

# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **DECEMBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**1 – 21 December 2022**

**Corporate Affairs** ..... 3  
 Director: Stephen Brady

**Municipal Services**..... 7  
 Director: Aidan Blighe

**Finance and Economic Development** ..... 19  
 Director: Helena Cunningham

**Housing \***  
 Director: Catherine Keenan

**Planning** ..... 23  
 Director: Mary Henchy

**Forward Planning Infrastructure \***  
 Director: Anne Devine

**Infrastructure and Climate Change** ..... 25  
 Director: Paul Kennedy

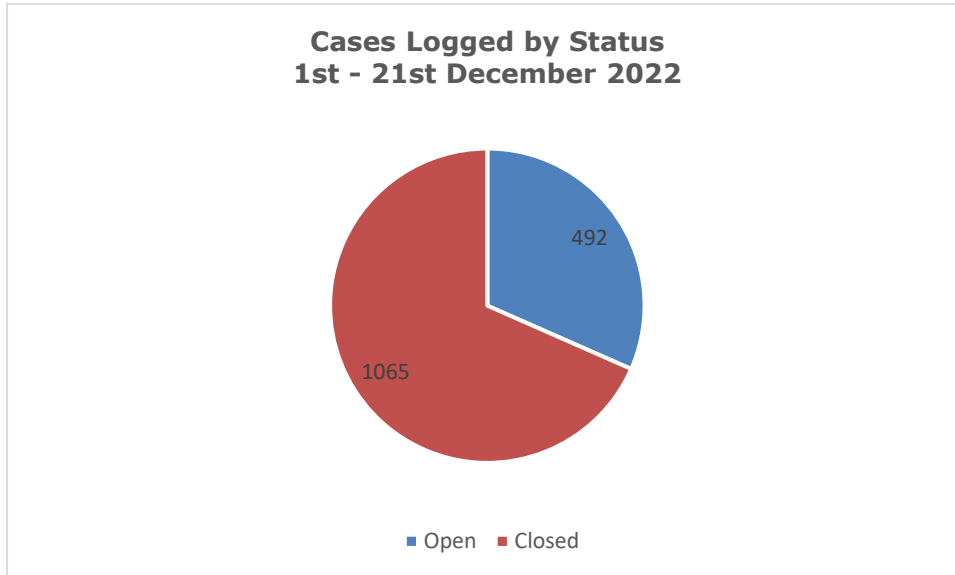
**Architects**..... 26  
 County Architect: Andrée Dargan

**Community and Cultural Development**.....27  
 Director: Therese Langan

\*Included in Quarterly Management Report

**Civic Hub Stats**

\* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls



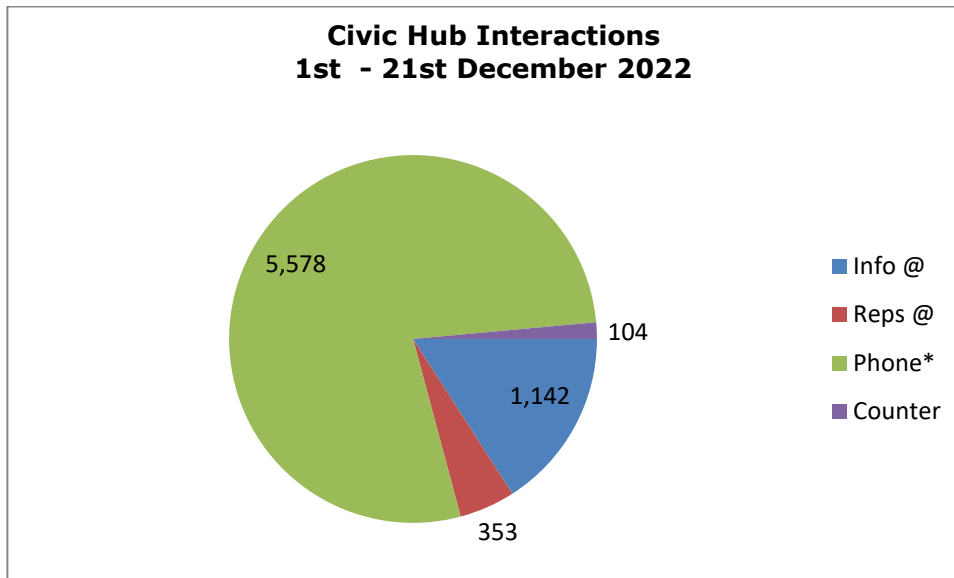
**Cases logged from 1<sup>st</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022:**

Open	492
Closed	1065

**Cases Logged from 1<sup>st</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022, by Section:**

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	1	10	11
Ballyogan Depot	1		1
Comms & Civic Hub	21	267	288
Corporate Services	1		1
dlrcoco	2		2
Enterprise	1		1
Environment	106	159	265
Finance	20	162	182
Housing	50	32	82
Libraries		2	2
Parks	72	70	142
Planning	2	6	8
Property	5	2	7
Transportation	188	306	494
Waste Enforcement	9	43	52
Water Services	13	6	19
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>1065</b>	<b>1557</b>

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**Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged from**

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	4828	754

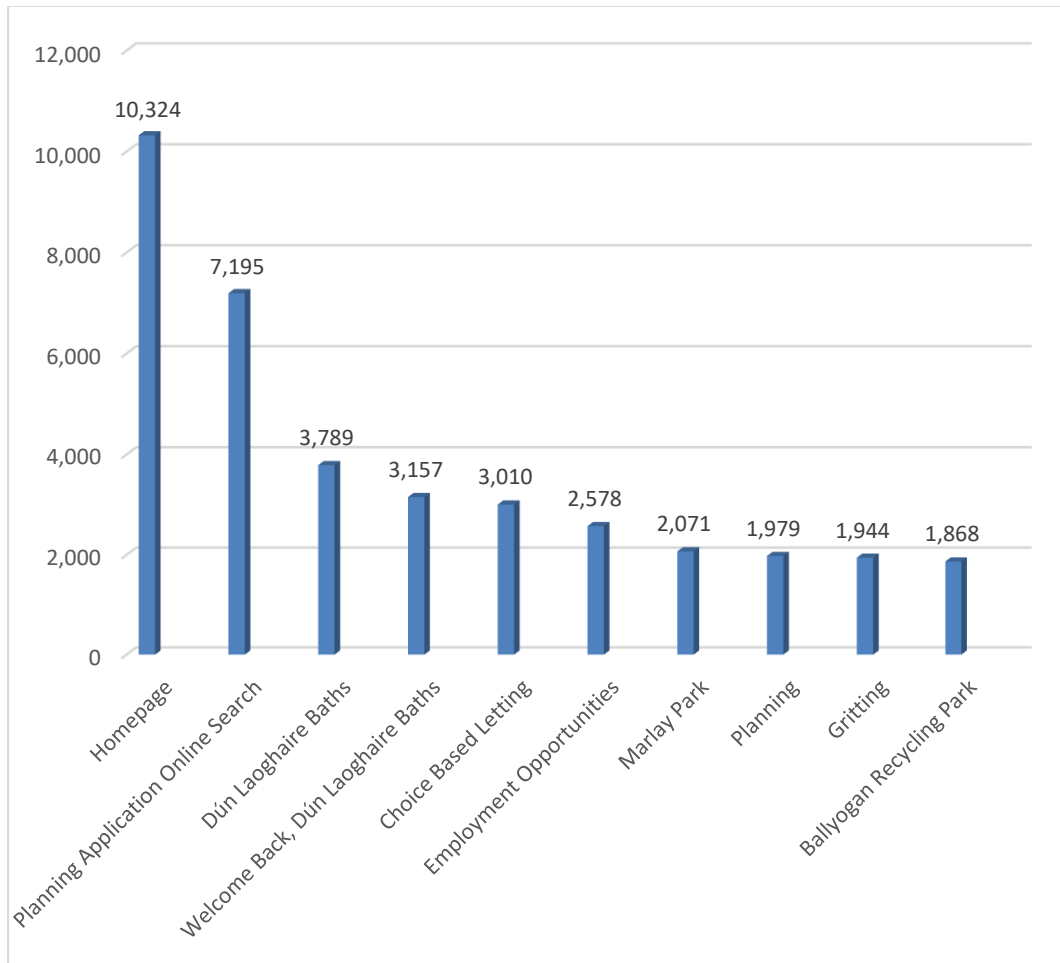
Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	1142	353	1495

