

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN
COUNTY COUNCIL

Annual Report 2019



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Foreword 2019

The Annual Report for 2019 outlines and reflects on the activities and achievements of the significant body of work carried out throughout the year, leading economic, social and community development, embracing opportunities and delivering efficient and effective services. The Council has also progressed major capital programmes, including housing developments, public realm improvement projects and vital infrastructure work that facilitates the further development of our county as a highly desirable, connected and inclusive place in which to live, work and visit.

The new Council was elected for 2019 – 2024, following the Local Elections in May. Almost half of the newly elected Councillors are first time Councillors, with a close to 50:50 gender balance.

In 2019, the effects of climate change, globally and locally came to the forefront of all our consciousness, with school strikes, worldwide media coverage of environmental issues and incontrovertible scientific evidence. The Council publicised its 5-year Climate Change Action Plan, putting climate and environmental considerations, energy usage and the future, centre stage in our decision making. This Council is committed to ensuring that it can protect and improve the quality of life in our area for this generation and those that follow.

2019 proved to be a year of significant success and a snapshot of some of the highlights of another very busy year in the Council include:

2019 Awards

- Green Flag Award for Marlay Park, Cabinteely Park, Blackrock Park and People's Park;
- RIAI (Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland) Awards in "Sustainability" and "Living Housing Scheme" for George's Place, Dún Laoghaire Housing;
- 2019 Irish Council for Social Housing George's Place Housing, Winner;
- RIAI Awards in "Wellbeing" category for Sallynoggin Community and Senior Centre;
- RIAI Awards in "Public Space" category for Monkstown Village Project;
- The Irish Construction Excellence Awards (ICE Awards) 2019 awarded winners in the residential category for new housing scheme at George's Place;
- EnerPhit Certification for Rochestown House, Sallynoggin;
- dlr LEO & Output Sports win Best Business Idea category in Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur National Final (IBYE);
- Engineers Ireland Sustainability Award for Fernhill Sustainable Development Strategy;
- SEAI Public Sector Leadership Award for Energy Innovation;
- 2019 Excellence in Local Government Awards, Enhancing the Urban Environment category for Otranto Seaside Gardens;
- dlr successfully completed the re-certification audit and the transition to new ISO 50001:2018 standard for its Energy Management System;
- Sallynoggin Community and Senior Centre was one of the first public dlr buildings to reach the new NZEB standard (nearly zero energy building) and a Building Energy Rating (BER) of A2.

Highlights of 2019 included

- Adoption of Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024;
- Turned the Sod at Phase 2 of Fernhill Park & Gardens;
- Opened the Rosemount Community Rooms;
- Turned the Sod at new housing development in Enniskerry Road;
- Opened Druid's Glen Road Junction;
- Launched the "Safe Passing Distance of Cyclists by Motorists";
- Harbour Staff integrated into Finance and Municipal Services;
- Welcomed guests from the Council's twinned City of Anglesey, Wales;
- Welcomed the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Drew Harris to JPC meeting;
- A Local Area Plan for Ballyogan and Environs, was adopted;
- Implemented a fleet replacement programme which included the purchase of 28 vehicles, of which 17 are 100% electric;
- Launched MyMobilityHub - an online platform for staff members to avail of sustainable travel options when on Council business;
- 33 electric vehicle charging points installed across the County.

Projects completed

- The development at Fitzgerald Park, Dún Laoghaire completed in March 2019 with a total delivery of 50 new homes;
- Refurbishment works at Moyola Court, Churchtown, completed in March 2019 bringing 12 homes back into use;
- The completion of Fernhill Park & Gardens (Phase 1);
- Corbawn Lane beach access structure upgraded and refurbished;
- A new Masterplan for Shanganagh Park adopted by Councillors;
- The filling of the units in the Marlay Craft Courtyard;
- Traffic Section NTA Schemes Clonskeagh Road Cycle route at UCD;
- Completed and Monkstown Road Cycle route Completed;
- The provision of a new park at Hudson Road in Glasthule;
- A modern Tennis Pavilion at Springhill Park;
- Completed Phase 1 Storm Emma Repairs - East Pier Landside.

Finally, we want to acknowledge the leadership of all the Elected Members and to pay tribute to and thank the staff of the Council for their work throughout the year.



Councillor Shay Brennan,
An Cathaoirleach



Philomena Poole,
Chief Executive

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Councillors' Committee Membership Within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

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Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee
Ahmed, Kazi (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019		◆	◆
Bailey, John (FG) – R.I.P. 9th July 2019	✓		*
Baker, Marie (FG)	✓		◆
Blain, Emma (FG)		✓	
Brennan, Shay (FF)		✓	✓
Carroll MacNeill, Jennifer (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019	◆		
Clark, Michael (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019	◆		
Colgan, Anne (IND)	*	◆	◆
Cuffe, Jennifer (FF) – retired 31st May 2019	*		
Curran, Chris (IND) – retired 31st May 2019		*	
Daly, Kevin (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019		*	
Devlin, Cormac (FF)	✓		◆
Dockery, Liam (FF) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019		*	*
Donnelly, Deirdre (IND)		✓	◆
Dowling, Eva Elizabeth (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019		◆	
Dunne, Daniel (GP)		✓	
Fayne, Mary (FG) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019. Co-opted 14th October 2019	* ◆		*
Feeney, Kate (FF)	✓		✓
Fleming, Michael (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2019		◆	
Gildea, Jim (FG)	✓		✓
Grainger, Anna (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019		◆	
Hall, Lorraine (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019	◆		
Halpin, Melisa (PBP)	✓		✓
Hanafin, Mary (FF)	✓		◆
Hand, Pat (FG) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019		*	*

Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee
Kennedy, John (FG)		✓	
Kingston, Deirdre (LAB)	✓		◆
Lewis, Hugh (PBP)	✓		
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)		✓	
McGovern, Lynsey (IND)		✓	
McLoughlin, Sean (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2019		◆	
Merrigan, Michael (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019	*		*
Murphy, Brian (IND) – retired 31st May 2019		*	*
Murphy, Tom (FF)		✓	◆
Ní Fhloinn, Deirdre (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019		◆	
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha (SF) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019		*	
Ó Faoláin, Séafra (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019	◆		◆
O'Brien, Peter (LAB)		✓	✓
O'Brien, Shane (SF) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019	*		*
O'Callaghan, Denis (LAB)	✓		✓
O'Connell, Juliet (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2019	◆		
O'Connell, Maeve (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019		◆	◆
O'Keeffe, Dave (PBP) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019	*		*
O'Leary, Jim (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019		◆	◆
O'Neill, Seamas (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019		*	*
Power, Una (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019	◆		
Quinn, Dave (SD) – elected following Local Elections May 2019	◆		
Saul, Barry (FG)		✓	✓
Smith, Dónal (FF)		✓	◆
Smyth, Carrie (LAB)	✓		
Smyth, Ossian (GP)	✓		✓
Stewart, Patricia (FG) – retired 31st May 2019	*		
Tallon, Grace (LAB) – retired 31st May 2019		*	*
Ward, Barry (FG)	✓		✓
White, Alex (LAB) – retired 31st May 2019		*	*

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

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Councillor Name	Association of Irish Local Government – Standing Policy Council	Audit Committee	Dalkey Heritage Town Company	DLR Properties	Dodder Greenway Steering Group	Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board	Dún Laoghaire Drugs & Alcohol Task Force	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Leisure Services	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Mill Theatre Company	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Theatre Company	Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited	Joint Policing Committee
Ahmed, Kazi (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						◆								
Bailey, John (FG) – R.I.P. 9th July 2019			*											
Baker, Marie (FG)		*						*						
Blain, Emma (FG)	◆							*						
Brennan, Shay (FF)				✓	✓				✓					✓
Carroll MacNeill, Jennifer (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019												◆		◆
Clark, Michael (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						◆								◆
Colgan, Anne (IND)	✓	◆												◆
Cuffe, Jennifer (FF) – retired 31st May 2019				*										
Curran, Chris (IND) – retired 31st May 2019														*
Daly, Kevin (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019		*												
Devlin, Cormac (FF)	*		✓											*
Dockery, Liam (FF) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019		*												*
Donnelly, Deirdre (IND)								◆		◆	◆			*
Dowling, Eva Elizabeth (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019					◆									◆
Dunne, Daniel (GP)														
Fayne, Mary (FG) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019. Co-opted 14th October 2019				*				*			*			
Feeney, Kate (FF)	◆													
Fleming, Michael (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														

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Gildea, Jim (FG)										*	*			
Grainger, Anna (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														◆
Hall, Lorraine (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														◆
Halpin, Melisa (PBP)														
Hanafin, Mary (FF)											✓	✓		✓
Hand, Pat (FG) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019	*				*	*						*		
Kennedy, John (FG)														✓
Kingston, Deirdre (LAB)														*
Lewis, Hugh (PBP)														
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)												*		◆
McGovern, Lynsey (IND)										*				*
McLoughlin, Sean (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														
Merrigan, Michael (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019														*
Murphy, Brian (IND) – retired 31st May 2019														
Murphy, Tom (FF)								✓						
Ní Fhloinn, Deirdre (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019				◆				◆						◆
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha (SF) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019					*	*								
Ó Faoláin, Séafra (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														◆
O'Brien, Peter (LAB)					◆		✓		◆			◆		*
O'Brien, Shane (SF) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019														
O'Callaghan, Denis (LAB)														◆
O'Connell, Juliet (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2019			◆						◆		◆			
O'Connell, Maeve (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														
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Power, Una (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						♦	♦			♦				
Quinn, Dave (SD) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														
Saul, Barry (FG)				✓					*					*
Smith, Dónal (FF)														
Smyth, Carrie (LAB)				♦										♦
Smyth, Ossian (GP)		♦				*								*
Stewart, Patricia (FG) – retired 31st May 2019														*
Tallon, Grace (LAB) – retired 31st May 2019							*							
Ward, Barry (FG)													✓	✓
White, Alex (LAB) – retired 31st May 2019														

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Councillor Name	Local Authority Members Association	Local Community Development Committee	Lord Edward Fitzgerald Memorial Fund	Local Policing Forum: Dún Laoghaire	Local Policing Forum: Loughlinstown, Ballybrack & Shankill	Local Policing Forum: Sandycove / Stepaside Area	Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	Memorials Committee	Mountdown Community Facility	Public Arts Steering Committee	Regional Health Forum	Sandycove BID Company	Southside partnership dlr	Sutton to Sandycove (S2S)
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Bailey, John (FG) – R.I.P. 9th July 2019									*					
Baker, Marie (FG)														◆
Blain, Emma (FG)														
Brennan, Shay (FF)														
Carroll MacNeill, Jennifer (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														
Clark, Michael (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019								◆		◆				
Colgan, Anne (IND)		*												
Cuffe, Jennifer (FF) – retired 31st May 2019														
Curran, Chris (IND) – retired 31st May 2019								*						
Daly, Kevin (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019											*			
Devlin, Cormac (FF)	◆			◆					*		✓		*	
Dockery, Liam (FF) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019			*											
Donnelly, Deirdre (IND)			◆					*						✓
Dowling, Eva Elizabeth (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019			◆							◆				
Dunne, Daniel (GP)		◆						*						
Fayne, Mary (FG) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019. Co-opted 14th October 2019														
Feeney, Kate (FF)		✓												✓
Fleming, Michael (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2019													◆	
Gildea, Jim (FG)											◆			
Grainger, Anna (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019											◆			
Hall, Lorraine (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														

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Halpin, Melisa (PBP)								*						*
Hanafin, Mary (FF)			✓					*		*				
Hand, Pat (FG) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019	*										*			
Kennedy, John (FG)		*												
Kingston, Deirdre (LAB)							◆						*	✓
Lewis, Hugh (PBP)							✓	◆						
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)		◆			◆			*		*				
McGovern, Lynsey (IND)														
McLoughlin, Sean (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2019								◆						
Merrigan, Michael (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019														
Murphy, Brian (IND) – retired 31st May 2019														
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Ní Fhloinn, Deirdre (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														
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O'Leary, Jim (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019														
O'Neill, Seamas (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019														

Councillor Name	Local Authority Members Association	Local Community Development Committee	Lord Edward Fitzgerald Memorial Fund	Local Policing Forum: Dún Laoghaire	Local Policing Forum: Loughlinstown, Ballybrack & Shankill	Local Policing Forum: Sandycove / Stepaside Area	Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	Memorials Committee	Mounttown Community Facility	Public Arts Steering Committee	Regional Health Forum	Sandycove BID Company	Southside partnership dlr	Sutton to Sandycove (S2S)
Power, Una (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019					◆						◆			
Quinn, Dave (SD) – elected following Local Elections May 2019								◆			◆		◆	
Saul, Barry (FG)								*				*		
Smith, Dónal (FF)														
Smyth, Carrie (LAB)					*						✓			
Smyth, Ossian (GP)									*		*		*	*
Stewart, Patricia (FG) – retired 31st May 2019				*										
Tallon, Grace (LAB) – retired 31st May 2019							*							
Ward, Barry (FG)			*					◆						✓
White, Alex (LAB) – retired 31st May 2019								*			*			

Strategic Policy Committee Membership

Councillors *Table reflects SPC membership up to the Local Elections in May 2019	Community Development, Culture & Ageing SPC	Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Environment, Climate Change & Energy SPC	Planning SPC	Social Housing SPC	Transportation & Countywide Movement SPC
Ahmed, Kazi (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Bailey, John (FG) – R.I.P. 9th July 2019					✓ (CHAIR)	✓
Baker, Marie (FG)			✓	✓		
Blain, Emma (FG)	✓	✓				
Brennan, Shay (FF)				✓		✓
Carroll MacNeill, Jennifer (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Clark, Michael (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Colgan, Anne (IND)				✓	✓	
Cuffe, Jennifer (FF) – retired 31st May 2019			✓	✓		
Curran, Chris (IND) – retired 31st May 2019		✓			✓	
Daly, Kevin (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019		✓		✓		
Devlin, Cormac (FF)			✓		✓	
Dockery, Liam (FF) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019		✓				✓ (CHAIR)
Donnelly, Deirdre (IND)	✓					✓
Dowling, Eva Elizabeth (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Dunne, Daniel (GP)	✓			✓		
Fayne, Mary (FG) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019. Co-opted 14th October 2019	✓		✓			
Feeney, Kate (FF)		✓			✓	
Fleming, Michael (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Gildea, Jim (FG)				✓	✓	
Grainger, Anna (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Hall, Lorraine (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Halpin, Melisa (PBP)		✓			✓	
Hanafin, Mary (FF)	✓	✓				
Hand, Pat (FG) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019			✓ (CHAIR)			✓
Kennedy, John (FG)	✓	✓				
Kingston, Deirdre (LAB)					✓	✓
Lewis, Hugh (PBP)			✓	✓ (CHAIR)		

Councillors

*Table reflects SPC membership up to the Local Elections in May 2019

	Community Development, Culture & Ageing SPC	Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Environment, Climate Change & Energy SPC	Planning SPC	Social Housing SPC	Transportation & Countywide Movement SPC
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)	✓ (CHAIR)	✓				
McGovern, Lynsey (IND)	✓		✓			
McLoughlin, Sean (IND) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Merrigan, Michael (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019				✓	✓	
Murphy, Brian (IND) – retired 31st May 2019				✓	✓	
Murphy, Tom (FF)		✓		✓		
Ní Fhloinn, Deirdre (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha (SF) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019	✓		✓			
Ó Faoláin, Séafra (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
O'Brien, Peter (LAB)		✓				✓
O'Brien, Shane (SF) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019		✓				✓
O'Callaghan, Denis (LAB)		✓			✓	
O'Connell, Juliet (LAB) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
O'Connell, Maeve (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
O'Keeffe, Dave (PBP) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019	✓					✓
O'Leary, Jim (FG) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
O'Neill, Seamas (IND) – ceased Membership 31st May 2019			✓			✓
Power, Una (GP) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Quinn, Dave (SD) – elected following Local Elections May 2019						
Saul, Barry (FG)			✓			✓
Smith, Dónal (FF)					✓	✓
Smyth, Carrie (LAB)			✓		✓	
Smyth, Ossian (GP)					✓	✓
Stewart, Patricia (FG) – retired 31st May 2019	✓			✓		
Tallon, Grace (LAB) – retired 31st May 2019	✓			✓		
Ward, Barry (FG)		✓ (CHAIR)				✓
White, Alex (LAB) – retired 31st May 2019			✓	✓		

Sectoral Representatives	Community Development, Culture & Ageing SPC	Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Environment, Climate Change & Energy SPC	Planning SPC	Social Housing SPC	Transportation & Countywide Movement SPC
Browne, Dr. Josephine		✓				
Byrne, Keith						✓
Callendar, Rosheen		✓				
Cannon, Ann	✓					
Chambers Ireland			Vacant		Vacant	Vacant
Clooney, Elizabeth			✓			
Colgan, Jim						✓
Conlon, Tom	✓					
Corish, Terence					✓	
Crowley, Brian				✓		
Dalton, Tom	✓					
Drudy, P.J.					✓	
Dunne, Geraldine					✓	
Eglington, Aileen		✓				
Fahy, Lisa			✓			
Ferris, Liz					✓	
Gallagher, Matt				✓		
Goodbody, Rob				✓		
Graydon, Geraldine	✓					
Harrington, Selma	✓					
Hegarty, Marese			✓			
Heywood, Veronica				✓		
Jordan, Jimmy					✓	
Lalor, Goff				✓		
McAree, Diarmuid			✓			
Mulleady, Julie						✓
Mulvey, Denis			✓			
Neill, Pat						✓
Nolan, John						✓
O'Callaghan, Paul				✓		
O'Donnell, Martin				✓		
O'Neill, Sean		✓				
Public Participation Network (PPN)		Vacant				
Relihan, Michele	✓					
Sullivan, Clare						✓
Sultan, Fardus		✓				
Walsh, Anne Marie		✓				
Whelan, Susan					✓	

