



DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 February – 28 February 2022

The lifting of restrictions provided for the phased return of office-based staff to the office. We continue to adhere to best practice to support a safe return to the workplace.

The February Council meeting was held on the 14th February 2022 and was held in a hybrid format.

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

Libraries

All dlr Library spaces are open with all services having resumed, including study spaces, supply of daily newspapers and magazines, access to PCs and the Internet and printing.

Following the Govt. announcement on 21 January 2022, restrictions on social distancing no longer apply. Capacity restrictions for all events and activities, indoors and outdoors, have been removed.

From Monday 28 February 2022, face masks are no longer mandatory in Libraries.

At this time, dlr Libraries continue to operate a hybrid approach; programming events and activities online, while continuing to re-introduce regular and ad hoc in-person events and activities across all our library spaces.

Community Facilities

Community Facilities have now returned to full operation with activities and services resuming in full. Managers and Boards of Management of facilities are continuing 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:

- The Community Response Forum is meeting every three 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 next meeting is scheduled for 6th April.

Heritage

Application of current corporate Covid guidelines to all programmes.

Municipal Services

All sections are working closely with the Gardaí to assist in social distancing in public areas, including, 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. All 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. Road Maintenance staff continue to operate primarily from satellite depots and mobile welfare units to maximize social distancing.

The Roads Control unit continues to grant and manage road opening licenses and permits for developers and utility services, including electricity, water, gas and telecommunications. The unit are also coordinating the processing and granting of Section 254 applications for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

Cleansing/Street cleaning: All services are operating at full capacity, including litter removal, cleanups, street sweeping/cleansing, litter bin emptying and recycling centres. Outdoor staff continue to operate on staggered roster systems to maximise separation of staff and maintain social distancing measures.

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 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.

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.

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 was launched in autumn 2021 to provide support in the areas of [Financial Understanding, Leadership and Lean thinking](#).

The Street Furniture Grant, initially introduced in 2020, has been extended to December 31st 2022. The grant provides funding of up to €2,000 to businesses in the hospitality sector to introduce or expand their outdoor seating.

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 produce a comprehensive analysis of the trial.

A Seasonal Fund, which initially operated in 2020, was extended in 2021 – this provided over €130,000 in funding to business groups in towns and villages across the county to

assist them in decorating their area and help increase footfall in the festive period in 2021.

The Economic Development Unit continues to promote a Shop Local/Caith do Chuid go hÁitiúil campaign, alongside the Local Enterprise Office network's Look for Local campaign. Shop Local banners have been erected in Dún Laoghaire, Blackrock and Dundrum, accompanied by an extensive social media campaign.

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 a full range of services in line with changing health and safety and Covid-19 advice. There is still the need to limit access to some homes due to Covid-19, so services such as minor maintenance requests and inspections for adaptations can be restricted.

Finance

Rates: On the 3rd December 2021, the Government announced an extension of the current targeted commercial rates waiver for the first three months of 2022. As is the case for quarter four 2021, this waiver will specifically target those businesses in the hospitality and entertainment sector who are impacted by continued restrictions. As previously, the waiver will be applied automatically to eligible customers accounts.

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.

Covid Compensation: A provisional allocation has been notified by the DHLG&H in respect of loss of income from goods & services, along with additional Covid related expenditure, in 2021. The allocation is subject to verification and has not yet been finalised, but it is anticipated that it will be in the region of €3m. The income must be receipted back to 2021 and will be dealt with as part of the AFS process. A further update will be provided when the AFS is completed.

Financial Management: Work is underway in relation to the Annual Financial Statement for 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 encouraged to utilize our online services.

Circulars and Relevant Documents

[Planning and Development during the Covid 19 Emergency Circular PL 02/2020](#)
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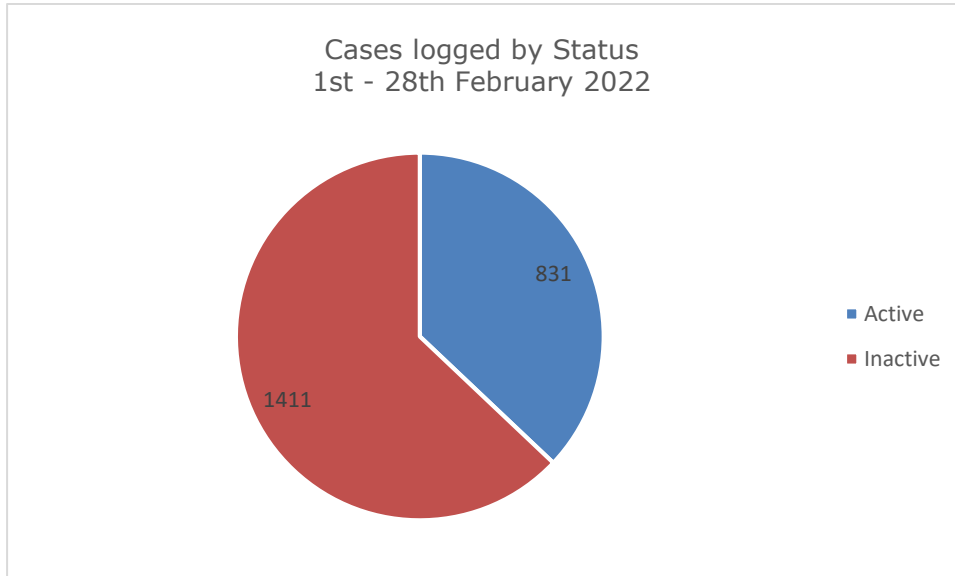


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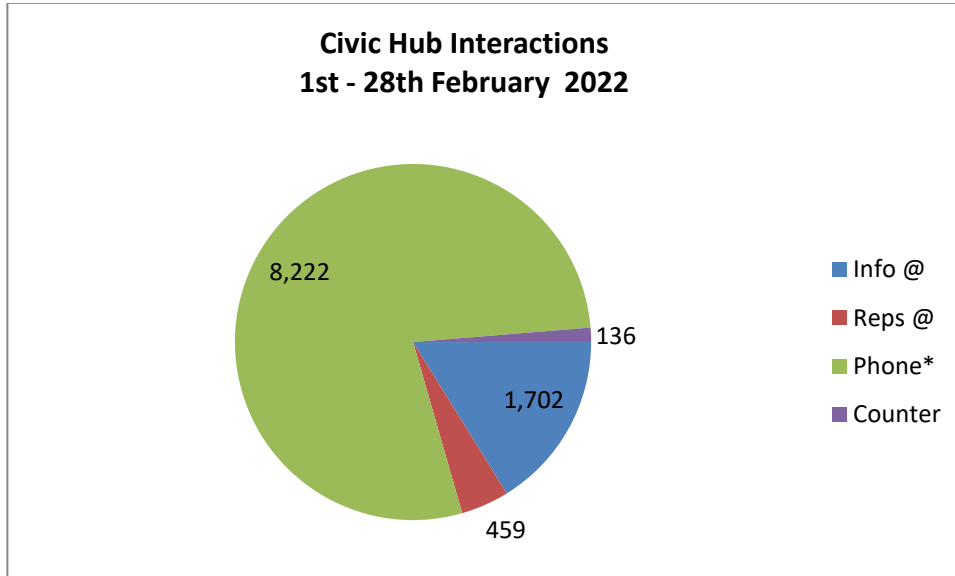