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	78	26	104

**Website Activity**

Website	Page Views	Users
Dlrco.co.ie	103,083	40,829
Dlrevents.ie	4,419	1,468
dlrLibraries	13,012	4,337










### Top Pages



## Social Media Activity

### Profiles

Review your aggregate profile and page metrics from the reporting period.

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
<b>Reporting Period</b>	<b>76,892</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>1,355,715</b>	<b>50,433</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>28,678</b>
Dec 1, 2022 - Dec 21, 2022	↗ 0.4%	↗ 121.8%	↗ 27.4%	↗ 50.8%	↗ 77.6%	↗ 17.7%	↗ 187.3%
<b>Compare to</b>	<b>76,602</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>898,730</b>	<b>28,394</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>9,982</b>
Nov 10, 2022 - Nov 30, 2022							
 <b>@DLR_Libraries</b>	8,755	16	63	26,652	946	3.5%	687
 <b>@dlrArts</b>	2,967	-1	19	10,694	327	3.1%	1,673
 <b>@dlrcc</b>	19,423	70	327	359,291	9,585	2.7%	13,226
 <b>@dlrheritevents</b>	3,989	-3	6	2,698	265	9.8%	0
 <b>@leo_dlr</b>	5,602	-2	18	1,889	35	1.9%	0
 <b>dlrcoe.ie</b>	6,599	77	283	162,447	2,535	1.6%	8,061
 <b>dlrevents</b>	12,210	31	66	227,834	8,427	3.7%	1,127
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council</b>	14,263	74	302	528,623	26,854	5.1%	3,353
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership</b>	3,084	2	40	35,587	1,459	4.1%	551

### Press Queries

23 press queries were received between the 1<sup>st</sup> December and the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### Freedom of Information

7 FOI requests were received between the 1<sup>st</sup> December and the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28 April. The Rest Centre continues to accommodate up to 300 displaced Ukrainian nationals for short periods. Over 3,000 people have stayed at the centre for short periods.

As part of a comprehensive wrap around service, accommodation services at the Centre are being supported by HSE staff including Environmental Health, Public Health and COVID-19 services. The HSE is providing onsite support to meet the healthcare needs of Ukrainian residents, and residents also have access to an offsite GP service 7 days a week.

Among the facilities available in the temporary rest centre is separate laundry and sanitary facilities, internet access, television spaces, games consoles, games room, chessboards, use of bikes and scooters, libraries of Ukrainian books for children and adults, translation services, as well as online access to Ukrainian newspapers and magazines.

Additionally, orientation and information sessions, basic English language lessons and an arts and music entertainment programme is being developed both onsite and nearby offsite.

Local coordination efforts continue to provide comprehensive support services from Southside Partnership, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Department of Social Protection, dlr Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Community and Family Resource Centres, dlr Volunteers Centre, colleagues in the East Region and a number of other community and voluntary groups.

Work is now underway to provide extra facilities, including 92 extra beds, a homework club room for children, an adults workspace, and a new improved space for teenagers.

## 1. Road Maintenance Management Report - December 2022

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
<b>RRP Major</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works</b>					
1	Meadowmount Estate				✓	
2	Roebuck Road				✓	
3	The Park Estate Cabinteely	✓				
4	Mulvey Park				✓	original contract completed, additional work underway
5	Kilgobbin Lane				✓	
6	Sweetmount Estate (part of)				✓	
7	Ballinlea Road				✓	additional resurfacing works included
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				Tender to issue in Jan 2023
9	Glenageary Road Upper		✓			Tender assessment & NTA Gateway Report WIP
10	Barnhill Road	✓				As part of GRU project in 2023
11	Library Road			✓		
<b>RRP Minor</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')</b>					
1	Old Clonkeen Road		✓			developer to complete road reinstatement
2	Clonskeagh Road			✓		resurfacing works included as part of the Active travel Sandyford Cycle Route
3	Woodside Road				✓	
4	Trisillian, Foxrock	✓				
5	Brehon Field Road / Kingston Estate				✓	
6	Olivemount Grove / Road	✓				
7	Grange Wood	✓				
8	DLR Leisure Centre Meadowbrook				✓	Additional item to published Programme
9	Monkstown Farm				✓	
10	Georges Street Lower				✓	
11	Barnaslingan Lane			✓		
12	Idrone Lane			✓		
13	Pearse Gardens				✓	
14	Avondale Road drive way				✓	
15	Bellevue Road				✓	Additional item to published Programme
16	St Helens Road				✓	Additional item to published Programme
17	DLR Leisure Centre Monkstown Blue Pool				✓	Additional item to published Programme



Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
<b>FP</b>	<b>Footpath Upgrade Programme</b>					
1	Pine Valley (part of)				✓	
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)				✓	
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)	✓				consultation with Parks required
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)				✓	
5	Mount Anville Road (part of)		✓			Tendered
6	Dún Laoghaire Town		✓			
7	Wynberg Park (Part of)				✓	
8	Watsons Estate (Part of)	✓				Tender to issue in Dec
9	Glenavon Park			✓		
<b>BSP</b>	<b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b>					
1	Woodside Road Retaining Wall			✓		on site 14th Dec
2	Shanganagh Road Retaining Wall				✓	
3	Category 3 Bridges	✓				Commencing Bridge Inventory list
<b>DGRP</b>	<b>Drainage / Gully Repair Programme</b>					
1	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh				✓	
2	Woodside Road				✓	
3	N11 at The Rise & Trees Road Lower				✓	
4	Stillorgan Wood				✓	
5	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood	✓				Tender WIP
6	Westminster Lawns				✓	
7	Frankfort Park				✓	
8	Dundrum Road				✓	
9	Kellystown Road				✓	
10	Quinns Road			✓		
11	Mounttown Park			✓		
12	Pearse Street Parking Bay			✓		
13	Newtown Ave Blackrock			✓		
<b>NRP</b>	<b>National Roads Programme</b>					
1	N31 (Coast Road, funding dependent)	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme				✓	
<b>AWP</b>	<b>Accessibility Works Programme</b>					
1	Loreto Park (part of)	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (part of)			✓		
3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings		✓			on site in Jan 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
4	Clifton Park, Rathallagh Grove				✓	
5	Laneways from Gleann na Smól to Queens Park (subject to agreement)				✓	
<b>CMP</b>	<b>Cycleway Maintenance Programme</b>					
1	Blackthorn Drive				✓	
2	Kilgobbin Road				✓	
3	Village Road in Aiken's Village				✓	
4	Dublin Road (Quinn's Rd junction)				✓	
<b>EMP</b>	<b>Estate Management Programme</b>					
1	Kilcross Estate				✓	
2	Rathallagh Estate				✓	
<b>TICP</b>	<b>Taking in Charge Programme*</b>					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion				✓	
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
	* Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.					