Councillors Attendance at Meetings in 2019

Councillor Name	Total Number of Meetings	Numbers of Meetings attended	%
Ahmed, Kazi**	19	18	95%
Bailey, John (Dec'd)***	22	14	64%
Baker, Marie	37	37	100%
Blain, Emma	38	33	87%
Brennan, Shay	42	36	86%
Carroll Mc Neill, Jennifer	19	16	85%
Curran, Chris*	22	16	73%
Clarke, Michael**	19	19	100%
Colgan, Anne	39	34	88%
Cuffe, Jennifer*	17	12	71%
Daly, Kevin*	21	18	86%
Devlin, Cormac	41	41	100%
Dockery, Liam*	18	8	45%
Donnelly, Deirdre	38	34	90%
Dowling, Eva Elizabeth**	19	17	90%
Dunne, Daniel	38	37	98%
Fayne, Mary* & ***	27	24	89%
Feeney, Kate	38	34	90%
Fleming, Michael**	17	16	95%
Gildea, Jim	37	35	95%
Grainger, Anna**	19	17	90%
Hall, Lorraine**	22	21	96%
Halpin, Melisa	41	36	88%
Hanafin, Mary	40	32	80%
Hand, Pat*	20	17	85%
Kennedy, John	36	36	100%
Kingston, Deirdre	37	33	90%
Lewis, Hugh	35	27	78%
McCarthy, Lettie	40	34	85%
McGovern, Lynsey	39	19	49%
McLoughlin Séan**	17	16	95%
Merrigan, Michael*	20	20	100%
Murphy, Brian*	21	12	58%
Murphy, Tom	40	31	78%
Ni Fhloinn, Deirdre **	19	15	79%
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha*	20	14	70%
O'Leary, Jim**	19	16	85%

Councillor Name	Total Number of Meetings	Numbers of Meetings attended	%
O'Brien, Peter	40	36	90%
O'Brien, Shane*	18	13	73%
O'Callaghan, Denis	39	39	100%
O'Connell, Juliet**	20	16	80%
O'Connell Maeve**	19	19	100%
O'Faoláin, Séafra**	21	20	96%
O'Keeffe, David*	19	17	90%
O'Neill, Seamas*	21	21	100%
Power, Una**	20	19	95%
Quinn, Dave**	21	21	100%
Saul, Barry	37	31	84%
Smith, Donal	35	29	83%
Smyth, Carrie	36	35	98%
Smyth, Ossian	42	37	89%
Stewart, Patricia*	19	17	90%
Tallon, Grace*	21	8	39%
Ward, Barry	41	34	83%
White, Alex*	17	11	65%
* Former Cllrs who ceased office on the 31st May 2019*	** Cllrs who took up office on the 7th June 2019	***Cllr M Fayne Co - Opted to the Council to replace Cllr. J. Bailey deceased	*(Round Up)*

Conferences/Training Attended During 2019

Ref	Date	Conferences/Training Attended During 2019	Conference or Training	Location	Number of Councillors
01/19	19th Jan 2019	AILG Training	Training	Mullingar	2
02/19	21st - 22nd Feb 2019	AILG Training Conference 2019 The Longord Arms Hotel, Main Street	Training	Longford	5
03/19	7th - 8th March 2019	LAMA Spring conference	Training	Leitrim	7
04/19	4th - 5th April 2019	IPI Planning Annual conference	Training	Leitrim	1
05/19	23rd March 2019	AILG Training	Training	Arklow	0
06/19	20th March 2019	AILG Training	Training	Waterford	5
07/19	17th Jan 2019	AILG Training	Training	Athlone	1
08/19	24th Jan 2019	AILG Training	Training	Tipperary	1
09/19	09th October 2019	Creating Economic & Business Opportunity from Climate Change	Conference	Offaly	1
00/19	29th Aug 2019	In House Training	Training	Dún Laoghaire	17
10/19	11th July 2019	AILG Training	Training	Mullingar	7
11/19	11th - 12th September	AILG Autumn Seminar	Training	Monaghan	8
12/19	4th October 2019	IPI Planning Autumn conference	Training	Malahide	5
13/19	10th - 11th October 2019	Social Housing 2019	Conference	Wexford	0
14/19	26th September 2019	Death from Nostalgic Sentiment or A New Narrative for Rural Ireland	Conference	Dundalk	0
15/19	9th -12th October 2019	Dutch Cycle Trip	Training	Amsterdam	3
16/19	17th - 19th October 2019	LAMA Autumn Seminar	Training	Clare	7
17/19	10th October 2019	AILG Training	Training	Limerick	1
17/19	12th October 2019	AILG Training	Training	Dundalk & Limerick	2
18/19	21st November 2019	AILG Training	Training	Roscommon	2
22/19	23rd November 2019	AILG Training	Training	Cork	5

Strategic Policy Committee Reports

Community Development, Culture & Ageing Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2019 prior to the Local Elections in May 2019

The following is a summary of issues discussed:

- Future Works Programme
- Presentation by the Public Participation Network
- Draft dlr Children and Young Persons Plan 2019-21
- Community Funding Opportunities – National Community weekend and the dlr Grants scheme

Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2019 prior to the Local Elections in May 2019

The following is a summary of issues discussed:

- Head of Enterprise & Economics provided an update on Local Enterprise Office Activities
- LIFT Ireland provided a presentation on LIFT, which stands for 'Leading Ireland's Future Together', which was built on a desire to change the country for the better by changing the way people view leadership.

Environment, Climate Change & Energy Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2019 prior to the Local Elections in May 2019

The following is a summary of issues discussed:

- Potential Zero Waste Strategies
- Action on litter
- County wide ban on single use plastics
- Environmental awareness projects
- Climate change update

Planning Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2019 prior to the Local Elections in May 2019

The following policy topics were considered:

- Presentation on the Housing Task Force Returns
- Planning policies for housing provision for older people and people with disabilities
- Tree planting for absorption of carbon dioxide emissions

Social Housing Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2019 prior to the Local Elections in May 2019

The following is a summary of issues discussed:

- DRHE Draft Homeless Action Plan
- Allocation Scheme
- Progress report on housing delivery
- Overview of SPC term

Transportation & County-Wide Movement Strategic Policy Committee

1 meeting was held in 2019 prior to the Local Elections in June 2019

The following is a summary of meeting:

Conducted a site visit to Cherrywood.

A presentation was given by Senior Executive Officer, Cherrywood Forward Planning Infrastructure, in which the members were informed on the progress of the infrastructures provided to date; viewed some of the physical infrastructures – roads, surface water and water supply infrastructure and parks; experienced the transportation and movement elements of the planning scheme including cycle, pedestrian and public transport delivery which are part of the project and visited parks, the community rooms and the all-weather pitches at Beckett Park.

Payments to Councillors in 2019

Councillor: - 57 Councillors in Total	Total Mobile	Mobile Paid by Council	Mobile Paid by Councillor	Mobile Phone refund	Area Committee Allowance	Salary	SPC Chair	Travel & Subsistence	Vouched Expenses
Ahmed, Kazi	€128.24	€64.13	€64.11	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€3,705.10	€0.00
Bailey, John (Dec'd)	€374.44	€187.22	€187.22	€0.00	€583.31	€9,951.69	€2,083.35	€3,208.98	€0.00
Baker, Marie	€251.22	€125.61	€125.61	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€2,833.36	€6,261.60	€0.00
Blain, Emma November 2018 - May 2019	€437.12	€218.56	€218.55	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€6,261.60	€0.00
Brennan, Shay	€323.27	€160.25	€163.01	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€4,931.65	€0.00
Carroll MacNeill, Jennifer	€101.02	€50.52	€50.51	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€3,705.10	€0.00
Clarke, Michael	€112.98	€56.49	€56.49	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€3,705.10	€0.00
Colgan, Anne	€232.79	€116.40	€116.39	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€2,833.36	€6,253.12	€0.00
*Cuffe, Jennifer (Former Cllr)	€122.09	€61.05	€61.05	€0.00	€416.65	€7,108.35	€0.00	€2,451.63	€0.00
*Curran, Chris (Former Cllr) July 2018 - May 2019	€697.75	€348.85	€348.88	€0.00	€416.65	€7,108.35	€0.00	€2,556.49	€0.00
*Daly, Kevin (Former Cllr)	€134.58	€67.29	€67.29	€0.00	€416.65	€7,108.35	€0.00	€2,556.50	€0.00
Devlin, Cormac	€692.64	€255.44	€410.90	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€2,833.36	€6,261.60	€0.00
Dockery, Liam	€121.41	€60.70	€60.70	€0.00	€416.65	€7,108.35	€2,083.35	€1,833.95	€0.00
Donnelly, Deirdre	€383.04	€191.55	€191.50	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€4,991.64	€0.00
Dowling, Eva Elizabeth	€101.03	€50.51	€50.52	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€2,435.14	€450.00
Dunne, Daniel	€232.05	€116.02	€116.02	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€6,261.60	€0.00
Fallon, Ciaran (Former Cllr)**	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
Fayne, Mary Term of Office 2019 :- (1st Jan - 31st May; Co - Opted for John Bailey (Dec'd) 14th Oct - 31st Dec)	€248.60	€124.31	€124.30	€0.00	€666.64	€11,448.09	€0.00	€4,153.40	€0.00
Feeney, Kate	€245.80	€122.90	€122.90	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.67	€0.00	€3,987.52	€1,922.32
Fleming, Michael	€103.47	€51.74	€51.73	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€3,705.10	€0.00
Furlong, Karen (Former Cllr)**	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
Gildea, Jim	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€5,642.12	€0.00
Grainger, Anna	€101.01	€50.51	€50.50	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€3,705.10	€0.00
Hall, Lorraine	€527.86	€239.80	€288.06	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€3,655.10	€0.00
Halpin, Melisa	€282.83	€141.42	€141.41	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€6,081.60	€0.00
Hanafin, Mary	€89.42	€44.71	€44.71	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€3,794.99	€0.00
Hand Pat (Former Cllr)**&	€289.55	€144.77	€144.77	€0.00	€416.65	€7,108.35	€2,083.35	€2,556.50	€0.00
Kennedy John	€231.95	€115.97	€115.97	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€6,261.60	€0.00

Kingston, Deirdre	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€0.00	€6,261.60	€0.00	€0.00
Lewis, Hugh	€550.02	€240.42	€309.59	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€2,083.35	€6,152.95	€0.00	€0.00
McCarthy, Lettie	€390.06	€194.03	€196.03	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€2,083.35	€6,261.60	€0.00	€0.00
McGovern, Lynsey	€234.47	€117.04	€117.23	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€0.00	€4,783.44	€0.00	€0.00
McLoughlin, Sean	€101.85	€50.93	€50.92	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€0.00	€3,705.10	€0.00	€0.00
Merrigan, Michael (Former Cllr)*&**	€194.05	€97.02	€97.02	€0.00	€416.65	€7,108.35	€0.00	€0.00	€2,108.60	€0.00	€0.00
*Murphy Brian (Former Cllr)	€190.45	€95.22	€95.22	€0.00	€499.98	€17,159.68	€0.00	€0.00	€1,609.56	€0.00	€0.00
Murphy Tom	€236.17	€118.08	€118.08	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€0.00	€6,152.95	€0.00	€0.00
Nic Cormaic Sorcha	€120.40	€60.20	€60.20	€0.00	€416.65	€17,159.68	€0.00	€0.00	€2,376.69	€0.00	€0.00
Ní Fhlionn Deirdre	€108.00	€54.00	€54.00	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€0.00	€2,435.14	€0.00	€599.90
O'Brien Peter	€269.62	€134.81	€134.81	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€0.00	€6,261.60	€0.00	€0.00
*O'Brien Shane (Former Cllr)	€132.35	€66.17	€66.17	€0.00	€416.65	€7,108.35	€0.00	€0.00	€2,451.61	€0.00	€0.00
O'Callaghan, Denis	€235.87	€117.93	€117.94	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€0.00	€6,261.60	€0.00	€0.00
O'Connell, Juliet	€101.04	€50.51	€50.53	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€0.00	€3,705.04	€0.00	€0.00
O'Connell, Maeve	€101.03	€50.52	€50.51	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€0.00	€2,435.14	€0.00	€787.20
Ó Faoláin, Séafra	€136.40	€68.20	€68.20	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.28	€0.00	€0.00	€2,435.14	€0.00	€600.00
O'Leary, Jim	€128.29	€64.15	€64.14	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€0.00	€3,705.10	€0.00	€0.00
*O'Keefe, David (Former Cllr)	€46.84	€23.42	€23.42	€0.00	€416.65	€7,108.35	€0.00	€0.00	€2,556.50	€0.00	€0.00
O'Neill, Seamas (Former Cllr)*&**	€79.78	€63.59	€63.45	€0.00	€416.65	€7,108.35	€0.00	€0.00	€2,108.60	€0.00	€0.00
Power, Una	€101.73	€50.87	€50.86	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€0.00	€3,705.10	€0.00	€0.00
Quinn, Dave	€101.03	€50.52	€50.51	€0.00	€583.31	€10,051.33	€0.00	€0.00	€3,705.10	€0.00	€0.00
Saul, Barry	€232.65	€116.32	€116.32	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€2,833.36	€3,933.34	€0.00	€0.00
Smyth, Carrie	€272.73	€136.37	€136.36	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€2,833.36	€6,261.60	€0.00	€0.00
Smith, Donal	€231.95	€115.97	€115.97	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€0.00	€6,261.60	€0.00	€0.00
Smyth, Ossain	€249.14	€124.57	€124.57	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€2,833.36	€6,261.60	€0.00	€0.00
Stewart Patricia (Former Cllr)*&**	€54.68	€27.34	€27.34	€0.00	€416.65	€7,108.37	€0.00	€0.00	€2,556.50	€0.00	€0.00
*Tallon Grace	€104.64	€52.32	€52.32	€0.00	€499.98	€8,530.02	€0.00	€0.00	€1,610.76	€0.00	€0.00
Ward Barry	€100.59	€50.31	€50.28	€0.00	€1,000.00	€17,159.68	€0.00	€2,083.35	€4,057.30	€0.00	€0.00
White Alex	€209.60	€104.80	€104.80	€431.70	€416.65	€7,108.35	€0.00	€0.00	€2,331.65	€0.00	€0.00
Total	€11,581.59	€5,662.40	€4,649.85	€431.70	€39,582.67	€677,832.23	€29,500.26	€225,376.34	€4,350.42		

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Councillor: - 57 Councillors in Total	Broadband	Conferences/ Training/ Seminar	Estimated Amount payable to Councillors for Conferences/ Training/Seminar	Cathaoirleach's Allowance/Leas Cathaoirleach Allowance	Gratuity	Total Amount Paid to Councillors 2019
Ahmed, Kazi	€155.49	€1,434.60	€150.27	€0.00	€0.00	€16,015.99
Bailey, John (Dec'd)	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€15,640.11
Baker, Marie	€0.00	€25.59	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€27,154.62
Blain, Emma November 2018 - May 2019	€196.00	€892.14	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€25,727.98
Brennan, Shay	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€13,798.80	€0.00	€36,727.12
Carroll MacNeill, Jennifer	€0.00	€0.00	€4736	€0.00	€0.00	€14,336.59
Clarke, Michael	€0.00	€0.00	€4,84.61	€0.00	€0.00	€14,767.86
Colgan, Anne	€213.43	€877.21	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€28,220.41
*Cuffe, Jennifer (Former Cllr)	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€9,915.58
*Curran, Chris (Former Cllr) July 2018 - May 2019	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€10,430.37
*Daly, Kevin (Former Cllr)	€0.00	€0.00	€1,013.41	€0.00	€0.00	€11,027.62
Devlin, Cormac	€0.00	€23.98	€2,478.33	€0.00	€0.00	€29,346.05
Dockery, Liam	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€11,381.60
Donnelly, Deirdre	€0.00	€27.74	€1,884.15	€2,299.80	€0.00	€27,171.51
Dowling, Eva Elizabeth	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€13,469.26
Dunne, Daniel	€304.90	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,610.16
Fallon, Ciaran (Former Cllr)**	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€15,149.28	€15,149.28
Fayne, Mary Term of Office 2019 : - (1st Jan - 31st May; Co - Opted for John Bailey (Dec'd) 14th Oct - 31st Dec)	€219.89	€1,130.14	€0.00	€2,108.15	€0.00	€19,602.01
Feeney, Kate	€0.00	€228.54	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,175.15
Fleming, Michael	€0.00	€32.04	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,320.05
Furlong, Karen (Former Cllr)**	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€8,679.50	€8,679.50
Gildea, Jim	€0.00	€648.64	€937.79	€0.00	€0.00	€25,388.23
Grainger, Anna	€21.00	€128.57	€251.92	€0.00	€0.00	€14,690.73
Hall, Lorraine	€0.00	€23.35	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,025.03
Halpin, Melisa	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,099.87
Hanafin, Mary	€60.98	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,445.90
Hand Pat (Former Cllr)** &	€589.14	€2,335.13	€0.00	€0.00	€68,784.60	€83,728.95
Kennedy John	€0.00	€593.81	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,899.12
Kingston, Deirdre	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,421.28

Lewis, Hugh	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€26,086.39
McCarthy, Lettie	€243.92	€0.00	€287.64	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€26,840.16
McGovern, Lynsey	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€22,825.89
McLoughlin, Sean	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,288.82
Merrigan, Michael (Former Cllr)*&**	€182.94	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€17,060.00	€26,779.52
*Murphy Brian (Former Cllr)	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€9,122.67
Murphy Tom	€0.00	€377.22	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,571.77
Nic Cormaic Sorcha	€109.95	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€9,951.44
Ní Fhionn Deirdre	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€13,606.68
O'Brien Peter	€0.00	€30.61	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,317.08
*O'Brien Shane (Former Cllr)	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€9,910.44
O'Callaghan, Denis	€0.00	€28.19	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,331.53
O'Connell, Juliet	€0.00	€21.83	€251.92	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,562.90
O'Connell, Maeve	€0.00	€399.34	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,205.81
Ó Faoláin, Séafra	€0.00	€0.00	€33.26	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€13,634.79
O'Leary, Jim	€0.00	€91.22	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,366.82
*O'Keefe, David (Former Cllr)	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€10,058.08
O'Neill, Seamas (Former Cllr)*&**	€101.60	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€17,060.00	€26,731.75
Power, Una	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,288.88
Quinn, Dave	€0.00	€22.81	€103.38	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,415.42
Saul, Barry	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,810.06
Smyth, Carrie	€0.00	€200.25	€441.12	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€27,759.65
Smith, Donal	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,305.31
Smyth, Ossain	€0.00	€23.26	€33.26	€16,098.60	€0.00	€0.00	€43,285.19
Stewart Patricia (Former Cllr)*&**	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€28,046.64	€38,155.50
*Tallon Grace	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€10,588.44
Ward Barry	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€24,350.61
White Alex	€609.80	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€10,793.35
Total	€3,009.04	€9,596.21	€8,398.42	€34,305.35	€154,780.02	€1,182,512.83	

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173

Freedom of
Information
Requests
Processed

Over **136,000**
CUSTOMER CONTACTS
at **the Civic Hub**



163,981

ELECTORS ON
THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS



1,120

 Staff
Total

New employees
recruited

124

165

 Staff attended
Health Checks

3.66%

Percentage of staff who declared a disability

Corporate Affairs provides an effective and efficient support service to An Cathaoirleach, the Elected Members and senior management alongside communication and general services to the members of the public. It is responsible for the administration of all Council meetings, the compilation of the Register of Electors, preparation of the Council's statutory reports, Health and Safety, Data Protection, Freedom of Information, Corporate Procurement, Governance, Human Resources and Workplace Partnership. All of the services are supported by Information Technology which ensures best practice and efficiencies in the delivery of services to the Councillors and the public.