Cases logged from 1st – 28th February 2022

Open	831
Closed	1411

Cases Logged from 1st – 28th February 2022, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects		7	7
Ballyogan Depot	1	2	3
CoCo	3	4	7
Comms & Civic Hub	12	337	349
Community	3		3
Corporate Services	2	1	3
DLR	1		1
Enterprise		1	1
Environment	92	321	413
Finance	21	191	212
Housing	61	69	130
Libraries	3	5	8
Parks	308	113	421
Planning	7	15	22
Property	6	5	11
Transportation	293	306	599
Waste Enforcement	4	20	24
Water Services	14	14	28
Grand Total	831	1411	2242



* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from 1st – 28th February 2022

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	7253	969

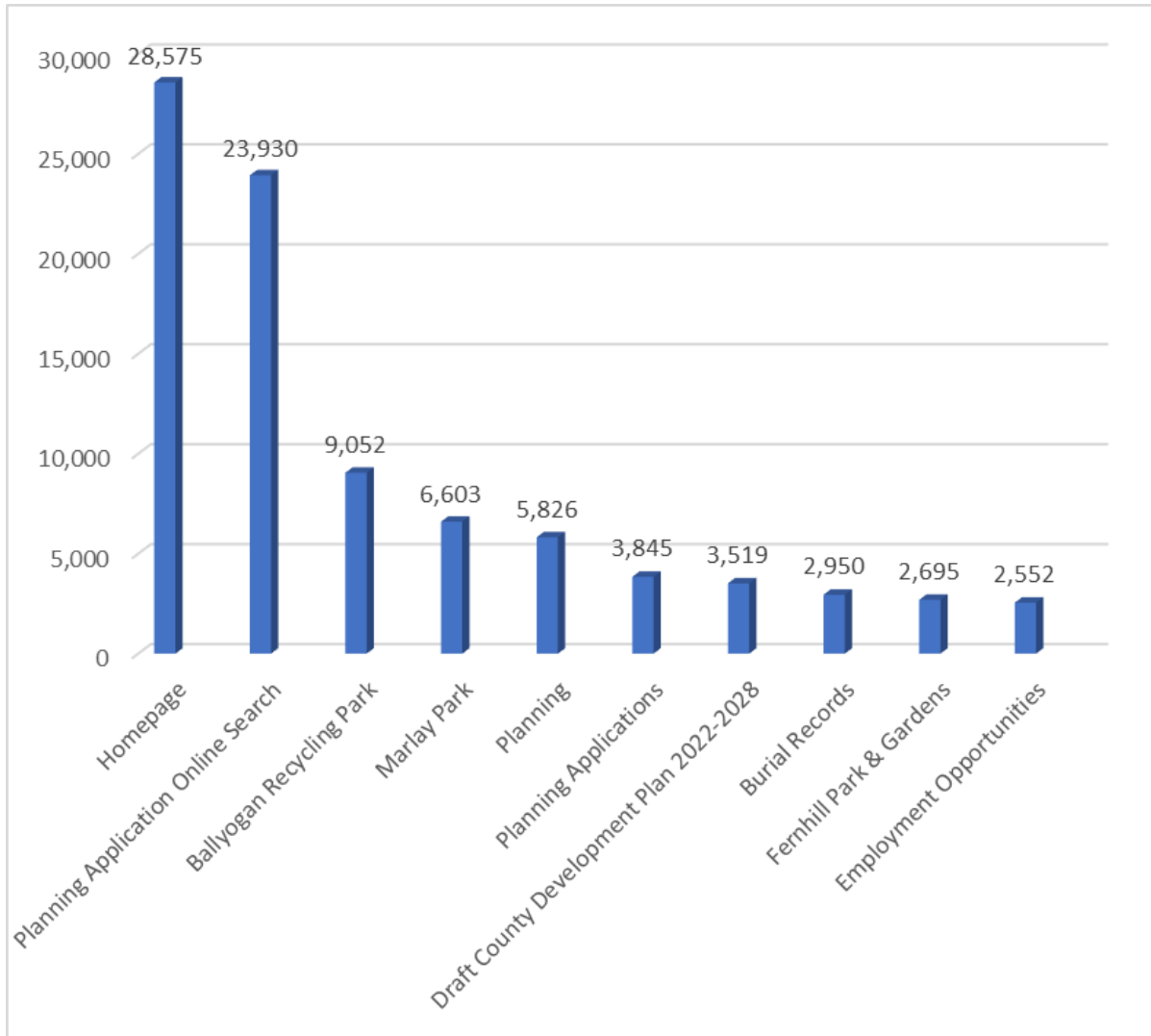
Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	1702	459	2161

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	100	36	136

Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	260,651
Dlrevents.ie	6,139
dlrLibraries	61,529

Top Pages



1. Road Maintenance Management Report – February 2022

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Meadowmount Estate			✓		
2	Roebuck Road				✓	
3	The Park Estate Cabinteely	✓				
4	Mulvey Park	✓				
5	Kilgobbin Lane	✓				
6	Sweetmount Estate (part of)	✓				
7	Ballinaclea Road		✓			
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
9	Glenageary Road Upper	✓				
10	Barnhill Road	✓				
11	Library Road	✓				
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Old Clonkeen Road	✓				
2	Clonskeagh Road	✓				
3	Woodside Road	✓				
4	Trisillian, Foxrock	✓				
5	Brehon Field Road / Kingston Estate	✓				
6	Olivemount Grove / Road	✓				
7	Grange Wood	✓				
8	Monkstown Farm		✓			
9	Georges Street Lower		✓			
10	Barnaslingan Lane	✓				
11	Idrone Lane	✓				
12	Pearse Gardens		✓			
13	Avondale Road drive way	✓				
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley (part of)	✓				
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)	✓				
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)	✓				
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)				✓	

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
5	Mount Anville Road (part of)	✓				
6	Dún Laoghaire Town		✓			
7	Wynberg Park (Part of)		✓			
8	Watsons Estate (Part of)	✓				
9	Glenavon Park	✓				
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Woodside Road Retaining Wall	✓				
2	Shanganagh Road Retaining Wall			✓		
3	Category 3 Bridges	✓				
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh				✓	
2	Woodside Road				✓	
3	N11 at The Rise & Trees Road Lower		✓			
4	Stillorgan Wood	✓				
5	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood	✓				
6	Westminster Lawns				✓	
7	Frankfort Park	✓				
8	Dundrum Road	✓				
9	Kellystown Road	✓				
10	Quinns Road	✓				
11	Mounttown Park	✓				
12	Pearse Street Parking Bay	✓				
13	Newtown Ave Blackrock	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N31 (Coast Road, funding dependent)	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme			✓		
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Loreto Park (part of)	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (part of)	✓				
3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings	✓				
4	Clifton Park, Rathsallagh Grove		✓			