## 2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
<b>NTA STMG Schemes 2022 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic &amp; Road Safety Section</b>							
Brewery Road Junction (Brewery Road/St Brigid's, Church Road)				✓			Works to take place on Brewery Road at the St. Brigid's Church Road junction in Q1 2023. Tender documents have been assessed and a contractor has been appointed.
Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)					✓		Works are ongoing by SIAC Construction
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave				✓			Tenders are currently being assessed to appoint a contractor with a contractor to be appointed in the coming weeks
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes			✓				Detailed design is progressing on all the routes in the Sandyford Business District. Tenders have been assessed for the construction of the Ballymoss Road and Arkle Road public realm schemes and works are due to commence in January 2023
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)			✓				Detailed design is progressing on the scheme and tender documents will be prepared by the end of December with

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
							agreement required from the NTA to proceed.
Cycle Parking Development					✓		132 cycle parking stands (264 spaces) and 9 cargo bike stands (15 spaces) installed. 33 Toaster cycle parking stands (330 spaces) and 26 scooter stands (260 spaces) supplied to 11 schools.
Protected Cycle Facilities					✓		Work is completed on Blackthorn Avenue, commenced on Avondale Road and will commence on Newtownpark Avenue in early 2023
Churchtown Road Lower (pedestrian improvements)					✓		Construction Substantially complete
Stepaside Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						A preliminary design is ongoing
Churchtown Road Upper		✓					Consultation report being compiled
Dundrum By Pass					✓		New Bus bays are currently being constructed on Dundrum bypass as part of orbital bus routes project in conjunction with NTA
<b>Public Consultations</b>							
None by the Roads and Traffic Section at present							

### Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Finalising design and hope to go to non-statutory public consultation in Q1, 2023

### Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has been awarded a Road Safety Authority Leading Lights Award for the Public Sector category for its ongoing commitment to road safety

A 'Light Up your Bike' campaign was held on December 7th on the Rock Road at Blackrock Park. An Gardaí Siochána attended and over 200 lights were handed out

There was a Cycle Forum meeting and a Transportation & Marine SPC Meeting held on the 13th December 2022, and also dlr Road Safety Working Together Group on the 15th of December 2022.

### Speed Limit Review

Public consultation documents are currently being prepared.

### Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

No TAG meetings in December 2022

### Bus Connects

The Traffic Section, with cross departmental input, made a submission to ABP with respect to the proposed CBC. ABP has advised that the decision due date for this planning application, has been put back to before April 7<sup>th</sup>,2023. Regarding the Bray to City Centre CBC planning application, the NTA has advised that the submission of this application to ABP is now envisaged in Q1, 2023.

### **Bus Interchanges at Dundrum, Dun Laoghaire & Blackrock**

Discussions are ongoing with the NTA regarding bus interchange improvements at both Dundrum and Dun Laoghaire. The improvements are needed to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects' programme. Meetings/workshops are ongoing to progress this work and a multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist. In addition, discussions are also ongoing with the NTA regarding potential public realm improvements in Blackrock and the impact on the existing bus interchange and bus services.

### **Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs)**

**Dundrum ABTA** - Work on this project is progressing and the ABTAs Stages 1 & 2 now completed with work on Stage 3 – Options Assessment & Development and Stage 4 - Preparation of a draft Local Transport Plan, now at an advanced stage.

**Leopardstown Racecourse South ABTA** – Discussions have commenced with the Land Development Agency, the NTA and TII on the preparation of an ABTA for the Racecourse South lands at Carrickmines, in accordance with the requirements of SLO 143 in the current County Development Plan.

**New Development Areas – Kilternan – Glenamuck, Old Connaught – Rathmichael**, – Following discussions with the NTA, it has been agreed that the Old Conna ABTA study, commenced in 2019 and on hold since 2020, should not be completed due to outdated policy and context. It is anticipated that new ABTA studies based on updated policy and strategic context will be required for new development areas in the southeast of the county.

## **3. Water & Drainage**

### **Drainage and Flood Alleviation**

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the **Deansgrange Stream**. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints Study, Hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders are underway. A Ground Investigation Contract is complete, and the report is awaited. Work has begun to review sites for environmental impacts. We have received preliminary approval from Irish Rail to tunnel under the rail line. Public Consultation on the preferred option took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> December. The next big milestone is the submission for planning.

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

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is underway. The topographical survey is now largely completed. The flow/rainfall survey is now completed, and the CCTV survey is well underway. Draft flood maps have been produced and reviewed. The consultant is also looking at some options to help relieve potential flooding in the catchment.

#### 4. Roads Control Unit

##### Irish Water Reinstatement IWR Works 2022

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out the permanent reinstatement works throughout the administration area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) according to the current service level agreement (SLA) between Irish Water and DLRCC. 613 no. locations have been reported to Roads Control in 2022.

##### Roads Control Restoration Works RCRW 2022

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
<b>RCRP</b>	<b>Roads Control Restoration Programme 2022</b>	
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Trees Road Lower, Stillorgan	Pending the completion of private drainage works by the developer
3	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill	Not on site yet, in conjunction with IW/Developer

##### Section 254's

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

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan to 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2022	
Applications	No. 18
Processing	8
Granted	3
Withdrawn	3
Refused	5

The Section 254 webpage is now live on dlrcoco.ie

Please follow the below link for details of Section 254 applications which have been processed: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/information-technology/section-254-above-ground-telecommunications-infrastructure>

#### 5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics: December 2022

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	253	227	251	242	249	538
Clean-Ups Assisted	63	56	61	50	63	67
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	16	27	1	26	14	23
Bathing Water Samples Taken	38	37	42	37	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	896	1,470	1,305	711	1,177	792

Dumping Incidents Managed	29	30	46	26	34	32
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	1	0	0	7	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A
Street Bin Collections	5,405	6,246	6,012	5,214	5,294	4,620

\* Statistics available up to the end of November 2022.

### Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – December 2022

- Coliemore Harbour: An Bord Pleanála (ABP) granted a Part 10 Planning application for the installation of Rock Anchors on the Southern Pier access route. Due to winter weather restrictions, it is expected that the onsite works will commence in March of 2023 and run for approximately 8 weeks.
- Quinns Road – The beach access repair works were tendered and a contractor has been selected. Access and compound conditions are under review and Local Councillor and Resident Group notifications will be commence is due course. It is expected that the on-site works will start in early 2023.
- 40 Foot Remedial Repairs – Material and fabrication lead times have delayed the project and it is currently expected that the project will be completed in late 2022 or early 2023.
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning.
- DLR Baths – Maintenance crews and equipment are in place to commence daily cleaning from the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Water Safety Irelands final site assessment has been completed and comments have been received.
- Gully Cleaning and Road Sweeping overtime has occurred due to the recent wet weather and heavy leaf fall.
- Early morning sweeping and gully cleaning operations have been on-going. Traffic Management licences have been submitted and granted where applicable.
- The Road Sweeping and Cycle Lane Sweeping schedules have been temporarily suspended since the 27<sup>th</sup> of October due to the leaf fall season. The sweeping schedules will be reinstated in early 2023.
- Blue Flag submissions have been made for Seapoint and Killiney Beaches.
- Christmas rosters have been agreed to cover critical services during the Christmas period.

### 6. Relevant Statistics

There were 1,730 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1<sup>st</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	730
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	252

Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	233
Parking a vehicle on a footway	131
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	65
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	62
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	56
<b>OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT</b>	<b>48</b>
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	44
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	30
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	15
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	10
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	8
<b>OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT</b>	<b>6</b>
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	5
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	5
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	4
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	4
<b>OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT</b>	<b>3</b>
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	3
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	3
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	2
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	2
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	2
Parking out of the limits of a bay	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	1
<b>Total no. of tickets issued between 1st &amp; 20th December 2022</b>	<b>1,730</b>

There were 43 convictions secured in the District Court in December 2022.

### Public Lighting

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

### Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Dec 2022:	448
Percentage of lights out at the end of Dec 2022:	1.4%
Pole replacement carried out in Dec 2022:	12
Bracket replacements:	50
Tree trimming:	0
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	13

LED Upgrades	28
Total lights upgraded to LED	20,795
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	85.6%

### Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	24
Inspections completed	0

### Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	3
Alterations:	5
Legal requests:	1

### Road Opening Licences (1<sup>st</sup> Dec – 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2022)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	64
Applications Not Processed Yet	22
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	–
Valid Licences Issued	37
Licensed Works Completed	5

### Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In December 2022 there were:

- 2 application for road closure.
- 3 applications for film locations
- 2 applications for event signage

## 7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

### Cruise Ship Business

We had approximately 72 Cruise Ships booked into the Harbour in 2022. 3 ships cancelled due to weather. Overall, the Harbour was being well received by ship management, cruise guests and the crew who come ashore. We are now doing a full review of the 2022 season with our various stakeholders and beginning to plan for a busier 2023 season with approximately 90 ships booked at present.

### Grant Funding

The Brexit Adjustment: Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme 2022 – 2023 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has launched a Second Tranche call for applications. Dun Laoghaire Harbour received over €3 million in grant funding from the first tranche. We submitted 5 grant applications to this scheme by the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and have been awarded another €1 million in grant funding for improvements on the Carlisle Pier.

### Projects:

#### National Watersports Campus

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been



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

DLRCC and Irish Sailing are developing a brochure/prospectus for the project to detail the project vision and scope. It is hoped that this initiative will assist in building momentum and support for the project. This document will be presented to councilors in January 2023.

### **Berth 2 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)**

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

Grant funding has recently been secured for the installation phase of this project from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme.

### **Berth 3 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)**

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to replace the Berth 3 fenders from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. The project has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project as it is a mirror image of the Berth 2 fender project.

### **Carlisle Pier Deck repairs and lighting**

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to resurface the deck of the Carlisle Pier and install lighting towers from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This project will now be brought to the PBG for approval to proceed.

### **East Pier Revetment Repairs**

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to repair the sloping revetment at the back (east side) of the East Pier from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This revertant provides the primary protection for the East Pier and has suffered some damage over recent years from the larger storms. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed to design and manage the project which is likely to be on site during the summer of 2023. Surveys are now complete, and design work is well underway on the repair project.

### **Ferry Terminal**

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

A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. An agreement to lease the building (subject to Foreshore and Section 183 consent) was signed in December 2021, and the Foreshore Lease has been agreed with the Dept.

This matter was brought to the full June Council Meeting and the Section 183 Disposal passed and the lease granted on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022.



### **Dublin Array Windfarm**

The developers of the Dublin Array Windfarm have approached the Harbour about the possibility of establishing an Operations and Maintenance Base for the windfarm. It is hoped that there might be synergies with the Ferry Terminal project. Early engagement is ongoing with the developer's team to establish the exact requirements.

### **Coastival Festival 2023**

The Biennial Dun Laoghaire Regatta is due to take place in July 2023. We are working with several DLRCC departments to expand this into a week-long festival named "Coastival" for the Dun Laoghaire Town and Harbour areas. This is planned to run from 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July and many DLRCC departments are involved in putting together a schedule of events.

**Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

<b>Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date</b>		
	Total approved Jan-Dec 2022	Enterprise Ireland target Jan-Dec 2022
Feasibility Study	14	16
Business Priming	12	12
Business Expansion	13	10
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	16	10
Trading Online Vouchers	95	45
Microfinance Ireland *	10	20
<b>Total Approvals</b>	<b>160</b>	

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

<b>Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance</b>	
	January - December 2022
No of jobs created	53

**Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2022**

	<b>Total Jan - Dec 2022</b>
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	160
Clients attending Networking Events	670
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1275
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	227
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	234
Clients participating in Management Capability Development Programmes	141
<b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>	<b>2707</b>

**DLR Economic Development Supports**

	<b>Total Jan-Dec 2022</b>
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	11
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	18
Business Promotion Grants	16
Street Furniture Grants	2

**Enterprise Promotion activities in December 2022**

<b>DLR Enterprise News</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>LEODLR – Upcoming Training December 2022</u></a> (sent 30/11/22) Open rate 54%, 2735 recipients</p> <p><a href="#"><u>LEODLR – January 2023 Training Announced</u></a> (sent 15/12/22) Open rate 52%, 2742 recipients</p>
<b>One-to-One Business Advice Sessions</b>	Remote Sessions throughout December
<b>Social Selling Workshop</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> December
<b>Leading High-Performance Teams Workshop</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Time Management Workshop</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Tools &amp; Approaches for Managing Credit, Debt &amp; Cashflow Workshop</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>TikTok for Business Workshop</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> December

<b>LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: December 1<sup>st</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>				
	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>No of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
<b>Facebook</b>	2,143	3	15	438
<b>Twitter</b>	5,602	-3	15	1,918
<b>Instagram</b>	1,421	6	15	319

**Tourism Development**

**DLR Tourist Information Services**

The Tourist Information Office in Dún Laoghaire continues to operate seven days a week from 10 am to 4pm, providing information to visitors in the area on transport, best local restaurants, toilets, places of interest, parks etc.

The kiosk will close on Thursday 22nd December and re-open on Thursday 5th January 2023.

**Christmas Bauble Lighting Features**

Large Christmas bauble lighting features have been installed in Dún Laoghaire at St Michael’s Church on Marine Road and at the Tourism Information Kiosk. This year two additional baubles are now in place in Dundrum village and Blackrock village. These offer an opportunity to promote the towns and villages using social media.