These services include:

- An Cathaoirleach's Office
- Council Meetings
- Facilities Management
- Corporate Estate Management
- Communications Office
- Digital Initiatives
- Customer Service
- Corporate Procurement
- Freedom of Information
- Register of Electors
- Dundrum Office
- Audit Services
- Protected Disclosures
- Health and Safety
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Workplace Partnership

Council Meetings

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has 40 Elected Members (County Councillors). The Elected Members represent the following Local Electoral Areas (LEAs):

- Blackrock
- Dundrum
- Dún Laoghaire
- Glencullen-Sandyford
- Killiney-Shankill
- Stillorgan

In 2019 the Local Elections were held to elect Councillors for a new Council term. Each Council term runs for 5 years. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown had 73 candidates for 40 seats on the Council in the 2019 Local Elections.

The Secretariat Section administrates Council Meetings, Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire Area Committee Meetings, Corporate Policy Group meetings, Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee meetings and Deputation meetings.



Newly Elected Council - June 2019 (Cllr. John Bailey R.I.P.)



Smart Mobility Hub Challenge Launch 20 June 2019 Ronan Herron, dlr, David Keely, Enterprise Ireland, Aoife Ni Rathaille (DCC), Shane Dunny (AECOM), Philomena Poole, Chief Executive, Matthew Pilgrim (AECOM) and Paddy Boyle (Fleet Management)

Key Achievements in 2019:

- Management and administration of Local Elections 2019.
- Produced an Induction Manual for the newly Elected Members
- Adoption of the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme by the Members
- Initiated the development of new Council Meetings Administration System
- Live stream and archive of County Council, Budget and Special meetings of the Council held in 2019

- Building maintenance of corporate offices and general housekeeping
- Purchasing / Procurement /Tender Process – Utilisation of the OGP contracts for Security, Contract Cleaning, Stationery, Electricity, Gas and the GNPB Frameworks, in conjunction with the Department of Finance, for Mobiles and Fixed Line Services has resulted in considerable savings for the Council.
- The Regional Procurement Group (of which this Council is a part) identifies collaborative tendering opportunities in the Dublin Region.
- Management of cleaning services, security services, canteen services, waste disposal and recycling
- Use of energy consumption and awareness.
- Use of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) in the management of contracts
- Porters Desk
- Management of Telephone System / Corporate Mobile Telephones.
- Setting up for events in County Hall
- Hire of Halls/Civil Ceremonies

In 2019 the following meetings of the Council were held:

County Council (including the Annual Meeting and the Budget Meeting)	14
Dundrum Area Committee	16
Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	18
Strategic Policy Committees	6
Joint Policing Committee	3
Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee	3
Corporate Policy Group	4
Deputations	19

Facilities Management

The Facilities Management Section is responsible for the management of Corporate Buildings (County/Town Hall, Harbour Square, Dundrum Office, Carnegie House, Ballygowan House and most recently Harbour Lodge.

Work by the Facilities Management Section includes:

Key Achievements in 2019:

- ISO50001 re-certification achieved
- Home Energy Kit introduced mid 2019 for staff to borrow. 7 members of staff borrowed in 2019
- Re-tendered for electricity and gas supply with OGP ensuring value for money for next 3 years
- Re-tendered catering contract with OGP for County Hall and Ballyogan
- Re-tendered fixed line telephone contract



We are developing our priorities for **2020-2024** for the new **Corporate Plan** for the county and we would love to hear your ideas on how you would like your Council to work for you! Get involved in the conversation and go to

dlrcoco.ie/CorporatePlan

Submit your opinions up until **27th September**

Corporate Estate Management

Following the appointment of Senior Estates Officer in April 2019, the Corporate Estate Management Unit was established to begin the process of centralising the management and maintenance of the Council's Property Portfolio. Historically, Council owned property had been managed by multiple Departments.

The Estates Management Unit brought together three key service Departments:

- Property Management
- Facilities Management
- Contract Management.

Providing a central management structure and common direction for these Departments, has allowed us to develop common goals and strategies that are consistent with the Council's Corporate and Service Delivery Plans.

- Develop a Central Property Asset register to incorporate all of the Council's owned lands, buildings and estate.
- Map our Property Portfolio on a GIS Platform, so it is easily accessible by our Departments.
- Ensure the Fixed Asset Register is updated and is consistent with the Central Property Register.
- Procure a suitable IT platform that can be utilised to centrally monitor and manage our Corporate Buildings as well as the wider dlr Estates & Property Portfolio.
- Develop a Corporate Space Strategy for our occupied and vacant buildings, to ensure we are maximising our space usage.
- Expand the Contract & Facilities Management Units to build frameworks that can support and maintain our Corporate Buildings.

Key Achievements in 2019:

- Consolidation of the Facilities, Contract and Property Management Units.

- Worked with our Finance and Insurance Departments, to ensure that our Fixed Asset Register is reviewed and updated annually.
- Establishment of the Corporate Estates Committee that provides a monthly forum to all Departments to discuss property related issues.
- Development of existing Facility Management Frameworks to provide maintenance services in properties across the Council's portfolio.
- Completed LED Lighting retrofit projects to reduce energy consumption in 3 of our main Leisure Centres (Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook & Monkstown).
- Worked with our building managers and colleagues on the Energy Management Team, to secure recertification of the ISO50001 Energy Standard.

Communications Office

The Communications Office oversees corporate and internal communications for the Council. It is responsible for all internal and external communications, public relations, crisis management and marketing on behalf of dlr extending across all Council services.

An Cathaoirleach's Office

Corporate Affairs provides full support to An Cathaoirleach and the office which includes:

- Advice on Protocol and Event Management
- Management of An Cathaoirleach's Diary and Appointments
- Issue and Management of Invitations
- Responds to Emails and Correspondence
- Prepares Speeches
- Issues Press Releases post Events

Key Achievements in 2019:

- Responded to all queries from local, national and international media - 314

- Issue of Press Releases – 81
- Promotion and Management of Council activities and events.
- Publication of 5 Editions of the dlr Times
- Publication of Annual Report 2018
- Management of dlr's social media accounts, providing the Council with a highly responsive incoming and outgoing communications tool. Followers on dlr's social media accounts were as follows:
 - Facebook followers increased by 19% to 38,411.
 - Twitter followers increased by 17% to 43,353.
 - Instagram followers increased by 17% to 6,242.
- Co-ordination of Ombudsman Requests – 19
- Implementation of the Council's Irish Language Scheme under the Official Languages Act 2003.
- Management of the Council's website. The number of website page views increased by 13% in 2019, with a total of 4,289,223. The website also had an 11% increase of page visitors in 2019, with a total of 965,251.
- Citizenspace - the public were invited to take part in a total of 29 Consultations on the dlr Online Consultation Hub.
- Tweet Day – Over 66 Tweets were issued by the Council on Tweet Day, 12th April 2019 and all tweets included the same hash tag - #YourCouncilDay with over 67,304 Impressions created on the day.
- Commenced work on Corporate Plan 2020-2024

Digital Initiatives

Smart Sandyford established under Smart Dublin Initiative

A Programme Manager was put in place to drive the Smart Sandyford Project in conjunction with the Sandyford BID and Trinity College Enable Programme.

Short Messaging Service for Outdoor Staff

An opt-in SMS Service was developed and rolled out for dlr Outdoor Staff. The service has proved very popular and is used to keep staff up to date on all aspects of the Council.

Planning Consultation Touchscreens

Three large touchscreens were installed in the Planning Consultation space in the Civic Hub in County Hall. These screens provide an interactive and engaging way to interact with the planning process for the County Development Plan and all other ongoing public consultations.

Small Business Innovation Research Challenge – Internet of Things

Phase 1 of the SBIR IOT Challenge was completed successfully in 2019. The Challenge saw four companies working with our Public Lighting Engineering Team to deliver a communications network using radio frequency mesh technology to allow disparate IOT sensors communicate back to County Hall.

Innovation Week – Lunch & Learn Weeklong Talks Series in December 2019

A weeklong series of Lunchtime Talks by staff was held in the new Council Chamber in County Hall 'Internet of Things' Energy

Project. These talks covered a wide range of topics including GIS (Geographical Information Systems), Tree Survey & Climate Change, Microsoft Teams, Digital Transformation, The Mobility Hub, The Civic Hub, Smart Dublin and Digital Dashboards.

Free Public WiFi

Continued the provision of free public WiFi in Dún Laoghaire, Peoples' Park, Marlay Park and Sandyford Industrial area, and the impending rollout of WiFi to the Marlay Park Craft Courtyard tenants to support local small businesses.

Irish Language

3 representations were received from An Coimisinéir Teanga regarding road and traffic signage. The Council's website contains static content in Irish.

Provision was made for Irish news in each edition of the dlr Times.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019

- Songs & Rhymes for young children with author Aine Ní Shúilleabháin
- Visit from Irish language Author Sadhbh Devlin
- Scéalta ó chéin is ó chógar: storytelling with Seosamh Ó Maolaláí

dlr Writer in Residence 2019-20

- Sadhbh Devlin is a bilingual author. During her residency she has started a monthly junior book club "Club Leabhar na nÓg" in dlr Lexlcon, publishes a quarterly bilingual zine and has visited most of the libraries to host Irish language book and craft events.

Féile na nÓg dlr - Family day through Irish held in dlr Lexlcon on 5th October 2019.

- Over 2,000 visitors attended. Events on the day included puppet-making, yoga, story and art workshops, songs and lullabies, and an author visit - all through the Irish language.

Regular Irish language events programmed in Libraries:

- Weekly Irish language conversation sessions for adults in dlr Lexlcon and Deansgrange Library
- Monthly Irish language book club for adults in Dalkey Library
- Monthly Club Leabhar na nÓg for children in dlr Lexlcon
- Monthly Grúpa Spraoi events for families in dlr Lexlcon

Civic Hub

The Civic Hub is our Customer Service Centre and its aim is to enhance our level of customer service by providing an accessible single point of contact for our customers' needs.

All channels of communication are driven through the Hub including phone, email, online queries, postal items and our public counter. This ensures a consistency on how all our customers are dealt with while also providing the ability to track all queries across the organisation, allowing customers to receive updates on their requests. The Civic Hub also logs and tracks all representations from Elected Representatives.

The Civic Hub is a fully accessible facility with lower counters, customer seating and an induction Loop system in place.

Self-service kiosks allow customers to access our services independently while having support if required.

Key Achievements in 2019:

- Over 136,000 customer contacts
- 95,858 phone calls answered
- 27,055 emails responded to
- 6,709 items of post logged
- 6,436 in person counter queries dealt with

Procurement

The role of the dlr Procurement Unit is to ensure value-added procurement that is strategically focused and supports the delivery of innovation, sustainable, cost-effective and quality services, in line with the dlr Corporate Plan by supporting our purchasing sections when carrying out procurement processes.

The Unit is responsible for:

- The monitoring of all corporate procurement
- Assisting in the drafting of procurement documents prior to publication
- Managing the Corporate Contract Database and pipeline
- Providing Advice and Support to organisation on all areas of Procurement
- Providing training to our purchasing staff, as required
- Promote collaborative and consolidated Procurement across Departments and regionally
- Monitor contract / procurement expenditure corporately by supplier
- Participate in National and Regional Procurement networks

- Report on dlr Procurement as required to the Audit Committee and to Central Government

Key Achievements in 2019:

- Responded to 768 Procurement queries
- Provided training for 179 staff

Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company was dissolved and the Harbour was transferred in its entirety to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council on 3rd October 2018. In 2019 the staff and operations of the Harbour began integrating with the County Council.

Key Achievements in 2019:

- In 2019 the cruise ship tender berth was moved from the West Pier to the Carlisle Pier. Moving the berth means that cruise guests will now arrive in to the centre of town optimising the benefit of the local economy.
- dlr is progressing the ferry terminal project as a co-working and enterprise space
- The tender for the Economic Plan for the Harbour was awarded to Indecon.
- The audited final accounts for the former Harbour Company were presented to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in November 2019 pursuant to the Harbours Act 2015 Section 33.

General Data Protection Regulations

During 2019, the team of GDPR Champions, (known as the Privacy Team), set up in 2018, continued to meet, to ensure good communications and awareness, across the organisation of



New Tender Berth Carlisle Pier, Dún Laoghaire

Data Protection matters. Also included in the role of the team for the year, was to consider and assist in the development of a number of documents including, a Data Protection Policy, CCTV Policy and privacy notices for all Departments. The Law Agent, continued in the role of Data Protection Officer and is supported by a Data Co-Ordinator and an Assistant Staff Officer from the Corporate Affairs Department.

Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information (FOI) Unit consists of the FOI Officer (S.E.O.) and three administrative staff members. The Unit is the first port of call for all Freedom of Information, Access to Information on the Environment and Data Access Requests.

In 2019, the Council received 173 Freedom of Information Requests (FOI), 10 requests for Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) and 18 Data Access Requests (DAR).

Key Achievements in 2019

Freedom of Information Statistics for 2019

Total Freedom of Information requests processed	173
Personal	41
Non-Personal	132
Mixed	0
Requests Granted	58
Requests Part-Granted	54
Requests Refused	53
Requests Transferred	6
Requests Withdrawn	6
Requests Handled Outside FOI	3
Internal Reviews Conducted	9
Appeals to Information Commissioner	0

Sources of Requests Received

Members of Public	111
Journalists	51
Business/Interest Groups	6
Oireachtas/Public Members	4
Staff	1
Clients	0

Register of Electors

The Register of Electors for 2019-2020 came into force on 15th February 2019. Total electors on the final Register was 163,981. Total for Supplementary Register May 2019 for the Local Elections, Referendum and European was 2,388. Draft Register 2020-2021 was published on the 1st November 2019 total electorate 164,192.

Key Achievements in 2019

In April 2019 www.Voter.ie (a web portal, which enables over one million Dublin residents to check their electoral details in real-time) was rolled out in the Dublin region. The portal allows Electors to add themselves to the Register of Electors, change their address or their details and remove themselves from the Register.

Dundrum Office

The Dundrum Office offered quality customer service by resolving customer queries across all Departments. A self-service kiosk was installed at the public counter to enable customers to access information and services through the dlr website. A TV display unit was installed at entrance informing the public of the Council's latest news and upcoming events.

10 Primary Schools in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown benefited from the School Meals Scheme.

Key Achievements in 2019

The following 134 meetings were held in the Dundrum Office in 2019:

Area Committees 17; SPC Meeting 1; Deputations 15; Housing Meetings 28; Other Departmental Meetings 58; Exhibitions/ Public display 10 and Public Information Meetings 5

Internal Audit

The role of Internal Audit is to provide independent assurance to the Council's Management and Audit Committee that the organisation's governance, risk management and internal control processes are operating effectively.

In carrying out its role, Internal Audit objectively examines, evaluates and reports on the adequacy of the Council's internal controls. This assists the Council in maintaining economically effective and efficient use of its resources.

The Internal Audit Annual Plan, approved by the Audit Committee, contains a programme of audits that are completed throughout the year. The findings and recommendations from each audit are presented to the Management Team and Audit Committee.

Internal Audit monitor and review the implementation of recommendations from audit reports through the use of the audit and risk management system ViClarity.

The Section also provides support to the Audit Committee in carrying out their duties.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Presented the findings and recommendations of four audit reports to the Management Team and Audit Committee
- Attendance at the Institute of Internal Auditors National Conference
- Attendance at Local Government Internal Audit Network meetings
- Updated the Internal Audit Charter
- Examined ways to improve the audit and risk management system ViClarity and implemented improvements on the reporting functionality of the system.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is a statutory Committee of the Council appointed under section 59 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

The Audit Committee has seven members, comprised of three elected members and four external representatives.

A new Committee was formed following the Local Elections in May, 2019.

The Audit Committee met three times in 2019.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Considered the 2018 AFS; the Local Government Auditor's Report on the 2018 Accounts and agreed the Section 60 Report
- Received a presentation on Budget 2019
- Agreed the Audit Committee Charter
- Considered Internal Audit reports and received regular updates on activities of Internal Audit
- Received regular reports on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts
- Noted the report and final accounts of the former Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company

Protected Disclosures Act 2014

No Protected Disclosures were made in 2019

Health and Safety

In continuing its commitment to establish and maintain a safe and healthy working environment, dlr maintains an internal review and advisory function through the Corporate Health and Safety Office to advise the Chief Executive, senior management and associated Departments on the management of occupational safety and health within the Council.

In 2019, the Safety Management System (SMS) continued to be implemented, reviewed and amended, as necessary.

Audits and inspections of direct labour & contractor operations were routinely undertaken during 2019 across all Departments of the Council

Human Resources

The Human Resources Section is involved in the administration of statutory employment provisions, and the policies, procedures and schemes adopted by management. The Section also has responsibility for staff learning and development, time and attendance management, effective employee engagement and provision of support to the payroll and superannuation functions of the organisation.

Work commenced in 2019 on preparations for the new Workforce Plan which will support effective and responsive local government for the period 2020 to 2024 in line with the Corporate Plan. During 2019 111 people left the Council due to retirements and resignations. 29 recruitment competitions were advertised in 2019 for which there were 1,099 applicants. A total of 599 interviews were conducted resulting in 124 new employees being recruited in 2019. At the end of 2019 the

Council had a total of 1,120 staff working across the clerical / administrative, professional, technical, craft and general grades.

126 Learning & Development Programmes were delivered in 2019. The Induction Programme welcomed 124 new staff to the organisation. 53 staff members were supported under the Scheme of Assistance for courses of further education. A wide & varied range of training was provided across all of the Council's staff groups.