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
5	Laneways from Gleann na Smól to Queens Park (subject to agreement)	✓				
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Blackthorn Drive	✓				
2	Kilgobbin Road	✓				
3	Village Road in Aiken's Village				✓	
4	Dublin Road (Quinn's Rd junction)	✓				
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Kilcross Estate	✓				
2	Rathsallagh Estate		✓			
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion				✓	
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
	<i>*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.</i>					
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Sichester Park, Glenageary	✓				
2	Cherrygarth, Mount Merrion	✓				

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)			✓				Works to take place on the St. Brigid's Church Road junction in 2022 with design to take place in Q1
Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)				✓			Construction tenders have been assessed and a Section 138 report was emailed to Councillors on February 17th. A Contractor will be appointed in March 2022
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave			✓				The Public Consultation Report was presented to the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee in December and the detailed design and preparation of

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
							tender documents is underway.
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes			✓				The Public Consultation Report was presented to the Dundrum Area Committee in December and the detailed design and preparation of tender documents is underway.
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)		✓					The Preliminary Design is complete, and the scheme details was presented to the Dundrum Area Committee in February. Public consultation is now underway on the scheme.
Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock						✓	Works at the N11-Newtownpark Avenue are complete
Leopardstown Road Cycle Lane Improvements	✓						Request for Tender (RFT) for Design Consultant in early February 2022.
Nutgrove Avenue - Phase 3	✓						Options report has been submitted to the NTA for approval to proceed
Selected Green Schools Walkability Audits Infrastructure						✓	Works are substantially complete on Castlepark Road, Knapton Road, Albert Road and Glenageary Dart Station.
Cycle Parking Development					✓		20 cycle parking stands and 6 cargo bike stands installed to date. Tender are being assessed for the supply of cycle and scooter stands.
Roebuck Road (Fosters Avenue to Goatstown Road)					✓		Works on junctions are completed with road resurfacing and cycle protection works currently underway.
Protected Cycle Facilities	✓						Additional cycle protection has been provided on Blackthorn Road near Londis. Further schemes are currently being examined for cycle protection.
New Pedestrian and Cycle entrance to Belfield on N11 at Nova UCD					✓		New gates, railings and granite cladding for Nova UCD Entrance are installed. Finishes and landscaping to be completed during March.
Wyattville Road (Phase 2)			✓				Request for Tender (RFT) for Civil Engineering Contractor published. Tender responses due back on 28 th March.
Churchtown Road Lower (pedestrian improvements)				✓			Awaiting approval from NTA to appoint a contractor
Junction Improvements – west side of the County						✓	Junction improvements have been completed at Rosemont, Dundrum and Farrenboley, Windy Arbour
Stepside Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						Appointed a consultant to carry out a preliminary design
Churchtown Road Upper	✓						Design of a cycle scheme is underway and public consultation is underway
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 Croke’s GAA Club to the N11. Design works are ongoing with a new road layout being examined to provide additional public realm benefits. Co-ordination of design and construction with adjacent Leisureplex site is ongoing

Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

Speed Limit Review

Following a recent tender process, DLR Traffic are in the process of appointing a consultant to carry out services related to the proposed Speed Limit Review. It is anticipated that statutory procedure will commence in the coming weeks.

Public consultation has commenced on the Roebuck Cycle Route: <https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/traffic-road-safety-roebuck-road-cycle-route-goats/>

Bike locker public consultation has concluded with a report being brought to the Transport and Marine SPC in March 2022

All schools in the County have been requested to apply for scooter and cycle parking via a dlr Consultation Hub link

Deputations

Council staff met with Belarmine Residents in Stepside on the 16th of February
Council staff met with Killiney residents on February 9th and Monkstown residents on February 11th

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

No TAG Meetings took place in February 2022

Bus Connects

The Core Bus Corridor (CBC) schemes are progressing through the 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. Statutory Planning Application documentation for the Clongriffin to City Centre CBC Scheme is being finalized and is expected to be the first CBC planning application to be lodged with ABP. The Blackrock to Merrion CBC planning application will be included in the first tranche of applications to be submitted to ABP. The submission of this planning application is now anticipated at the start of Q2 this year. The Bray to City Centre CBC planning application will be included in the second tranche of applications to be submitted to ABP and the submission of this planning application is now anticipated towards the end of this year.

The submission of the planning applications to ABP 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 ABTAs Stages 1 & 2 are now largely completed with work now underway on Stage 3 – Options Assessment & Development

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 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. Limited discussion has taken place to date, and we are awaiting an update from the NTA. A multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist with any discussions.

Old Conna ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

The Council is engaging with the NTA regarding the recommencement of this study and the specific requirements to be taken into account in assessing the transport & mobility needs of the southeast of the county.

New Bus Stops to Serve Planned BusConnects Orbital Bus Services

The Traffic Section has been liaising with the NTA on the location and design of new bus stops throughout the county, required to support planned new bus services being introduced by the NTA over the next two years. It is anticipated that bus stop approval notices for the new stops will be issued to the NTA in Q1 of this year.

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the **Deansgrange Stream**. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints study, Hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Initial Public Consultation is now complete. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders are underway. A Ground Investigation contract is complete, and the report is awaited. Work has begun to review possible sites for environmental impacts

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the **Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers**. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey is complete. Further topographical survey work is being done this month. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost-beneficial scheme is achievable. An initial public engagement is complete following short briefing sessions with Area Councillors. The Hydrology/Hydraulic report is now completed and initial options are being developed.

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 has been completed. A flow/rainfall survey and CCTV survey

will commence shortly.

4. Roads Control Unit

Irish Water Reinstatement IWR Works 2022

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

Roads Control Restoration Works RCRW 2022

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRW	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2021					
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Tress Road Lower, Stillorgan	✓				
2	Silchester Park (Part off), Glenageary	✓				

Section 254's

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

Section 254 - Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1 st Feb to 28 th Feb	
Applications	No.
Processing	2
Granted	4
Withdrawn	1
Refused	1

The Section 254 webpage is now live on dlrcoco.ie

Please follow the below link for details of applications which have been processed:

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/information-technology/section-254-above-ground-telecommunications-infrastructure>

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	217	283	342	470	405	227
Clean-Ups Assisted	53	67	58	66	45	49
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	19	23	21	33	18	33
Bathing Water Samples Taken	40	32	18	17	18	27
Gullies Cleaned	729	1,251	742	1,264	844	933

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022
Dumping Incidents Managed	56	42	45	53	36	70
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	1	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	10	4	13	0	26	2
Street Bin Collections	6,417	5,703	5,456	4,938	4,941	5,558

* Statistics available up to the end of January 2022.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates

- Workforce have continued operating on staggered roster arrangements to maintain social distancing requirements.
- Arup are continuing to progress planning & design for longer term remediation measures at Coliemore Harbour.
- Coliemore Harbour funding application is complete and ready for submission.
- Drawing amendments are underway for the 40 Foot remedial works project. Final set of plans are due to be submitted week ending 5th March.
- Ladder repair works were completed at the 40 Foot.
- Bicycle stand removal and alterations project on Vico Road/Whiterock has commenced.
- Cycle Lane Sweeping Schedule has been amended and is now on the dlr website.
- Replacement AED for Seapoint has been installed.
- Staff training is progressing on SLG card holders.
- Gully cleaning training was completed.
- Lifeguard notice for 2022 is ready for release.
- Annual Bin Review Report is nearing completion.

