

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

AUGUST MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 August - 31 August 2021

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COVID-19

On the 16th August, the Council offices re-opened to the public. The Council has ensured that public health provisions are in place with regard to signage, screens, social distancing and sanitation stations. While additional staff have returned to the office as a result of the opening, staff also continued to work from home, in line with public health advice.

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

Libraries

All dlr Library spaces re-opened to the public on Monday 10 May, as part of a gradual, responsible resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines. Services available during this phase include:

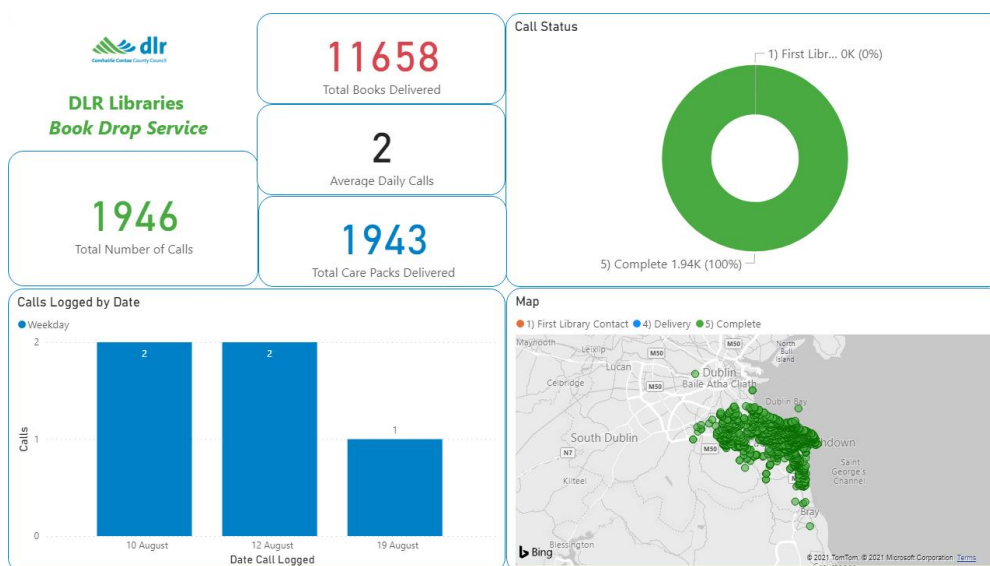
Return and borrowing of items, quick browse visits with restricted numbers in place and a return to usual staffed opening hours with late evenings and Saturday opening.

Printing from home, from a personal device, or from a designated quick-use PC and use of self-service photocopiers is permitted while use of Surfbox postal printing service, for next day delivery, and the availability of all our online services continues. The national reserves system remains operational during this phase as does the national delivery service for inter-county reservations.

However, as per Government guidelines for this phase, we are unable at present to provide any service which involves seating, including access to general seating or study spaces. We are unable at this time to provide full access to Internet PCs/laptops, or to programme live indoor events in our spaces. During this phase, numbers permitted at organised outdoor events = 200 attendees.

Book Drop Service

Since the re-opening of library spaces, and the continuing roll-out of the national vaccination programme, the number of calls to the Book Drop Service has continued to decline. Almost **1,950** calls have been received since April 2020, with over **11,600** books delivered to the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community. Book packs, where still required, are delivered by the dlr Library driver.



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

Community Response to COVID-19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 4,485 calls since it commenced on 30 March 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 6 calls were received in August. The majority of the calls relate to requests in relation to the HSE vaccination programme.
- The Community Response Forum is meeting every two months at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:

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

Keep Well Campaign 2021

The Keep Well campaign is a national campaign which the government is promoting to help people stay well through the winter months. The Campaign is focused on 5 themes: Staying Connected, Switching Off and Being Creative, Managing your Mood, Keeping Active and Eating Well.

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

The promotion of the Keep Well Campaign in DLR continues. The 5 themes of the campaign are being promoted on social media. Each week focuses on a different theme with initiatives from the respective theme promoted.

Heritage

Roll out of Covid-safe outdoor Summer of Heritage 2021 programme of free guided outdoor and indoor heritage tours. Two new outdoor tours added – George's St. Past, Present, Future and Dún Laoghaire Street Art Tour.

Municipal Services

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

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

Road maintenance: the level of activity is at normal service with the majority of outdoor staff in operation. Essential operations including emergency repairs and upkeep, winter

maintenance, responses to Gardaí and traffic accidents continue to be dealt with, and Road Resurfacing & Footpath upgrade programmes are in progress.

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

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

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

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

Beaches/Harbours/Piers: All services have resumed.

