions set out in the Dublin LA Climate Change Action Plans 2019-2024.

#### Policy Framework for the Development of District Heating in Ireland

• The Dublin CARO, on behalf of the 4 Dublin LA's, made a submission to this public consultation. District heating can play a key role in improving energy efficiency and reducing emissions. Given that end-users are supplied with heat rather than fuel, district heating networks can offer flexibility in fuel choice, and the ability to adapt to changes in the economic and policy landscape that may see different combinations of energy resources used at different times over the lifetime of a district heating network.

#### Marine

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) is currently overseeing the biggest reform of marine governance in Ireland for decades. This has included publication of the Marine Planning Policy Statement (MPPS) on the 12th of November (https://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/marine-planning/marine-planning-policy-statement). On the same day, Ireland's first draft Marine Spatial Plan - the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) – was launched for consultation (https://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/marine-planning/public-consultation-draft-national-marine-planning-framework). In the coming months it is expected that a finalised General Scheme of the Marine Planning and Development Management Bill will be approved for consultation providing a new legislative underpinning the new marine planning regime (https://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/marine-spatial-planning/foreshore/marine-planning-and-development-management-bill). Local Authorities will be an important part of this new regime, taking on a new decision-making role in Ireland's maritime area.

#### Local Authority Training

A Draft Training Strategy with the aim of providing climate action training to various levels across Las has been prepared. This strategy has been presented to LGMA/CCMA and is seeking approval from DCCAE.

#### Litter Control

	Litter Fines	Graffiti Removal
Q1 Jan - Mar	193	1265 Sqm



#### **Capital Projects**

#### 1. Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme

The Part 8 for this scheme was approved on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 by the Elected Members. The CPO for the Blackglen Road Improvement Scheme was confirmed by An Bórd Pleanála on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 without modifications. The detailed design and preparation of contract documents is at an advanced stage and it is proposed to go to tender in Q2 2020.

#### 2. Corbawn Lane - Beach Access

Beach access and coastal protection works completed.

#### 3. Glenalbyn Pool

Discussions are still on-going with Kilmacud Crokes to address the impacts of a pool rebuilding project on the club facilities in Glenalbyn in a comprehensive way.

The Council has applied for funding for the Glenalbyn Pool under the Large Scale Infrastructure Fund scheme stream one funding.

#### 4. M50 Junction 14 Link Road

Provision of a new road link between the existing signalised roundabout at M50 Junction 14 and Blackthorn Road. Part 8 and CPO approved. At detailed design stage. Notice to treat issued 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018. Discussions with landowners regarding accommodation works are on-going.

#### 5. Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade (Golden Ball)

Part 8 approved in September 2017. Detailed design is being progressed and it is now intended to include these works within the tender for the Glenamuck District Roads Scheme.

#### 6. Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS)

Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS) consisting of GDDR (Glenamuck District Distributor Road) and GLDR (Glenamuck Local Distributor Road). An Environmental Impact Assessment Report was submitted to An Bórd Pleanála with an application for approval for the scheme under the Roads Act on 15th March 2019, and a Compulsory Purchase Order was submitted to An Bórd Pleanála for confirmation on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. Approval from An Bord Pleanala was received on 18/12/19. Notice of the confirmation of the CPO was advertised on the 7th of February 2020. The detailed design of the scheme has now commenced, and it is intended to progress to tender stage by Q2/Q3 2020.

#### 7. Druids Glen Road Q -P\*.

The first 135m of Druids Glen Road is scheduled to be substantially completed by mid-November 2019 having overcome unexpected archaeology and underground services issues.

The project remains on schedule for final completion by Q1 2020.



#### 8. Druids Glen Road P\*-P3.

This provides the next 135m of road including the 40m span bridge at Cabinteely stream. Detailed design is underway, and this will be followed by a contractor procurement process scheduled to commence in Q1 2020.

#### 9. Dún Laoghaire Baths

Construction on the Baths Project is continuing with work on the concrete sea walls and Pavilion building currently under construction. Progress on the project is significantly behind programme and is now scheduled by the Contractor to be complete by December 2020.