The Human Resources Section continued to implement and develop the policies of the Council which promote a fair and supportive healthy working environment. The Disability Act 2005 3% target for the employment of people with disabilities was exceeded again in 2019, with the percentage of staff who declared a disability at 3.66%. The Staff Welfare Service continued to provide support to staff and work commenced on a developing a proactive health and wellness framework incorporating staff welfare, health awareness campaigns and resilience programmes

Key Achievements in 2019

Number of leavers due to retirements and resignations	111
Number of recruitment competitions advertised	29
Number of applicants	1,099
Number of interviews held	599
Number of new employees recruited	124
Number of L&D Programmes delivered	126
Number of new staff welcomed through the Induction Programme	124
Number of staff members supported through the Scheme of Assistance	53
Percentage of staff who declared a disability	3.66%

Information Technology Section

The role of the Information Technology Section is to:

- Drive and enable IT related innovation.
- Provide for the efficient introduction of new IT services via projects.
- Provide for the reliable delivery of existing IT services throughout the Council.
- Engage with and support national IT projects and initiatives.

The IT section has adopted the ITIL framework to ensure best practice and efficiency in the delivery of existing services.

Project management methodologies (PMM) are used to ensure that contracts are managed and projects are aligned with the Council's Corporate Plan and the Annual Service Delivery Plan and also to ensure that projects are delivered in a timely and cost effective manner.

Key Achievements in 2019

- A total of 3,381 calls were successfully resolved by the IT service desk.
- The completion of critical infrastructure related projects. These include

- Extension of the dlr network to encompass the buildings of the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company.
- Extended wireless LAN solution to major offices outside of County Hall
- Implementation of improved remote working solution for staff (AnyConnect).
- Implementation of new Managed Print service
- A number of new business solutions were developed and/or implemented which are expected to deliver transformational results in the coming years. These include;
 - The Voter.ie solution, developed in collaboration with Dublin City Council, which allows the public to manage their electoral register details online.
 - dlrFOI, developed to allow for online submission of Freedom of Information requests, and improved internal management of the FOI process.
 - Internal PowerBI and GIS dashboards which allow for improved management information, and evidence based decision making.
 - The rollout of new staff collaboration tools such as MS Teams
 - The development of phase one of dlrDocs (an enterprise document and record management system based on Sharepoint online) which has been implemented in the Planning directorate.

Priorities in 2020 include progressing the rollout of dlrDocs throughout the organisation, providing for enhanced digital services for Councillors and Council meetings, providing improved public and staff interfaces into our CRM system, and enhancing internal services on dlrLink, the staff intranet.

Workplace Partnership

The Partnership Committee held a number of meetings during the year. Partnership Action Groups continued to advance several objectives/activities. Staff Development included Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Events & schemes included:

- Annual Staff Commemoration in County Hall & Ballyogan
- County Hall Herb Garden was established in Partnership with Corporate Affairs
- Partnership surveyed Ballyogan based staff on issues surrounding the staff canteen, 30% responded, the compiled information was forwarded to Corporate Affairs to assist as part of preparation for the new catering tender.
- 25 year Long Service event was attended by 48 staff and their guests.
- Staff Mental Health Talks were held in County Hall, 50 staff attended
- 165 Staff attended Health Checks in County Hall & Ballyogan
- Metabolic tests were carried out over 4 days in Ballyogan and County Hall, 216 staff attended
- Partnership assisted the Communication Office in piloting the introduction of a new sms/text system for depot based staff
- Christmas Saving Scheme was amended and continued with great success with increased membership, over €250,000 was paid out
- Partnership assisted H.R. by promoting and compiling a new reconstituted Dignity & Respect Designated Contact Group
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council 2019 Calendar



Launch of Extension to Fernhill Park & Gardens opening hours, Cllr. Ossian Smyth (An Cathaoirleach June 2018 to 2019), Philomena Poole Chief Executive and Ruairi Ó Dúlaing

Architectural Service



50 New Dwellings delivered at Fitzgerald Park

Sheltered Housing Units at Broadford Rise continued **21**

2019 RIAI Awards, George's Place

2019 Irish Council For Social Housing George's Place Housing, Winner

2019 RIAI Awards, Monkstown Village, Commended, Best Public Space



2019 European Social Housing Awards, George's Place Housing, Finalist

2019 Construction Excellence Awards, George's Place Housing, Finalist

2019 RIAI Awards, Sallynoggin Senior & Community Centre, Highly Commended

Improved Energy Performance by **32.4%**



RE-CERTIFIED TO
ISO 50001:2018
ENERGY MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM INTERNATIONAL STANDARD.



WINNERS OF THE LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SECTOR CATEGORY AT THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY OF IRELAND'S (SEAI) ENERGY AWARDS



Sallynoggin **COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTRE** was one of the first public dlr buildings to reach the new **NZEB STANDARD**

350  people attended World NZEB Forum

The Architects' Department provides a broad range of services which enhance the quality of life for all in the county. These services include supporting the construction of social housing projects, housing adaptations for the disabled, civic and amenity building projects as well as delivering important urban design and public realm projects for our client Departments.

The Department is also responsible for dealing with dangerous structures and places in the county under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act as well as matters relating to Conservation of protected structures and dwellings in Architectural Conservation Areas under Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

The Department also drives the Energy agenda in the county in a range of areas - pursuing energy grants for energy efficient dwellings, monitoring and improving the Council's own buildings, vehicles and public lighting with the Energy Management System ISO 50001.

Other important functions provided by the Department include quantity surveying, procurement and providing technical advice to our client Departments.

Housing

The final phase of 50 new dwellings was delivered at Fitzgerald Park in the comprehensive re-development of Mountwood/ Fitzgerald Park which started twenty years ago. This latest phase contains 10 separate dwelling types in a range of sizes. There are 18 three-bedroom houses, 23 one-bedroom dwellings, with a mixture of 2 and 4 bed units. All homes have an A3 energy rating.

21 sheltered housing units at Broadford Rise, Ballinteer continued on site. Nine 'voids' were upgraded and extended to current building regulation standards and made available for re-letting.

A pilot study approach to upgrade the energy efficiency of a common maisonette dwelling-type was undertaken at Daleview, Ballybrack, raising the BER rating from G to B2. 12 units were also allocated in early 2019 at Moyola Court, Churchtown following major energy upgrades.



Fitzgerald Park Social Housing

In 2019 the Architects Department designed, and Part VIII planning approval was received for 52 apartments in a mixture of 1 and 2 bed apartments and 67 houses at Ballyogan Court. In addition, Part VIII approval was also received for 13 dwellings at Rockville Drive, Carrickmines. Preparation for the tendering of these units, which will use a rapid delivery process, is underway.

During 2019 significant progress was also made in the design and development of housing at Shanganagh Castle in Shankill while the design of smaller infill developments throughout the county continues and 89 units were progressed to design stage at St Laurence's Park, Stillorgan.

Small Works

The Small Works Section carries out a wide range of projects under the Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme.

During 2019 a total of 87 projects works were completed:

- 61 bathroom upgrades installed
- 4 wheelchair accessible ramps installed
- 22 miscellaneous projects carried out (i.e. kitchen modifications, door widening projects, footpath alterations etc.)

A further 30 projects were carried out in collaboration with the Housing Department:

- 10 Grab Rail installations
- 20 Stairlift installations

Key Achievements in 2019

In 2019 dlr received the following Awards:

- 2019 RIAI Awards, George's Place Housing, Winner, Best Housing



Launching of the Solar Smart Bench An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Shay Brennan with Philomena Poole, Chief Executive, Conor Battigan and Sheila Moore of Sandyford Business District.

- 2019 RIAI Awards, George’s Place Housing, Winner, Best Sustainable Development
- 2019 European Social Housing Awards George’s Place Housing, Finalist
- 2019 Irish Council for Social Housing George’s Place Housing, Winner
- 2019 Construction Excellence Awards, George’s Place Housing, Winner
- 2019 RIAI Awards, Temple Road Housing was selected for exhibition.
- 2019 RIAI Awards, The Brambles Housing was selected for exhibition.

Rochestown House Phase 2 Sallynoggin exhibited in the European Parliament in Brussels and was published by the Architects Council of Europe as one of ‘20 Architectural Projects against Climate Change’.

Rochestown House Phase 2 Sallynoggin features in EnerPHit: A Step by Step Guide to Low Energy Retrofit’ published by the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Rochestown House Phase 2 Sallynoggin features in the RIAI Irish Architecture Annual Review.

Urban Design & Public Realm

As part of ongoing revitalisation of the Dún Laoghaire town centre, public realm upgrades are being carried out on George’s Street.

A significant upgrade to the dlr Lexlcon environs at Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire commenced in late 2019.

Key Achievements in 2019

2019 RIAI Awards, Monkstown Village, Commended, Best Public Space

Civic Buildings

Following Part VIII planning approval, tender drawings were prepared for a new Crematorium and associated works at Shanganagh. Construction work continued on the Dún Laoghaire Baths and the project which is a significant public investment is expected to be completed by late 2020.

Key Achievements in 2019

2019 RIAI Awards, Sallynoggin Senior and Community Centre, Highly Commended

2019 RIAI Awards, Marlay Courtyard was selected for exhibition

2019 RIAI Awards, dlr Framed Views was selected for exhibition

Conservation of the Built Heritage

The Conservation Section implements Part IV (Architectural Heritage) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and offers advice to members of the public and their agents on all aspects of the built heritage. The team continued to support the Planning Department with Development Management and Forward Planning.

Development Control:

Planning Applications (inc. Further Information & comp. reports)	Section 5 Declarations	Section 57 Declarations	Pre-planning consultations
349	38	6	95

Conservation Grants:

This section administers the Department of Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht’s annual Conservation Grants Schemes on behalf of the County Council.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2019 (BHIS) - €79,000 was allocated to dlr from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

No. of projects funded	Amount of privately leverages funds spent by applicants	No. of days employment created (1 day = 8 hours)
12	€151,395	456

Historic Structures Fund 2019 (HSF) - €91,000 was awarded from the Department of Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht’s for three projects.

No. of projects funded	Amount of privately leverages funds spent by applicants	No. of days employment created (1 day = 8 hours)
3	€163,262	521

Energy Management (See Appendix 1)

The County Architect is also the designated Energy Performance Officer for dlr. The Architects’ Department manage the cross-departmental Energy Team, promote improvement in energy performance by 33% by end 2020 and coordinate the ISO50001 Energy Management System, the scope of which, is the energy use under the control of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The Significant Energy Users are in the Municipal (public lighting, fleet), Community and Corporate Services Departments.

Key Achievements in 2019

dlr has improved energy performance by 32.4% based on 2018 data towards the 33% 2020 target.

dlr won the Leadership in Public Sector award at the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) awards 2019.

dlr was re-certified to ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System international standard.

330 architects and building professionals attended the World nZEB Forum 'Climate Action through nearly Zero Energy Buildings' in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown over 2 days in November 2019. The conference included national and international speakers, demonstrations and workshops of low energy products and projects.

200 people attended a 'Home Energy Improvements' seminar in the dlr Lexicon in October, as part of Open House Dublin Architecture Festival.

Miscellaneous

Dangerous Structures

The Architects' Department implements the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act in relation to Dangerous Structures & Places. A total of 63 cases were reported on and inspected. Of these 63 cases, 13 were categorised as dangerous, 36 were potentially dangerous and 14 were not dangerous.

Open House

Open House Dublin 2019, a free annual celebration of Dublin's best architecture took place on 11-13 October.

Creative Ireland

The Architects Department supports collaboration and enables creative place making across dlr. 'dlr framed views' in Rathmichael Wood, County Dublin was delivered under the Creative Ireland and dlr's Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022.

Key Achievements in 2019

1,100 people attended building tours in the county as part of the Open House Dublin architecture festival in October. Other activities included Fernhill Mountain Walk, tours at the Royal St. George Yacht Club and 'Imagine Your Dream Playground' children's workshop. An 'Architecture in Schools' workshop took place in County Hall on universal and sustainable design as part of Social Inclusion Week and Open House Dublin events.

The Changing Places bathroom in Marlay Courtyard was launched. It provides many additional features and equipment that makes it more accessible and comfortable than standard accessible bathrooms.



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Shay Brennan and Andréa Dargan, County Architect, hold the Re-Certification to new ISO 50001:2018 standard for the Council's Energy Management System

Community & Cultural Development

235 Community Grants Awarded to a Value of **€221,001.41**

75 COMMUNITY GROUPS RECEIVED
COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS 

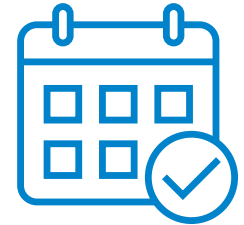
dlr Festival of
Inclusion held

100
events with
attendance of
4,500



dlr Age Well Expo with
attendance of **2,000**

DLR COMHAIRLE NA NÓG AGM WITH
YOUNG PEOPLE **126**



Administered **€163,888** of grant funding to Community Groups



LIBRARIES

2,759 EVENTS

1,135,426 ITEMS BORROWED

1,102,912 VISITS

57

Grants
Awarded to
Artists 

MUSIC GENERATION Early Years **563** Children participated

Primary School **2,492** Children participated

35 Musicians

The Department includes a range of key services including Arts; the Libraries Service; Community Development and Social Inclusion. These services are aimed at supporting community development and driving quality of life and wellbeing for all.

Community Development

The Community Development team provided a comprehensive range of supports and services to support community development and social inclusion as well as community engagement, participation, volunteerism and active citizenship in 2019.

A wide-ranging advisory service was provided to over six hundred community and voluntary groups and organisations.

Key Achievements in 2019

235 Community grants awarded. Total value of grants awarded €221,001.41

75 Community Groups received awards in the Community & Voluntary Awards. The work of 54 Volunteers was also recognised.

4 groups nominated for the Pride of Place competition. The Maritime Museum received a special award for “an exceptional showcase of a heritage that is of the utmost importance and international interest”. Meadowlands Fitzgerald Park Estate Management Forum received a runner up award in the Housing Estates category.

101 participants involved in the dlr Community Employment schemes. The average progression rate into employment or education for 2019 was 62% across the schemes.

Estate Management Programme - awards in the Tidy Districts competition:

Glasthule Buildings Estate Management (Winner),

Kilcross Estate Management Forum (Runner up) Best Estate Management Area (5 - 250 dwellings)

Loughlinstown Estate Management (Winner),

Rathsallagh/Shanganagh/Clifton Estate Management Forum (Runner-up) Best Estate Management Area (251 dwellings and over)

Extensions to Sallynoggin Senior & Community Centre and to Shanganagh Park House were completed in 2019. The Rosemount Community Room was completed.

Social Development and Inclusion

The Social Inclusion Unit seeks to raise awareness and promote Social Inclusion objectives within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. It collaborates with all Council Departments to embed the social inclusion ethos into all decision and policy making processes. The SIU provides support to local community organisations who work with marginalised or vulnerable communities.

Key Achievements in 2019

dlr Festival of Inclusion themed “Celebrating Generations” – over 100 events, estimated attendance of 4,500

Big Hello/National Community Weekend - 27 groups awarded grants for local events

Street Feast was run as part of National Community Weekend– 62 feasts in the County

Support for dlr Integration Forum for production of information booklet on voting in the local elections



Sallynoggin Community and Senior Centre officially opened on 14 May 2019

Age Friendly Programme

dlr signed the World Health Organisation Declaration on Age Friendly Cities and Counties in June 2013. dlr was one of the 31 Local Authorities which received their certificates of affiliation to the WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Cities & Communities in December 2019.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is committed to becoming an Age Friendly County with a wide range of initiatives to support this such as hosting its first dlr Age Well Expo.

Each dlr library has been awarded an Age Friendly Charter from Age Friendly Ireland.

dlr published the Age Friendly Strategy 2016 -2020 with a wide range of both private individuals and service providers having contributed to the Strategy.

Key Achievements in 2019

The dlr Age Well Expo held in Leopardstown Pavilion on 9th June. The event showcased services and supports available to older people in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Estimated attendance of 2,000.

dlr Network for Older People's Bealtaine Entertainment Evening in the Mill Theatre on 21st May. 200 members of the network attended

A Window to My World, Intergenerational Book Project in association with the dlr Network for Older People and the IADT, published in October

Age Friendly Community Grants. €30,800 awarded to 11 projects

Comhairle na nÓg

The dlr Comhairle na nÓg AGM was held on 14th November with 126 young people in attendance, representing 20 secondary schools throughout the County. Comhairle worked on the topic of Peer Pressure during 2019 and developed a poster and post



Culture Night Carpet Theatre Company during their performance of Search.

cards which have been distributed to all secondary schools, youth groups and libraries within the County. Consultations which Comhairle members participated in during 2019 included dlr Children and Young Persons Services Committee, the development of dlr's Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 and reform of Relationships and Sexual Education in Schools organised by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.

LCDC

The dlr Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), a Committee of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has nineteen members and includes four Councillors in its membership. Its primary role is to develop, co-ordinate and implement an integrated approach to local and community development in the County.

The dlr LCDC held seven meetings and a number of sub-group meetings in 2019. It also held one workshop to support and



Chief Commissioner, Mr. Drew Harris presentation to JPC meeting

progress implementation of community objectives in dlr's Local Economic and Community Plan.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Monitored the implementation of the SICAP programme in dlr through contract with Southside Partnership CLG valued at €934,490.
- Supporting and monitoring implementation of the community actions in dlr's Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 – 2021
- Supported continued development of dlr PPN, which had 570 registered groups at the end of 2019, an increase of 15% on 2018
- Administered €163,888 worth of grant funding to community groups in dlr, supporting small scale capital works through 42 grants and helping 27 community groups to reach out to 2,500 citizens at Big Hello events in May 2019.
- Supported the development and launch of the Healthy Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Plan 2019-2022.
- Healthy Ireland funded Round 2 projects completed.

JPC/LPF

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee (JPC) was established in 2009 and is a partnership between Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, An Garda Síochána and the Community. The membership comprises of senior Garda Officers, elected Councillors and Oireachtas members and representatives of community & voluntary groups.



The dlr JPC is intended to be a forum for discussion and a means of building confidence, trust and safety in the County.

There are three Local Policing Forums established in the County under the auspices of the JPC. These are:

1. Loughlinstown/Shankill & Ballybrack
2. Sandyford/Stepaside
3. Central Dún Laoghaire

The role of these Policing Forums is to enhance the collaboration and communication between An Garda Síochána, the County Council, the main Transport Companies and Local Residents' Associations and organisations.