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

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

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment launched the [Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID](#) (SBASC) in March. The scheme targeted those businesses with operating costs that do not qualify for the COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS) operated by the Revenue Commissioners. Closing date for applications under this phase of the Scheme was April 21st 2021 and a total of 147 applications were received. This Scheme has now been extended to to include businesses operating from a non-rateable premises like a home business or yard.

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

The Fáilte Ireland [Outdoor Dining Scheme](#) which was introduced in April 2021 provides funding to individual businesses to introduce or expand their outdoor seating. The Scheme is open for applications until September 30 2021, and replaces the Street Furniture Grant which had been introduced by the Council last year. To date over €100,000 has been provided to support dlr businesses in the hospitality sector.

The coming months will see the roll-out of a major initiative involving lighting up significant buildings. This is made possible by "Destination Towns" funding from Fáilte Ireland.

The Economic Development Unit has been involved in a number of significant initiatives aimed at increasing footfall in the county's towns and villages, including the Dún Laoghaire Anseo street art programme and the Summer Streets initiative.

Infrastructure and Climate Change:

The Directorate is continuing its work on the following CoVid19 interventions and Active travel programme.

- The Directorate continues to respond to environmental, waste and litter pollution incidents, as needed, and such incidents are recorded and managed as usual through the Civic Hub and the CRM system.
- The Council's waste recycling facilities remain open (at Ballyogan, Eden Park and Shanganagh) with social distancing and other HSE recommended protocols in place and the Council-operated Bring Banks continue to be serviced and made available for use by the public. Activity at these sites during Covid 19 has increased compared to the same months last year.
- Property Management continues to offer a full service.
- The Capital Projects Team continue to progress capital projects through design stages. Some delays are encountered with Covid restrictions on the construction sectors and associated services.

Forward Planning Infrastructure

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

Architectural Services

All areas fully operational.

Housing

- The Housing Department, as an essential service, continues to operate although with some additional health and safety restrictions, due to Covid-19. Housing services including Homeless, Allocations, HAP and essential Housing Maintenance works are being progressed with additional supports provided as required to the vulnerable including the Traveller Community. Given the limited access to homes, some services such as standards inspections and minor maintenance calls continue to be suspended. Part V negotiations have continued and applications for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older Persons and People with a Disability continue to be processed.

- Staff continue to engage with home loan borrowers and tenants who have been affected by a loss of or reduced income as a result of the pandemic.

Finance

Rates: The Government announced a waiver of commercial rates for the first 9 months of 2021. Quarters 1 and 2 of this 9 month waiver have been applied to customers’ accounts. Quarter 3 will be applied shortly. Customers have been informed of their revised balances. The Council continues to work in partnership with businesses who are experiencing difficulty paying their rates. Payment plans are entered into which are mutually acceptable to the business and the Council.

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

Financial Management: The impact of Covid-19 on the Council’s financial position has seen a deterioration in our cash position as we await receipt of approx. €17m rates waiver support in respect of the 1st 9 months of 2021. Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR COVID – SBASC: The Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment launched the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) on 11th March 2021 which was intended to target those businesses with operating costs that do not qualify for the COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS) operated by the Revenue Commissioners.

This scheme is now closed for applications. The closing date for applications was 21st April 2021 at 11.59pm.

The following is the position with the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID – SBASC Quarters 1 and 2.

Quarter 1

Applications paid	93
Application approved but not paid	0
Applications awaiting further information from applicants	0
Applications rejected	<u>58</u>
Total	151
 Total Grant Payments Q1	 €372,000

Quarter 2

Applications paid	40
Application approved but not paid	60
Applications awaiting further information from applicants	8
Applications rejected	<u>28</u>
Total	136

Of the 136 applications received, 56 had also applied in Q1, 80 were new. 123 applications were for a grant of €4,000 – turnover €50k plus & 13 for a grant of €1,000 - turnover between €20,000 and €49,999.

Planning:

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

Corporate Affairs:

- A Special meeting of the Council was held on the 30th August to determine the variation of the Local Property Tax

Circulars and Relevant Documents

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

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV_0rE8rLp5_kgxBuCa?dl=0



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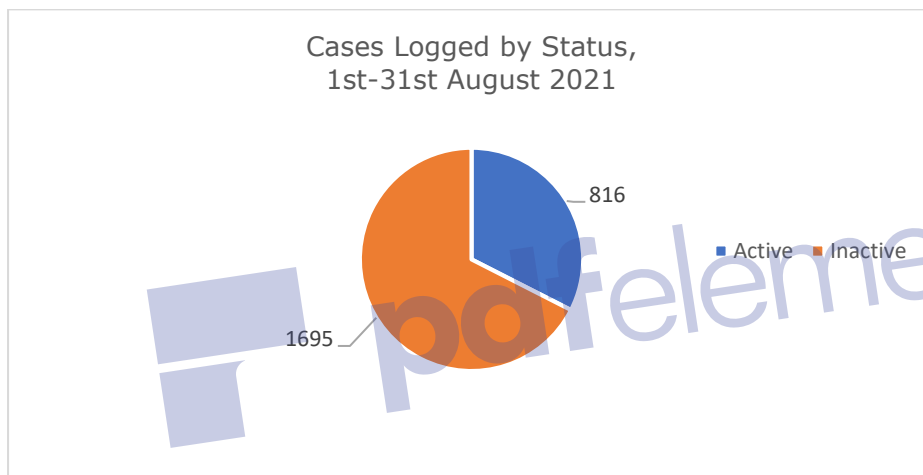
Cathaoirleach's Office