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,461 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 28th February 2022 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1,115
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	323
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	320
Parking a vehicle on a footway	236
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	81
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	65
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	64
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	63
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	45
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	41
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	20
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	17

Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	14
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	13
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	9
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	7
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	5
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	5
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	3
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	3
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	3
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	2
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	1
Parking a vehicle in a bus lane/street	1
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Total no. of tickets issued between 1st and 28th February 2022	2,461

There were no convictions secured in the District Court all matters were adjourned to a date in March 2022.

Public Lighting

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

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Feb 2022:	233
Percentage of lights out at the end of Feb 2022:	0.75%
Pole replacement carried out in Feb 2022:	0
Bracket replacements:	231
Tree trimming:	1
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	18
LED Upgrades	214

LED Upgrading Program

The total number of lights upgraded to LED is 18,704 or 78.8% of total public lighting stock

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	54
Inspections completed	1

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	4
Legal requests:	0

Road Opening Licences (01st February 2022 – 28th February 2022)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Submitted	262
Applications Granted	186
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	8

Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In February 2022 there were:

- 8 applications for street furniture
- 3 applications for road closure.
- 1 film application.

7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

COVID-19 Measures

All services have been withdrawn throughout the Harbour in line with Government guidelines

Circus

Duffy's Circus will visit the Harbour between 28th February and 13th March 2022, located in the Ferry Terminal Vehicle Compound.

East Pier Concessions

Hot Food and Ice-Cream Concessions were advertised last month, and tender submissions evaluated and awarded. The Fish Shack will remain and be joined by a new concession "Cofella Ice Cream".

Projects:

National Watersports Campus

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information and are now finalising the grant process and agreements with the project partners.

An MOU has been signed with Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland in order to set out and agree the objectives of the project.

Plaza at Ferry Terminal

A project to improve the public realm at the Plaza in front of the Ferry Terminal is underway, with the replacement of a mass concrete wall with a glass barrier to improve views of the Harbour from this strategic interface with the Town. Wheelchair access, along with seating, planters and new handrails are included. This project should be completed in the coming weeks.

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.

Ferry Terminal

Planning permission was granted for the ferry terminal project on 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 25th February 2020. An agreement to lease the building (subject to Foreshore and Section 183 consent) was signed in December 2021, and we are now seeking to conclude a Foreshore Lease, and a license to sublet with the Dept.

This matter will be brought to Area Committees and the full Council in the coming months for disposal pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

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, subject of course to Covid-19 guidelines in operation at the time.

Grant Funding

A new grant scheme was recently announced, the Brexit Adjustment Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme 2022 – 2023. Applications have been submitted for a number of Harbour infrastructure projects including East and West Pier repairs, Carlisle Pier Fenders and minor works at St. Michaels Pier.

Finance and Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Feb 2022	Enterprise Ireland target February 2022
Feasibility Study	4	3
Business Priming	2	2
Business Expansion	3	2
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	3	2
Trading Online Vouchers	15	25
Microfinance Ireland *	1	4
Total Approvals	28	

*Approved by MFI

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	February 2022
No of jobs created	10

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2022	Total Jan – Feb 2022
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	27
Clients attending Networking Events	54
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	197
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	63
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	24
Clients participating in Leadership Management Programmes	5
Total No of Clients Assisted	370

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total Jan-Feb 2022
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	2
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	2
Business Promotion Grants	7
Street Furniture Grants	1

Enterprise Promotion activities in February 2022

DLR Enterprise News	DLR Enterprise News February 2022 (sent 04/02/22) Open rate 49%, 2652 recipients Local Enterprise Week 2022 (sent 14/02/22) Open rate 49.5%, 2656
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	recipients Local Enterprise Week 2022 Event Details (sent 21/02/22) Open rate 49%, 2668 recipients Open rate Industry average 11%
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Sessions throughout February
Best Practise for Virtual Presentations Workshop	4 th February
Accounting for Small Business Course (4 week)	8 th February
Social Media Marketing Strategy & Implementation Workshop	10 th February
Adapt, Improvise & Overcome – Managing your Team Remotely Workshop	16 th February
Instagram Reels for Marketing Your Small Business Workshop	22 nd February
Start Your Own Business Course (8 week)	28 th February

Social Media Analysis: 1 – 28 February 2022				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
LEO dlr	2,027	10	53	59,120
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
LEO dlr	5,588	22	53	234,000

Tourism Development

DLR Tourism Information

The Tourism Information Kiosk is open and providing a seven day walk in service. Visitor numbers are low mid-week but weekends are busy. The first issue of 2022 of the DLR Tourism Ezine was published on February 2nd.

DLR Tourism Committee

A meeting of the DLR Tourism Steering Committee took place on February 23rd with updates on our Tourism Communications and from Fáilte Ireland, Coillte and Airfield Estate. The new Dublin Coastal Trail is due to be launched in the next few weeks.

Tourism Friendly Cities

A meeting of the Local Group took place on February 3rd to agree the contents of the local action plan. A transnational meeting of the partner cities took place on Feb 9th – 11th to present the local action plans and agree next steps in the project.

Tourism Festivals & Events Grant 2022

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council received a small amount of funding from Fáilte Ireland to support festivals and events that attract visitors to the county. This grant was advertised on dlrcoco.ie and social pages. Closing date for application was February 25th.

Destination Towns Project

The civil works have been completed at the Bell Tower of St Michaels Church. Lighting will

be installed in the next two weeks.

Ulysses Centenary

A successful programme of events was implemented from Jan 29th to Feb 2nd in collaboration with the Friends of Joyce Tower, to celebrate the centenary of the publication of Ulysses.

Twinning

An online meeting was held between DLRCC and the City of Vincennes, Paris. Vincennes will host their annual “Europe Festival” on May 15th. DLRCC and the Blackrock Business Network have been invited to participate in the festival.

On-line Tourism Promotion

Social media advertising and promotion of events and tourism products continued in February.