A photo competition started on the 6<sup>th</sup> December and will run over the Christmas period inviting people to share their photos of friends and family enjoying the bauble. Winners will be offered vouchers for local business.

**James Joyce Tower and Museum**

There is a new Board of Management in place to drive the development of this project.

The board have successfully completed the recruitment process for a Curator/Manager and on December 1<sup>st</sup> Alice Ryan started in the post.

### Christmas Communications Plan

DLR Tourism's Christmas promotions on social media draw attention to the Bauble Competition and the range of food, activity and visitor experiences in the county - Dundrum on Ice, Walks by Light in DLR Parks, Afternoon Teas, Christmas gift ideas, Racing at Leopardstown and drive in movies in Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

Social Media Analysis December 2022				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
<b>Facebook</b>	8,509	28	4	28,854
<b>Twitter</b>	3,821	-3	7	5,200
<b>Instagram</b>	3,050	35	7	14,693

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2022				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/11/2022 €
<b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	-15,421,669	38,296,417	-37,217,716	-14,342,967
<b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	-8,174,111	23,300,892	-22,307,799	-7,181,018
<b>C Total Water Services</b>	-2,171,378	544,234	-148,712	-1,775,856
<b>D Total Development Management</b>	-147,508,338	24,878,243	-33,192,682	-155,822,778
<b>E Total Environmental Services</b>	-1,752,665	24,613	-449,434	-2,177,485
<b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	-11,888,519	9,652,764	-8,616,752	-10,852,508
<b>G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&amp;Safety</b>	-4,613,287	3,038,978	-2,193,169	-3,767,477
<b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	-35,601,148	2,392,697	-2,992,586	-36,201,037
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-227,131,114</b>	<b>102,128,838</b>	<b>-107,118,849</b>	<b>-232,121,125</b>

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/11/22						
	Balance at 01/01/2022 €		Balance at 30/11/2022		Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
<b>RATES</b>	<b>21,425,164</b>		<b>31,065,435</b>		<b>20,974,660</b>	<b>10,090,775</b>

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2022**

91.67%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	60,562,644	64,495,700	93.90%
B	Road Transport & Safety	26,301,283	30,916,000	85.07%
C	Water Services	11,141,045	12,483,600	89.25%
D	Development Management	31,587,192	24,816,800	127.28%
E	Environmental Services	30,902,385	33,025,100	93.57%
F	Recreation & Amenity	32,740,366	33,627,900	97.36%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,016,604	3,760,700	106.80%
H	Miscellaneous Services	12,334,753	10,673,200	115.57%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>209,586,273</b>	<b>213,799,000</b>	<b>98.03%</b>

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	52,565,242	57,510,900	91.40%
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,462,008	12,773,100	89.74%
C	Water Services	7,723,469	8,552,800	90.30%
D	Development Management	14,866,949	6,538,300	227.38%
E	Environmental Services	6,697,952	5,616,300	119.26%
F	Recreation & Amenity	6,262,896	5,664,900	110.56%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,442,593	2,817,600	122.18%
H	Miscellaneous Services	11,884,902	9,824,100	120.98%
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>114,906,011</b>	<b>109,298,000</b>	<b>105.13%</b>

LPT	Local Property Tax	9,961,237	10,866,800	91.67%
RA	Rates	85,831,350	93,634,200	91.67%
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>210,698,598</b>	<b>213,799,000</b>	<b>98.55%</b>

<b>Balance as at 30/11/2022</b>		<b>€1,112,325</b>	<b>Surplus</b>
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**Planning Applications – monthly statistics 1<sup>st</sup> - 21st December 2022**

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	101	101
Decision Deferred	0	18	18
Decision to Grant**	0	77	77
Decision to Refuse**	0	15	15
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	72	72
Invalid Applications	0	20	20

\*Includes 19 Applications for Retention.

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

2 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse).

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

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD22A/0877 Application was declared invalid.	GEDV Monkstown Owner Limited. Site of c. 3.58 hectares at Dalguise House, Monkstown Road, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, A94 D7D1. Construction of 491 No. residential units, consisting of 484 No. new build & 7 No. residential units (the latter within existing structures (repurposed from Dalguise House, Gate Lodge (Brick Lodge) & Coach House)).	14/11/2022	N/A	<a href="http://www.dalquiselrd.ie">www.dalquiselrd.ie</a>	N/A
LRD22A/0930 Application was resubmitted.	GEDV Monkstown Owner Limited. Site of c. 3.58 hectares at Dalguise House, Monkstown Road, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, A94 D7D1. Construction of 491 No. residential units, consisting of 484 No. new build & 7 No. residential units (the latter within existing structures (repurposed from Dalguise House, Gate Lodge (Brick Lodge) & Coach House)).	25/11/2022	09/01/2023	<a href="http://www.dalquiselrd.ie">www.dalquiselrd.ie</a>	27/01/2023

<https://planning.aqileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/94637>

<https://planning.aqileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/94783>

**Planning Counter Figures: 1<sup>st</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

Customers Served	182
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**Building Control: 1<sup>st</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	19
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	7
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	12
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	12/0
Commencement Notices Validated	28
7 Day Notices received	2
Completion Certs Validated	15

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

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation





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## Infrastructure and Climate Change

### Dogs

Dog Statistics: Period 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec - 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	
No of dogs on hand on 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6
No of dogs entering the shelter	7
No of dogs rehomed	3
No of dogs reclaimed	3
No of dogs sent to rescue	4
No of dogs put to sleep	0
No of dogs remaining in the pound on 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	3
Dog attacks in this period	6*

\*Dog attacks include dog on dog attacks and dog on person attacks. Breed of dog not always provided.

### Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 16

Complaints closed 18

### Litter and Waste Fines

December 1 <sup>st</sup> 2022 – December 21 <sup>st</sup> 2022	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	12	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	3	
Legal proceedings initiated.	1	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	66	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	60	Litter Section

### Energy

The Energy Team hosted an auditor from Certification Europe for a 3-day ISO50001 recertification audit. The audit was opened by the Chief Executive and included site visits of County Hall and the dlr LexIcon, as well as detailed reviews of progress being made within Fleet and Public Lighting, and dlr Leisure Centres. The closing meeting of the audit was attended by members of the Energy Team and Management Team. We are awaiting the detailed report, however the auditor noted only 1 minor non-conformance in the closing meeting and complimented the efforts of all involved in achieving energy performance improvements across the organisation, as well as continually improving the dlr energy management system.

### Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	17
Section 254 License Applications	2
Section 5 Declarations	5
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 & Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023 Grant Scheme	Grants advised on Council Website

### Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	5
Not Dangerous	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>



## Community and Cultural Development

### Community Response Forum

The Community response to the crisis in Ukraine and the influx of Ukrainian nationals into the county is being led and coordinated by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders in the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

The Community Response Forum has been meeting since 28 March and met once during December. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in the Ballyogan Rest Centre and Larch Hill Scout Centre as well as in hotels and in private accommodation within the County.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December, dlr Community Development Staff in conjunction with DLR Volunteer Centre set up a donation hub at Ballyogan Parish Hall to collect, sort and distribute Christmas Gifts for displaced Ukrainian Nationals arriving into and currently residing in dlr.

English classes and other activities continue to be provided in Ballyogan, Sandyford, Dundrum, Loughlinstown and Glasthule.