The Cathaoirleach's Office continued to be very busy during the month of August. Events attended by the Cathaoirleach included the Laser 4.7 Youth World Championship, promotion of National Heritage Week, opening of playground at Blackthorn Drive, and the CHERISH Project Exhibition.

Public Sector Duty

The Working Group set up, met again in August to explore the equality and human rights within an organisation and their capacity to frame and drive the duty. The group also considered the preparation of an equality and human rights values statement, with respectful as an anchor value. The group will continue to work on the preparation of the statement.

Civic Hub Stats:



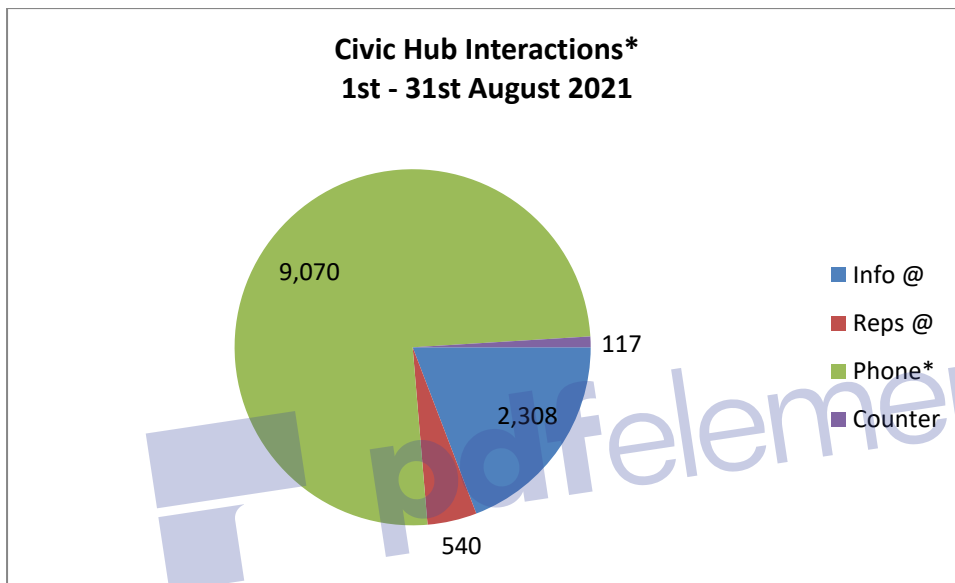
Cases logged from 1st – 31st August 2021

Open	816
Closed	1695

Cases Logged from 1st – 31st August 2021, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	2	1	3
Ballyogan Depot	1	1	2
CoCo	4	1	5
Comms & Civic Hub	16	158	174
Community	6	1	7
Corporate Services	5	1	6
dlrcoco	11		11
Enterprise	2	1	3
Environment	110	396	506
Finance	25	328	353
Housing	68	74	142

IT		1	1
Libraries	3	1	4
Parks	223	193	416
Planning	6	13	19
Property	7	4	11
Transportation	304	439	743
Waste Enforcement	10	58	68
Water Services	13	24	37
Grand Total	816	1695	2511



* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from 1st – 31st August 2021