#### 10. dlr LexIcon Environs

Construction started on this project along with pilot projects along George's Street in September 2019 and is now substantially complete; the overall outcome has been to upgrade the streetscape by using high quality hard and soft landscaping and street furniture to match the works completed by DLR along Marine Road, Queens Road and the Metals.

#### 11. Samuel Beckett Phase 2

The report on the Three Year Capital Programme 2020 -2022 includes provision for the completion of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus and lists it as a committed project.

The Council submitted the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus Phase 2 project to the Department for a grant from the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF). A grant of  $\leq 13,901,372$  had been sought. On the 15 January 2020, the Department advised that  $\leq 5m$  had been awarded to the Council. However, on the 20 March 2020, the Department subsequently advised that, as the Council had received  $\leq 63,000$  for this project under the 2017 Sports Capital Programme, the LSSIF grant would be reduced by this amount. Thus, the revised LSSIF grant is  $\leq 4,937,000$ .

The Council is progressing this project with a view to bringing it to completion of the Tender stage. The Tender process commenced on the 12 March 2019 with the issuing of the Prior Information Notice (PIN) on eTenders. Subsequently, on 10th June 2019 Suitability Assessment Questionnaires [SAQs] were posted on eTenders, inviting Contractors to submit company and experience details. The SAQs were returned on the 8 July 2019 and assessed on the 10 July 2019. The Assessment Board concluded that there were insufficient responses to undertake an assessment and it proposed that the SAQ documentation be modified prior to a re-launch of the competition.

The revised SAQ documentation was published on eTenders on the 8 September 2019, with a return date of 11 October 2019. The submissions were assessed on the 18 October 2019. A similar number of responses were received for the Main Contract. The Design Team submitted a report on the 28 November 2019, outlining alternative tender strategy options. The report has been considered by Procurement Consultants.

The Procurement Consultants are currently undertaking a review of the SAQ submissions. It is anticipated that the review, with recommendations, will be completed by the end of April 2020.



In the process of complying with the Fire Officer's requirements, the Design Team identified a specification issue relating to fire compartmentalisation. Subsequently the Fire Officer requested that a revised application for a Fire Safety Certificate [FSC] be lodged. This process impacts on the finalisation of the Design Specification and on the timelines for the issuing of the full Tender Specification for the project.

The FSC application was lodged on the 17 January 2020 and granted on 13 March.

With regard to the current COVID-19 situation and subsequent changes in work practices, at both the Council and its Consultants, the Project's programme timelines are currently under review.

#### 12.Rochestown Road Improvement Scheme

The scheme has been progressed by the Technical Office with further surveys.

The business case is being finalised to request Approval 1 from DLR

An application for funding was made to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (Circular RW/2018 / Appraisal Forms) at the end of August and we are currently awaiting their decision.

Dealing with the National Rehabilitation Hospital for the works outside the recessed boundary wall have been agreed.

#### 13.New Crematorium at Shanganagh

Detailed design work has been substantially completed and the project can progress to tender in Q2 subject to approval.

#### Former George's Place Depot site

As previously reported the Department of Education and Skills has advised the Council that the Department has assessed various site options for an Educate Together school for Dun Laoghaire. Their preferred choice of site is the Council's Former Depot site at George's Place, Dun Laoghaire.

The Council's Executive is now in active engagement with the Dept. of Education with regards to the site. In line with the DPER circular on the potential exchange of property between state bodies, a valuer from the valuation office will be now assigned to put an independent valuation on the site for the information of both parties.

The potential use of this site for a primary school is of course subject to appropriate Planning approval, the agreement of the Members to a Section 183 disposal and the protocols governing the transfer of State property assets between public bodies.

The Council's Executive will continue to keep members updated on this matter.



#### Energy

In February, DLR successfully transitioned and got re-certified with ISO 50001 for their Energy Management System for the energy use under the control of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council from Certification Europe. ISO 50001 is an internationally recognised certified energy management system for organisations.

