

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

OCTOBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 October – 28 October 2021

Dlr is continuing to implement the approach set out in the Reframing the Challenge, Continuing Our Recovery and Reconnecting document, <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/3361b-public-health-updates/>

Given the caution advised with regard to increased numbers of infections within the community, we have followed advice and not increased the attendance of staff in the workplace, beyond those who returned following the 20th September milestone.

The October Council meeting was held on the 11th October and was a hybrid style meeting, with Members both physically present and attending the meeting remotely.

Subsequently, a further 7 hybrid style meetings were held between 12th October and the 21st October in relation to the consideration of the County Development Plan.

Updates on services effected, by department, are detailed below:

Libraries

All dlr Library spaces remain open at this time (see note below on temporary closure of Stillorgan Library) as part of a gradual and measured resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines. These include: re-introduction of designated PC Spaces for internet access, some seating and Study Spaces on a phased basis/ The continuation of these library services is dependent on the most up to date public health advice and may be subject to revision at short notice.

In addition to our ongoing programme of events online, a gradual and measured return to indoor events will begin following the latest Govt. announcement on 19 October. We're hopeful that some in-person book clubs for adults can begin to resume safely in our library spaces shortly, in line with public health guidelines.

Following the announcement of public health measures that came into place on Friday 22 October, we will continue to take steps individually and collectively to keep the risk of the spread of Covid-19 under control, in particular by:

- acting fast, isolating and getting tested if we have symptoms
- wearing our face coverings where appropriate
- making sure that indoor spaces are well-ventilated
- maintaining adequate social distancing whenever appropriate
- covering our coughs and sneezes and keeping our hands clean

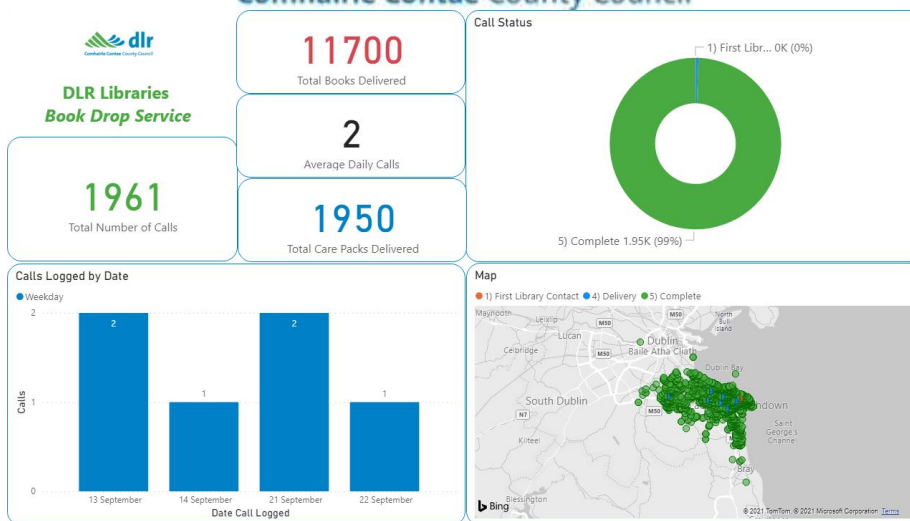
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/83946-public-health-measures-that-will-come-into-place-in-october/>

Book Drop Service

With all branch libraries open, the number of calls to the Book Drop Service has declined. Book packs, where still required, are delivered by the dlr Library driver. See Book Drop service figures as of 27/09/21.



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Community Facilities

Community Facilities have continued to operate for essential services during restrictions. From the 20th September activities were permitted to move indoors and managers and Boards of Management of facilities have continued to work closely with groups who provide leisure, educational, sports and cultural services to return safely to indoor settings.

The Community response to Covid-19 is being led and coordinated 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 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 4,497 calls since it commenced on 30 March 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 12 calls were received in September. The majority of the calls now relate to requests in relation to the HSE vaccination programme.
- The Community Response Forum is meeting every two months at present to support in coordinating the provision of 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.

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:

Against the background of the Covid Restrictions, it was necessary to develop a range of initiatives to support health and wellbeing in our communities. The priority was to encourage communities to keep fit and active, stay connected and support them in looking after their mental health. Initiatives were rolled out across Libraries, Sports and Physical Fitness, Arts, Heritage and Biodiversity. The Council also partnered with Making Connections, that primarily looks after the elderly, in delivering a range of individual initiatives, in the community to help isolated individuals to connect with their neighbours.

Keep Well Campaign 2021

The Keep Well campaign was a national campaign which the government was promoting to help people stay well during the pandemic. The Campaign was focused on 5 themes:

Staying Connected, Switching Off and Being Creative, Managing your Mood, Keeping Active and Eating Well. The campaign is now being wound down, as restrictions ease.

A dedicated Keep Well page was set up on the Council's website to support the national campaign: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2021>

Heritage

Covid-compliant Open House 2021 walking tours of Marlay and Cabinteely historic parklands.

Covid-compliant Big House Book Club held in Marlay House as part of dlr Decade of Centenaries 2021 programme, led by dlr Historian in Residence.

Online poetry reading of Marlay poems in Marlay House by Grace Wilentz for Open House 2021.

Municipal Services

All sections are working closely with the Gardaí to assist in social distancing in public areas, including parks, open spaces, beaches, harbours and piers.

Water Services: all essential services continue to be provided, including water supply, drainage services including surface water management and flood management. All essential repairs, operational and maintenance works are continuing, routine and other works have resumed.

Road maintenance: the level of activity is at normal service with the majority of outdoor staff in operation. Essential operations including emergency repairs and upkeep, winter maintenance, responses to Gardaí and traffic accidents continue to be dealt with, and Road Resurfacing & Footpath upgrade programmes are in progress.

The Roads Control continues to grant and manage road opening licenses and permits for essential utility services, including electricity, water, gas and telecommunications as part of the Council's essential services operations implemented as part of COVID-19 restrictions introduced on Friday 8th January 2021.

Cleansing/Street cleaning: all Service are resumed, including litter removal, street sweeping/cleansing and litter bin emptying. Level of activity has increased with all outdoor staff back in operation.

Traffic: During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Council carried out several interventions to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. This included the provision of cycle lane protection at several junctions and routes and the provision of wider footpaths using bollards and cones to facilitate physical distancing in towns and villages. In addition, village improvement schemes were carried out at Blackrock, Dundrum, Glasthule and Dalkey. A number of these schemes ran over into Q2 2021 and a total of €5.6m was spent on these projects up to 2020-year end.

In July, as part of a Stimulus package, the Government announced total package of just over €100m to support sustainable mobility. As part of this, about €9.0 million was allocated to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for 65 schemes. This funding was used for such interventions as cycle lane protection schemes, improved footpaths and road surfaces, and improved cycle links through parks.

Beaches/Harbours/Piers: All services have resumed.

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

The Local Enterprise Office continues to offer grant and training supports to businesses impacted by Covid 19. A webpage has been setup for the specialised [LEO Covid supports](#) which contains details of all the government supports for businesses in these difficult times.

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment launched the [Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID](#) (SBASC) in March. The scheme targeted those businesses with operating costs that do not qualify for the COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS) operated by the Revenue Commissioners. This Scheme was extended to include businesses operating from a non-rateable premises such as a home business or yard, and closed to applications in September 2021.

In addition to helping companies adopt best practices in dealing with crisis, the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is continuing to provide a full range of training supports, details of which are available [here](#). A new initiative has just been launched to provide support in the areas of [Financial Understanding, Leadership and Lean thinking](#).

The Fáilte Ireland [Outdoor Dining Scheme](#) was introduced in April 2021 to provide funding to individual businesses to introduce or expand their outdoor seating. The Scheme closed on October 8 2021, and provided €350,000 in funding to support dlr businesses in the hospitality sector.

The Economic Development Unit has been involved in a number of significant initiatives aimed at increasing footfall in the county's towns and villages, including the Dún Laoghaire Anseo street art programme and the Summer Streets initiative. The trial pedestrianisation of George's Street Lower in Dún Laoghaire finished on September 30th. An extensive consultation with residents and businesses has taken place, and this will be used, along with relevant footfall and spending data, to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the trial.

Infrastructure and Climate Change:

The Directorate is continuing its work on certain elements of Covid19 interventions and Active travel programme.

- The Directorate continues to respond to environmental, waste and litter pollution incidents, as needed, and such incidents are recorded and managed as usual through the Civic Hub and the CRM system.
- The Council's waste recycling facilities remain open (at Ballyogan, Eden Park and Shanganagh) with social distancing and other HSE recommended protocols in place and the Council-operated Bring Banks continue to be serviced and made available for use by the public.
- Property Management continues to offer a full service.
- The Capital Projects Team continue to progress capital projects through design stages. Some delays are encountered with Covid restrictions on the construction sectors and associated services.