Social Media Analysis: February 2022				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	7,645	118	14	84,395
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	3,655	10	11	18,300
Instagram	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	2,767	20	14	26,817

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/01/2022				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/01/2022 €
A Total Housing & Building	-12,815,546	8,018,764	-6,288,200	-11,084,982
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-7,082,317	412,704	-26,087	-6,695,700
C Total Water Services	-2,170,049	98,992	0	-2,071,057
D Total Development Management	-153,092,444	1,299,203	-2,303,097	-154,096,338
E Total Environmental Services	-1,752,665	11,455	-36,066	-1,777,276
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-11,148,439	407,400	-49,933	-10,790,972
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,363,287	61,092	0	-4,302,195
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-31,108,453	84,232	-78,340	-31,102,561
Grand Total	-223,533,199	10,393,842	-8,781,723	-221,921,080

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/01/22						
	Balance at 01/01/2022 €		Balance at 31/01/22		Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	21,345,494		19,212,567		0	19,212,567

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/01/2022

8.33%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	5,124,922	64,495,700	7.95%
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,437,456	30,916,000	7.88%
C	Water Services	1,072,804	12,483,600	8.59%
D	Development Management	2,417,864	24,816,800	9.74%
E	Environmental Services	2,629,228	33,025,100	7.96%
F	Recreation & Amenity	2,752,938	33,627,900	8.19%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	630,289	3,760,700	16.76%
H	Miscellaneous Services	972,918	10,673,200	9.12%
Total Expenditure		18,038,420	213,799,000	8.44%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	4,538,272	57,510,900	7.89%
B	Road Transport & Safety	1,003,026	12,773,100	7.85%
C	Water Services	622,571	8,552,800	7.28%
D	Development Management	691,022	6,538,300	10.57%
E	Environmental Services	478,521	5,616,300	8.52%
F	Recreation & Amenity	372,705	5,664,900	6.58%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	267,918	2,817,600	9.51%
H	Miscellaneous Services	800,564	9,824,100	8.15%
Sub Total		8,774,599	109,298,000	8.03%

LPT	Local Property Tax	905,567	10,866,800	8.33%
RA	Rates	7,802,850	93,634,200	8.33%
Total Income		17,483,016	213,799,000	8.18%

Balance as at 31/01/2022		€555,405	Deficit	
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Planning Applications – monthly statistics: 1st – 28th February 2022

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	139	139
Decision Deferred	0	48	48
Decision to Grant**	0	97	97
Decision to Refuse**	0	23	23
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	95	95
Invalid Applications	0	27	27

*Includes 19 Applications for Retention

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

1 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

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

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

Planning Counter Figures: 1st – 28th February 2022

Customers Served	288
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Building Control 1st – 28th February 2022

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	18
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	19
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	17
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	7/0
Commencement Notices Validated	61
7 Day Notices received	9
Completion Certs Validated	14

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation



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Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 20

Complaints closed 22

Litter and Waste Fines

1 st – 28 th February 2022	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	81	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	9	
Legal proceedings initiated.	5	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	140	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	140	Litter Section

Architects

Energy

An 'Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy' will be brought to the SPC.

A staff travel survey is being prepared to explore attitudes to greener forms of transport and experiences of the Mobility Hub.

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	28
Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications	1
Section 5 Declarations	1
Draft County Development Plan 2022/8	Ongoing
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2022 Grant Scheme	Applications sent to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for assessment on 11 th February
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2022 Grant Scheme	Provisional List of Applications sent to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval on 11 th February

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	3
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	0
Total	5

Community and Cultural Development

Joint Policing Committee/Local Policing Fora

A JPC meeting took place on 15th February 2022. At this meeting the JPC Annual Report 2021 and the workplan priorities for 2022 were approved.

A meeting of the Central Dun Laoghaire Local Policing Forum and the Sandyford Stepside Local Policing Forum took place on the 1st February 2022. There was also a meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan Local Policing Forum on the 9th February 2022. These meetings took place online on MS Teams.

LCDC

An LCDC meeting took place on 23rd February 2022. At this meeting the LCDC Annual Report for 2021 was approved and referred to the March Council meeting for noting.

Community Response to COVID-19

- The Community Response Forum is meeting every three 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 next meeting is scheduled for 6th April.
- Family Support Meeting took place on the 1st February. All services are reporting working well.

dlr Drug and Alcohol Task Force

Meeting took place on the 16th of February. The task force is finalising their five-year strategic plan.

Estate Management Programme

The first MIT meeting of 2022 took place on the 22nd February. This was well attended with representatives from across dlr departments participating. This will ensure items identified by the 12 estate management committees are included in work plans for 2022.

Grants

All community applications received under the councils grant scheme have been thoroughly assessed and a recommendation report has been prepared for consideration by Council.

Community Facilities

A new Community Development worker has been appointed to oversee the day-to-day operation of Samuel Beckett Community Facility. This will support the facility to strengthen engagement with the local community.

Community Development

Ground works have commenced on the Mens Shed site in Ballinteer. The Mens Shed will provide a valuable space for local men to meet, connect and learn.

dlr Comhairle na nÓg

dlr Comhairle na nÓg held their February meeting 'in person' in the Council Chambers. dlr Comhairle na nÓg will work on the topic of Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing during 2022.

Love Our Laneways

A Playful City are continuing to work with Community and Infrastructure and Climate Change as we move in to phase 3 and 4 of the project to reimagine Pearse Drive.

Facilities Network

The first Facilities Network meeting of 2022 was held on Thursday 24th February. This network provides a valuable platform for provision of information in relation to good governance and supports peer learning and knowledge sharing. The annual agenda and a training plan for 2022 have been agreed and these have been informed by the facilities end of year reports.

Age Friendly Programme & Social Inclusion Unit update

- The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Older People's Council (OPC), a representative committee for the voice of older people in dlr, met again in person on the 9th February, following pandemic restrictions. The dlr OPC are currently organising a Transport Assistance Grants' programme to encourage older groups to resume activities and are also seeking new member groups and individuals to join the OPC.
- Intercultural Competency & Anti-Racism Workshops delivered by the Immigrant Council of Ireland were delivered to DLRCC staff working with the public and in the community during February and will continue in March 2022.
- The Age Friendly Programme Manager & Social Inclusion Officer has completed Older LGBT+ Champion's training to support older LGBT+ individuals and groups in dlr.
- The Yellow Flag Programme, a preventative, anti-racism programme, which was delivered in schools in dlr during 2020 & 2021, featured on RTÉ Six 1 News on the 1st February 2022 highlighting World Hijab Day with pupils from St. Tiernan's Community School, Balally and a link to the online article and news piece is [here](#)
- The "Stirring Memories – Stories of Yesterday" exhibition was launched in the LexIcon Library on Thursday 24th February at 2.30pm and the exhibition will run until the 30th April 2022. Storyteller Helena Byrne collated stories and memories from days gone by in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown from members and residents of Day Care Centres across the county and the exhibition comprises of audio and written stories and funded by Creative Ireland.

See photos of the launch below. Further details can be found here: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/news/general-news-public-notice-press-releases/stirring-memories-stories-yesterday-launched>



Cultural Development

Libraries

All dlr Library spaces are open with all services having resumed, including study spaces, supply of daily newspapers and magazines, access to PCs and the Internet and printing.

Following the Govt. announcement on 21 January 2022, restrictions on social distancing no longer apply. Capacity restrictions for all events and activities, indoors and outdoors, have been removed.

From Monday 28 February 2022, face masks are no longer mandatory in Libraries.

At this time, dlr Libraries continue to operate a hybrid approach; programming events and activities online, while continuing to re-introduce regular and ad hoc in-person events and activities across all our library spaces.