Key Achievements in 2019

The JPC held 4 Committee meetings and one public meeting in 2019. The Committee supported initiatives to support and promote crime prevention in the County, to enhance community safety and security and to enhance community engagement and collaboration.

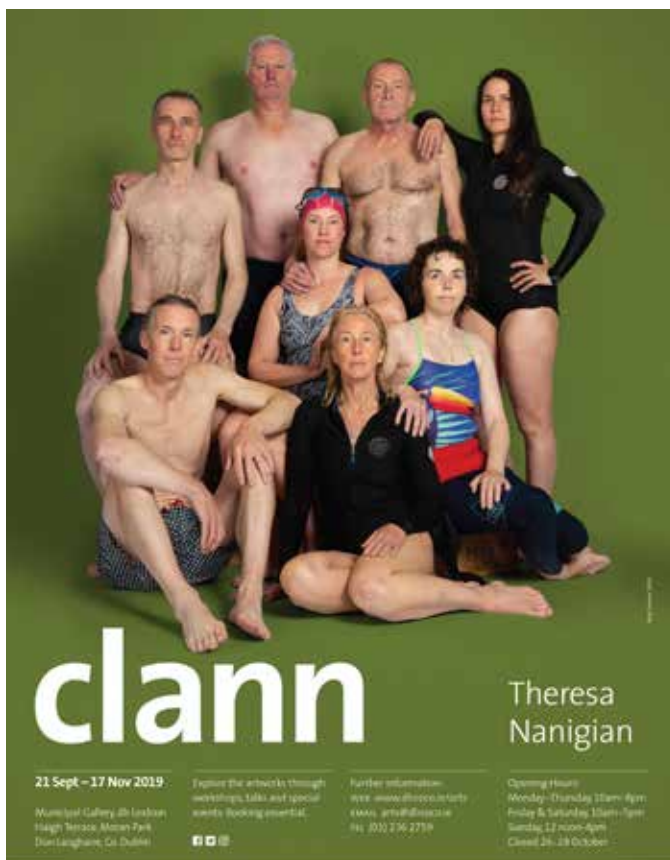
Each LPF held 6 meetings in the year in addition to 1 public meeting.

Library Services

dlr Libraries mission is 'to connect and empower people, inspire ideas and support community potential. The county has eight branch libraries, in Blackrock, Cabinteely, Deansgrange, Dalkey, Dundrum, Stillorgan, Shankill and the flagship Lexicon Library, serving the learning and recreational needs of all who live, work or study in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area, supporting social inclusion, diversity and access for all. The service is technology-rich and organises an extensive and responsive event programme, curated locally while also implementing national initiatives including Right to Read and Healthy Ireland.

dlr Libraries form a central hub and meeting place for the community, open a total of 382 hours per week offering one of the most extensive access to public library premises in Ireland, including My Open Library hours.

Particular focus for the Decade of Centenaries was the publication and exhibition Divine Illumination by David Gunning, Nigel Curtin and Marian Thérèse Keyes. This project involved partners from the NGI, Dominican Archives and Heritage Office. The attendant programme of events, seminar, tours and talks was extremely well received and attended.





Key Achievements in 2019

- My Open Library (Deansgrange) visits 2019: 21,012
- Visits (footfall) to libraries in 2019: 1,102,912
- Physical Items borrowed in 2019: 1,135,426
- Digital items borrowed increased by 82% compared to 2018
- Visits (footfall) to Lexlcon in 2019: 540,441
- 2,759 events provided in 2019.
- Instagram: 38% increase in followers during 2019
- E-bulletin: 18% increase in subscribers during 2019

Arts Programme

The Council views the arts as an important service that contributes to the quality of life for those who live in, work in and visit the County. We are extremely proud of our reputation as a supportive home for the arts and believe in their intrinsic value and the vital contribution that they make to the wellbeing and quality of life of the County.

The Council's Arts Office commissions and supports an exciting range of festivals, exhibitions, artist residencies, school projects, arts and health initiatives and public art programmes in order to grow and sustain local arts development.

We are proud to manage The Grainstore in Cabinteely, provide an annual subvention to support the work of the Pavilion Theatre, Dance Theatre of Ireland and dlr Mill Theatre and facilitate individual artists and arts organisations through the provision of dlr annual Arts grants.

The Arts Office manages the dlr Lexlcon's cultural programme in partnership with dlr Libraries, programmes the County's

Municipal Gallery and cares for the County Art Collection of over 130 artworks and public sculptures.

Key Achievements in 2019

57 Grants awarded to support individual artists and organisations to develop the arts in dlr

5 exhibitions hosted in the Municipal Gallery, dlr Lexlcon attended by 32,749 visitors

1,911 participants of Exit 15, a 3-year community led arts project in Ballyogan which attracted an audience of 7,079.

€373,000 awarded to support the work of the Pavilion Theatre, dlr Mill Theatre and Dance Theatre of Ireland.

Music Generation

Music Generation is Ireland's National Music Education Programme that transforms the lives of children and young people through access to high quality performance music education in their locality. Through partnership, rich and diverse ways for participants to engage in vocal and instrumental tuition delivered by skilled professional musicians, across all musical genres and styles is provided. Music Generation dlr runs a variety of programmes for ages 0-18.

In 2019 Music Generation dlr was Google grant funded for Music Technology for Special Educational Needs based on a proposal submitted by Music Development Officer.

Key Achievements in 2019

Early Years - 563 children participated.

Primary School Programme 2,492 children participated.

35 Musicians - Across 5 Music Schools deliver the programme.



Music Generation

Finance & Economic Development

Rates Income in 2019  26% of Total Income

Revenue Budget
 €184 million



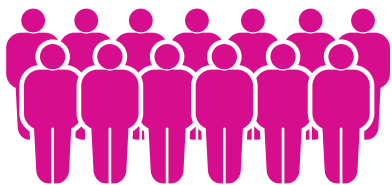
€200 million 
Payments processed by
Accounts Payable

LEO & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

139 Grants
Approved 

€1,078,709
Funding Provided

Net Gain of 140 jobs



69 
TRADING ONLINE
VOUCHERS APPROVED

€100,000
in Business Promotion
Grants Approved 

€65,000 
Awarded to 6 Local
Businesses (IBYE competition)

22 
Pop Up Shop Tenants


OVER 1,565
People attended Training

Finance:

The Finance Department provides a range of financial services and is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations. The preparation and review of the Corporate and Departmental Risk Registers also falls within the remit of the Finance Department.

Included among the range of services provided by the Department are:

- Financial Control, Cash Flow & Treasury Management
- Preparation of Draft Annual Budget and budgetary control
- Preparation of Annual Financial Statement
- Administration of the General Ledger & Main Financial Systems
- Payroll Administration
- Commercial Rates Billing & Collection
- Environmental Waste Charges Arrears Collection
- B.I.D. Levy Billing & Collection (on behalf of B.I.D. Company)
- Payment of Accounts
- Insurance and Claims Administration
- Income receipting
- Administration & Collection of the Non Principal Private Residence Charge Arrears
- Oversight of the continuing review of a risk management strategy/programme.

The Department also ensures that statutory and financial accounting principles, which apply to all money, paid by, or to, the Council are complied with.

Sections	Services Provided
Payroll & Insurances	Administration of payment of Salaries, Pensions, Wages, Councillors, Travel & Subsistence. Insurances - Management/Administration of policies and claims on behalf of the Council
Rates	Management and collection of Rates income and incoming arrears. Management of Property Entry Levy.
Waste, and NPPR	Management and collection of waste charges arrears. Processing of NPPR exemption and discharge certificates.
Debt Control & Collection	Management and collection of overdue accounts (Rates, PEL, NPPR and BIDS) Manage payment plans Offsets from payments to suppliers if any debt owed to the Council.
Financial Management	Preparation of annual Budget and Three Year Capital Programme, Preparation of Annual Financial Statement. Budgetary control Treasury Management; Bank Reconciliation; Income Receipting, Maintenance of Asset Register, Loan Repayments, ad hoc reporting.
Accounts Payable	Payment of suppliers, Tax compliance; Statutory reporting.
Risk Management	Facilitate the preparation and quarterly review of the Corporate and Departmental Risk Registers and ensure mitigation strategies are aligned to the risks identified to lower the risk consequences.



Dr. Martin O'Reilly, Co-founder and CEO of Output Sports, Winner of the Best Business Idea Category in IBYE National Final, with Heather Humphreys, T.D., Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation and Owen Laverty, Head of dlr LEO

Key Achievements in 2019

- Rates Income in 2019 = 26% of Total Income to the Council
- Revenue Budget = €184 million
- €200 million = Payments processed by Accounts Payable

Local Enterprise Office

The Local Enterprise Office Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (LEO dlr) is the 'First Stop Shop' for people seeking advice, information and support when starting or growing a business. Services provided include business advice and mentoring, training, financial supports, networking opportunities, management programmes, supports aligned to sectors and economic challenges e.g. Brexit workshops, student enterprise programmes (STEM BootCamp and Student Enterprise programme), and enterprise competitions (e.g. Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur and National Enterprise Awards).

Economic Development

The Economic Development Unit's principle role is to support the broad range of businesses in the region, working with both internal and external regional stakeholders to achieve this.

Delivering on the economic strategy for the region, delivering on the LECF, supporting the local business associations in the County in their local efforts in generating footfall and growth, working with multiple external and internal stakeholders to deliver placemaking projects, delivering the Shopfront Improvement Scheme, Vacant Premises Occupation Scheme, Pop-Up Shop and Business Promotion Grants.

The economic strategy consists of supporting companies to embrace LEAN methodologies, implementing the LIFT Ireland leadership program, Upskilling in the area of Financial Literacy and increasing levels of Research and Development.

Key Achievements LEO and Economic in 2019

- A total of 139 grants were approved with amounts varying from €500 up to €45,000 per grant. The largest sector supported

were ICT (mostly software) receiving 57% of approved funding (€570,000).

- €1,078,709 in funding was provided through feasibility study, business priming, business expansion, business promotion and commercial property supports.
- 139 grants were approved including 16 Feasibility Study, 17 Business Priming, 7 Business Expansion, 30 export marketing and 69 Trading Online Vouchers. Funding which directly supported 57 local jobs.
- 13 Business Promotion Grants were also approved.
- 2019 saw a net gain of 140 jobs across the LEO client portfolio evidencing the continued creation of sustainable employment.
- 69 Trading Online Vouchers were approved in 2019 totalling €80,433 supporting local businesses across all key sectors.
- 15 Client Companies were transferred to Enterprise Ireland as part of the inter-agency Progression Pathway.
- 366 clients received a total of 616 hours of business mentoring through one- to-one and group engagements.
- €65,000 awarded to six local businesses as part of Ireland's Best Young entrepreneur competition (IBYE) with UCD based Company Output Sports winning the National Best New Start-up Award (this is the 3rd year in a row for dlr to win a National title in the IBYE Competition)
- Over 1,000 students from 26 second level schools participated in a Student Enterprise programme while collaborations with UCD and IADT continued, underlining commitment to enterprise at third level.
- 519 people attended 19 events across the County, during a very successful Enterprise Week held 4th – 8th March 2019.
- Over 1,565 people attended training and networking events in 2019
- Sponsored the TEDx Dún Laoghaire event.
- 22 small craft businesses and exhibitions availed of the pop-up shop in 2019.



Group Visit from the Council's Twinned City of Anglesey, Wales.



Announcing the Leinster based winners of the Social Enterprise Development. L to R = Mary Ruane, dlrc, Conn Cleary, Director IPB Insurance, Philomena Poole, Chief Executive, Patricia O'Flynn, Refill Ireland Project Ltd. and Deirdre Mortell, CEO, Social Innovation Fund Ireland

- €100,000 in Business Promotion grants approved
- €43,000 Commercial Property support grants awarded
- 22 Pop Up Shop tenants
- LIFT Ireland launched in dlr and resourced
- LEANDLR.ie launched and resourced
- Town Team put in place with many projects identified
- All businesses in dlr mapped
- As part of the national "Taste The Island Campaign" the Council developed a new festival focusing on food in dlr. The Dublin Long Table Feasts Festival took place in September.
- With support from Failte Ireland administered a new grant funding call for Regional Festivals and Participative Events in dlr. This was to support festivals and events that attract visitors from outside the county.
- In 2019 the Tourism Information Kiosk at The Metals, provided information supports to on average 1,000 people a month.
- The dlr Tourism Providers Network met twice in 2019 (March & November) with over fifty different providers participating.

Tourism

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown has a wide range and combination of Tourism assets. It has its own particular and distinctive offer of value and great work is already underway across the county to develop this offer for the enjoyment of people locally and for visitors.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Continued development and distribution of three key tourism brochures/maps promoting visitor attractions in the county under the three proposals "Urban Splash", "Between the Lines" and "Well Worth the Climb".
- Implementation of an online digital campaign using the dlr tourism promotion videos supporting the themes.
- In 2019, dlr committed to participate in a new EU project under the URBACT III programme. The Tourism Friendly Cities Network will explore the issue of sustainable tourism. Ten cities are part of this network and the network is led by the City of Genoa, Italy.
- dlr sponsorship of the Airfield Food Festival in Dundrum which attracted 15,000 people over two days.

Twinning & International Relations

In 2019 dlr reconnected with our two existing twinned cities Brest, France and Anglesey, Wales. Communication links have been re-established with both of these cities.

The Blackrock Business Network developed a working relationship with the City of Vincennes, Paris, France in 2018. As a result, a three-year collaboration between the City of Vincennes, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Blackrock Business Network was agreed in April 2019.

The Blackrock based Frascati Singers attended Europe Day on May 10th 2019 in Vincennes and had the opportunity to sing with the Vincennes Coral Choir.

In September 2019, the Kilmacud Crokes Ladies Football team participated in an international football tournament in Vincennes, hosted by the Paris Gales Football Club.

In November 2019, dlr hosted a tourism student from Vincennes on a two-week placement within the Tourism Unit of the Council.

Forward Planning Infrastructure

Grants of Planning Issued For **2,214** Residential Units




115,000sq.m
of Town Centre Mixed Use



24,000sq.m of High Intensity Employment
in the Cherrywood SDZ area



Forward Planning Infrastructure (FPI) is a multi-disciplinary Directorate with responsibility for progressing and overseeing the major land activation projects, the main one of which is the development of Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). The SDZ will provide, at full build out, approximately 8,700 homes for a potential population of 20,000 residents, with significant employment opportunities supported by superior and sustainable transport links.

FPI also has an oversight and management role in progressing the 3 approved projects in Cherrywood, Stepside and Woodbrook/Shanganagh under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF).

dlr was successful in its application under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) with the Cherrywood Public Parks, Greenways and Attenuation project, for which FPI is the leading Project Manager.

FPI also has responsibility for driving the 3 Major Urban Housing Development Sites in dlr at Cherrywood, Kiltarnan/Glenamuck and Woodbrook/Shanganagh.

Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone (SDZ)

The Cherrywood Development Agency Project Team (DAPT) continued in its role of overseeing and guiding the development in the SDZ to ensure consistency with the requirements of the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme 2014 (as amended).

Meetings with all key stakeholders have been on-going with the DAPT facilitating progress meetings on key issues, as they arise, that require a coordinated approach from a number of state agencies and service providers including high-level engagement with the DHPLG on the main issues.

The DAPT is also scoping and undertaking assessments of potential amendments to the approved Planning Scheme to ensure it responds to Government policy and is maximising the potential of already built infrastructure to expedite housing development. 5 such amendments have been approved to date with a 6th Proposed Amendment to the Cherrywood Planning Scheme relating to residential car parking standards submitted to An Bord Pleanála in October 2019.

Key Achievements LEO and Economic in 2019

- To the end of 2019 grants of planning have issued for 2,214 residential units and approximately 115,000sq.m of Town Centre

mixed use and approximately 24,000sq.m of High Intensity Employment in the SDZ area.

- dlr in its role as Development Agency provided oversight in progressing provision of infrastructure in order to open up Cherrywood
- Commenced drafting the Cherrywood Wayfinding and Directional Signage Strategy for Cherrywood SDZ

Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF)

FPI continued to progress the 3 successful LIHAF projects in close consultation with the dlr Road Projects Office, the landowners, the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government and external state agencies. The objective of the fund is to provide public off-site infrastructure to relieve critical infrastructure blockages which have been identified as one of the main impediments to the development of key sites for housing, thus enabling the accelerated delivery of residential units on these sites in both Dublin and urban areas of high demand for housing.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Phase 1 of the Druid's Glen Road including Junction Q is due for substantial completion in Q1 2020
- Tripartite Agreement in place for Woodbrook/Shanganagh LIHAF in Oct 2019.
- SHD application for 685 residential units and the LIHAF road lodged with ABP in November 2019 in respect of Woodbrook/Shanganagh LIHAF

Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites (MUHDS)

Accelerating delivery of housing for the private, social and rented sectors is a key priority for the Government as part of Rebuilding Ireland. As part of this work, 23 no. key strategic national housing sites with the capacity to quickly deliver a significant scale of new homes, in conjunction with local authorities and other stakeholders were identified as Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites (MUHDS). It is intended that these sites will be opened up through LIHAF funds, alternative funding and coordination mechanisms. More information can be accessed through the link: <http://www.rebuildingireland.ie/RebuildingIreland-Pillar3PressRelease.pdf>

The 3 following sites in dlr were identified as MUHDS for large scale housing delivery:-



LIHAF Cherrywood

- Cherrywood
- Kilternan Glenamuck
- Woodbrook Shanganagh

Forward Planning Infrastructure Department continued in 2019 to provide management and oversight to drive the implementation of these sites.

Key Achievements in 2019

- To the end of 2019 grants of planning have issued for 2,214 residential units and approximately 115,000sq.m of Town Centre mixed use and approximately 24,000sq.m of High Intensity Employment in the Cherrywood SDZ area.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Scheme relating to Kilternan/Glenamuck – Oral hearing held in September 2019 and both approved in December 2019.

Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF)

Formal funding approval was received in May 2019 in respect of the Cherrywood Public Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF). An amount of €870,000 was approved for 2019 with commitment to fund the remaining €13.4m (subject to assessment and performance) in subsequent years. This project is aligned with the objectives of the National Planning Framework and National Development Plan.

This project, managed by FPI, has been progressed in 2019 with the multi-disciplinary design consultant for the Linear Park appointed in March 2019 and for Tully Park in November 2019. The route alignment for this is being finalised in order to advance to preliminary design in Q1 2020. The design is completed for Pond 5a with this element due to commence to construction stage in mid-2020 with Pond 2a at tender approval stage for detailed design.