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	7,950	1,120










Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,308	540	2,848

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	97	20	117

Social Media and Website Activity – August 2021

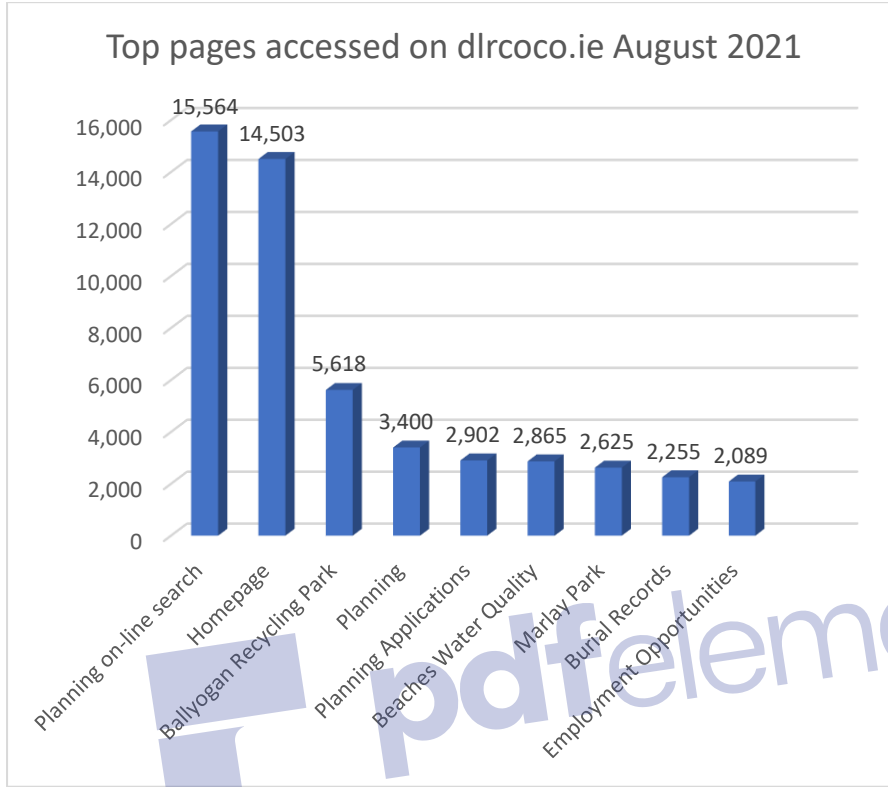
Profiles

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
Reporting Period	68,606	567	1,053	2,374,769	69,784	2.9%	87,128
Aug 1, 2021 - Aug 31, 2021	↑ 0.9%	↓ 21.3%	↓ 10.7%	↓ 16.8%	↓ 25.6%	↓ 10.5%	↑ 99.3%
Compare to	67,982	720	1,179	2,854,598	93,751	3.3%	43,708
Jul 1, 2021 - Jul 31, 2021							
 @DLR_Librarie s	8,379	24	68	96,675	1,939	2%	442
 @dlrArts	2,679	22	127	109,347	2,132	1.9%	3
 @dlrcc	17,807	187	257	1,109,740	32,662	2.9%	37,062
 @dlrheritevent s	3,833	31	93	115,076	2,925	2.5%	1,475
 @leo_dlr	5,542	-3	62	34,338	449	1.3%	41
 dlrcoco.ie	4,698	261	182	288,673	2,675	0.9%	6,588
 dlrevents	10,615	-9	0	1,096	7	0.6%	21
 Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council	12,434	44	218	596,837	25,991	4.4%	41,232
 Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown Sports Partnership	2,619	10	46	22,987	1,004	4.4%	264

Website Activity – page views

dlrcoco.ie	144,735
dlrevents.ie	5,679
dlr libraries	45,269



Press Queries

There were 12 press queries received in August.

Freedom of Information

There were 22 FOI Requests received in August.

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

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

13	Carysfort Ave/Convent Rd	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme		✓			
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Loreto Park				✓	
2	Mulvey Park (Part of)	✓				
3	Mt Albany Estate	✓				
4	Cloister Estate				✓	
5	Glenageary Park	✓				
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Brehonfield Road				✓	
2	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)				✓	
3	Baker's Corner's junction				✓	
4	Rochestown Avenue				✓	
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Kilcross Estate		✓			
2	Rathsallagh Estate	✓				
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
<p><i>*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.</i></p>						
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Proby Square (South)					Completed
2	Mariner's Court					Completed
3	Devitt Villas					Completed
4	Kilgobbin Road					Completed
5	Enniskerry Road					Completed
6	Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue					Completed

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2021 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Brewery Road Junction (Brewery Road/St Brigid's, Church Road)			✓				The scheme is currently on hold in the context of the Bus Connects proposals
Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents being finalised
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave	✓						Public consultation on the scheme took place between May 26 and July 8 and a report will be brought to the September Area Committee meeting.
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes	✓						Public consultation on the scheme took place between August 18 and September 17th and a report will be brought to the September Area Committee meeting.
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)	✓						An engineering consultant has been appointed to carry out the design of the scheme.
Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock				✓			A contractor has been appointed to carry out the improvements works on Newtownpark Avenue approaching the N11
Leopardstown Road Cycle Lane Improvements	✓						Tender documents for the engagement of Consultants to be prepared.
Nutgrove Avenue - Phase 3	✓						Tender documents for the engagement of Consultants to be prepared.
Selected Green Schools Walkability Audits Infrastructure				✓			Works are completed on Knapton Road and Albert Road. Works are nearly complete on Castlepark Road and works on Station Road (Glenageary Dart Station) commenced in July/August.
Cycle Parking Development					✓		128 stands have been installed in 2021 so far. Cycle and scooter parking to be delivered to schools when the stands are delivered
Roebuck Road (Fosters Avenue to Goatstown Road)	✓						Works on junctions to commence in September 2021
Protected Cycle Facilities	✓						List of locations to be prepared-junctions and routes.
Sandyford to City Centre Cycle Scheme (M50 to Drummartin Link Road)					✓		Scheme 99% complete. Snagging items raised by Stage 3 Road