Forward Planning Infrastructure

- The Directorate continue to engage with applicants, their representatives and other state agencies as part of on-line systems to include tele / video conferencing to facilitate workshops and reporting in the assessment of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme.
- Work continues in progressing the project designs and tender documentation of the Cherrywood Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URFD) - Parks, Greenways and

Attenuation project, as well as the Cherrywood LIHAF project for the Druid's Glen Road.

Architectural Services

All areas fully operational.

Housing

- The Housing Department continues to provide essential services with some additional health and safety restrictions in place due to Covid-19. Housing services including Homeless, Allocations, HAP and essential Housing Maintenance works are being progressed with additional supports provided as required to vulnerable groups including the Traveller Community. Given the limited access to homes, it may not be possible to carry out some services such as minor maintenance requests. As of the 14th July Housing Standards inspections have resumed adhering to CoVid 19 safety protocols. Part V negotiations have continued and applications for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older Persons and People with a Disability and the Disabled Persons' Alterations Scheme continue to be processed.
- Staff continue to engage with home loan borrowers and tenants who have been affected by a loss of or reduced income as a result of the pandemic.

Finance

Rates: The Government had previously announced a waiver of commercial rates for the first 9 months of 2021. On the 12th October 2021, the Government announced a targeted waiver scheme for quarter 4. Over €60 million is being provided nationally to extend the commercial rates waiver for the quarter targeted at the hospitality, arts and certain tourism related sectors.

The 9 months waiver has been applied to customers' accounts and customers have been informed of their revised balances. The Council continues to work in partnership with businesses who are experiencing difficulty paying their rates. Payment plans are entered into which are mutually acceptable to the business and the Council.

Accounts Payable: Accounts payable are continuing to work to ensure suppliers are paid as quickly as possible to assist with their cash flow requirements.

Financial Management: The impact of Covid-19 on the Council's financial position has seen a deterioration in our cash position as we await receipt of approximately €25m. rates waiver support in respect of the first 9 months of 2021. Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely.

Planning:

- The Planning Department is operating in accordance with the revised time frames set out by the Ministerial Orders. The Orders disregard the period from the 29 March 2020 to the 23 May 2020 (inclusive), 56 days/8 weeks, when calculating statutory timeframes.
- The Planning Counter is fully operational; customers are advised to pre-arrange an appointment to facilitate adherence to current Covid 19 guidelines and encouraged to utilize our online services.

Circulars and Relevant Documents

[Planning and Development during the Covid 19 Emergency Circular PL 02/2020](#)
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV_0rE8rLp5_kgxBuCa?dl=0



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*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Public Sector Duty

The Cross Department Group continue to make very good progress and have commenced the assessment piece as set out in the Duty.

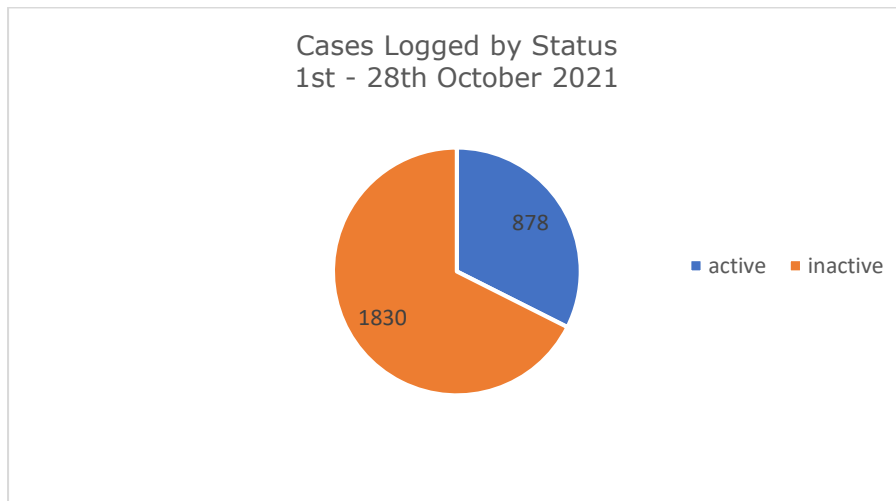
The Duty requires public bodies to undertake an assessment of the equality and human rights issues that are relevant to their functions. These are the issues that face the different groups, experiencing inequality and exposed to human rights abuses, who are covered by the Duty. These issues can relate to the:

- **Situation** of the group in terms of their access to resources and any particular disadvantage they experience.
- **Experience** of the group in terms of the quality of their interaction with employers and service providers and the wider society.
- **Identity** of the group in terms of how they chose to give expression to their identity and the specific needs that arise from this.

The groups identified for the Duty are covered by the grounds of gender (including Trans people), civil status, family status (including lone parents, carers), age, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion, membership of the Traveller community, and socio-economic status (at risk of or experiencing poverty and exclusion).

Following this assessment piece, the group will seek to engage with civil society organisations that have a representative role in relation to the grounds covered by the Duty.

Civic Hub Stats:

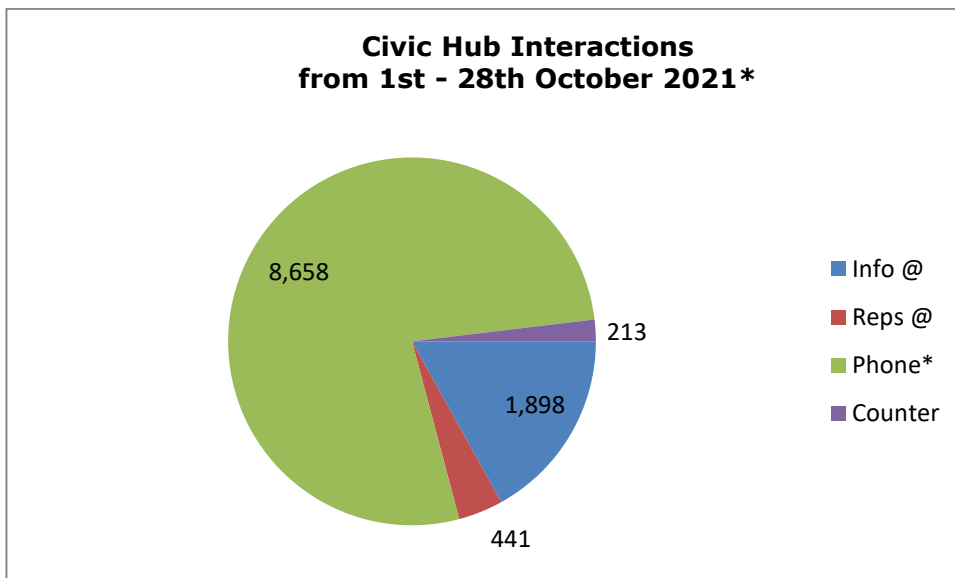


Cases logged from 1st - 28th October 2021

Open	878
Closed	1830

Cases Logged from 1st – 28th October 2021, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	2	6	8
Ballyogan Depot	1	2	3
CoCo	2	7	9
Comms & Civic Hub	17	485	502
Community	5	4	9
Corporate Services	7	2	9
dlrcoco	5	1	6
Enterprise	1	3	4
Environment	111	424	535
Finance	30	323	353
Housing	48	45	93
Law	1		1
Libraries	1		1
Parks	333	123	456
Planning	7	13	20
Property	3	2	5
Transportation	287	306	593
Waste Enforcement	13	59	72
Water Services	4	25	29
Grand Total	878	1830	2708



* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Civic Hub Activities:

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Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	7,597	1,061