### Local Policing Fora (LPF)

Sandyford Steppaside LPF met on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

### Age Friendly

The **dlr Age-Friendly Programme supported a number of community and creative events** during December. This included a Christmas event with the residents of Rochestown House Complex in Sallynoggin and support for events held in Shankill Day Centre, in the Gathering Grounds in Kiltarnan, Hillview Family Resource Centre. A multi-generational choral performance with Living Well with Dementia, Sweet Memories Choir and The Supertones Children's Choir was held in Nutgrove Shopping Centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

The **DLRCC High Security Locks Scheme** roll out was completed in December 2022. The Scheme was oversubscribed this year again with over 220 applications and 188 households were successful in having high security anti-snap locks fitted on external doors at a total budget of €25,000.

The **dlr Older People's Council (OPC)** is continuing to meet on a monthly basis and Transport Grants were provided by the dlr OPC to 19 groups. Dlr Festival of Inclusion small grants were provided to 7 age-friendly groups, clubs and associations in 2022. The dlr OPC will meet again in February to plan their AGM in spring 2023.

The **dlr Age Friendly Alliance** continues to meet quarterly and the Alliance met on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 with an agenda that included a presentation on the DLR Sports Partnership Active Cities Project, updates from all the participating Age-Friendly supporting organisations and initial planning for the **dlr Age Well Expo** to take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in the Pavilion, Leopardstown Racecourse from 10a.m – 4p.m.

### Estate Management

Dlr Estate Management Forums held a training and networking event on 10<sup>th</sup> December in Killiney Castle Hotel.

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

Following the Comhairle AGM which took place in November, Dlr Comhairle na nÓg welcomed new members to their meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Community Centre Investment Fund**

Shanganagh Park House have been awarded substantial funding under the Community Centre Investment Fund. This fund provides financial support to upgrade, renovate and refurbish facilities and forms part of a range of measures being undertaken by the Department of Rural and Community Development to support the community and voluntary sector, and to empower thriving, sustainable communities across Ireland. Shanganagh Park House are the only applicant from dlr who were successful in being awarded monies under Category 2 (grants of between €25,000 to €300,000). Successful applications from dlr for Category 1 grants are Mounttown Community Facility, Cois Cairn Youth & Community Facility, Loughlinstown Community Rooms, Rosemount Community Development Group and Glasthule Estate Management Group.

### **Arts**

#### **Municipal Gallery Programme**

**Heirloom** an exhibition of new work by artist Rachel Doolin was launched in the Municipal Gallery in dlr LexIcon on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. The exhibition which runs until the 5<sup>th</sup> March is the result of a collaboration with Seedsavers and presents a series of visual, installation and digital based works that celebrates the 'profundity of seeds'

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/heirloom>

#### **Creative Communities Economic Action Fund**

Towards a Creative Dún Laoghaire received funding under the Government's Creative Communities Economic Action Fund. It combined expertise from dlr Arts Office and Economic Development Unit, along with the Public Design Lab, IADT and was designed to explore opportunities for the development of a vibrant, inclusive and sustainable creative economy in Dún Laoghaire. A report outlining findings and ideas that emerged from the initiative was published by the project partners on 14 December and was launched with participation from two local creative businesses – EGG VFX and DIVA.

The project research directly involved close to 200 members of the local creative, business and student communities, as well as IADT and DLR executives and staff. Research participants were consulted through a range of co-design methods, including individual interviews, a week-long 'charette' workshop hosted by IADT, and a series of additional events.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/visual-arts-and-film/towards-creative-d%C3%BAAn-laoghaire>

#### **dlr First Frames Scheme**

A public screening of four of the short films funded as part of dlr First Frames took place on 6 December in The Studio, dlr LexIcon. This showcased the range of work being created under the Scheme; several of the shorts have already been selected to play in festivals and have won awards.

dlr First Frames provides funding and support to emerging filmmakers, supporting employment in the film-making industry in the County. It also aims to increase awareness of the variety of locations available in the County. The Scheme is funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and managed by IADT, with additional support and mentoring provided for the award winners by the National Film School in IADT.



<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/visual-arts-and-film/dlr-first-frames-shorts-free-screening>

### **Public Art**

dlr Arts Office is pleased to announce that urban artist Decoy has completed an exciting mural at Rockfield Park, Blackrock, Co Dublin. Funded under the Per Cent for Art Scheme and managed by the Arts Office in collaboration with Parks Department, this recently commissioned mural in Blackrock is titled 'Flora and Fauna' 2022. On behalf of dlr County Council, An Cathaoirleach Cllr Mary Hanafin congratulated the artist on this significant achievement. The park is open daily and ready to welcome visitors to enjoy and interact with this bright and contemporary work of mural art.

Video of the artwork in action with the artist is now available on dlr County Council YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/itPMVTKA4ck>

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/public-arts-programmes/dlr-public-art-commission-rockfield-park-blackrock>

### **Dementia and Creativity Awareness Talks**

A series of talks exploring dementia and creativity with the Global Brain Health Institute took place in dlr LexIcon this November and December. The talks explore the positive impacts of music, movement, visualising, storytelling and connecting on people living with dementia. They include interactive and performative elements and were given by artists and fellows of the Global Brain Health Institute. These talks were supported by dlr Arts Office and dlr Library Service and funded by Creative Ireland's Creativity in Older Age Programme 2022.

[https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/dementia\\_and\\_creativity\\_awareness\\_talks.pdf](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/dementia_and_creativity_awareness_talks.pdf)

### **Community and Cultural Asset based Research for Kiltarnan/Glencullen**

dlr Arts Office has awarded the research brief to research, consult and collate a community and cultural asset-based overview of the Kiltarnan and Glencullen areas of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County to Blue Drum. A report will be finalised early 2023. The purpose of this research is two-fold:

1. To identify existing community and cultural assets in the Kiltarnan and Glencullen areas in order to support the future development of creative projects in the area with local people.
2. To enable dlr Arts office to understand better how we can further develop our services for and with people living and working in the Kiltarnan and Glencullen areas.

This research is being commissioned by dlr Arts Office and funded by Arts Council.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/funding-opportunities/research-opportunity-community-and-cultural-asset-based-overview>

## **Libraries**

[\*\*\*dlr Libraries Online\*\*\*](#)

### **Online Resources**

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website here

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

All you need is your dlr Library card.

### **New online resource! Kanopy**

We hope to launch **Kanopy**, a streaming service for classic, indie and arthouse movies before the end of December.