						Safety Audit. Estimated completion: September 2021
New Pedestrian and Cycle entrance to Belfield on N11 at Nova UCD				✓		Scheme 98% complete. Waiting on installation of granite cladding and new gates at Nova UCD. Estimated completion October 2021.
Wyattville Road (Phase 2)			✓			Detailed design and preparation of tender documents ongoing
Covid 19 and July Stimulus Packed funded schemes – - Contractual Liability.						
2020 Covid Measures and 2020 July Stimulus Package				✓		Outstanding works from 2020 active travel schemes ongoing.

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

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

Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

Sports clubs in the County have been invited to apply for cycle parking via the online Public Consultation Hub and a press release was issued on May 14th, 2021 to encourage clubs to apply by September 2021.

<https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/cycle-scooter-parking-for-sports-clubs/>

A public consultation process seeking locations for Cargo Bike parking commenced on July 1st, with submissions due by August 6, 2021

<https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/cargo-bike-parking/>

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

There were no TAG meetings held remotely in August 2021

Bus Connects

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

Dundrum ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

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

Dundrum – Bus Interchange Project

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

Dun Laoghaire - Bus Interchange Project

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

Old Conna ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

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

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

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

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

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey commenced on site in February and is now complete. The topographical Survey has been completed and CCTV surveys are underway. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost: beneficial scheme is achievable. It is planned to hold an initial public engagement event later in the year.

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

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is underway. Initial data gathering work has commenced and a topographical survey has commenced on site.

4. Roads Control Unit August 2021

Reinstatement works

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out permanent reinstatements on behalf of Water Services Section as agreed under the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

Restoration works

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2021					
1	Proby Square (South)			Completed		
2	Mariner's Court			Resurfacing works completed		Outstanding Road marking and Antiskid Surfacing
3	Devitt Villas			Completed		Not certified yet
4	Kilgobbin Road			Completed		Fully paid
5	Enniskerry Road			Completed		Fully paid
6	Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue			Completed		Fully paid

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics: August 2021

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	196	246	229	347	364	318
Clean-Ups Assisted	29	65	65	67	50	60
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	35	22	13	20	40	27
Bathing Water Samples Taken	9	18	17	18	41	43
Gullies Cleaned	793	1160	1037	1487	1440	1204
Dumping Incidents Managed	69	95	78	53	32	30
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	2	1
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	15	1	0	11	0	21
Street Bin Collections	4233	5201	5707	6285	6709	6742

* Statistics available up to the end of July 2021.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – August 2021

- Workforce have continued operating on staggered roster arrangements to maintain social distancing requirements
- DLR’s Cleansing & Road Maintenance Sections are leading on critical enhancement works at Killiney Beach. Works recommenced in March 2021 and are now substantially complete with all major resurfacing and accessibility improvements completed inclusive of new access ramp and associated rock armour
- Arup are continuing to progress planning & design for longer term remediation measures at Coliemore Harbour and are also progressing plans to remove the failed segment of bedrock from the Harbour in early September
- Annual weeding contract ongoing via Redlough Landscapes
- Additional cleansing resources continue to be deployed on George’s Street to facilitate pedestrianisation including additional power washing, bins and enhanced litter clearance related activities
- New electric dust cart purchased to facilitate Georges Street pedestrianisation bin and litter clearance
- Temporary barrel and 1100L wheelie bins remain insitu at litter hotspot locations to meet challenges of increased demand on the street bin service
- Lifeguard service ongoing at Seapoint, Sandycove and Killiney in line with Bathing Season and Blue Flags flying at Killiney and Seapoint.
- New temporary toilet facilities now operational and open to the public at Sandycove Avenue East
- 4 newly recruited General Operatives commenced in Cleansing & Beaches

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2477 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 31st August a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	892
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	417
Parking a vehicle on a footway	308
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	252
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	96
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	96
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	93
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	66
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	48
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	44
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	27
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	22
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	20
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	16
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	15

Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	12
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	11
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	9
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	9
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	6
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	4
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	3
Parking out of the limits of a bay	3
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	2
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	2
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	2
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	1
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	1
Total No. of fines issued between 1st and 31st August 2021	2477

There were no convictions secured in August 2021, as the District Court is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions in place.