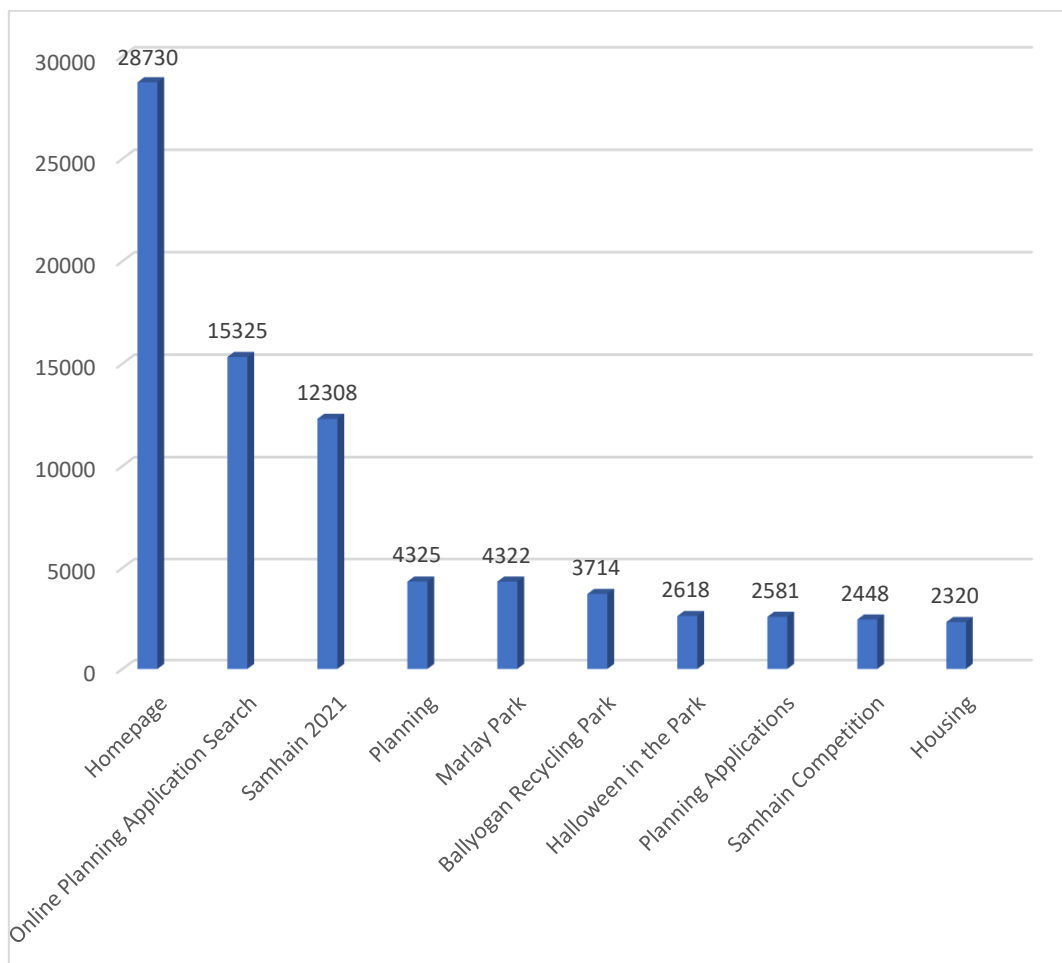
Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	1,898	441	2,339

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	168	45	213










Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	221,711
Dlrevents.ie	31,538
dlrLibraries	42,351

Top Pages



Social Media Activity – October 2021

Profile ▲	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Oct 1, 2021 - Oct 28, 2021	70,005 ↗ 1%	502 ↘ 11.3%	963 ↗ 3.3%	1,503,079 ↘ 21.1%	60,448 ↘ 16.4%	4% ↗ 6%	13,450 ↘ 67.7%
Compare to Sep 3, 2021 - Sep 30, 2021	69,307	566	932	1,905,190	72,282	3.8%	41,588
 @DLR_Librarie s	8,443	26	60	53,082	1,921	3.6%	1,792
 @dlrArts	2,755	38	72	64,791	1,665	2.6%	1,444
 @dlrcc	18,118	97	356	536,917	17,145	3.2%	5,165
 @dlrheriteven ts	3,876	18	10	4,094	204	5%	9
 @leo_dlr	5,553	9	56	16,631	482	2.9%	188
 dlrcoco.ie	4,957	113	281	205,995	2,800	1.4%	415
 dlrevents	10,962	130	8	103,328	16,538	16%	50
 Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council	12,674	54	87	471,754	17,035	3.6%	3,175
 Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown Sports Partnership	2,667	17	33	46,487	2,658	5.7%	1,212

Press Queries

There were 14 press queries received in October.

Freedom of Information

There were 13 FOI Requests received in October.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report - October 2021						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Ballinteer Avenue				✓	
2	Meadowmount Estate		✓			
3	Roebuck Road			✓		
4	The Park Estate Cabinteely	✓				On site early November
5	Claremont Road				✓	
6	Ballinclea Road			✓		
7	Corrig Road				✓	
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
9	Saval Park Road				✓	
10	Glenageary Road Upper	✓				
11	Barnhill Road	✓				
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Stillorgan Road (old N11)			✓		
2	Upper Kilmacud Road				✓	
3	Ticknock Road Edges				✓	
4	Ballyedmunduff Road Edges				✓	
5	Heidelberg				✓	
6	Sandyford Village	✓				
7	Wyckham By-pass Roundabout		✓			On site early November
8	Georges Place				✓	
9	Patricks Square				✓	
10	Monkstown Farm		✓			
11	Georges Street Lower		✓			On site in November
12	Barnaslingan Lane	✓				
13	Shanganagh Terrace				✓	
14	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)				✓	
15	Rochestown Avenue				✓	
16	Proby Square (North, into Lindenvale)				✓	

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Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley				✓	
2	Sandyford Business District	✓				
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				
4	Cabinteely Close				✓	
5	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road				✓	
6	The Park, Cabinteely		✓			On site early November
7	Sweetbriar Lane				✓	
8	St Lukes Milltown				✓	
9	Dún Laoghaire Town		✓			
10	Blackrock Town				✓	
11	Dalkey Village				✓	
12	Ashlawn Park (Part of)	✓				
13	Wynberg Park (Part of)				✓	
14	Watsons Estate	✓				
15	Glenavon Park	✓				
16	Eaton Brae				✓	
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair				✓	
2	Glenalua Wall Repair				✓	
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely				✓	
2	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh	✓				
3	Woodside Road	✓				
4	Beech Lawn, Dundrum		✓			On site early November
5	N11 at The Rise & Trees Road Lower	✓				
6	Clonkeen Road (At South Park)				✓	
7	Woodbine Park		✓			
8	Seafield Road Killiney				✓	
9	Ruby Hall	✓				
10	Quinns Road	✓				
11	Stillorgan Park Road				✓	

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Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
12	Ulverton Road		✓			
13	Carysfort Ave/Convent Rd		✓			
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme			✓		
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Loreto Park				✓	
2	Mulvey Park (Part of)	✓				
3	Mt Albany Estate		✓			
4	Cloister Estate				✓	
5	Glenageary Park	✓				to be included in Parks Entrance proposed works
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Brehonfield Road				✓	
2	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)				✓	
3	Baker's Corner's junction				✓	
4	Rochestown Avenue				✓	
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Kilcross Estate			✓		
2	Rathsallagh Estate		✓			On site in November
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
	*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.					

1. Road Maintenance Management Report - October 2021						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Proby Square (South)					Completed
2	Mariner's Court					Completed
3	Devitt Villas					Completed
4	Kilgobbin Road					Completed
5	Enniskerry Road					Completed
6	Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue					Completed

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2021 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Brewery Road Junction (Brewery Road/St Brigid's, Church Road)			✓				The scheme is currently on hold in the context of the Bus Connects proposals
Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)				✓			Tenders process underway for the appointment of a Contractor
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave		✓					Following further engagement with the NTA, a public consultation report will be brought to the November Area Committee meeting.
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes		✓					A public consultation report will be brought to the November Area Committee meeting.
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)	✓						An engineering consultant has been appointed to carry out the design of the scheme and the preliminary design is currently being prepared.
Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock					✓		A contractor has been appointed to carry out the improvements works on Newtownpark Avenue approaching the N11 and these will be completed in November
Leopardstown Road Cycle Lane Improvements	✓						Documents to be prepared for appointment of design consultant
Nutgrove Avenue - Phase 3	✓						Documents to be prepared for appointment of design consultant
Selected Green Schools Walkability Audits Infrastructure					✓		Works are completed on Knapton Road. Works are nearly complete on Castlepark

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2021 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
							Road, Albert Road and at the Glenageary Dart Station
Cycle Parking Development					✓		128 stands have been installed in 2021 so far and further cycle strands have been procured. Cycle and scooter parking have been delivered to schools in the County.
Roebuck Road (Fosters Avenue to Goatstown Road)				✓			Works on junctions to commence in November 2021
Protected Cycle Facilities					✓		Cycle protection works have been completed on Johnstown Road
Sandyford to City Centre Cycle Scheme (M50 to Drummartin Link Road)						✓	Scheme complete and launched in October 2021 by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Lettie McCarthy.
New Pedestrian and Cycle entrance to Belfield on N11 at Nova UCD					✓		Scheme 98% complete. Waiting on installation of granite cladding and new gates at Nova UCD. Estimated completion November 2021.
Wyattville Road (Phase 2)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents ongoing
Churchtown Road Lower (pedestrian improvements)	✓						Due to go to tender for construction shortly
Junction Improvements – west side of the County					✓		A contractor has recently been appointed to carry out a number of improvements
Stepaside Village and cycle scheme	✓						In the process of appointing a consultant to carry out a preliminary design
Covid 19 and July Stimulus Packed funded schemes – Contractual Liability.							
2020 Covid Measures and 2020 July Stimulus Package				✓			Outstanding works from 2020 active travel schemes ongoing.

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club to the N11. Design works are ongoing with a new road layout being examined to provide additional public realm benefits.

Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

A Road Safety Working Together Group meeting was held in October 2021.

Deputations

Traffic Section staff attended deputations on 13th October 2021 with the following residents' associations: St. Patrick's Park, Stepside and Lynwood, Dundrum.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

A TAG meeting was held remotely on 15th October 2021 and 34 items were dealt with.

Bus Connects

The Core Bus Corridor (CBC) schemes are progressing through Final Design stage and planning applications are being prepared. A Preliminary Business Case for the overall

BusConnects Dublin Programme has been submitted to the Department of Transport for its review and for Government decision in accordance with the Public Spending Code governing capital projects. Assuming a positive determination of the Preliminary Business Case, the NTA intends to submit planning applications for approval to An Bord Pleanála as quickly as is feasible thereafter, most likely during October/November of this year. This triggers a formal statutory public consultation process in respect of each of the stand-alone Core Bus Corridor schemes, with submissions to be made directly to An Bord Pleanála for their consideration. During this process, the finalised Environmental Impact Assessment Reports, inclusive of traffic impact analyses, will be published and available for inspection (including online) and purchase. The public will then have the formal opportunity to have their views heard and considered by An Bord Pleanála as part of the statutory consultation process to inform An Bord Pleanála's assessment of each of the stand-alone Core Bus Corridor schemes.

Dundrum ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

Work on this project is progressing and the ABTA Stage 1- Baseline Assessment, which will form the basis for the study has been completed. Work on the ABTA Stage 2 – Setting the Policy Context and identifying potential transport interventions is now underway.

Dundrum – Bus Interchange Project

Initial discussions have commenced with the NTA on this project which aims to address the need for improvements to bus interchange facilities in Dundrum to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects New Dublin Area Bus Network. Meetings/workshops are ongoing to progress this work and a multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist.

Dún Laoghaire - Bus Interchange Project

Similar to the Dundrum Bus Interchange Project, the NTA have commenced discussions with DLRCC to address the need for improvements to bus facilities in Dún Laoghaire to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects New Dublin Area Bus Network. Meetings/workshops are ongoing to progress this work and a multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist.

Old Conna ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

Work on this project had been put on hold pending further engagement with the NTA regarding the review of the Transport Strategy for the GDA and the transport infrastructural requirements to support new development areas in the southeast of the county. It is now anticipated that work on this project will recommence in September 2021

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in Dec 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the **Deansgrange Stream**. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints study, Hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Initial Public Consultation is now complete. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders are underway. A Ground Investigation is substantially complete at key sites where alleviation measures may be practicable.

Work is now substantially complete on the Deansgrange stream advance contract, namely the Kilbogget Park Flood Storage Structure. The new screen has been taken back under the control of Drainage Operations.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the **Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers**. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey commenced on site in February and is now complete. The topographical Survey has been completed and CCTV surveys are underway. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost beneficial scheme is achievable. An initial public engagement has commenced in early October following short briefing sessions with Councillors.

Drainage Section is working closely with the OPW as they commence the update process of the published flood maps as required by the EU Floods Directive. Hydraulic modelling of the Dundrum Slang Stream is complete. Flood maps have been completed and will be uploaded shortly by the OPW to their website.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is underway. Initial data gathering work a topographical survey have been completed. Tenders will be issued shortly for a flow/rainfall survey.

4. Roads Control Unit October 2021

Reinstatement works

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out the permanent reinstatement works throughout the administration area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council DLRCC according to the current service level agreement (SLA) between Irish Water and DLRCC.

Restoration works

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2021					
1	Proby Square (South)			Completed		
2	Mariner's Court			Resurfacing works completed		Outstanding Road marking and Antiskid Surfacing

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	August 2021	Sept 2021
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	229	347	364	318	217	283
Clean-Ups Assisted	65	67	50	60	53	67
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	13	20	40	27	19	23
Bathing Water Samples Taken	17	18	41	43	40	32
Gullies Cleaned	1,037	1,487	1,440	1,204	729	1,251

Dumping Incidents Managed	78	53	32	30	56	42
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	2	1	0	1
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	0	11	0	21	10	4
Street Bin Collections	5,707	6,285	6,709	6,742	6,417	5,703

* Statistics available up to the end of September 2021.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – October 2021

- Workforce have continued operating on staggered roster arrangements to maintain social distancing requirements.
- DLR's Beaches & Road Maintenance Sections have completed the Killiney Beach project with an official unveiling held on 19th October
- ARUP are continuing to progress planning & design for longer term remediation measures at Coliemore Harbour.
- Annual weeding contract significantly complete. Only skeleton crews remaining to close out contract.
- With the change of season, cleansing GO's have reverted to sweeper operations to focus on sweeping and leaf fall related duties
- Temporary barrel and 1,100L wheelie bins removed from litter hotspots in line with the close out of the summer season.
- Deep Cleans completed at Sandyford Village, Stepside Village, Kilternan, Shankill and Ballybrack
- N11 and Wyattville Road cleansing projects scheduled to commence w/e 31st October

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,371 fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 28th October 2021 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	Tickets Issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1,033
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	342
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	250
Parking a vehicle on a footway	244
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	89
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	61
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	59
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	57
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person's parking bay	52
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	48

Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30 mins	34
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	15
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	14
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	12
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	11
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	10
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	10
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	6
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	4
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	4
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	3
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	2
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	2
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	2
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	2
Parking out of the limits of a bay	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance	1
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	1
Total tickets issued between 1st and 28th October 2021	2,371

There were 28 successful convictions secured in the District Court relating to unpaid fixed charge notices/fines during October 2021.

Public Lighting

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

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Oct 2021:	396
Percentage of lights out at the end of Oct 2021:	0.7%
Pole replacement carried out in Oct 2021:	15
Bracket replacements:	304
Tree trimming:	3
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	8
LED Upgrades:	215

LED Upgrading Program

A list of these can be found on www.dlrcoco.ie

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	59
Inspections completed	4

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	3
Alterations:	18
Legal requests:	4

Road Opening Licences October 1st October - 28th October 2021

Road Opening Licences 1 st October 2021 – 28 th October 2021 Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Application Submitted	215
Application Granted	196

Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In October 2021 there were:

- 2 Applications for Road closures
- 3 Licences issued for Street Furniture
- 3 Applications for film location

7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

COVID-19 Measures

All services have resumed throughout the Harbour in line with Government guidelines

Drive-in Covid Test Centre

Radox Travel Health Care have opened a temporary drive-in COVID-19 test centre in the HSS compound on a trial basis for 3 months. The tests can be booked on-line for those requiring them for work or essential travel. The centre opened for business on Monday 22nd February. Radox have agreed an extension to the end of 2021.

Projects:

National Watersports Campus

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information from the grant funders and are awaiting their response.

Berth 2 Fenders

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. We are awaiting Foreshore consent to proceed to works on site.

West Pier Survey

Malachy Walshe & Partners have been appointed to carry out a full condition survey of the West Pier and to report on the prioritisation of any repair works deemed necessary. The Roundhead survey element has concluded, with the final report to issue in the coming weeks.

Traders Wharf

Grant funding was successfully applied for (from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine) for the installation of power and water points along Traders Wharf for the Dún Laoghaire Fishing fleet. This project has been tendered and Linham Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. The installation has commenced and is due to be completed by the end of October 2021.

West Pier Pontoon

Grant funding was successfully applied for (from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine) for the installation of a plastic modular pontoon at a set of steps at the West Pier, Dún Laoghaire Harbour. This is to assist the various sailing schools and clubs operating in this area to embark and disembark passengers into boats safely. The pontoon will be seasonal, being installed from April to October each year. The pontoon is now in position at the West Pier for a test period before being removed for the winter.

Ferry Terminal

Planning permission was granted for the ferry terminal project on the 7th February 2020. A planning appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála. An Bord Pleanála have now granted permission for the development.

A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on the 25th of February 2020. This matter will be brought to Area Committees and full Council in the coming months for disposal pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies

Work is underway on developing the Economic Plans for Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Dún Laoghaire Town. The Stakeholder Engagement Campaign underpins both plans that will generate new ideas for the sustainable regeneration of the Town and the Harbour.

The stakeholder engagement in respect of the Harbour Plan was completed on 28th Feb 2021. Indecon consultants are now finalising their plan for issue in the coming weeks.

Cruise Ship Business

There has been an increase in Cruise Ship Tender bookings for Dún Laoghaire Harbour in 2022. We are currently formulating plans for how to receive and welcome these Tender calls throughout next year.