There is ongoing engagement with the relevant landowners in relation to access to land for site investigations and surveys.

Key Achievements in 2019

- €870,000 was approved for 2019 with commitment to fund the remaining €13.4m
- Multi-disciplinary design consultant appointed for Linear Park and Tully Park



Cherrywood SDZ

Housing



Fitzgerald Park **50** New Homes completed

12

Refurbishment Works completed at Moyola Court, Churchtown



115

Adaptation Works completed



15

Part V Agreements Signed &

106

Homes Delivered through Part V



19

dlr Acquisitions &

11

AHB Acquisitions



189 ADAPTATION GRANTS (PRIVATE HOMES) APPROVED
WITH A SPEND OF **€1,449,237.69**

6,339

Requests for Maintenance received



152

Re-lets Returned to Allocations



408 properties Allocated

€16.16 MILLION
Collected in Rent



37

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans Approved in Principle



26% of Housing Allocations to People with a Disability

First Local Authority to delivery **87** new homes under Enhanced Long-Term Leasing

The Housing Department is tasked with the provision of suitable, cost effective, quality accommodation and housing support to eligible households. The full range of options provided for in Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness were utilised to deliver 659 new homes in 2019 by the Council. The Housing Department continued to work in partnership with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG), the Housing Agency, the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive, Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) and the Land Development Agency (LDA) to maximise the delivery of social housing.

Construction

The construction of new homes and the refurbishment of existing homes for social housing purposes remains a priority for the Council. A number of housing projects were advanced to varying stages in 2019 with some at initial design, while others were taken through the planning process and others actively under construction. All projects are closely monitored and managed through each stage from inception to completion.

Key Achievements in 2019

Completed Schemes

- The development at Fitzgerald Park, Dún Laoghaire completed in March 2019 with a total delivery of 50 new homes
- Refurbishment works at Moyola Court, Churchtown, completed in March 2019 bringing 12 homes back into use

On-Site Schemes

- The construction of two new homes at Ballyogan Avenue, Carrickmines was commenced in December 2019
- 21 new homes specifically designed for older people in Broadford Rise, Ballinteer, were progressed
- Two schemes being delivered in conjunction with Approved Housing Bodies also commenced in 2019:
 - Enniskerry Road (Túath/Respond) – 155 new homes (50 cost-rental)
 - Abbeyview House (Cluid) – 11 new homes

Part V – Housing Strategy

Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, requires a percentage of land, zoned for residential uses, to be reserved for social housing provision. While compliance with Part V obligations can be achieved in a number of ways, the Housing Department's preferred option is to seek compliance through the provision of new homes on the site where the development is taking place.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 15 Part V Agreements signed in 2019
- 106 homes delivered through Part V in 2019

Acquisitions

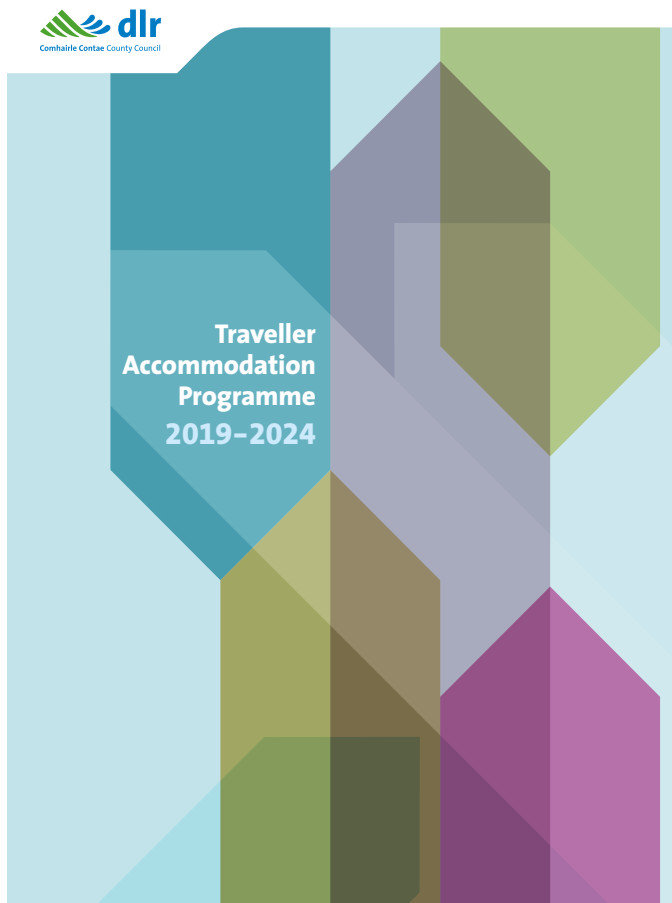
The Council purchases a small number of new and second hand, vacant residential properties in areas of housing need throughout the county. The Council also support Approved Housing Bodies to purchase properties through the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) and Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) for the provision of accommodation for eligible persons.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 19 dlr Acquisitions in 2019
- 11 AHB Acquisitions in 2019

Adaptations for Persons with a Disability (Council Owned)

Tenants of Council owned properties may apply for alterations to be made to their home to help meet the needs of an older person or a person with a disability living in the property. Alterations typically include works such as level access showers, ramps, stair lifts, grab rails, hoist, door widening.



Key Achievements in 2019

115 adaptation works completed in 2019, including

- 59-bathroom alterations
- 20 stair lifts
- 4 ramps
- 32 other alterations to Council owned dwellings.

Adaptation Grant Scheme (Private Home Owners)

The Housing Department administers three grant schemes which are available to older people and people with a disability, living in privately owned properties, to help them carry out works to make their home safer and easier to get around:

1. Housing Adaptation Grant for Persons with a Disability
2. Housing Aid for Older Persons
3. Mobility Aids Grant

Key Achievements in 2019

- 189 grants were approved under this scheme in 2019
- Spend of €1,449,237.69.

Maintenance

The Council manages and maintains 4,433 houses and continually works towards improving the condition of its housing stock under a planned preventative maintenance programme. In addition to the planned preventative

maintenance there are special initiatives and programmes to improve the quality the existing stock.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 6,339 requests for maintenance were received during 2019

Housing Re-lets

As housing stock becomes available for re-letting, the Housing Maintenance Section take the opportunity to carry out any required upgrade works to the property in additions to the standard re-let works. Such works may include installing new doors and windows, electrical rewiring, fitting new smoke heat and carbon alarms, attic insulation, replacement of central heating boiler and/or full central heating system. The works undertaken will always result in an increased BER rating for the property.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 152 re-lets returned to Allocations in 2019
- Average re-let time was 12 weeks

Allocations and Transfer

The Housing Allocations Section manages the Housing List and the allocation of properties in accordance with the Council's Allocation Scheme.

Households who have been assessed and deemed eligible for Social Housing Support are placed on the Council's Housing List. Positions on the list are determined by the length of time a household has had a valid housing application.



Turning of the Sod on Ireland's first cost rental housing model - Enniskerry Road – An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Shay Brennan with Minister Eoghan Murphy, T.D.

In addition, Households who have been tenants of the Council for a minimum of 3 years can apply for inclusion on the medical/overcrowding transfer lists.

Mutual transfers may also be allowed between tenants with similar properties and in cases where a transfer achieves a better use of accommodation.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 408 properties allocated in 2019
- 4,427 households on the Council's Housing List at year end

Downsizing

The Housing Department actively promotes 'Downsizing' or "Rightsizing" for existing Council tenants who find that their current accommodation is too big for their needs. Priority is given to tenants seeking to 'Downsize' and every effort is made to find a more suitable smaller property for them to move to. The 'Downsizing' process helps the Council to make better use of housing stock as it enables the reallocation of the larger properties returned to families on the housing list.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 15 Downsizing Priority-Allocations for 2019

Homeless Services

The Council's Homeless Section works in partnership with the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) to assist homeless persons, or persons at risk of becoming homeless, to access emergency accommodation and exit homelessness.

Key Achievements in 2019

- New Emergency Accommodation provided in 2019:

- 8 places for homeless singles
- 7 Family Placements
- 67 allocations to homeless
- 162 Homeless HAP Tenancies created

Anti-Social Behaviour

The work of the Anti-Social Section is primarily about promoting good estate management and making Council estates better places to live. The Section investigates complaints of anti-social behaviour in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2016 - 2022.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 2 Pre-tenancy courses for new tenants with 57 attendees.
- 63 tenancies investigated
- 41 Housing Applicants interviewed
- 3 surrenders of tenancy obtained
- 2 Possession Proceedings before the Courts
- 1 Exclusion Order obtained at District Court
- 3 Tenancy Warnings issued
- 9 Tenancy Notifications issued

Housing Rent

Rent collected by the Council is calculated in accordance with the Differential Rent Scheme. The Scheme determines the amount of rent to be paid by Council tenants according to their income.



Rochestown House Phase 3

Key Achievements in 2019

- €16.16 million collected in rent in 2019
- 6%+ Increase in Income collection over Budget
- €200,000 (approximately) reduction in arrears
- 70% Annual Assessment completion on Return

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme

The Rebuilding Ireland Home loan provides a mortgage service for first time buyers. The loan can be used to purchase a new or second-hand property, or to build a new home. The maximum market values of the property that can be purchased or self-built within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is €320,000.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 37 Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans were approved in principle in 2019

Incremental Tenant Purchase

Under the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016, Council tenants may be eligible to buy their home from the Council, provided they meet the eligibility criteria set out in the scheme.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 4 properties sold in 2019

Housing and Disability Steering Group

The Steering Group was established as a strategic aim of the 'National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2010-2020'. The dlr Housing and Disability Steering Committee, meets quarterly with full representation from the relevant stakeholders.

Key Achievements in 2019

- 26% of housing allocations to people with a disability.

Traveller Accommodation

The Council is committed to the provision of high-quality Traveller accommodation and to meeting the housing needs of the County's indigenous Traveller Community. The Housing Department aims to address the identified need through a construction and refurbishment programme. This programme includes the development of new sites, the refurbishment and extension of existing sites, Part V Developments, casual vacancies and standard housing.

Key Achievements in 2019

- The 'Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024' was adopted by the Elected Members of the Council on 1st July 2019.
- Refurbishment works completed on 3 units
- Casual Vacancies created on 2 sites
- 6 Families Allocated Standard Housing

Standards in Private Rented Housing

In line with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 the Standards Section is responsible for the enforcement of the regulations within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Inspectors visit rental properties for the purpose of



George's Place, Dún Laoghaire. Photo by Marie Louise Halpenny

ensuring they comply with the regulations and where a property does not comply, can engage a series of sanctions against a landlord up to and including prosecution in the District Court.

Key Achievements in 2019

- No. 1,148 inspections carried out since 01/01/2019

New - Leasing

The Council through the Housing Department, leases properties from private property owners within the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area under the Standard Long-Term Leasing Scheme and the Enhanced Long-Term Leasing Scheme. Both of these schemes can accommodate people in need of social housing. The Council entered into 25-year lease agreements on a number of properties in 2019, thereby delivering secure accommodation to individuals and families deemed to be eligible for social housing.

Key Achievements in 2019

- First Local Authority to delivery 87 new homes under Enhanced Long-Term Leasing
- 4 homes delivered under Standard Long-Term Leasing
- 1 home delivered through Mortgage to Rent Scheme

Infrastructure & Climate Change



Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 Adopted

60 abandoned cars removed



792 Litter Fines issued



7,292 sq.m of graffiti removed



Fire Certificates Processed

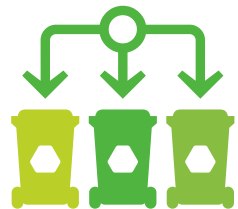
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RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

9,127 tonnes brought to Ballyogan Recycling



834 tonnes brought to Eden Park Recycling Centre



391 tonnes brought to Shanganagh Recycling Centre

3,898 tonnes brought to the Bring Banks

The Directorate of Infrastructure and Climate Change incorporates a wide range of services for citizens and visitors which are designed to provide a high-quality environment, combat Climate Change and provide a high-quality infrastructure and public realm.

The core services are:

Environment

To take a leadership role to combat the impacts of Climate Change. To encourage and promote environmental awareness with a view to achieving resource efficient, the circular economy, eliminating litter pollution and to encourage recycling and other local initiatives. To monitor and enforce environmental legislation and regulations concerning litter and animal control.

Key Achievements in 2019

- The Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 adopted in 2019.
- The annual Tidy Districts Competition had a total of 35 entries.
- The Tidy Schools competition had 30 schools involved.
- The Green Schools programme involved 110 schools
- 792 Litter Fines issued in 2019
- 61 dogs were taken to the Council's pound
- 15 horses were impounded
- 60 abandoned cars were removed
- 7,292 sq. metres of graffiti removed

Property Management

To ensure the good management and protection of Council owned property. To acquire lands as required to meet the Corporate objectives of dlr. To maintain the Derelict Sites Register.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Compulsory Purchase Orders issued for land for the following schemes: Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme Glenamuck District Roads Scheme
- A total of 57 temporary lettings/commercial leases in place. €310,000 received from these lettings/leases in 2019.
- €30,662 received from derelict sites levies in 2019. There were 22 sites on the Derelict Sites Register

Capital Projects Office

The Capital projects Office is responsible for the delivery of the Capital Programme for the provision of major capital schemes.



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Shay Brennan Launching the Gum Litter Campaign



dlr Publishes Climate Change Action Plan 2019–2024. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Shay Brennan with Philomena Poole, Chief Executive, Michael Mangan and Austin Baines of Infrastructure & Climate Change.

Key Achievements in 2019

The following are the major Capital Projects/Schemes under design/ construction or recently completed by the Council and funded by Development Levies/Grants:

Schemes under construction/completed:

- Dún Laoghaire Baths
- Corbawn Lane Coastal Protection
- Springhill Park Tennis Pavilion
- Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan Phase 1
- N11 Druid's Glen Road Q-P* (Phase 1)
- Central Dún Laoghaire Public Realm – LexIcon Car park and Environs

Schemes at Detailed Design Stage:

- M50 Junction 14 Link Road
- Blackglen Road Improvement Scheme
- Samuel Beckett Phase 2
- N11 Druid's Glen Road P*-P3 (Phase 2)
- Bracken Road to Drummartin Link Road
- Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade (Golden Ball Junction)
- Glenamuck District Roads Scheme
- Shanganagh Road Interim works – Phase 2

Schemes at Design Stage:

- Cherrywood to Shankill Greenway
- S2S East Coast Trail (Booterstown to Dún Laoghaire)
- N11 Druid's Glen Road P3-P (Phase 3)

Transportation Planning Section

The Transportation Planning Section contributes to the Planning Development process by assessing and reporting on the transportation aspects of all planning applications made to the Council.

Key Achievements in 2019

The Transportation Planning Section carried out the following work in 2019:

- Reported on 1,075 planning applications
- Approximately 55 pre-planning and compliance consultations were carried out with architects, engineers and planners in order to facilitate the progression of planning applications and development
- Reported on Strategic Housing Development pre-application consultations
- Attended Strategic Housing Development pre-application consultation meetings in the Offices of An Bord Pleanála
- Reported on Part 8 applications, on An Bord Pleanála appeals, on Section 5 applications
- Transportation input to Cherrywood SDZ Planning Development Management and Part 8 pre-applications
- Transportation support to Municipal Services sections for construction and post construction compliance related issues

Environmental & Waste Management Enforcement Unit

The Enforcement Unit monitors and enforces compliance with Regulations on (a) waste management (b) air pollution and (c) noise pollution.

Priority action areas for 2019 included:

- Investigation, assessment and close out of complaints logged on the Council's CRM system



N11 Junction

- National Environmental Priorities: Illegal dumping and unaccounted for waste, C&D Waste, Waste Tyres, ELVES compliance scheme, Packaging waste enforcement, WEEE, Batteries, Farm Plastics, Solid fuels, Air and Noise complaints, Air and Noise Control (planning): assessment and conditioning of planning permissions in relation to air/noise regulation, Ambient Air Monitoring Programme (extension of AAMP) and Solvents. Deco-paints and Petroleum Vapour Regulations

Enforcement Work in 2019

Facilities Registered/Permits Issued	
Environmental Enforcement	104
Water	4
Inspections	
Environmental Enforcement	3818
Litter	3307
Water Pollution	3733
Complaints Received	
Environmental Enforcement / Litter	2950
Water Pollution	63
Enforcement Actions	
Environmental Enforcement	185
Water	20
Litter	792

Key Achievements in 2019

dlr achieved an “High” rating for its Enforcement Plan and an “Above Target” rating for its Enforcement Performance Assessment

Civic Defence and Fire Service

The Civil Defence for dlr is provided by Dublin City Council.

The Fire Service in dlr is also provided by Dublin City Council pursuant to an agreement under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 1955.

Key Achievements in 2019

Fire Certificates Processed = 209

Green Business

The role of Green Business is to encourage the transition from a waste management economy to a green circular economy to enhance employment and increase the value recovery and recirculation of resources and in so doing to meet the strategic objectives of the Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021.

This involves promoting behavioural change and extending waste prevention activities through capacity building in the SME sector and public institutions in dlr.

Key Achievements in 2019

LAPN (Local Authority Prevention Network) Funded Project 2019

“Sandyford Business District – an environmentally sustainable destination” project ran from March – November 2019. It was part funded by the Environmental Protection Agency and delivered in conjunction with NOSUP (No Single Use Plastics) Town and Sandyford BID CLG. Five organisations participated in the project, developed Action Plans and Single Use Plastics Policies and implemented changes to their procurement and use of single-use plastic items across their business activities.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber County Business Awards 2019 and Sandyford Business District Awards 2019

The dlr Chamber’s Awards were held in the Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Killiney in October 2019. dlr co-funded the event and sponsored two of the fourteen award categories - the Green Business Environment



The Tide is Turning Exhibition



Visualising the action plan

Award and the Best Business Start-Up Award. The Sandyford Business District awards took place in The Pavilion in Leopardstown Racecourse in November 2019, where the best of business across the District was celebrated. dlr co-funded the event and sponsored the Sustainable Business category of the awards.