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 Aug 2021:	409
Percentage of lights out at the end of Aug 2021:	0.8%
Pole replacement carried out in Aug 2021:	0
Bracket replacements:	309
Tree trimming:	79
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	21
LED Upgrades	289

LED Upgrading Program

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

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed.	28
Inspections completed.	2

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	6
Legal requests:	2

Road Opening Licences August 2021

Road Opening Licences received from 1 st August 2021 – 31 st August 2021 via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Licence Applications Submitted	246
Licence Applications Granted	169
Licence Applications not processed	77

Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In August 2021 there were:

- 2 Applications for Roads closures
- 14 licences issued for Street furniture
- 2 applications for film location

7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

COVID-19 Measures

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

Harbour Safety Patrol Boat

This initiative is progressing well and has been broadly welcomed by all water users. The safety patrol will run to the end of August and for weekends in September.

Filming

Filming activity is beginning to increase as the national Covid-19 restrictions reduce, and some firm bookings are now being made. An RTE Drama is currently filming in the Ferry Terminal for a few days.

Drive-in Covid Test Centre

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

Projects:

National Watersports Campus

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

Berth 2 Fenders

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to design / tender 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.

West Pier Survey

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

St. Michaels Pier Sheet Pile Wall Survey

Doran Consulting have been appointed to carry out a full condition survey of the metal sheet pile wall that contains the infilled HSS vehicle compound area. This wall has never been surveyed previously, and the survey report will be important in determining the level of corrosion and future maintenance requirements of the wall. This survey is now completed, and we are awaiting the report.

Traders Wharf

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

West Pier Pontoon

Grant funding was successfully applied for (From the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine) for the installation of a plastic modular pontoon at a set of steps at the West Pier, Dun Laoghaire Harbour. This is to assist the various sailing schools and clubs operating in this area to embark and disembark passengers into boats safely. The pontoon will be seasonal, being installed from April to October each year. The pontoon should be in position by the end of September 2021.

Real Estate Negotiations

- The 1st Floor of Block 2, Harbour Square is vacant and advertised for lease. There has been some interest in recent weeks.
- The DMYC lease has been signed and stamped and is now complete.
- Negotiations have been recommenced with the INSS on renewal of their lease, having been delayed by Covid-19.

Ferry Terminal

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

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

Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies

Work is underway on developing the Economic Plans for Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Dún Laoghaire Town. The Stakeholder Engagement Campaign underpins both plans that will generate new ideas for the sustainable regeneration of the Town and the Harbour. The stakeholder engagement in respect of the Harbour Plan was completed on 28th Feb 2021. Indecon consultants are now finalising their plan for issue in the coming weeks.

Cruise Ship Business

Due in part to Brexit, and additional space required for customs checks, Dublin Port has reached capacity. They have therefore reallocated their main Cruise Ship berth to a freight shipping company. This has resulted in an increase in Cruise Ship Tender bookings for Dun Laoghaire Harbour in 2022. We are currently formulating plans for how to receive and welcome these Tender calls throughout next year.



Finance and Economic Development Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan-Aug 2021	Enterprise Ireland target August 2021
Feasibility Study	20	11
Business Priming	8	8
Business Expansion	8	7
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	7	7
Trading Online Vouchers	191	100
Microfinance Ireland	8	16
Total Approvals	242	

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	August 2021
No of jobs created	27.5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2021	Total Jan-August 2021
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	236
Clients attending Networking Events	539
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1,385
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	157
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	237
Clients participating in Leadership Management Programmes ¹	55
Total No of Clients Assisted	2,609

Note 1: No new programmes commenced in July/August

DLR Economic Development Supports

	Total Jan-August 2021
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	5
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	33
Business Promotion Grants	3
Outdoor Dining Scheme ²	64

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

Enterprise Promotion activities in August 2021

<p>DLR Enterprise News</p>	<p>LEO DLR – Enterprise News August 2021 (sent 03/08/21) Open rate 28.6%, 2570 recipients</p> <p>LEO DLR – Upcoming Training for September (sent 13/08/21) Open rate 28.6%, 2566 recipients</p> <p>LEO DLR – Enterprise News September 2021 (sent 30/08/21) Open rate 15.4%, 2578</p> <p>Open rate Industry average 11%</p>
<p>One-to-One Business Advice Sessions</p>	<p>Remote Sessions throughout August</p>
<p>Enterprising Women Network Meeting</p>	<p>31st August</p>

Tourism Development

Destination Towns Project

Work will commence soon on the lighting of the Maritime Museum, the Battery East Pier and St Michael’s Church. Site visits were conducted with the contractor and installation is due in September. The development of new walking trails along the coast and on the East Pier has gone to tender. It is anticipated that these will be installed by the end of 2021.

Dublin’s Coastal Trail

Fáilte Ireland in collaboration with local authorities are developing this new trail. The content for the Gateway signage has been signed off and it is anticipated that installation will take place mid October. Trail points at DART Stations in DLR include: Salthill, Dun Laoghaire, Glasthule, Dalkey & Killiney.