Finance and Economic Development Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan-October 2021	Enterprise Ireland target October 2021
Feasibility Study	20	13
Business Priming	14	10
Business Expansion	10	8
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	11	8
Trading Online Vouchers	230	125
Microfinance Ireland *	8	20
Total Approvals	293	

*Approved by MFI

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	October 2021
No of jobs created	38.5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2021	Total Jan-Oct 2021
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	285
Clients attending Networking Events	559
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1646
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	187
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	279
Total No of Clients Assisted	2956

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total Jan-October 2021
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	5
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	40
Business Promotion Grants	3
Outdoor Dining Scheme ²	166

Note 2: The Outdoor Dining Scheme was introduced on April 12th 2021 and replaced the Council's Street Furniture Grant. The Scheme closed to applications on October 8th 2021.

Enterprise Promotion activities in October 2021

DLR Enterprise News	<u>LEO DLR - Enterprise News October 2021</u> (sent 14/10/21) Open rate 39%, 2608 recipients Open rate Industry average 11%
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One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Session throughout October
Financial Management Advanced Workshop	4 th October
Mastering the Sales Process Course – 4 week	Started 5 th October
Facebook Advanced Workshop	20 th October
Lean for Micro Event	14 th October
Online Marketing & Social Media – 8 week course	Started 25 th October
Start Your Own Business – 8 week course	Started 26 th October
How to Create Christmas Themed Marketing Videos	29 th October

Social Media Analysis: October 2021					
Facebook	No of followers	of	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
LEO dlr	1,980		1	48	3,100
Twitter	No of followers	of	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
LEO dlr	5,553		9	53	17,400

Tourism Development

Food on the Edge Festival

The Food on the Edge Festival took place on October 18th & 19th. This two-day food symposium attracted international chefs and people involved in the food industry from around the world to discuss food issues of the day. This festival was held in Airfield Dundrum and our ambition is that this festival will run for three years in DLR.

National Geographic exhibition “Plastic Ocean”

A new outdoor gallery exhibition on the impact of plastic in the ocean went on display on October 12th at the Harbour Plaza. This exhibition was produced by National Geographic and SSE Airtricity. A photo call was held on October 13th with an Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Juliette O Connell attending on behalf of DLRCC. Local and national media promotion took place.

Destination Towns Project

Lighting of the Maritime Museum has been completed and is very impressive. The contractor will now proceed with The Battery East Pier and St Michaels Church lighting projects. The development of new walking trails along the coast and on the east pier is progressing well. Interpretative signage design will be completed in two weeks. Tenders will then be sought for installation.

Tourism Friendly Cities (URBACT)

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council hosted the first in-person meeting of the Tourism Friendly Cities Network on October 5th & 6th. 20 representatives from 8 cities attended this event. This event was opened by An Cathaoirleach and showcased DLR Tourism and our sustainable tourism offer.

Tourism Presentation to Damien English TD, Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail

On October 21st the Minister visited the DLR Local Enterprise Office. The Enterprise and Economic Development (including Tourism) gave presentations on current work priorities and examples of innovation within DLR.

Tourism Promotion

Our social media advertising and promotion of events and tourism products continued in October.

Social Media Analysis: October 2021					
Facebook	No of followers	of	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	7,064		181	15	367,422
Twitter	No of followers	of	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	3,604		64	24	20,000

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/09/21

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €		Balance at 30/09/21		Current year debit €		Arrears >1 year
RATES	19,133,314		47,119,694		45,039,927		2,189,166

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/09/2021

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/09/2021 €
A Total Housing & Building	-13,013,648	35,749,528	-33,686,084	-10,950,205
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-6,890,505	16,223,155	-14,570,803	-5,238,153
C Total Water Services	-2,309,719	653,340	-372,895	-2,029,273
D Total Development Management	-116,460,990	3,733,896	-21,560,773	-134,287,867
E Total Environmental Services	-1,537,685	28,488	-315,522	-1,824,719
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-13,255,266	5,606,680	-4,376,277	-12,024,864
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,738,072	356,613	-395,146	-4,776,605
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-24,870,872	2,132,164	-2,248,544	-24,987,252
Grand Total	-183,076,756	64,483,862	-77,526,044	-196,118,937

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/09/2021
75.00%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	39,534,874	52,266,800	75.64%
B Road Transport & Safety	22,604,306	33,534,600	67.41%
C Water Services	9,405,594	12,722,200	73.93%
D Development Management	19,574,458	28,826,300	67.90%
E Environmental Services	24,535,312	32,172,200	76.26%
F Recreation & Amenity	24,579,184	33,995,500	72.30%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,871,032	4,376,900	88.44%
H Miscellaneous Services	36,432,858	13,454,700	270.78%
Total Expenditure	180,537,618	211,349,200	85.42%

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	33,541,524	45,772,800	73.28%
B Road Transport & Safety	9,773,464	14,719,000	66.40%
C Water Services	6,225,470	8,750,900	71.14%
D Development Management	7,289,393	11,073,300	65.83%
E Environmental Services	4,093,562	5,576,700	73.40%
F Recreation & Amenity	3,316,973	4,916,300	67.47%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,404,222	3,026,000	79.45%
H Miscellaneous Services	31,627,086	7,297,500	433.40%
Sub Total	98,271,693	101,132,500	97.17%

LPT Local Property Tax	13,975,272	18,633,700	75.00%
RA Rates	69,025,654	91,583,000	75.37%
Total Income	181,272,620	211,349,200	85.77%

Balance as at 30/09/2021	€735,002	Surplus
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Planning Applications - monthly statistics 1st October – 28th October 2021

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	136	136
Decision Deferred	0	37	37
Decision to Grant**	0	84	84
Decision to Refuse**	0	19	19
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	79	79
Invalid Applications	0	41	41

*Includes 17 Applications for Retention

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

2 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP 31166921	Bridgeclip (Developments) Limited (Applicant) Rocklawn, Leopardstown Road, Dublin 18 112 no. Build to Rent apartments	14/10/2021	17/11/2021	www.rocklaw nshd.ie	11/02/2022
ABP 31177221	Palemink Limited Former Siemens Site, Corner of Blackthorn Avenue and Ballymoss Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18 190 Build to rent apartments	21/10/2021	24/11/2021	www.siemensiteshd.ie	Not on ABP website yet

<https://www.pleanala.ie/getattachment/7e5978f6-673a-47ea-8cb3-772fbbd926fb/Current-Applications-26-08-2021.pdf?lang=en-IE>

Planning Counter Figures 1st October – 28th October, 2021

Customers Served	106
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Building Control 1st October – 28th October 2021

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	11
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	8
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	10
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	4/0
Commencement Notices Validated	61
7 Day Notices received	4
Completion Certs Validated	24

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation



Comhairle Contae County Council

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 28

Complaints closed 30

Litter and Waste Fines

OCTOBER 2021	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	113	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	3	
Legal proceedings initiated.	3	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	214	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	206	Litter Section

Dog Statistics for October 2021

- No of dogs entering the Dog Shelter – 2
- No of dogs rehomed – 0
- No of dogs reclaimed – 0
- No of dogs put to sleep – 0
- No of dogs remaining in the pound at end of month – 4

Energy

dlr has been awarded the main SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) 2021 Award - Energy Team of the Year. The dlr award is announced at 40.22 of the ceremony. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1dVNJmyNiM>

The dlr energy team collaborate across departments to achieve energy efficiency and carbon reduction across its own buildings, facilities, functions and services and the wider community. dlr has improved its energy performance by 51% in 2020 exceeding the public sector energy efficiency target of 33% energy efficiency savings by 2020. It continually improves its own energy efficiency through ISO 50001 Energy Management System and implementing energy projects. 75% of the public lighting in the county will be LED by the end of this year and the fleet includes 24 electric vehicles. Compared to the baseline, DLR's carbon emissions in 2020 had reduced by 44%.

Open House Dublin

OHD architecture festival took place from October 15-17 and dlr staff from Architects, ICC and Libraries hosted tours with support from Parks, Heritage and Arts.

271 people attended the dlr hosted 'Home Energy Upgrades' webinar. A panel of 6 Architects and Energy Experts gave presentations and answered a large range of audience questions.

Despite restrictions, up to five thousand festival goers over three days attended tours, over 130 in-person events across the city and county plus 40 online events including this filmed bike tour <https://openhousedublin.com/locations/cycle-tour-with-ciaran-ferrie-and-bob-hannon/>. A range of activities including Virtual tours guided by architects, a series of Site-Specific films and the Big Debate 'Living for the City' are all still available on the OHD website for short while longer. <https://openhousedublin.com/>

Conservation

Planning Applications	19
SHD Applications	1 pre-app discussions
Draft County Development Plan 2022/28	Ongoing (responding to Motions, attendance at Special Council Meetings)
BHIS Grant Scheme	Ongoing monitoring of projects

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	0
Total	3

Community and Cultural Development

Local Policing Fora

The first meeting of the newly formed Dundrum Stillorgan LPF took place on 12th October. A meeting of the Sandyford/Stepaside Local Policing Forum meeting took place on 26th October on MS Teams.