Book Drop Service

For those members of our community unable to visit their local dlr Library in person, staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests for books. A selection of books is boxed and then delivered safely to homes. For further information about this service, please contact dlr LexIcon staff by phone on 01 280 1147 or email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

dlr Libraries Online

Online Resources

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website. You can:

- download eBooks and eAudiobooks from **BorrowBox** and **Overdrive** and read them on your tablet, laptop or smartphone

TumbleBooks is an online collection of e-books for children. You can use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone. All you need is an Internet connection. There are no downloads - books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.

- read magazines and newspapers online with **Overdrive** and **Pressreader**
- take an online course with **Universal Class**
- learn a language online with **Transparent Language Online**

With over 100 languages to choose from – learn at home, in the library or on the go!

- stream or download music to your device with **Freegal**
- listen to a podcast with **DLR Soundcloud**
- watch an exhibition on your tablet, laptop or pc

You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!

Visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library>

Ireland Reads – 25 February

Ireland Reads Day took place on Friday 25 February. For the second year in a row, this is a national day to celebrate and promote reading and is a public libraries' initiative in partnership with publishers, booksellers and authors. The Ireland Reads campaign asked everyone, no matter how young or old, to 'Squeeze in a Read' on **this day**.

On the Ireland Reads website www.irelandreads.ie, everyone was asked to pledge reading minutes on the day. Over 230,000 reading minutes have been pledged to date. dlr Library staff recorded videos and posted them on social media, encouraging everyone to 'Squeeze in a Read'. The Ireland Reads website also offers book recommendations suited to a person's interests and the time they have available. There are more than 1,500 recommendations from librarians all around the country.

Online quizzes

We held the last of our online weekend quizzes on 5 and 6 February. Over the past 5 weeks, over 1,600 teams have competed with over 4,500 participants taking part during this time. The regular quizzes will be taking a break for the next while with a schedule of themed quizzes planned from March onwards. We will also be running a County Schools Quiz for primary schools across the County in June.

Online Events for Adults

Poetry at the LexIcon

This popular series returned on 7 February with a pre-recorded panel discussion featuring Romalyn Ante, Mary Jean Chan and Annemarie Ní Churreáin

Healthy Eating workshops

Our popular series of online workshops on Healthy Eating continued in February with Chef Neven Maguire hosting 3 sessions: Valentine's Night In on 14th, Vegetarian Feast on 21st and Cooking with Spice on 28th February.

Get Crafty! – Arts & Crafts events

This Spring, dlr Libraries are hosting a series of online craft events for adults, children and schools. Events for adults continued in February with Needlefelting and Jewellery making workshops for adults.

In-Person Events for Adults

Clubs & Groups

February saw the re-commencement of many of our clubs and groups meeting again in person across our library spaces. **Scrabble Club** is back in Dundrum Library fortnightly from Friday 25 February. Cabinteely Library **Knitting Circle** returned on Thursday 24 February. **The Parent and Toddler Group** will be returning to Shankill Library in March.

Each of the 8 branches have also resumed in-person book clubs, with some also continuing with their online book clubs, due to demand. The popular online monthly Book Club with Mary Burnham took place on Wednesday 23 February at 7.30pm with a Zoom discussion of *The Gustav Sonata* by Rose Tremain. Members can call in to collect the chosen titles or continue to download them from our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox. The dlr Staff Book Club continues to meet online monthly.

Onsite Exhibition Programme

Stirring Memories: Stories of Yesterday 24 February - 30 April 2022 (dlr LexIcon, Level 3)

What was life like in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown over the years? Storyteller Helena Byrne posed this question to members of local day care centres. Enjoy these stirring memories of trips to the Baths on sunny days, shopping in the much-loved local shops of the past such as Lee's; and getting dressed up for a Saturday night out in the Top Hat! Comprising audio and written stories, this heartwarming exhibition is the culmination of a social history project to collect and preserve reminiscences and recollections of times gone by.

A huge thanks to the staff and members of all the participating day care centres for sharing their stories, especially: Beaufort Day Care Centre (Glasthule), The Clevis Unit

(Leopardstown), Leopardstown Park Day Centre, Mount Merrion Friendship Club and Shankill Day Care Centre. *Supported by Creative Ireland funding*

The full collection of images and audio recordings is available online at <https://helenabyrne.com/stirringmemories/>

Peter Pearson: Art and Artefacts of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

17 February – 30 April 2022 (LexIcon, Level 3)

Peter Pearson is well-known as a passionate advocate for the conservation of Ireland's architectural heritage; and also as a historian and highly regarded painter. He is the author of numerous publications including *Dún Laoghaire/Kingstown* and *Between the Mountains and the Sea*. His new book *The Granite Coast* (O'Brien Press) will be published later in 2022. This exhibition is a celebration of his wide-ranging work.

For tours of the exhibition (02/03/22 and 12/03/22) and a talk (23/03/22), please see our [Events Calendar](#).

Gateway to Independence: Dún Laoghaire and the Treaty, 1921

6 December 2021 – 30 April 2022 (dlr LexIcon, Moran Park)

To mark the centenary of the signing of the Treaty, an outdoor exhibition was launched by An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Lettie McCarthy at dlr LexIcon on 6 December 2021. The Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations began after more than two years of violence in Ireland, which ended with a truce on 11 July 1921. Dún Laoghaire Harbour, the 'Gateway of Ireland', played an important role in the road to Irish Independence over the following months. [Gateway to Independence](#) charts the role of the Harbour as a place of departure and arrival for the negotiating delegation and includes up-close photographs of the men and women involved in this crucial time for the emerging new state.

A Dreamer's Space

7 February – 30 April 2022 (LexIcon Level 4)

Dreamer's Space is a series of small interactions that inspire ideas and stillness. Corrina lives at the foot of Cave Hill mountain in Belfast. She loves to go for a wander in nature, looking out for nature spirits. She was inspired by dlr LexIcon, a place full of books bursting out with ideas but also a quiet space to focus and think. *Supported by Creative Ireland funding*

Dublin International Film Festival

7 February – 31 March 2022 (LexIcon, Level 4)

Ireland's premier film event celebrates 20 years in 2022 with a stunning and varied programme of some of the best new cinema from Ireland and around the world. To mark the 20th anniversary, dlr LexIcon is pleased to host an exhibition of retrospective photographs, showcasing 20 years of the film festival. This year the film festival runs from 23 February - 6 March 2022.

National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) Photographic Exhibition

17 January - 25 February (Deansgrange Library)

This exhibition features an artistic and varied collection of photographs created by patients and staff of the **National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH)** for Adults and Children, who attended a photography course in the NRH.

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

Online Events for Children

Ireland Reads – events for ELCs

As part of Ireland Reads Day on Friday 25 February, we launched our first portable Scéal Trail of the story **Spidey** by Carmel Uí Cheallaigh and gifted sets to two local crèches. Remaining sets of the portable Scéal Trail are available exclusively for Early Learning and Care Centre settings in the County to borrow on a long loan. We also gave ELCs and crèches exclusive access to online events on Ireland Reads Day, including a pre-recorded story and craft session as Gaeilge with Muireann Ní Chíobháin and online Art workshops with White Doodle.