- download eBooks and eAudiobooks from **BorrowBox** and **Overdrive** to read/listen to on your tablet, laptop, or smartphone
- **Moshi** is a well-being app for kids, with hundreds of original and inspiring audio stories, music and mindful meditations to enrich the imagination, promote improved sleep, and unlock potential.
- **TumbleBooks** is a streaming website of e-books for children
- **LOTE** is an online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations. New books and languages are added each month
- **Who Next? and Who else Writes like?**

Online Guides for adults and children. Help your child on their reading journey, by finding another author they love on [whonextguide.com](http://whonextguide.com) and for adults, browse genres or authors on [whoelsewriteslike.com](http://whoelsewriteslike.com)

- **Medici.tv** is the leading video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballet, jazz, and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card
- read magazines and newspapers online with **Overdrive** and **Pressreader**
- take an online course with **Universal Class**
- learn over 100 languages online with **Transparent Language Online**
- stream or download music to your device with **Freegal**
- listen to a podcast with **dlr Soundcloud**
- look at an exhibition on your tablet, laptop, or pc

***You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it is all free!***

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

### **dlr Libraries' resources for Ukrainian families**

We continue to add to our list of resources on our website here:

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/dlr-libraries-resources-ukrainian-nationals> and at: <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>

These resources include information on library services, including free Wi-Fi, free internet pc access, photocopy, print and scanning services. We have also translated one of our existing flyers into Ukrainian and Russian, outlining our services. In addition, we have also drafted an information leaflet specifically for the Ukrainian Rest Centre in Ballyogan.

We have ordered books for children and adults in Ukrainian and Russian. We have purchased a selection of e-books on our existing online platforms (Overdrive and Borrowbox) and have purchased licences to download and print early readers in Ukrainian for children. We have also ordered some Ukrainian newspapers and magazines for our library branches along with the Ukrainian Community Hub in Ballyogan.

As with all DLR websites, content on <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/> can be accessed in multiple languages, including Ukrainian and Russian, by using the Accessibility button at the top of the webpage. Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include: [LOTE Online, PressReader and Borrowbox](#)

### **Public information sessions on the proposed new Library in Ballyogan**

We held 2 public information sessions in the Samuel Beckett Centre in Ballyogan on Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December. The sessions included a presentation to stakeholders from the area, members of the public dropped in over the course of the two days, looked at the draft plans and gave us feedback. We had a selection of books to borrow, audio books, a mobile Magic Table, some of our sensory toys and other promotional material on hand to give everyone a flavour of some of the resources and services that will be on offer in the new Library. To facilitate those who could not join us on those dates, we held an online session on Thursday 8 December. Again, attendees got a chance to look at the proposed plans and offer us their feedback.

### **Social Prescribing Programme**

The dlr Social Prescribing Programme for Health & Well-Being took place in November and December with the **Libraries & Community Creative Café**. This consisted of taster sessions where those who need it most could try out a different activity each week, followed by a friendly and relaxed social cuppa and information about upcoming events & activities. Sessions held in dlr LexIcon included: Mandala therapy workshops, nature art classes, local history talks and singing and storytelling sessions. The aim of this targeted programme for people with disabilities is to help improve the mental health and well-being of participants and reduce the sense of isolation often felt by such vulnerable groups in our society. In collaboration with Southside Partnership, this programme was funded by the Creative Ireland Programme.

### **English in the Library**

This popular, informal group, for those learning English as a second language, continue to meet every Monday evening in dlr LexIcon.

### **Christmas Events**

Ahead of the festive season, we held Christmas craft workshops, including cardmaking for adults with Susie Fortune, cardmaking for children with the Muddle and Making a Reindeer, Mini Wreaths, Felt & Paper Decorations and Découpage with Kim Jenkinson. Library staff also facilitated craft workshops on making your own Christmas cards. The amazing children's choir The Supertones, and their director Julie Shanley, performed some seasonal favourites in Blackrock Library to a large and appreciative audience.

### **Healthy Ireland Events**

We were delighted to offer 2 online events in December as part of our Healthy Ireland at your Library Programme. We welcomed paediatric Dietician, Jenny McNulty via Zoom for a talk on *Feeding your 4 to 9 year old*, and sleep technologist Deirdre Ms Swiney gave some much-needed advice on *Getting a Good Night's Sleep*.

### **Events for the Neurodiverse**

Continuing our programming of inclusive events for the neurodiverse, we held our *Creative Christmas Room* in the Studio, dlr LexIcon on 3 December. There were 3 sessions with White Doodle Art, 2 of which were aimed specifically for those with additional needs. Activities included: Create a Christmas Picture with paint sticks and collage, and print and stencil your very own personalised Christmas card. We had an area with sensory toys and equipment set up for participants to use if they needed to self-regulate during the sessions. Our Magic Tables in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries, continue to be booked for use by individuals and groups, and requests to borrow items from our collection of sensory toys, are ongoing.

### **Using Technology workshops**

Deansgrange Library hosted workshops on computers for beginners in association with Age Action, and LexIcon staff facilitated some classes on using your smartphone or tablet.

## **Library Ireland Week (4 - 10 December)**

Every year, Library Ireland Week celebrates libraries throughout the country.

The theme this year was 'Libraries as Places of Sanctuary', and through our various social media channels, we showcased our library resources, facilities, events and services and promoted our spaces as safe places of refuge and sanctuary.

## **Events for Adults**

### **Clubs & Groups**

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to use our library spaces to meet.

These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, the Knitting Club in Cabinteely Library, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The staff-led Film Club in Blackrock continues; the Ciorcal Comhrá, the informal Irish conversation group, has returned to the LexIcon Café every Tuesday morning, and a weekly crafting circle now takes place in Shankill Library.

Each of the 8 branches have in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library with some also continuing with their online book clubs, due to ongoing demand. The very popular online monthly Book Club with Mary Burnham continues to meet online, taking a break for December only. The December title for discussion *Small things like these* by Claire Keegan, will be discussed at the January meeting. In this its centenary publication year, a new *Ulysses* book Club for adults has begun in Dundrum Library. For those who've always wanted to read this literary masterpiece, members will meet monthly to discuss two chapters at a time in order to finish the tome by Bloomsday 16 June 2023.

A Dungeons & Dragons Club is being piloted in dlr LexIcon, and has proven so popular that a second group is due to start in early 2023.

## ***Exhibition Programme***

### **The Sea by David Branigan**

**dlr LexIcon, Level 4**

**Until 28 January**

During the Pandemic, local photographer David Branigan received an Arts Council grant to produce a book of his work. The book features 21 images in black & white. The theme is how we use our connections with the sea to find our resilience, especially in times of crisis. It was intended that the work would be photographed around Ireland but the regional lockdowns prevented that. The result is that most of the images were taken around Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and are both land-based and afloat. These beautiful images have been made into this breathtaking, unmissable exhibition.

### **Humans of the Biosphere**

**dlr LexIcon Lab, Level 3 dlr LexIcon**

**Until 3 January 2023**

This exhibition celebrates the sustainable and harmonious relationship between people and nature, fostered by UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme. It was produced by local man Derek Skehan with the aim of capturing through a lens the shared connections between local people and our internationally important nature reserves.

### **An Garda Síochána Centenary Exhibition**

**Level 3, dlr LexIcon**

**Until 2 Dec 2022**

This exhibition gives an insight into the founding of An Garda Síochána and how An Garda Síochána developed its own style of policing in Ireland since the foundation of the state and in particular focuses on the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.



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

## Events for Children

### Family Time at your Library

Part of the national Right to Read campaign and taking place each December, these events aim to support a family-focused approach to reading with children.

Highlights this year included Pottery Painting for families in Dalkey Library, a visit from author and illustrator Ashwin Chacko to Dundrum Library and Storytelling with Wayne O'Connor in Blackrock Library. Staff in Stillorgan Library organised a Book Treasure Hunt around the Stillorgan Shopping Centre.