The €coMerit Programme

The €coMerit Programme is designed to help organisations be more energy efficient, prevent waste, conserve water and save money in the process. It is delivered by a partnership comprising the three Regional Waste Management Offices, Local Authorities (including dlr) and €concertive. Participants achieve recognition for their environmental achievements through the award of an €coMerit certification which is reviewed annually to ensure continuous environmental improvement takes place. Certificate holders have achieved average annual savings in their energy, water and waste costs of €8,280 based only on their year 1 improvement. Thereafter €coMerit Certificate holders have posted average year on year reductions in carbon emissions of 9%.

Certified organisations are part of a Sustainable Energy Community, registered with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), which allows them access SEAI grant funding for energy-saving projects. To date, 45 €coMerit Programme member organisations have been awarded a total of €992,446. The grant-aided works will save the beneficiary organisations a total of €622,979 per year in energy costs and reduce their annual carbon emissions by 2,145 tonnes. The total value of the projects supported to date is €2.7 million.

Recycling Centres

The Council provides recycling services to domestic users by way of 37 bring banks, 2 local recycling centres (Eden Park & Shanganagh) and the Ballyogan Recycling Park.

Key Achievements in 2019

- The tonnage of recyclable materials brought to Ballyogan Recycling Park in 2019 was 9,127 tonnes.
- 834 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Eden Park Recycling Centre in 2019.
- 391 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Shanganagh Recycling Centre in 2019.
- A total of 3,898 tonnes of recyclables were brought to the Bring Banks during the year.

Climate Change

Climate change is one of the biggest global challenges of this century. The imperative and responsibility of public bodies to provide leadership to combat the impacts of climate change has never been greater.

Our Climate Change Action Plan sets out how this Council aims to significantly reduce carbon emissions by 2030 and identifies the main climate risks facing Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. It includes both the Councils' and the current levels of greenhouse gas emissions across the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council area. In response to this baseline, the Plan puts forward a range of actions that are ongoing or planned within the Council, under five key areas - Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions and Resource Management.

Key Achievements in 2019

- The Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 adopted by the elected members in 2019.

Legal Service

The Legal Services Department continued to provide legal services to the Executive of the Council in 2019 in the following areas:

- Advisory – legal advice to the Management Team and Council staff in relation to the Council’s functions
- Property and land – Acquisition and disposal of property and land, leases and licences, title deeds and queries, tenant purchase, Council loans, Part V agreements
- Commercial contracts
- Compulsory purchase of land – acquisition and oral hearings
- Regulatory Enforcement – Planning, waste management and litter prosecutions
- Anti-Social behaviour
- Judicial review
- Civil Litigation
- Dispute resolution (negotiation, mediation, conciliation)
- Recovery of rates and debt collection
- Data Protection and Freedom of Information
- Construction advice
- Corporate governance

In total, the Legal Services Department received 872 new instructions in 2019 relation to the areas outlined above.

The Legal Services Department also agreed a new mission statement and finalised a five-year strategic plan which was subject to internal consultation in 2019.



Fernhill Park and Gardens

Municipal Services

Corbawn Lane Beach
Access Refurbished



Clonskeagh Road Cycle
Route at UCD and
Monkstown Road
Cycle Route
completed

73 Full Time & 13 Reserve
School Wardens

1,294,496 CASHLESS PARKING PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

2,223 Road Opening
Licences Granted

4,662 Lanterns Replaced
with LED Lanterns



700km of Roads & 1,400km
of Footpaths swept



41,950 STREET BIN
COLLECTIONS



300

Voluntary Clean-Ups Assisted

FERNHILL PARK & GARDENS (PHASE 1) COMPLETED
AND AWARDED WINNER OF THE ENGINEERS'
IRELAND SUSTAINABILITY AWARD 2019



Masterplan For
Shanganagh Park
adopted



Otranto Seaside Gardens
AWARDED 2019 EXCELLENCE in
Local Government Awards



New Park at
Hudson Road
in Glasthule



A Modern Tennis
Pavilion at
Springhill Park

6,700 participants in
Dún Laoghaire
-Rathdown Sports Events



Celebrated 100 YEARS
of the ORATORY OF THE
SACRED HEART
in Dún Laoghaire.

109 COCO MARKET STALLS
EMPLOYING 250 PEOPLE



Council Fleet - purchase of 28 vehicles,
of which 17 are 100% Electric.



33 Charging Points installed
across the County

3 DOUBLE EV CHARGERS
INSTALLED IN DLR PARKS



LAUNCHED
MyMobilityHub



Completed Phase 1 Storm
Emma Repairs - East Pier Landside



Municipal Services is the operations Department of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council which covers all the outside operations of the Council. The sections included are Water & Drainage including Service Level Agreement with Irish Water; Flood Alleviation; Coastal Protection; Water Pollution Control; Traffic; Road Safety; School Wardens; Paid Parking; Road Maintenance; Roads Control; Public Lighting; Cleansing; Beaches; Parks; Cemeteries; dlr Events; Sports Development; Heritage; Biodiversity; CoCo Markets; Fleet/Machinery Yard and Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

Water Services

The Flood Alleviation Section within Water Services manage the OPW funded Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Management (ECFRAM) projects.

The first of several projects has recently commenced, namely the Loughlinstown Scheme, which includes the Deansgrange and Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers.

Initial modelling and survey work is underway on these 3 to 5 years projects and advance construction work on a key element of the Deansgrange Stream project is planned later in 2020 in Kilbogget Park.

The Section also project manages dlr funded flood risk mapping projects (required by the EU Floods Directive) and smaller more localised flood alleviation projects, including the installation of screen/flood cameras.

Coastal Protection

Major coastal works were completed at Corbawn Lane in 2019 to underpin and refurbish the beach access structure and to protect the immediately adjacent cliffs. The Part 8 planning process was finalised in early 2019 in relation to coastal protection measures at the Old Bray Landfill at Woodbrook and this project is progressing through detailed design and is expected to be completed in 2020. The Council continues to monitor coastal erosion at key locations along the coast, which are known to be vulnerable to erosion because of their geology and soil type. The key locations are south of Killiney beach to the end of the dlr boundary near Bray.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Corbawn Lane beach access structure upgraded and refurbished



Coastal Defences Corbawn Lane Beach Access Works

- Coastal protection works to a section of coastline 180 metres north of Corbawn Lane.
- Part 8 planning consent obtained for coastal works associated with Old Bray Landfill remediation at Woodbrook.
- Ongoing monitoring of extent of erosion at key locations along the dlr coastline.

Water Pollution Control

The Water Pollution Control Section works to maintain and improve water quality in the various water bodies in dlr. The Water Framework Directive (WFD) (currently in phase 2 (2018-2021)) requires that all water bodies in Europe achieve good ecological status. In the WFD River Basin Management Plan, the EPA has directed that dlr's focus is the Dodder Tributaries (Slang and Little Dargle) and the Carrickmines catchment.

dlr and South Dublin County Council are partners in the EU Funded Dublin Urban Rivers Life Project, a demonstration project to research and show the optimal system to reduce urban pollution in rivers. In dlr the project is focussing on the Carrickmines catchment.

The Water Pollution Act is used to licence surface water trade effluent discharges and to prosecute water pollution offences. Regular sampling of all the streams in the County is undertaken.

Regular inspections undertaken:

- Farm
- Domestic wastewater treatment system
- Domestic Misconnections

Water Services – SLA Agreement with Irish Water

Water Services Section manages and maintains the public water and foul drainage systems in the county under a Service Level Agreement with Irish Water and in accordance with an Annual Service Plan. The Service Level Agreement also includes for dlr Water Services staff to assist Irish Water in the planning of future infrastructure in the county which is a necessary component in achieving the Corporate Goals of facilitating the development of housing and supporting business growth opportunities in the county.

Transportation Services

Traffic Section

The principal activities of the Traffic Section include:

- Design, construction and upgrading the Council's road network, improvement of junctions and traffic management

- Management of the traffic signals system (SCATS)
- The provision of Statutory Signing & Lining
- The provision and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities countywide and the improvement of facilities for mobility impaired and disabled road users

Road Safety & Sustainable Travel Section

dlr is committed to reducing the numbers of collisions and casualties on the County's roads by promoting safe walking, cycling and driving through education and road safety campaigns:

Paid Parking Section

The Council operates a Paid Parking Scheme on a number of public roads/car parks within its administrative area. The scheme is operated under the Council's parking Control By-Laws 2007-2011.

Key Achievements in 2019

Road Safety & Sustainable Travel Section

- Review of Year 4 of the Road Safety Plan 2015 to 2020
- The provision of the School Warden Service with 73 full time wardens and 13 reserve wardens. Refresher health and safety training and lone worker training have been provided
- The AXA Road Safety Road Show was held in the Royal Marine in Dún Laoghaire on October 14 and 15. A total of 2,267 students attended from 27 schools along with 99 teachers
- Held a number of cycling events during "Bike Week" in June including "BikeFest" in Cabinteely Park, two Public Bike Maintenance Clinics and an Art Competition for school children

- Assisted the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport with the delivery of 'Cycle Right' Training programme for about 1,500 pupils from the County's primary schools
- Developed bye-laws and introduced a car sharing "Car Club" in the County in conjunction with GoCar
- Following publication of the proposed alterations to Dublin Bus routes under the Bus Connects plan, the Traffic and Road Safety Section made a submission on behalf of the Council.

Traffic Section

NTA Schemes - Schemes Completed:

- Clonskeagh Road Cycle route at UCD
- Monkstown Road Cycle route

Schemes at Design Stage or due to commence:

- Stillorgan Road cycle route near UCD
- Sandyford to City Centre Road cycle route (Drummartin Link road)
- N11/Brewery Road Cycle scheme
- Brides Glen LUAS Cycle route (Cherrywood to Loughlinstown Roundabout)

Council Schemes Ongoing:

- Cruagh Wood to Ballyogan Road Greenway

Junctions upgraded:

- Fosters Avenue/North Avenue, Stillorgan
- Clonskeagh Road/Wynnsward Drive near UCD

Pedestrian crossings installed:

- Sandyford Village at Kilcross Estate



Presented with the Engineers Ireland Sustainability Award 2019 for Fernhill are John Burgess, ARUP; Dara O' Daly, dlr; Ruairi O'Dulaing, dlr; Edith Blennerhassett, ARUP and Eoin O'Brien, dlr.

- Goatstown Road at Our Lady's Grove schools
- Clonskeagh Road at UCD
- Old Bray Road at Olcovar

Road Safety and Public Realm Schemes progressed include:

- Stillorgan Village Area Movement Framework Plan – Phase One: Construction Completed and Phase Two - Design Stage

Parking Section

- The Paid Parking Section in partnership with the dlr Disability and Consultation Group (DCG) introduced the "Report Misuse in Disabled Bays" Scheme in Dún Laoghaire. This was extended to Dundrum in 2019.
- There was an increased usage of the Council's Cashless Parking Payment Service, Parking Tag, with 1,294,496 transactions recorded in 2019. This shows an increase of 79,463 transactions on the previous year

Road Maintenance

The Road Maintenance Section maintains a network of c. 780 km of roads of various categories (national, regional, local, etc.) throughout the County and c. 1,400 km of footpath. The work to maintain this network is to a very significant extent funded by dlr's own resources. Funding for national road maintenance is provided by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). In terms of the M50 and M11 motorway road network, this is managed and funded by TII and maintenance is carried out by either M50 PPP Concessions (applies to most of the M50) or by a Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor (MMARC).

Key Achievements in 2019

- Road Resurfacing Programme – Major Works ('Roads' Programme) resulted in the reconstruction/resurfacing of a road length of c. 4.5 km.
- Road Resurfacing Programme – Minor Works ('Patching' Programme) resulted in a road area of c. 12,500 square metres being reconstructed/resurfaced or the equivalent of c. 2km of road.
- Footpath Upgrade Programme works completed to upgrade a footpath length of c. 5 km.
- Drainage and Gully Repairs carried out to resolve long-term flooding issues resolved at 6 No. locations across the county.
- In conjunction with the Community and Cultural Development Department resurfacing and footpath upgrades completed in 3 No. Estates with Estate Management Forums.
- An Accessibility Works Programme implemented in 2019 to provide assistance to individuals to overcome local mobility challenges at 3 No. locations.
- Collaborated with Traffic Section and the NTA to complete an upgrade of road surfacing, cycle lanes and junctions on Nutgrove Avenue, a model that the Council is looking to use on future projects and which has been endorsed by the NTA.

Roads Control

Roads Control Unit is responsible for the control and management of roadworks throughout the county with a view to minimising the impact of roadworks on traffic flow and maintaining public safety. All applications for Roadworks Licences are made using the on-line, National Maproad

Roadworks Licensing (MRL) System by all Utility companies, developers and contractors.

The Roads Control Unit also processes Surface Permit applications which include licences for hoarding, scaffolding, skips and abnormal load permits.

The Roads Control Unit implements the programme of permanent reinstatement repair works on behalf of Irish Water/Water Services as agreed under the current SLA.



An Leas Chathaoirleach, Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly accepting the Excellence in Local Government Award 2019 for Otranto Seaside Garden.

The Road Control Unit is involved in carrying out restoration works on roads and footpaths that have deteriorated directly as a result of utility or private developments reinstatements to complete works to the satisfaction of the Council by using 'long-term impact' charges.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Processed and granted 2,223 No. Road Opening Licences.
- Processed and granted 54 No. Surface Permits.
- Completed 422 No. permanent reinstatements on behalf of dlr Irish Water/Water Services under the SLA.
- Large scale reinstatement works at Callaghan's Lane, Dún Laoghaire Cunningham Drive, Dalkey were completed.

Public Lighting

The Public Lighting Section is responsible for all street lighting on roads, laneways and pathways taken-in-charge by the Council. We maintain over 23,500 lights and this figure grows each year with the taking in charge of estates and roads. Alongside the day-to-day maintenance, there is an on-going upgrade programme of columns, brackets, networks and decoupling of direct feed networks.

Public Lighting also manages Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for on-street parking installed and/or maintained by the Council. We are working with other local authorities in the Dublin region to develop options for a public EV charging infrastructure strategy for the Greater Dublin area.

Investigation and review continues on the use of the public lighting infrastructure to facilitate implementation of SMART city systems and trials are ongoing in the Sandyford Business District.

Key Achievements in 2019

- A total number of 4,662 lanterns were replaced with high efficiency LED lanterns in 2019.

- 54% of the Council's stock of public lights is now upgraded to LED, with further reduction in energy use and costs.
- On target to help ensure dlr meet 33% Government reduction target in energy use by 2020.
- The Public Lighting Section is on track to meet the 50% public lighting energy reduction requirement by the year 2030.
- Further 3 public EV chargers operational.
- Survey and mapping of EV charge point network in dlr completed.

Cleansing and Beaches

The Cleansing and Beaches Section provides services centred on the cleaning and tidying of roads, streets, and public areas and maintains beaches and bathing areas. The section also monitors bathing water quality throughout the year with a particular focus on the summer bathing season

The section delivers a wide range of services and this includes:

- Road, footpath, laneway and cycle track sweeping
- Litter-picking
- Management of the street bin service
- Maintenance of 22,000 gullies to ensure effective road drainage
- Management of large-scale clean-ups after storm events
- Provision of a flood response service
- Management of illegal dumping
- Weed control on roads and streets
- Management of beaches and bathing areas including the management of navigational aids
- Lifeguard service provision at Killiney, Seapoint and Sandycove beaches during bathing season
- Bathing Water Quality Monitoring and Management
- Management of public conveniences
- Ongoing engagement with the swimming and bathing community and with Tidy Towns Groups, Residents Associations, etc.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Deep Clean initiative piloted in 2019 and completed with positive results in the villages of Stepside, Shankill, Ballybrack and Cabinteely.
- Extensive weeding and pavement cleaning conducted in Ballybrack areas under a local rejuvenation project.
- Sweeping of 700 km of roads and 1,400 km of footpaths.
- Completed c. 41,950 No. street bin collections during the year.
- Support of over 300 voluntary clean-ups.

Parks and Landscape Services

Parks & Landscape Services is responsible for over 1,200 hectares of Parks and Open Spaces. There are 6 Regional Parks which include Marlay, Cabinteely, Fernhill, Blackrock, Killiney Hill and the Peoples' Park.

The management and maintenance includes; the annual tree care programme where the Council's tree canopy cover

is being maximised, the landscape maintenance programme, maintenance of playgrounds, the provision and maintenance of sustainable planting schemes and civic greening, the management and provision of community gardens, the maintenance of sports facilities including grass pitches, all-weather pitches and clubhouses, the provision of park tea rooms operated by concession contracts, etc. Master-planning and design of new and existing parks is undertaken on a regular basis and the realisation of these schemes is through the parks capital programme.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Slow to mow and pollinator friending initiatives rolled out throughout the county
- The completion of Fernhill Park & Gardens (Phase 1).
- The Engineers Ireland Sustainability Award 2019 winner for the Fernhill Sustainable Development Strategy
- A new Masterplan for Shanganagh Park adopted by Councillors
- The filling of the units in the Marlay Craft Courtyard
- 2019 Excellence in Local Government Awards, Enhancing the Urban Environment category for Otranto Seaside Gardens
- The provision of a new park at Hudson Road in Glathule
- A modern tennis pavilion at Springhill Park

Cemeteries

The Council continues to manage interments in Deansgrange and Shanganagh Cemeteries. There are supervised staff stationed at both cemeteries, with the headquarters for administration and customer service located at Deansgrange.

The Cemetery Management System went live and online since July 2018. Burial records for Deansgrange and Shanganagh cemeteries are now available online to the public via the Council's website. The next phase of the project, mapping and photographing of Deansgrange cemetery plots, has commenced and is on-going.

dlr Events

The Events section continued to provide a large calendar of free events in Parks in 2019. These events are proving very popular, with high attendances at all locations.



Columbarium Wall - Deansgrange

Marlay Park hosted the Longitude Festival over three days in July. The Park was also host to a brand new Traditional Irish Music & Language Festival, NASC.

Sports Development in dlr

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Development

In 2019 the Sports Development Office continued to deliver and develop its County Wide Sports Development Programme, which incorporated the Sports Access Scheme and universal grants.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership

In 2019 dlr Sports Partnership organised and delivered a wide range of training courses, workshops and targeted physical activity programmes for all ages, levels of ability and sporting types. Working with local sports clubs and a range of partner agencies, nearly 9,100 people were engaged during the year.