Get Crafty! – Arts & Crafts events

This Spring, dlr Libraries are hosting a series of online craft events for adults, children and schools. Events for children continued in February with book-led art workshops for DLR primary schools with Me and The Moon and science-based workshops from the Rediscovery Centre. We also organised online events during the mid-term break.

In-Person Events for Children

As mentioned above, some regular in-branch activities and clubs have begun returning to library spaces, including LEGO family time in Blackrock Library, Storytime sessions and Parent and Toddler groups.

Statistics

Social media (as of 28 February 2022)

Facebook	6,390 followers
Twitter	8,567 followers
Instagram	3,135 followers
New! TikTok	252 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	8,090 subscribers

Online resources (as of 21 February 2022)

Digital library issues

Feb 2022

Resource	Description	Checkouts Prelim. Feb. 2022
Overdrive	e Audio	1250
Overdrive	e Book	1422
Overdrive	Comics	19
Overdrive	Magazines	2873
Borrowbox	e Audio	5240
Borrowbox	e Book	2355
Freegal	Streaming + Download	733
Press Reader	Newspapers	12409
Tumblebooks		14
Total		26315

Arts

Gallery Learning Programme 'Escape the City'

The theme for the Gallery Learning Programme for January – March is 'Escape the City' with lots of opportunities to get creative. We launched #dlrLens on our social media channels working with local photographers to create a weekly response to the theme. Róisín White's inspiring photographs are tagged with #dlrLens and #dlrLens_EscapeTheCity. We've invited the public to join in and post their own photographs and we are delighted with the response to date.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/whats-latest-news>

Municipal Gallery Programme

On Steady Ground/Unsteady Ground, a collaborative exhibition by artists Cora Cummins and Saoirse Higgins, continued in the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon. The artists, who are residents of the County, were awarded a Visual Art Commission from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, funded by the Arts Council.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/steady-groundunsteady-ground>

Arts Grants

The Arts grant scheme for 2022 was launched in early December with a closing date of the 28th of January. Applications were open to artists, arts organisations, community groups etc and will support a broad range of artistic activity throughout the County. 124 applications were received and assessed.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/funding-opportunities/arts-grants>

dlr Musicians in Residence Scheme

The dlr Musicians in Residence scheme was launched. Established and emerging musicians and groups with a strong connection to, or focus on, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown are invited to apply. The scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network. Three residencies are offered in 2022: two for established musicians/groups and one for an emerging musician/group. An online information session was held.

Parks

CoCo Markets February 2022

During the month of February, we received 4 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 1 seasonal for Marlay Park Saturday and Marlay Sunday (Non-food/craft)
- 1 Permanent for Dun Laoghaire Sunday (Hot food)
- 2 Seasonal for Dún Laoghaire Sunday (Artist/Craft)

Biodiversity

- DLR Biodiversity Events – Cabinteely Nature walk and talk Feb 27th
- Funding applications to the Local Biodiversity Action Fund for the continuation of hedgerow surveys and river catchment invasive species treatments.
- Final school toolkit for Ecosystem Services or Benefits of Biodiversity completed and designed for digital use and hardcopy for teachers. Planned roll out of workshops for schools by DLR with Biodiversity in Schools for 2022.
- Final Hedgerow toolkit completed and designed for digital use and hardcopy for teachers. Planned roll out of workshops for schools by DLR with Biodiversity in Schools for 2022.
- Development of biodiversity information resource for the public commenced
- Development of the GIS mapping for the DLR Ecological Network for planners commenced

- Marine surveys commissioned for subtidal reefs for 2022
- Dalkey island management for biodiversity continues
- Biosphere Biodiversity officers finalise the Biosphere Communications and Education Strategy
- DLR's Biodiversity officer input in relation to the capacity crisis in ecology in Ireland and UK to CIEEM
- Input to the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan

Heritage

- County Heritage Plan 2021-2025 - content for dlr Times, social media campaign in planning with Comms
- Second draft of dlr Memorials Policy prepared - policy to be presented at March SPC meeting
- Launch of *Ulysses, James Joyce and Deansgrange Cemetery* map/brochure as part of Ulysses 100 - available in Cemetery office, café, Deansgrange Library, JJ Tower
- Dublin Mountains Community Archaeologist programme;
 - Completion of 4-part online training programme for key stakeholders
 - Public webinar 01/02 - the *Story of the Dublin Mountains*, also available online
- Assessment of 21 dlr Community Heritage Grant submissions
- Transfer of *Shifting Foundations - Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire/Cottages* exhibition to Airfield Estate
- Issuing of Gardening for Biodiversity booklets/colouring books to LA Estates via Community Section and Irish language versions to schools via Environmental Awareness Officer
- Wildlife in Buildings booklet disseminated (Irish and English)
- Support letters for dlr community groups making applications for Heritage Council funding
- Meeting with Dept. Community/Rural Dev. and Dalkey Tidy Towns re. Entente Florale
- Funding applications submitted to Community Monument Fund 2022 and pending approval:
 - Carrickmines Castle: Implementation of actions in relation to integrated biodiversity/ archaeological conservation and interpretation/public engagement
 - Carrickbrennan Graveyard: detailed conservation plan with public participation programme
 - CMF funding application received from Pucks Castle owner and forwarded to Dept.
- Progression of Augmented Reality historic photo project for Dún Laoghaire/Dundrum
- Completion of Interpretation strategy for Williamstown Martello Tower
- Report to Council on public access to the Brennanstown Dolmen
- Progression of Casement publication to coincide with statue launch
- Progression of Fáilte Ireland-funded Dún Laoghaire Pier historic trail with dlr Tourism
- Input to Línte na Farraige project
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens and community groups

Sports Development

dlr Leisure: Set up and completed the following activities in February;

Dheis Schools drafts programme

1. Good Shepherd
2. Holy Family
3. Dominican
4. St. Columbanus

Youth groups

Dlr Leisure coached the following youth group services in February;

1. Sandyford youth group (10-14 year olds, mixed group)
2. Sallynoggin youth group (11-13 year olds, mixed group)
3. Loughlinstown youth group (11-13 year olds, mixed group)
4. Nutgrove additional group (12-14 year olds, girls only)
5. Whitehouse additional group (11-14 year olds, mixed group)
6. Dún Laoghaire youth group (10-12 year olds, mixed group)
7. Mounttown youth group (12-14 year olds, boys only)
8. Mounttown youth group (12-15 year olds, girls only)
9. Whitehouse Ballyogan (11-13 year olds, girls only)
10. Boylan Centre mixed group (10-12 year olds)
11. Boylan Centre mixed group (aged 15 +)
12. Boylan Centre group mixed group (12-14 year olds)
13. Nutgrove youth service boys only (11-13 year olds)
14. St Tiernan's secondary school multi-sport programme (2nd year)
15. Carmona services 3 groups (aged 18 +)
16. Lakelands special needs group for archery (aged 18+)
17. Blackrock special needs group for archery (aged 18+)

Other activities

- Met with Mary from Sallynoggin youth group in relation to starting an active youth challenge programme with their respective group. Programme commenced 17th February.
- Met with Georgina from Boylan Centre and arranged to bring the over 15s bowling in April.
- Met Sandra Kelly in relation to setting up Easter camps for the residents of Meadowlands. Taster session confirmed for April.
- Met with Sinead McDonagh from Sallynoggin youth reach in relation to setting up an activity programme for 15–20 year olds.
- Met with Lindie Naughton, orienteering instructor, in relation to working with Holy Child school in arranging an adventure programme in March (updates will be provided on a later report).
- Met with Brendan Bennett from St. Lawrence's School and confirmed after school programme starting March 2nd (updates to follow in March report).
- Met Chris from Garda division Dundrum Rathdown in relation to setting up sports programmes for youths aged 15-18.
- Met with Debbie McCauley, Community officer Ballyogan, in relation to setting up summer camps in July. Start date is last 3 weeks in July.