LCDC

A meeting of the LCDC took place on the 20th October. LCDC members made recommendations on the applications and allocation of funding of €29,265.94 through the new Dormant Accounts Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme. The recommendations were sent to the Department of Rural and Community Development where they will be considered for decision by the Minister.

PPN

The dlr PPN in collaboration with the Council began the consultation for the creation of the Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement for the county. A series of online consultation workshops were held throughout the month of October. The Statement aims to capture the aspirations of the local community for present and future generations in terms of six important themes: Social and Community Development, Participation, Democracy and Good Governance, Values, Culture & Meaning, Health (Physical and Mental), Work, Economy & Resources and Environment & Sustainability.

Community Facilities

Community Facilities have continued to operate for essential services. From the 20th September activities were permitted to move indoors and facilities have continued to work closely with groups who provide leisure, educational, sports and cultural services to return safely to indoor settings.

dlr Comhairle na nÓg

dlr Comhairle na nÓg launched their Fast Fashion video to coincide with Dublin Climate Action Week 2021. <https://youtu.be/dahbeVOH93Y>. This video helps educate and raise awareness of the impact of Fast Fashion on the Environment as well as influence people to think about their buying habits and consider alternatives when buying clothing.

Age Friendly Strategy 2021-2026:

Online consultation workshops seeking actions for inclusion in the dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2021 – 2026 took place with stakeholder organisations and groups supporting older people in the county, on the 6th October and with DLRCC departments on Tuesday 19th October. Further meetings are progressing with various stakeholders to identify actions and will continue over the coming months to finalise drafting the dlr Age Friendly Strategy.

Friday 1st of October marked UN International Day of Older Persons

This year the theme of the day was 'Digital Equity for all Ages'. Events were coordinated by the dlr County Council Social Inclusion Unit, and took place across the county, free of charge, in person and online, to celebrate ageing and to promote and support digital access for all. Almost 20 events took place organised by various community organisations and groups as well as the County Council Social Inclusion Unit, dlr Libraries, Arts Office and the PPN. Hundreds participated in the various events that took place during the day.

dlr Festival of Inclusion 2021 Thursday 14th – Monday 18th October

The theme for this year's festival was 'Going Forward Together' to highlight social inclusion initiatives and to celebrate and promote activities of community groups and volunteers in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

An array of events were organised including Music in the Parks, Dance Theatre Ireland performances and workshops, various Seminars and Workshops, transition year students integration training, Traveller culture celebration; Health & Wellbeing classes and talks, Neighbour Day, LGBT Ireland webinar, Women4Women Breakfast, Men's Shed activities, launch of dlr Libraries Sensory Wall & Equipment in Deansgrange Library, the Time Capsule Project and Parlour Songs launches and much more!

All events were organised free of charge and hundreds of people took part in the 5-day festival.

Over 25 organisations and groups organised events that showcased and highlighted projects and activities celebrating social inclusion, diversity and equality across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Pilot High Security Locks Scheme, 65 years and over

581 valid applications were received, assessed and prioritised based on the information that was furnished in each application as the scheme was oversubscribed. Locksafe Locksmiths were procured to carry out the lock replacements during the month of October.

Pride of Place 2021

Two groups were nominated to the national competition this year. Rosemount Family Resource Centre under the category of well-being and Holly House under the category of resilience. Judging took place online in September and winners will be announced in early 2022.

Community Response to COVID-19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 4,505 calls since it commenced on 30 March 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 8 calls were received in October. The majority of the calls now relate to requests in relation to the HSE vaccination programme.
- The Community Response Forum is meeting every two months at present to support in coordinating the provision of 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. The latest Community Response Forum meeting was held on 27 October 2021.

Cultural Development

Arts

Musicians in Residence

Trumpeter Darren Cornish Moore has been announced as the third dlr Musician in Residence for 2021. Working in a collaborative partnership with renowned organist Malcolm Proud, Moore's Residency will focus on bringing to life the sound world of 17th and 18th century Dublin through an exploration and re-invention of some of the most beautiful music from that era. A public performance to showcase the material developed during the Residency will take place on Friday 5th November in the Studio, dlr LexIcon. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/music-development/musician-residence-darren-cornish-moore>

Writer in Residence

Poet in Residence Jessica Traynor continued to work in dlr LexIcon. She advertised for an online poetry book club which will have its inaugural meeting in November. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/artist-residencies/writer-residence>

Light Up Dún Laoghaire

Light Up Dún Laoghaire saw 6 new animations (by animators with a connection to the County) projected onto the exterior of dlr LexIcon on the evenings of the 15th, 16th and 17th of October.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/light-d%C3%BAAn-laoghaire>

Municipal Gallery Programme

A Mobile Living Thing, a new exhibition by locally based artist Brian Fay, opened to the public on 2 October. The focus of this exhibition is a response to four small paintings by Irish artist Mainie Jellett in the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Collection. Brian Fay has made a series of new drawings that respond to the physical properties of these works as they slowly age, and to the life of Jellett herself.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/brian-fay-mobile-living-thing>

Libraries

All dlr Library spaces remain open at this time (see note below on temporary closure of Stillorgan Library) as part of a gradual and measured resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines. These include: re-introduction of designated PC Spaces for internet access, some seating and Study Spaces on a phased basis/ The continuation of these library services is dependent on the most up to date public health advice and may be subject to revision at short notice.

In addition to our ongoing programme of events online, a gradual and measured return to indoor events will begin following the latest Govt. announcement on 19 October.

We're hopeful that some in-person book clubs for adults can begin to resume safely in our library spaces shortly, in line with public health guidelines.

Following the announcement of public health measures that came into place on Friday 22 October, we will continue to take steps individually and collectively to keep the risk of the spread of Covid-19 under control, in particular by:

- acting fast, isolating and getting tested if we have symptoms
- wearing our face coverings where appropriate
- making sure that indoor spaces are well-ventilated
- maintaining adequate social distancing whenever appropriate
- covering our coughs and sneezes and keeping our hands clean

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/83946-public-health-measures-that-will-come-into-place-in-october/>

Book Drop Service

With all branch libraries open, the number of calls to the Book Drop Service has declined. Book packs, where still required, are delivered by the dlr Library driver. See Book Drop service figures as of 27/09/21.

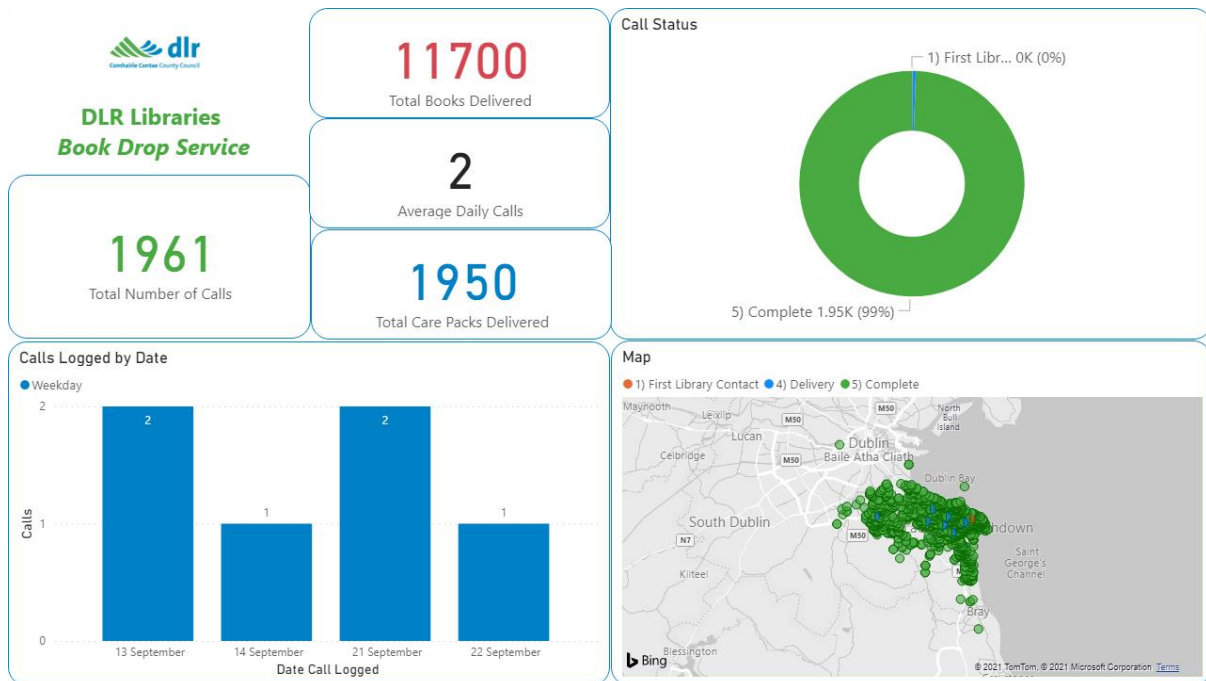
dlr Libraries Online

We continue to programme many of our events online. All our online services/resources remain available. You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!