Key Achievements in 2019

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports

- Coach education through partnerships: FAI – 325 coaches took part in Kick-start 1 & 2, 4 x 4 workshops, Strength & Conditioning. Leinster Rugby – 426 coaches took part in technical workshops & Mini Coaching courses.
- Through the Council's partnerships with the FAI, Leinster Rugby & Leinster Cricket Schools Programme, there are approx. 14,000 participants in primary schools and 1,900 in secondary schools throughout dlr.
- Targeted Participation Programmes & Events (6,700 Participants)
- Club Volunteer Training & Development (917 volunteers)
- Disability Sports Inclusion Initiatives (467 Participants)
- Ballyogan Sports & Physical Activity Hub (1,010 Participants)
- Sports Forum – three meetings held in 2019 focusing on participation, inclusion and club insurance.

Heritage Service

The dlr Heritage Tours Programme continues to be a huge success with the local schools, heritage groups and local community groups as well as attracting local, national and international visitors.

Winter of Heritage, Spring into Heritage and Summer of Heritage programmes attracted over 40,000 visitors in 2019. The Winter Heritage Lecture Series held at Marlay House attracted capacity crowds.

Key Achievements in 2019

2019 saw the celebration of 100 years of the Oratory of the Sacred Heart in Dún Laoghaire.

Biodiversity

Key Achievements in 2019

dlr Biodiversity held monthly events which included bat walks, bird watching, foraging walks and rockpooling.

A number of workshops provided training to Council staff and the public for Ecosystem Services, Eco grazing, Invasive Species and Bumble Bee Monitoring.



An Leas Chathaoirleach, Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly, holding the Green Flag Awards 2019

For Biodiversity Week dlr provided a new animation explaining the benefits of biodiversity, an evening about wildlife corridors and an outdoor adventure along the Brides Glen River to discover the shy otter.

In summer we were on the coastline admiring our protected tern species and the first ever successful nesting Arctic Terns on Dalkey Island. dlr and BWI provided an information evening on Dalkey Island for Heritage Week.

Meanwhile, across the county our meadows flourished in diversity thanks to the work of our winter grazing rare breed Droimeann cows.

Summertime we continued mapping important habitats across the county including rare plants. As winter arrived so did our wintering birds. Wet and windy days were spent catching geese to place gps tracking devices on individual birds to track the movement in the county. dlr Animal Tracking family event in Fitzsimons Woods.

Back indoors we held our Biodiversity Plan meeting and then we closed the year with some birdwatching in Kilbogget Park.

CoCo Markets

CoCo Markets continue to flourish with three markets located in Peoples' Park on Sunday and Marlay Park on Saturday and Sunday. There are approximately 109 stalls and these stalls employ around 250 people. The CoCo Markets were set up to encourage small emerging businesses, provide a forum for local food movement and provide a focal point for vibrant community gatherings.

Fleet Management

The focus of the fleet section is the provision of a modern, cost effective and energy efficient fleet that meets the operational requirements of the Council.

The fleet section is run by a dedicated team who engage with providers for the leasing, hiring and purchase of fleet.

To facilitate the growing number of electric vehicles in the fleet, the Council has installed 33 charging points across the county, 12 of which are located in areas accessible to the public. In order to realise the Council's commitment to continual improvement in energy efficiency, and with relation to the long-term vision of dlr with respect to climate change, the fleet section intends to continue to identify new initiatives to improve the performance of dlr fleet.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Over the last two years the Council has implemented a fleet replacement programme which has included the purchase of 28 vehicles, of which 17 are 100% electric.
- The launch of MyMobilityHub has brought about an online platform for staff members to avail of sustainable travel options when on Council business.
- The platform incorporates a booking facility for the Council's electric car pool, dlr electric bikes and public transport options.
- 33 Charging Points installed across the county

Harbour

The Harbour Section currently has 15 direct staff within management, administration, maintenance and security. Harbour staff are responsible for:

- Management of Vessels within, or on approach to the Harbour
- Management of Aids to Navigation
- Management of water-based activities within the Harbour (Shipping/Fishing/ Sailing/Water Sports)
- Management of moorings and boat storage facilities
- Management of Port Security and Environmental matters
- Enforcement of Harbour Bye Laws
- Management and maintenance of Harbour properties and liaison with tenants
- Management and maintenance of Harbour infrastructure, piers, roads etc.

- Management and enforcement of parking within the Harbour
- Management of Events and Filming within the Harbour
- Management of Cruise Ship arrivals, welcome, logistics
- Cleansing, litter, bins and road sweeping within the Harbour
- Administration and finance functions relating to the Harbour

Key Achievements in 2019

Integration

- Harbour Finance Staff integrated into Finance.
- Harbour Admin Staff integrated into Municipal Services

Events/Cruise

- Red Bull Cliff Diving May
- MCD Concert - June
- Circus / Funfair / Bingo Loco
- Beat Yard Concert August
- Ironman 70.3 August
- Corporate Summer Party
- Corporate Christmas Parties
- Significant Filming Activity

Infrastructure

- Completed Phase 1 Storm Emma Repairs - East Pier Landside
- Commenced Phase 2 Storm Emma Repairs - East and West Piers, Seaward side.
- Repaired concrete - Public Boat Yard.



Monkstown Road Upgrade



Road Maintenance Accessibility Improvement Works, Ballinteer

Planning

Ballyogan &
ENVIRONS
LAP adopted

459 
Pre Planning
Applications

1,844
SECTION 34 PLANNING
APPLICATIONS

Development Contributions Collected

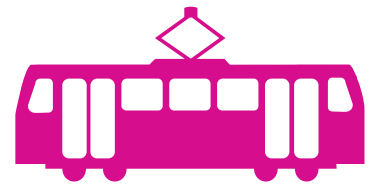
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Scheme



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Scheme



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Levy



 **183** Houses & **24** Apartment Blocks
- Building Control Inspections

 **150** Applications for
Disability Access
Certificates Received.
Disability Access
Certificates Granted. **114**

215 
FIRE SAFETY CERTIFICATE
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Planning is responsible for implementing the provisions of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended), the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Building Control Act 1990 (as amended) and Building Control Regulations and associated legislation that relates to Planning matters.

The work of the Department is divided into four main areas of delivery primarily set down by legislation and is supported by Departmental Services:

- Forward Planning
- Development Management
- Active Land Management
- Building Control
- Departmental Services

Forward Planning

The primary role of this section is:

- Local Area -Part II, Chapter II of the Act
- County Development Plan Part II Chapter I of the Act
- On-going Engagement with the Regional Assembly in respect to the preparation and implementation of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, RSES
- Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

Key Achievements in 2019

Local Area Plans

- A Local Area Plan for Ballyogan and Environs, was adopted by the Council at its meeting on 1st July, 2019.
- The preparation of a draft Local Area Plan for Old Connaught commenced
- Work continued in the preparation of a draft Local Area Plan for Dundrum

County Development Plans

- Background preparatory work on the County Development Plan review commenced in 2019 and a workshop was held with the Members on the Development Plan process.

RSES (Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy)

- Ongoing engagement at regional workshops and submissions made to the draft RSES and MASP (Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan) to highlight the opportunities and policy issues relevant to dlr

Miscellaneous

- Work progressed on the Bullock Harbour/Sandycove Masterplan

Development Management

The primary role of this section is:

- Pre-planning section 247 of the Act,
- Applications for development (Including Strategic Housing Development, Planning applications - Section 34 of the Act),

- Collection of Development Contributions
- Application for Exempt development – Section 5 of the Act & Ref over the shop exemption, Short Term Letting Regulations July, 2019.
- Enforcement Part VIII of the Act
- Taking in Charge – Section 180 of the Act

Key Achievements in 2019

Pre-planning

- Number of pre planning applications on which advice was provided in 2019 was 459
- 47 Strategic Housing Development preplanning meetings were held with An Bord Pleanála in 2019

Applications for Development

- Number of Section 34 Planning applications received in 2019 was 1844
- Number of Section 34 decision made in 2019 was 1581, this included 163,680 m2 of commercial floor space and 2159 residential units.
- The number of Strategic Housing Development Applications received in 2019 was 22, this is circa 20% of the SHD applications received nationally.
- The Number of Strategic Housing Developments Applications assessed in 2019 was 20.

Development Contributions

- 51 agreements entered in 2019 for Larger Developments
- Amounts collected in 2019
 - Section 48 Scheme- €20m.
 - Glenamuck Scheme - €2.9m
 - Luas Levy- €3.3m.
- 40 Enforcement cases were taken for non-payment of financial contributions
- Commencement of Review of S48 Scheme

Exempt Development

- Number of Section 5 applications: 89
- Number of Section 5 Decisions: 103
- Number of living over the shop applications: 9
- 45 Form 15 Exemptions for Short term letting were received in 2019

Enforcement

- 3 Warning Letters issued under the Short-Term Letting Regulations in 2019
- A total of 447 Warning Letters were issued during 2019
- 36 Enforcement Notices Issued

- 19 prosecutions were initiated
- There were no injunction proceedings initiated
- 458 files were closed during 2019

Taking in Charge:

- 2 estates were taken in charge in 2019
- Review of our taking in charge process commenced

Active Land Management

The primary role of this section is:

- Housing Task Force – requiring monitoring and compilation
- Vacant Sites Register – Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.
- Ongoing engagement with Statutory bodies including Irish Water, National Transport Authority (NTA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Health Service Executive (HSE), Department of Education and others
- Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) studies being progressed

Key Achievements in 2019

Housing Task Force

- Housing task force returns mapping the progress of permitted development on all sites of 10 plus residential units is carried out on a quarterly basis and is reported on to

the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Quarterly Management Report

Vacant Sites

- There are currently 17 number of sites identified in the vacant sites register
- 23 sites were appealed to ABP and of these 14 were removed from the register

Engagement with Statutory Bodies

- Ongoing engagement with Statutory Bodies to assist achieving required supporting infrastructure to serve the current and future requirements of the county.

Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF)

- Working with the Finance and Economic Development and the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Team on the preparation of the tender for the Dún Laoghaire studies that were tendered Q 4 2019.
- Working with Community and Culture Department on the delivery of the Dundrum Community, Cultural and Civic facilities study with the appointed consultants. Significant progress made in 2019

Building Control

The primary role of this section is:

- Ensuring compliance with the Building Control Acts 1990 - 2007 and the Building Control Regulations 1997 to 2018



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Ballyogan & Environs LAP 2019 - 2025

- Inspections
- Issuing Disability Access Certificates
- Issuing Fire Safety

Key Achievements in 2019

- 183 Houses and 24 Apartment Blocks were inspected
- 150 applications for Disability Access Certificates received.
- 114 Disability Access Certificates granted.
- 215 Fire Safety Certificate applications received.
- 164 Decisions made on Fire Safety Certificate Applications.

Departmental Service improvements

Key Achievements in 2019

Transforming our data management:

- The first step in the program of change within planning took place in 2019 with the migration of over 160,000 documents to a new on-line document management system in collaboration with the I.T. Department. This will provide a new way of collaborative working and a drive towards E-Planning.

Increasing our GIS capabilities

- Introduction of web and mobile Apps for collecting, updating and verifying spatial data for the development plan.

- Use of GIS analysis to improve evidence-based decision making; spatial analysis of land availability, network analysis of transport accessibility, etc.
- Continued work on the transition to a new integrated, feature rich, GIS module in the APAS system.
- Increased use of story maps and web mapping to improve communication with our customers.

Improving service to our customer

- Use of dlr website to actively communicate with our customers
- Improvement in our customers access information regarding Planning Applications through updates to our on-line applications map
- Number of customers served at the Planning Counter was 4,642 in 2019

Servicing Area Committees and Council Meetings

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,446,490,678	1,402,143,998
Infrastructural		1,772,437,956	1,777,660,038
Community		57,936,539	58,093,819
Non-Operational		102,941,284	102,941,284
		3,379,806,457	3,340,839,139
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	34,323,448	32,359,140
Long Term Debtors	3	117,618,036	87,471,818
Current Assets			
Stock	4	842,687	790,672
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	58,205,965	31,642,591
Bank Investments		223,777,517	197,019,090
Cash at Bank		320,875	-
Cash in Transit		64,740	1,320,667
		283,211,784	230,773,019
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	311,904
Creditors & Accruals	6	93,888,492	58,286,467
Finance Leases		-	-
		93,888,492	58,598,370
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		189,323,292	172,174,649
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	7	146,679,713	119,256,883
Finance Leases		-	-
Refundable Deposits	8	36,822,957	33,816,206
Other		28,638,308	11,624,834
		212,140,979	164,697,923
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		3,508,930,254	3,468,146,823
Represented By			
Capitalisation	9	3,379,806,457	3,340,839,139
Income WIP	2	31,162,260	29,068,093
Specific Revenue Reserve		12,033,190	-
General Revenue Reserve		8,735,240	9,787,717
Other Balances	10	77,193,108	88,451,874
Total Reserves		3,508,930,254	3,468,146,824

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT) FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure.

It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

	Note	Gross Expenditure 2019 €	Income 2019 €	Net Expenditure 2019 €	Net Expenditure 2018 €
Expenditure By Division		€	€	€	€
Housing and Building		41,677,571	37,997,343	3,680,228	1,431,289
Roads, Transportation & Safety		29,194,344	12,377,687	16,816,658	16,141,165
Water Services		11,683,347	8,014,859	3,668,487	2,211,171
Development Management		19,647,345	5,633,228	14,014,117	11,720,170
Environmental Services		29,347,474	7,345,705	22,001,768	21,767,642
Recreation & Amenity		33,298,035	5,624,165	27,673,870	25,756,941
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		5,605,298	5,211,763	393,535	244,742
Miscellaneous Services		8,592,452	8,867,193	(274,741)	(1,359,543)
Total Expenditure/Income	15	179,045,866	91,071,943		
Net Cost of Division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax				87,973,922	77,913,578
Rates				84,875,186	82,877,520
Local Property Tax				10,743,340	10,741,329
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer				7,644,604	15,705,272
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	14			(8,697,082)	(15,689,456)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	16			(1,052,478)	15,816
General Reserve at 1st January				9,787,717	9,771,902
General Reserve at 31st December				8,735,240	9,787,717

APPENDIX 1

ENERGY MANAGEMENT/AWARENESS

The designated Energy Performance Officer for dlr is the County Architect. The Architects' Department co-ordinates the ISO50001 Energy Management System, the scope of which, is the energy use under the control of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

The cross-departmental Energy Team, promote and implement projects to improve energy efficiency by 33% from the 2009 base year by the end of 2020. The Significant Energy Users are in the Municipal (public lighting, fleet), Community and Corporate Affairs Departments. Compliance with the relevant Statutory Instruments in relation to Energy including Energy Efficient Design and annual Display Energy Certificates (DEC) is managed. The exemplar role of Public Sector (PS) in Energy Efficiency, the measurement, monitoring and recording of energy consumption for the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland public sector (SEAI PS) Monitoring & Reporting platform is also supported.

Key Achievements in 2019

- Winners of the Leadership in Public Sector category at the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) Energy Awards.
- dlr successfully completed the re-certification audit and the transition to new ISO 50001:2018 standard for its Energy Management System.
- 350 people attended the 2-day 'World NZEB Forum' with workshops and building tours hosted by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney.
- 264 dlr office, libraries and depot staff and dlr Leisure staff answered the Energy Awareness survey in September. An information seminar was held for staff in September and 7 staff borrowed the Home Energy Saving Kit.

- 200 people attended a 'Home Energy Improvements' seminar in the dlr LexIcon in October, as part of Open House Dublin Architecture Festival. 68 people borrowed the Home Energy Saving Kits from dlr libraries.
- The world's first solar powered smart bench which includes cycling equipment was installed in Smart Sandyford Business District and Dún Laoghaire to promote renewable energy, a clean and healthy environment, clean air solutions, sustainable transport and digital data initiatives.
- Sallynoggin Community and Senior Centre was one of the first public dlr buildings to reach the new NZEB standard (nearly zero energy building) and a Building Energy Rating (BER) of A2.
- dlr Leisure hosted energy awareness workshops in each facility and assisted in promotion of energy awareness actions.

Actions Undertaken in 2019:

Upgrade of over 4,600 public lights to LED means dlr now have an accumulated total of 54% LED. Public lighting has achieved an 8% energy use reduction from the 2009 base line, even with an increase of over 3,500 lights during that period.

dlr increased its electric fleet (by 6 in 2019) to a total of twenty-one. Three double EV chargers were installed at dlr Parks.

Ballyogan Operations Centre had a 9.6% energy performance improvement on 2018, from implementing better operational controls, and wood pellets have displaced natural gas as the primary thermal fuel source in the depot.

Installation of LED replacement lights in 8 Community Centres - Loughlinstown Community Rooms, Cois Cairn Youth and



dlr's Energy Team



Community Centre, Shanganagh Park House, Kilcross Resource Centre, Sandyford Community Centre, Loreto Community Facilities, Park House Library Road and Mounttown Community Facility. Exterior insulation on Patrician Community Centre was completed, through the Community Enhancement Programme grants scheme.

In the dlr Lexlcon, a storm porch and LED lighting upgrade in the underground carpark were installed. The bio-mass meter was commissioned at the end of 2019 allowing more accurate energy readings. LED lighting installed in Dalkey Library.

dlr Leisure introduced LED lights in each large leisure centre.

Actions planned for 2020:

On-going upgrading of public lights to energy efficient LED with procurement and installation of decorative LED lanterns for both traffic route and residential areas.

Procurement and installation of 3 on-street EV charging units at Dalkey Village, Sandyford Industrial Estate and Dundrum Village, a further 12 EV chargers at dlr locations with public access and 8 for staff purposes.

A Fleet Manager to be appointed to the Fleet Management Unit in Ballyogan with responsibility for the procurement strategy, operational improvements and the supply and maintenance of the wide range of vehicles used by a range of Departments. Eco-friendly vehicles with lower emissions that are more versatile in their use will be procured and a low energy focused Fleet Plan will be implemented to increase fleet energy efficiency and maximise the life-span of the vehicles.

LED lights to be installed in Deansgrange Library.

LED lighting fit-out in Ballyogan utility stores and a heat meter to be installed on Ballyogan bio-mass boiler. Building Management System workshop and continued refinement of control points will be organised.

2 additional Home Energy Savings Kits to be purchased for public lending in the Lexlcon and Stillorgan Library.

Energy Audits to be carried out of 4 significant energy users – County Hall, Harbour Square, Ballyogan Operations Centre and the dlr Lexlcon.

dlr Leisure Centres are planning to upgrade all weather pitch floodlights to LED in 2020 and dlr Leisure is planning to enter an EPC (Energy Performance Contract) arrangement.