Leinster Rugby:

Schools

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO DLR)

Primary Schools

7 – 521 males and 304 females

Secondary Schools

2 – 75 males and 33 females

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO DLR)

Primary schools

3 – 361 females

Secondary schools

3 – 77 females and 41 males

Andrew Egan (Leinster Rugby CCRO – Old Wesley RFC)

Primary Schools

6 – 320 males and 222 females

Rugby clubs

Old Wesley RFC – U7s every Sunday – AE

Old Wesley RFC – female rugby every Sunday – AE

Old Wesley RFC – U12s v Stillorgan-Rathfarnham RFC (female rugby) – AE

DLR rugby development schools

Junior shield – Newpark School are into the final – ‘Final’s Day’ is the 16th of March in Donnybrook

Senior shield – Clonkeen College won their quarter final game but lost by two points in the semi-final

Oatlands College first and second year training will be taken over by Leinster Rugby for the rest of the school year due to internal staffing issues – JS

The development/redeveloping rugby schools in DLRCC are organising a senior 7s tournament to keep the players active. It is being organised by Woodbrook College and Newpark Comprehensive School

South Dublin 7s

Round two was cancelled due to the storms

Round three is being hosted in DLSP FC a DLRCC club on the 25th of March 2022 (male and female)

Leinster Rugby & DLR sports partnership CLUE program

The CLUE program is running in the following four schools in DLR:

- De La Salle College (completed) – JS
- Cabinteely Community School (completed) – JS
- Holy Child Community School (completed) – EMCK
- Ballinteer Community School (2 classes completed, the 3rd class begins in March 2022) – JS

FAI:

- **Girls Emerging Talent:** Player ID ongoing at DLR and South Dublin clubs. Programme started, 28 girls attending.
- **Child Welfare:** Both DOs completed Tutor Training to deliver Safeguarding 1 courses. One course delivered, 30 coaches/volunteers attended.
- **Coach Education:** 1 PDP 1 – 24 coaches attended. 1 PDP 2 – 24 coaches attended. Attended Coach Ed in-service day.
- **Futsal in the Yard:** 160 boys and girls participated.
- **Disney Playmakers:** Girls 5-8-year-old Programme at St Joseph’s AFC. Planning new programme for April.
- **Late Night League:** Ongoing contact with DLR leisure and Crosscare groups. Planning to deliver a PDP coaching course.
- **Club Mark:** Ongoing contact with registered clubs to achieve award. Four new clubs have registered.
- **Soccer Sisters & Summer camps:** Soccer Sisters at St Mary’s FC. Six local clubs have signed up to date.
- Administration work and Regional and national staff meetings ongoing on a weekly and monthly basis.

Leinster Cricket:

- Contacting schools with session plans and arranging sessions for coming weeks.
- Continued planning for next year’s Leprechaun Cup Softball competition.

- Continued planning and liaison with DLRCC and local cricket clubs regarding development of Shanganagh Park. Dalkey Archives Cricket Club will now be using the pitch midweek for Taverners matches (social matches played generally by older members of cricket community and those interested in playing cricket for fun).
- Continued liaison with both Sandyford CC and DLRCC to help them provide junior sections for the 2022 season.
- Organising teachers coach ed. sessions that will take place in March/April.
- Schools' session started St. Anne's Shankill 4 x 5th class 3 sessions.
- Schools' sessions started Our lady of the Wayside Kiltarnan 1 x 4th class, 1 x 5th class 4 sessions.
- St Patrick's Dalkey, class sessions for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. One session each.
- Good Shepard NS, Churchtown, class sessions for 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th. One session each.

Sports Partnership

- **Marathon Kids** – have begun roll-out of this 8-week programme for 5th & 6th class pupils with 900 taking part across 13 schools in DLR.
- **Secondary Schools** – working with a range of schools in DLR to promote sports – St. Raphael's (Table Tennis), St. Laurence's (Boxing, Ultimate Frisbee), St. Tiernan's (Leadership, Rugby), Rockford Manor (Rowing), Ballinteer CS (Yoga, Leadership).
- **Women In Sport Week 2022** – taking place from 7th - 13th March and organising a range of DLR initiatives, workshops and webinars to promote female participation.
- **Urban Outdoor Initiative** – secured Dormant Accounts funding to deliver an orienteering, climbing and kayaking programme with Holy Child Community School.
- **Active Dublin** – working with Sport Ireland and other Cities to coordinate delivery for 2022. Active Cities DLR Officer required to drive the project.
- **Ballyogan Sport & Physical Activity Hub** – continuing to work with local schools and partner agencies, including Crosscare and the Family Resource Centre, to deliver targeted projects for children and young people in the area.
- **Staffing** – Business Case submitted to Dept. to fill the SIDO position. Awaiting date to advertise the other 3 new funded positions.
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – administering the remaining clubs still to draw down the final 25% of grants awarded in Round 2. Have secured €44,600 from Sport Ireland to deliver a 3rd Round of the Scheme for 2022.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme 2022** – the Sports Partnership Board is currently reviewing the 29 applications received across Disability Sport, Women In Sport and Volunteer Training. Fund of €35,000 available through Sport Ireland.
- **Women In Leadership Programme** – continuing delivery of this 8-week leadership programme for 18 females involved in sport in DLR.
- **Child Safeguarding** – delivered 5 x courses in February (62 attendees).
- **Men On the Move** – started delivery of another 12-week activity programme aimed at adult men to support them to become active in a social group (27 participants).
- **Walking For Health** – completed a 5-week walking programme in Cabinteely with participants building up to do the local Parkrun on the 19th February (26 participants). Also working with Southside Partnership to deliver a Social Prescribing project.
- **Older Adult Activity Classes** – continuing to deliver a weekly online Strength & Balance and Over 55's Yoga programme (70 participants).
- **Swimmin Women** – started delivery of a follow-on programme that utilises aquatic exercise to enhance quality of life during menopause (20 women).
- **St. Michaels Hospital Couch To 2K** – supported delivery of a staff return-to-fitness programme over 4 weeks in February (33 participants).
- **Get Going Get Rowing** – continuing to deliver to girls in DEIS secondary schools across the County in partnership with Rowing Ireland.