### dlr LexIcon Lab Events

The diverse dlr LexIcon lab events programme continued with 4 workshops with Spain Fagan Hughes as part of the Inventors' Club series. Mark the Science Guy hosted two live sessions for schools during the month.

### Grúpa Spraoi

This regular gathering returned to dlr LexIcon on 3 December for family crafts as Gaeilge with Sinéad Ní Chofaigh

## Statistics

### Social media (as of 16 December 2022)

Facebook	6,898
Twitter	8,754
Instagram	3,546
TikTok	297
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	9,943

### Online resources (preliminary monthly figures as of 15 December 2022)

Resource	Description	Dec 2022
Overdrive	eAudio	683
Overdrive	eBook	1068
Overdrive	Comic	5
Overdrive	Magazines	2171
Borrowbox	eAudio	4,039
Borrowbox	eBook	1,831
Freegal	Streaming + Download	976
Pressreader	Newspapers	9531
Tumblebooks	Books	7
Lote4kids	Logins	0
Medici	Videos Viewed	0
Who Else	Logins	2
Who Next	Logins	2
Moshi	Accounts	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>20315</b>

## Parks

- Landscape Maintenance ongoing in Public Open Spaces/Parks/Sports Pitches/Playgrounds/Cemeteries/Housing sites/Halting Site/Senior Citizens residence/ Reservoirs & Pumping Stations/Sandyford Industrial Estate/Road Reservations/Margins, roundabouts, medians & embankments (Grass cutting/litter picking etc), ongoing by Landscape Maintenance Contractors and Parks Staff
- Bulb Planting completed- County Wide
- Tenders awarded for tree works - County Wide
- Tender awarded for tree purchases - County Wide
- Ongoing tree works by Parks Staff
- Path Upgrade Works Crosthwaite Park, completed
- Pitch improvement works ongoing county wide
- Boules facility completed at Marlay Park
- Marlay Ponds removal of invasive plant species by specialist contractor, completed
- New entrance into Cabinteely Park from Brennanstown Wood, completed

## Heritage

- Garda Centenary memorial opened in Cabinteely Park
- Integration of heritage interpretation into Active Travel projects
- Heritage Plan funding recouplement from Depts of Culture/Heritage/Heritage Council
- Board meeting Joyce Tower Museum, introduction meetings with dlrcc staff and new manager, Alice Ryan
- Preparation of bespoke mountains archaeology training for Dublin Mountains Partnership Volunteers, Tour Guides, Walking groups, Mountain biking groups, distribution of Dublin's Monumental Mountains booklet, Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology social media
- Preparation of 2022 Annual Heritage Plan Review
- Progression of County Geology interactive digital content
- Publication of national community heritage grant schemes
- Completion of People's History of dlr interviews
- Progression of Fernhill house condition report
- Progression of Glen Druid dolmen public access feasibility study
- Progression of Dún Laoghaire Augmented Reality historic photo project / Pier interpretation project
- dlr Tree Policy input
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens and community groups

## Sports Development

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

### Schools (Drafts programme)

1. St. John's, Ballybrack (10-12 age)
2. Colombanus, Loughlinstown (10-12 age)
3. St. Kevin's Sallynoggin (10-12 age)
4. Gael Scoil Pdraig, Ballybrack (10-12 age)
5. St. Lawrence's School, Ballybrack (13-16 age)
6. Good Shepard, Dundrum (10-12 age)
7. St. Joseph's Dun Laoghaire (10-12 age)

### Youth groups

1. Mounttown Crosscare - mixed group (10-12 age)
2. Whitehouse Crosscare - boys group (13-15 age)
3. Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group (10-12 age)
4. Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group (15-17 age)
5. Youth Diversion, Ballyogan - mixed group (13-17 age)
6. Carmona Services - mixed group (20-24 age)

7. Strive Disability Group, Pottery Road (20-24 age)
8. Autism Initiative - special needs session (20- 24 age)
9. Loughlinstown Community Rooms - mixed group (13-15 age)

### **Camps Midterm (UCD coaches were arranged for Sallynoggin, Dún Laoghaire and Mounttown)**

1. Strive Disability - mixed group (20-24 age)
2. Mounttown Crosscare - mixed group (13-17 age)
3. Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group (10-14 age)
4. Dun Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group (15-17 age)

### **Other activities**

1. Met with Oma Bamidiele from Peter McVerry Trust in relation to setting up after school activities.
2. Brought Dún Laoghaire Youth Group Bowling.
3. Organised Go Quest session for Sallynoggin Youth Reach.
4. Assisted dlr Sports Partnership with their Santa Dash family day in Cabinteely Park.

### **Sports Partnership**

- **Santa Dash 2022** - held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December in Cabinteely Park as part of the Winter initiative (nearly 150 participants of all ages and abilities).
- **Secondary Schools Programmes** - delivering a number of sports specific programmes in local schools in partnership with NGBS - Table Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Rowing, Basketball, Olympic Handball.
- **Winter Initiative** - continuing to link into this national initiative to roll out participation programmes and awareness raising activities to increase people's activity levels during the winter months.
- **Online Older Adult Exercise Classes** - working with Siel Bleu, as part of the Winter Initiative, to deliver a 6-month online programme for older adults not ready to join in-person activities.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme 2023** - 35 grants awarded totaling €36,500 across Women In Sport, Disability Inclusion and Volunteering & Training (Sport Ireland funding).
- **Active Cities Dublin** - collaborating with Active Cities Officers in all 5 cities find ways of promoting and sustaining new and existing programmes for 2023. Raising awareness of project through presenting information to specific target groups and key stakeholders.
- **Blazing Wheel's Roller-Skating Programme** - weekly, learn to roller skate initiative for women with a fun, social focus (20 participants) now complete.
- **ExWell** - weekly programme for older adults with chronic illnesses in Sandyford Community Centre as part of the Active Cities initiative.
- **Map My Park** - continuing work with Parks Dept. to highlight and promote the use of Blackrock, Clonmore, Cabinteely, Killbogget, Shanganagh, and Loreto parks by means of user friendly and visible information boards and signage.
- **Ukraine Refugee Supports** - joint funding gym visits to the dlr Leisure Ballyogan centre for adults staying in the Rest Centre.
- **Boules Courts** - working with the Parks Dept. to install new Boules courts in Marlay and Kilbogget Parks as part of the Active Cities project. Work in Kilbogget is nearing a close and plans to open in January 2023.
- **Choices For Health** - working with Cluain Mhuire to deliver a new programme for adults suffering mental ill-health with visits to dlr Leisure Monkstown.
- **Xcessible Bronze Award** - working towards meeting the criteria to be recognised by the Cara Centre as a disability inclusive organisation.
- **Safeguarding** - 2 Safeguarding 1 Workshop (22 participants).
- **2023 Calendar of Training/Workshops** - full 2023 calendar of safeguarding workshops and Sports First Aid workshops available for booking online.



- **Marketing and Information:**
  - Promotion of events and initiatives across all social media platforms
  - Development of new Sports Partnership website for 2023
  - Liaising with wider LSP network, providing copy and imagery for LSP Newsletter
  - Delivering scheduled “look back” imagery social media posts as 2022 highlights.