Tumble Books – Online collection of ebooks for children
Borrowbox & Overdrive - download eBooks and eAudiobooks
PressReader - read newspapers
Overdrive– read magazines & comics
Transparent Language Online – learn a language
Universal Class – take a course

Freegal – stream or download music

Listen to one our recorded podcasts or look at one of our exhibitions online.



Stillorgan Library re-development

We are redeveloping our service in the Stillorgan area. As part of the redevelopment of St. Laurence’s Park, a new state-of-the-art library will be built and ready for use in 2024. The old library space closed to the public on Monday 11 October 2021. A new temporary premises will be opening over the next few weeks in Unit J in the Stillorgan Shopping Centre.

While this new temporary space will be smaller in scale, we are delighted that we will be able to provide the public with a library service in the village while the re-development happens. Please see our website and social media channels for updates and news on this exciting transformation.

Launch of Sensory Wall in Deansgrange Library

On 14 Oct, as part of dlr Festival of Inclusion, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Lettie McCarthy launched dlr Libraries’ newest sensory equipment, including a sensory wall and trolley at Deansgrange Library. dlr Libraries availed of DAF (Dormant Accounts Funding) during 2020, managed by the Department of Rural and Community Development. This fund was made available to library authorities, targeted at marginalised, socially excluded and disadvantaged communities. This funding enabled the installation of a sensory wall in Deansgrange Library, along with a movable sensory trolley. As part of this funding, we also installed outdoor sensory friendly seating and sensory friendly planting in Shankill, Dundrum, Cabinteely and Dalkey Libraries, as well as improved signage in Blackrock Library. We have been successful in securing more DAF funding in 2021. This funding will help purchase more sensory equipment for Libraries, more autism-specific book stock to add to our existing collection and more autism-friendly signage for library branches.

Lá na Cruite / Harp Day

On Saturday 16 October, dlr Libraries welcomed a group of harpists to perform outside the LexIcon to mark the annual national celebration of this beloved Irish instrument.

Events for Adults

In addition to our ongoing programme of events online, a gradual and measured return to indoor events will begin following the latest Govt. announcement on 19 October.

We're hopeful that some in-person book clubs for adults can begin to resume safely in our library spaces shortly, in line with public health guidelines.

A series of talks by The Dyslexia Association of Ireland

As part of our objective to make dlr Libraries more accessible, we've joined forces with the Dyslexia Association of Ireland to host a talk each month from August to November for parents and guardians. October's discussion: **Strategies for adults in work and college**, Tues 5 October, 7.00pm.

Online Book Clubs

Our popular online monthly book club with Mary Burnham takes place on the last Wednesday of October at 7.30pm with a Zoom discussion of *Walking with Ghosts* by Gabriel Byrne. Members can call in to collect the chosen titles or continue to download them from our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

Blackrock Library book club for adults meets monthly on the last Thursday of the month. The dlr Staff book club continues to meet monthly online.

500 Word Writing Challenge with Mary Burnham September to December 2021

Each month the group is given a prompt word and the challenge is to write 500 words with that in mind. They meet online on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Deansgrange Writers' Group

This group continue to meet monthly online.

Dalkey Library Teen Film & Book Club

This group continue to meet monthly online.

Poetry at the LexIcon

This popular series of talks returned with a celebration of the anthology ***Queering the Green: Post-2000 Queer Irish Poetry***. Editor Paul Maddern was joined by three contributors, Michael McKimm, Leeanne Quinn, and Cherry Smyth, for this online discussion on 4 October. *Queering the Green* is the first anthology of Irish queer poetry and demonstrates the diversity of this moment in Irish poetry, as well as the radical possibilities for the future.

Exhibition Programme

All Right on the Night

22 Oct 2021 – 31 Jan 2022 (dlr LexIcon)

This fascinating exhibition celebrates the work of Anne Makower and Christopher Fitz-Simon in theatre, opera, television and radio. Both worked in RTÉ as producers for many years.

Popular Posters

30 September – 30 November 2021 (dlr LexIcon)

This vibrant exhibition showcases seven years of poster design at dlr LexIcon. Enjoy a visual feast featuring a selection from over 120 exhibitions hosted at dlr LexIcon, also posters highlighting residencies, author events, publications and music events. dlr Libraries would like to thank all the graphic designers who have worked with us during this

time and we would like to invite graphic design and visual communication students to come and see this exhibition. A small selection is also on show in the display cabinets on Level 5.

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

STEAM events

As part of our STEAM for Girls project (supported by Dormant Account Funding) we invited scientist and engineer Dr. Niamh Shaw and aeronautical astronaut Norah Patten (plus illustrator Jennifer Farley) to talk about STEAM career opportunities for girls with the students of some of our girls' secondary schools.

As part of **Maths Week 2021**, we held online workshops for schools with the Rediscovery Centre on 19 October and Anyone4Science on 20 October.

Events for Children

Children's Book Festival

We celebrate CBF every October with a series of author and illustrator events.

This year, we held very popular and well-attended online workshops for schools featuring:

Bad Panda with Swapna Haddow & Sheena Dempsey, Fri 1 Oct

Mary Murphy, Mon 4 Oct

Shane Hegarty – author of Darkmouth and Boot series, Thurs 7 Oct

Padraig Kenny, Mon 11 Oct

The Magical History Event with Judi Curtin & Sarah Webb, Mon 11 Oct

A Short Hopeful Talk About Climate Change with Oisín McGann, Thurs 14 Oct

5-4-3-2-1 Chun Siúil! With Máire Zepf & Paddy Donnelly (Irish/English event), Fri 15 Oct

A Mudlarker's Guide to Story-Starting with Eve McDonnell, Mon 18 Oct

Scary Irish Spooks and Monsters with Alan Nolan, Wed 20 Oct

In addition to our Schools' programme, for families we had exclusive videos from Alan Nolan, Oisín McGann, Paddy Donnelly, Shane Hegarty & Sheena Dempsey available on the dlr YouTube channel throughout October.

Halloween Events

Events for the scary season included online Pumpkin decorating workshops in Dalkey Library, Halloween art workshops with White Doodle, the Blackrock Library Halloween Spooktacular, online baking demonstration on Halloween-themed cupcakes and storytimes from library staff available on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

Blackrock Library Online Junior Bookclub

Online via Zoom. Suitable for ages 9-12yrs

They meet on Zoom every month to discuss their latest book club choice. Copies of the chosen book are available to collect from Blackrock Library.

Deansgrange Library Online Baby Book Club

This group met online during October.

Statistics

Social media (as of 26 October 2021)

Facebook	7,247 followers
Twitter	8,443 followers
Instagram	3,006 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	7,327 subscribers

Online resources (as of 20 October 2021)

Digital library issues

Prelim Oct 2021

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Overdrive	e Audio	1007
Overdrive	e Book	1268
Overdrive	Comics	2
Overdrive	Magazines	2744
Borrowbox	e Audio	4803
Borrowbox	e Book	2299
Freegal	Streaming + Download	897
Press Reader	Newspapers	13074
Tumblebooks		49
Total		26143

Parks

Parks & Landscape Services:

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Direct labour and contract tree works ongoing
- Tree tenders County Wide received and to be awarded
- Bulb tender out to tender
- Re-doing COVID signage where required ongoing
- Tree Purchases out to tender
- Additional seating in parks installed and on going
- Tree Tag project commenced Fernhill, Cabinteely, Peoples Park and Marine Road
- Cabinteely Pond Restoration Project completed
- Pitch aeration improvement works on going pitches west county
- Painting of Peoples park railing and Queens road sea front railing completed
- Wheelchair swing contracts awarded for People's Park and Marlay Park.