#### Dangerous Buildings

1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	
Dangerous	2
Potentially Dangerous	14
Not Dangerous	2
Total	18



# **Community and Cultural Development**

## Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- The <u>dlr Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 21</u> is a key statutory plan to support and enhance quality of life and well-being of our communities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- The Council supports community engagement and participation, and the ongoing development of the dlr Public Participation Network. The PPN is an independent umbrella group through which the Council consults with community groups. http://dlrppn.ie/
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held two meetings in this quarter on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January and 26<sup>th</sup> February. Matters considered included a report on achievements on the 2019 Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) as well as targets for 2020. The LCDC considered and approved the LCDC Annual Report 2019 and referred the Annual Report to the March Council meeting for noting.

#### https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community/dlr-local-community-development-committee

- Work is ongoing to support Social Inclusion and promote cultural diversity in dlr.
- DLR is an Age Friendly County, and work is ongoing to implement <u>DLR's Age</u> <u>Friendly Strategy 2016-20 working with dlr's Age Friendly Alliance Partners.</u>
- In relation to dlr's participation in the healthy Ireland programme, the contract with Pobal was signed in January for DLR LCDC Healthy Ireland Round 3 grants.
- DIr Comhairle na nÓg is the youth council in dlr. The election of officers for position of Chairperson, Secretary and Public Relations Officer took place during their February monthly meeting.
- In support of safety and security in our local communities, the DLR Joint Policing Committee (JPC) held a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Garda Commissioner Harris presented the new Policing model "Keeping People Safe" to the DLR Joint Policing Committee (JPC), at a meeting which took place in the Council Chamber, County Hall.
- In addition, the Sandyford Stepaside Local Policing Fora Public Meeting took place in the Samuel Beckett Civic Centre on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Dún Laoghaire Local Policing Meeting took place on the 30th January 2020 in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire and the Ballybrack/ Loughlinstown/ Shankill Local Policing Meeting took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Shanganagh Park House. <u>https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community/joint-policing-committee-local-policingforums</u>

## **Capital Projects**

#### • Shanganagh Park House

An extension of Shanganagh Park House has now been completed and the official opening took place on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

#### • Dundrum Carnegie Library

Work has been completed to provide a new roof at Dundrum Library. This work is supported by grant funding from Historic Structures Funding.



## **Cultural Development**

DLR Libraries, Music Generation, Arts and cultural programming is ongoing in support of delivering on the objectives in the DIr Council approved plans (below) which support cultural development, connect, empower and support community potential in dlr.

- DLR Libraries Library Development Plan 2016-2020
   <u>https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/files/using-your-</u>
   <u>library/Library%20Development%20Plan%20English%20version%20Final.pdf</u>
- DLR Arts Development Plan 2016 -22 <u>https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/arts\_development\_plan\_en\_g\_.pdf</u>
- DLR Cultural and Creative Strategy 2018 22
   <u>https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/dun-laoghaire-rathdown</u>

What's On Guide (Oct-Dec) and (Jan-Mar) provides information on events and services from dlr Libraries. <u>https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/event-calendar</u>. <u>https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/whatson\_janmar2020\_web\_friendly\_pdf\_0.pdf</u>

 My Open Library Deansgrange marked its first anniversary with 1700 members having signed up for the service. The most frequent users are second-level students, many returning as third level the following year and a steady cohort of Internet users. Figures peaked during June Bank Holiday-before Leaving Certificate exams at 514 on Monday, 460 on Sunday, 429 on Saturday. Reservation pick-up and Sunday newspapers now available during MOL hours. There are increasing number of parents and children coming in on Sundays and older regular newspaper readers also. It opened over Christmas 2019 with 31 unique users on Christmas Eve, 9 on Christmas Day and 17 on Stephen's Day.

MOL emails received contained the following comments:

#### *`Peaceful'*

"I find the facility excellent, thanks to all concerned"

"I think the open library is such a great service. For my it's so important as I don't get any peace at home with two small boys to do my college work."

#### **COVID-19 Community Call Helpline**

The Community response to Covid-19 is being led and co-ordinated by **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** in collaboration with a wide-range of stakeholders in the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

Community Response to Covid 19

 Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels



- Operates 7 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm
- 150 community engagements to end March
- Issues range from transport, shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- A stakeholder forum established providing a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19
- 2 stakeholder meetings held