Tourism Friendly Cities (URBACT)

Building on the idea generation workshop held in July, a second action planning workshop was held on August 26th. This event was held outdoors at the National Yacht Club. It is intended to have a draft action plan developed by October.

Faillte Ireland Urban Animation Investment Fund

An application for the Fáilte Ireland Urban Animation investment Fund was submitted on June 18th to reimagine the public spaces around the dlr LexIcon. Unfortunately we received confirmation that this application was unsuccessful.

DLR Tourism Information Kiosk.

The Tourist Kiosk and is open 7 days per week. August has seen a large number of visitors return to Dun Laoghaire.

Tourism Promotion

Our new short tourism video clips are having a positive impact with a significant number of Impressions. We are also conducting a review of our website to ensure our search engine optimisation is fit for purpose.

Social Media Analysis: August 2021				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	6,687	345	14	456,516
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	3,482	69	25	27,700

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/07/2021				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/07/2021 €
A Total Housing & Building	-13,013,648	30,649,855	-28,440,123	-10,803,916
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-6,890,505	14,147,624	-12,484,184	-5,227,064
C Total Water Services	-2,309,719	420,408	-38,701	-1,928,012
D Total Development Management	-116,460,990	2,931,096	-11,730,573	-125,260,467
E Total Environmental Services	-1,537,685	20,618	-277,406	-1,794,472
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-13,255,266	3,769,951	-2,742,433	-12,227,748
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,738,072	7,772	-77,150	-4,807,450

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/07/21						
	Balance at 01/01/2021 €		Balance at 31/07/21 €		Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	19,133,314		54,547,327		51,460,403	3,086,924

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/07/2021
58.33%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	29,594,986	52,266,800	56.62%
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,901,488	33,534,600	53.38%
C	Water Services	6,916,573	12,722,200	54.37%
D	Development Management	15,208,329	28,826,300	52.76%
E	Environmental Services	18,647,253	32,172,200	57.96%
F	Recreation & Amenity	18,963,831	33,995,500	55.78%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,925,424	4,376,900	66.84%
H	Miscellaneous Services	25,328,542	13,454,700	188.25%
Total Expenditure		135,486,427	211,349,200	64.11%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	24,936,821	45,772,800	54.48%
B	Road Transport & Safety	8,143,972	14,719,000	55.33%
C	Water Services	4,521,459	8,750,900	51.67%
D	Development Management	5,725,131	11,073,300	51.70%
E	Environmental Services	3,311,458	5,576,700	59.38%
F	Recreation & Amenity	2,620,754	4,916,300	53.31%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,823,034	3,026,000	60.25%
H	Miscellaneous Services	21,526,443	7,297,500	294.98%
Sub Total		72,609,072	101,132,500	71.80%

LPT	Local Property Tax	10,869,656	18,633,700	58.33%
RA	Rates	53,686,620	91,583,000	58.62%
Total Income		137,165,347	211,349,200	64.90%

Surplus as 31/07/2021 -€1,678,920

Planning Applications – monthly statistics: 1st August – 31st August 2021

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	139	139
Decision Deferred	0	36	36
Decision to Grant**	1	92	93
Decision to Refuse**	0	23	23
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	1	89	90
Invalid Applications	0	23	23

*Includes 18 Applications for Retention

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

1 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP31118121	Shankill Property Investments Ltd Bray Golf Club Lands, Off Ravenswell Road and Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Dublin and Co. Wicklow 591 no. residential units (76 no. houses, 515 no. apartments), childcare facility and associated site works	20/08/2021	23/09/2021	www.coastalquartershd.com	09/12/2021
ABP31119021	1 Players land limited Cross Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin 244 no. Build to Rent apartments	23/08/2021	27/09/2021	www.crossavenueshd.ie	13/12/2021

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

Planning Counter Figures 1st August – 31st August, 2021

Customers Served	99
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County Hall re-opened 16th August 2021

Building Control

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	13
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	16
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn *	1
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	7
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	15/0
Commencement Notices Validated	42
7 Day Notices received	4
Completion Certs Validated	19

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received	48
Complaints closed	56

Litter and Waste Fines

August 2021	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	43	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	1	
Legal proceedings initiated.	7	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	123	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	133	Litter Section

Dublin Climate Action Week 2021 (DCAW21)

Dublin Climate Action Week 2021 (DCAW21) takes place on 13th September to Monday 13th to Sunday 19th September 2021. A range of online and in-person climate action events are now open for registration at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie. The broad range of events address the theme areas of Energy & Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature Based Solutions, Resource Management and Citizen Engagement.

The Promotional Video, featuring our dlr Cathaoirleach, the Mayors of South Dublin County Council and Fingal County Council, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin City Council. This video is available to view at: <https://bit.ly/ClimateActionWeek21>.