Biodiversity:

- Biodiversity Events – Tri Biosphere Webinar Oct 2021– Biodiversity Officer Presentation
- IAS Japanese Knotweed Treatment for the Dodder completed

- EU Funded Interreg project - *Green Infrastructure Decision Support for Ecosystem Services* – project now commenced with Ireland (DLR/EMRA) and Spain working on this project
- DLR Hedgerow tool for schools at design stage.
- DLR Biodiversity Action Plan at design stage.
- Orchid rich grassland translocation project.
- Final draft Biosphere Conservation Plan 2021-2025 completed with Biodiversity officers.
- Final Biodiversity report for Fitzsimons Woods pNHA completed.
- Advice Note on Greenways – process commenced with the Dept.
- Collaboration with the Community Foundation for Ireland to examine practical measures for meadow management for communities.
- Fernhill cattle return Oct

Heritage

- Heritage input to Development Plan motions/meetings
- Heritage input to planning compliances
- Heritage input to signage projects
- Completed pilot stage of Oral History programme *A People's History of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown* in partnership with UCD. Review meeting held with UCD, shape of 2022 comprehensive interviewing programme agreed and publisher on board for book to launch in 2023.
- Ran 2 x Covid-compliant Open House 2021 walking tours of Marlay and Cabinteely historic parklands
- Covid-compliant Big House Book Club held in Marlay House as part of dlr Decade of Centenaries 2021 programme, led by dlr Historian in Residence.
- Filmed online readings of newly commissioned Marlay poems in Marlay House – available online as part of Open House 2021 programme (two readings also on RTE's Sunday Miscellany)
- Progression of Casement publication to coincide with statue launch
- Launch of *Haunted Houses and Creepy Castles of dlr* children's book and progression of 2021 Decade of Centenaries programme with dlr Historian in Residence - Outdoor Treaty exhibition at Moran Park "*Dún Laoghaire - Gateway to Independence*" (launch Dec 6th), *Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire + Cottages in Livery* exhibition/book launch at Lexicon (launch Dec 8th), three online talks in progress for November (The Big House in Art, The Burning of the Big House, The Big Garden – private estate to public park)
- First archaeologist-led walk of Dublin Mountains Community Archaeologist programme in partnership with SDCC and Dublin Mountains Partnership at Hellfire Club (Oct 27) – programme to run until January (to include guided walks, volunteer training, resource packs, webinar, short videos, new interpretive panels) – dlr launch planned when resource pack/videos ready/to celebrate first walk in dlr uplands
- Procurement of interpretation designer for Williamstown Tower (CMF funded)
- In collaboration with dlr Tourism - progression of Fáilte Ireland-funded Dún Laoghaire Pier historic trail with DMW Creative, interpretation designers
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens and community groups

CoCo Markets

During the month of October, we received 6 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 3 Christmas market for Marlay Park Saturday and Marlay Sunday (Non-food/craft)
- 1 Permanent for Dun Laoghaire Sunday (Non-food/Craft)
- 1 Seasonal for Dún Laoghaire Sunday (Artist)
- 1 Seasonal for Marlay and Dún Laoghaire (food)

Sports Development

dlr Leisure:

Set up and completed the following activities in October.

School programme report

Completed our Dheis drafts block of 6 weeks after school programmes with the following schools:

1. Good Shepard
2. St Columbanus
3. St Kevin's
4. St Joseph's
5. Dominican

- We also ran a functional movement session for Oliver Plunkett's school
- Assisted Colm Chilles school Ballybrack with their fitness testing of their students

Youth service work

Dlr Leisure also worked with the following youth groups:

1. Sandyford youth group (10-14 age mixed group)
 2. Sandyford girls group only (10 -14 age)
 3. Boylan Centre mixed group (15 + age)
 4. Ballaly Family resource Centre mixed group (10 -12 age)
 5. Cois cairn boys group (15 + age)
 6. Ballybrack boys group (10-14 age)
 7. Loughlinstown community rooms girls group (10-14 age)
 8. Carmona services 2 groups (18 + age)
 9. Cois cairn youth group mixed (10-14 age)
 10. Mounttown youth group mixed (12 -15 age) organising swimming sessions
- Dlr Leisure was also involved in helping Dundrum Rathdown Cross care run a 1 day soccer blitz on Saturday 16th October for the garda diversion groups in the area. These groups involved, Ballyogan, Nutgrove and Sandyford groups and the ages were as follows:

10 -14 mixed boys and girls
15+ mixed group boys and girls

- Held meeting with Dun Laoghaire community guards Sean and Andy in relation to setting up activities for groups in the Dun Laoghaire Region.
- Worked with Keith from Loughlinstown Community Rooms and ran a healthy eating programme for all groups.

Other activities

Dlr Leisure are continuing to assist the sports partnership with the Men on the Move programme which will be running for 12 weeks.

Leinster Rugby:

DLR Schools

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO DLR)

Primary Schools x 6 – 304 males & 232 females

Secondary Schools x 1 – 20 males (Leinster Rugby & DLR sports partnership CLUE program for 4th year students)

Sports Day Hollypark BNS 4th class – 68 males

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO DLR)

Primary schools x 4 – 91 males & 358 females

Secondary schools x 2 – 238 females

Andrew Egan (Leinster Rugby CCRO – Old Wesley RFC)

Primary Schools x 5 – 240 males & 158 females

IRFU Coaching Courses

Children’s Coaching Award – DLSP FC – 20 coaches attended for the full day with another 11 attending from last year’s course to attend the contact module only

DLR Rugby Clubs

BCRFC – U8s tackle technique session – 30 players

DLR Rugby Schools (Development schools & Vision 22 schools)

Development schools

2 development league events took place this month:

JCT hosted in Barnhall RFC – 4 DLR schools took part – De La Salle College, St Benildus College, Oatlands College & Newpark School

SCT hosted in DLSP FC – 3 DLR schools took part – De Las Salle College, Oatlands College & Clonkeen College

Vision 22 schools

Newpark School – 1st year, ruck technique session – 19 players

Newpark School – 1st year, coach observation – 2 coaches

Newpark School – 1st year, training session – 23 players

Willow park – 5th class tackle technique session – 60 players

Leinster Rugby & DLR sports partnership CLUE program

Over the year 2021/22 the CLUE program will be run in the following 5 schools in DLR:

De La Salle College **(completed, feedback from the school & students was very positive. Adjustments to the program are taking place)**

Ballinteer Community School (starting before Christmas 2021)

Cabinteely Community School (starting in 2022)

Holy Child Community School (starting in 2022)

St Tiernan’s Community School (starting in 2022)

FAI:

- Girls Emerging Talent: 50+ girls attending every week. Player ID ongoing at DLR and South Dublin clubs.
- Coach Education: Planning 4 PDP and 4 small-sided games for Q4.
- Child Welfare: Currently taking Tutor Training to deliver Safeguarding 1 courses.
- Schools – delivering Futsal in The Yard to five schools. Will deliver to five more schools after the mid-term break. Also planning to deliver an intercultural schools programme and Show Racism the Red Card.

Leinster Cricket:

- Sessions continue in schools throughout the DLR County.
- Continued planning for next year’s Leprechaun cup softball competition

Sports Partnership:

- **DLRSP Board** – have registered our compliance with The Governance Code with Sport Ireland following 18 months of detailed work. Included a Board Effectiveness Review carried out by Carmichael Ireland.
- **Lets Get Back Campaign** – supporting this national Sport Ireland campaign to encourage and promote that it is safe to return to sport and activity.
- **Women In Sport Leadership Programme** - setting up a new 8 module leadership programme to start in January 2022 with funding secured through Dormant Accounts.
- **Coach/Volunteer Training** – delivered 4 x courses in Child Safeguarding in Sport (44 attendees), Sports First Aid (12 attendees) and Autism in Sport (15 attendees). Delivering a new Coaching Teenage Girls course with Sport Ireland Coaching.
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – 16 clubs awarded funding in Round 2 totaling €20,145. Applying to Sport Ireland for funding for a Round 3 in early 2022.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme** – €35,000 available through Sport Ireland funding with 2021 scheme to be opened soon. Clubs delivering 2020 funded projects.
- **Woodlands For Health** – delivering second community based programme with weekly walks for adults experiencing mental health difficulties. (27 participants)
- **Multi-Sports IWA Club** – this weekly activity club for children with a physical disability started back this month. Partnership with IWA Sport and South Dublin LSP.
- **Inclusive Bike Fleet** – free hire service for bikes suitable for older adults and people with disabilities. Usage and interest is high with approx.. 80 bookings a month.
- **Swimability Programme** – quite swim hours for children with additional needs continuing in each of the 3 dlr Leisure pools. Collaboration with DLRCOCO.
- **The Daily Mile** – promoting this initiative among primary schools in the County with medals and Certs. for all pupils that complete a 4-week programme.
- **Men On the Move** – 2nd programme of the year continuing. 25 participants taking part and based in Ballyogan (also sessions delivered online).
- **Older Adult Activity Classes** – 8-week Strength & Balance programme for older adults being delivered in Balally Resource Centre with Siel Bleu (24 participants).
- **Active Dublin** – Presentations on the initiative made to Area Committees, Community SPC and LCDC. National Lead Officer in place and a marketing company has been secured to develop communications and marketing resources for all 8 Cities.
- **Skippping Programme** – delivered this fun physical literacy programme to 10 primary and 2 secondary schools (total of 1270 pupils).
- **Youth Leadership** – working with Leinster Rugby and LIFT Ireland to deliver leadership training through sport to TY students in DEIS schools (3 schools each).
- **Urban Outdoor Adventure Project** – continuing to deliver kayaking, rock climbing and orienteering activities for teenagers on the autism spectrum.
- **Ballyogan Sports & Activity Hub** – Steering Group meetings and partner work continuing. Supporting local schools and developing activity programmes for young people in the area.
- **Staffing** – derogation received from the Dept. Local Government for the 3 new funded