Air Quality

The four Dublin Local Authorities (Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council) are preparing an Air Quality Plan to improve levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in ambient air in Dublin.

The four Dublin LA's are now advising the public that a Plan is being prepared with a view to going to public consultation in September/October 2021.

Energy

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has been shortlisted as a successful finalist in the annual Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Energy Awards in the category Energy Team / Energy Manager of the year. The winners will be announced in October. On 15th September, as part of Dublin Climate Action Week, there is a free webinar 'Low energy buildings – social housing schemes, new builds and retrofits – and how Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown achieved 37% energy improvement from 2009-2019'. Bookings on www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie.

A free webinar on 'Home Energy Upgrades – How to Make Your Home Comfortable and Save Energy' will take place on Sunday 17th October as part of the Open House Dublin dlr programme of events. Bookings on www.openhousedublin.com

The Open House Dublin architecture festival will take place on 15-17th of October and will feature a blend of in-person and online events. The dlr events will predominantly take place on the Sunday and include architect-led tours of Rochestown House, Marlay House Courtyard. While the newly renovated Deansgrange Library will take part in a pilot of the accessible and disability inclusive tours. There will also be heritage contributions from the Decade of Centenaries project as Historian-in-Residence David Gunning leads a historic parkland tour at Marlay. A Grace Wilentz poetry reading, filmed in Marlay House and featuring new work commissioned as part of the Marlay – Creative Responses project, will be available online. The Royal St. George Yacht Club and Airfield are among the highlights of the programme. Bookings on www.openhousedublin.com

Conservation

Planning Applications	22
Section 5 Declarations	5
Section 57 Declarations	0
BHIS Grant Scheme	Ongoing monitoring of projects

Dangerous Buildings:

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	1
Total	4

Community and Cultural Development

Local Policing Fora

Meetings of the Dun Laoghaire Local Policing Forum and the Sandyford/Stepaside Local Policing Forum took place on 24 August. Both these meetings were held on MS Teams.

Age Friendly

The High Security Lock scheme for older people closed on 20 August. 593 applications were received. The process of assessing these applications has commenced.

New Boules Court

Councillor Lettie McCarthy, Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, launched the new Boules playing area at Loreto Park near Nutgrove. The new community pitch was made possible with the joint efforts from Loretto Men's Shed, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Nutgrove Shopping Centre.

The boules court will provide a space for the community to come together, meet, chat, laugh and have fun in a safe open-air environment.

Community Response to COVID-19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 4,485 calls since it commenced on 30 March 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 6 calls were received in August. The majority of the calls relate to requests in relation to the HSE vaccination programme.
- The Community Response Forum is meeting every two months at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19. The Community Response Forum meeting took place on 25th August 2021.

Cultural Development

Arts

dlr Choice - Local Live Performance Programming Scheme

dlr Choice, a Season of Summer Shows under the Local Live Performance Scheme funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, was officially launched by Cathaoirleach Cllr. Lettie McCarthy, at the Walled Garden Marlay Park on 4th August.

For many performers, this is the first time that they have played to live audiences in over 18 months and it brings live performance back to public outdoor spaces at the Walled Garden in Marlay Park, Moran Park at dlr LexIcon Library, Myrtle Square off George's Street, the garden at Dundrum Library and Blackrock Park.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/dlr-choice-season-summer-shows>

Musicians in Residence

The second Musician in Residence for 2021 started on 10 August. During the course of her Residency, pianist, vocalist, producer and composer Ruth O'Mahony-Brady will work in collaboration with artist Mary Barneclutt. The duo will compose music inspired by the

unique field recordings and found sounds captured from various areas within the greater Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown landscape.

The Scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and is managed by Music Network.

Municipal Gallery Programme

On Returning, New Work by Gary Coyle, the dlr Visual Art Commission for 2021, continued throughout August. The exhibition features a series of coloured drawings based on his regular DART journey between the City Centre and Dún Laoghaire. In part inspired by Japanese Wood block prints of the 18th & 19th Centuries, they are made on a computer using photo shop and a drawing tablet.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/returning-gary-coyle-exhibition>

Ballyogan Community Childcare Co-Creation Commissions

We are delighted to announce that dlr Arts Office in partnership with Ballyogan Family Resource Centre is commissioning two artists to work with early years children from 2 to 5 years to co-create artwork that is fun, creative and connected to the outdoors. The artists are Thomas Johnston and Joanna Parkes. Playful encounters between artists and children have been rare in 2020 and 2021 and these two commissions are designed to create space and time for these two artists to co-create artwork with early years children in Community Childcare Service in Ballyogan.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/early-years-arts/ballyogan-community-childcare-co-creation-commissions-2021>

Libraries

All dlr Library spaces re-opened to the public on Monday 10 May, as part of a gradual, responsible resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines. Services available during this phase include:

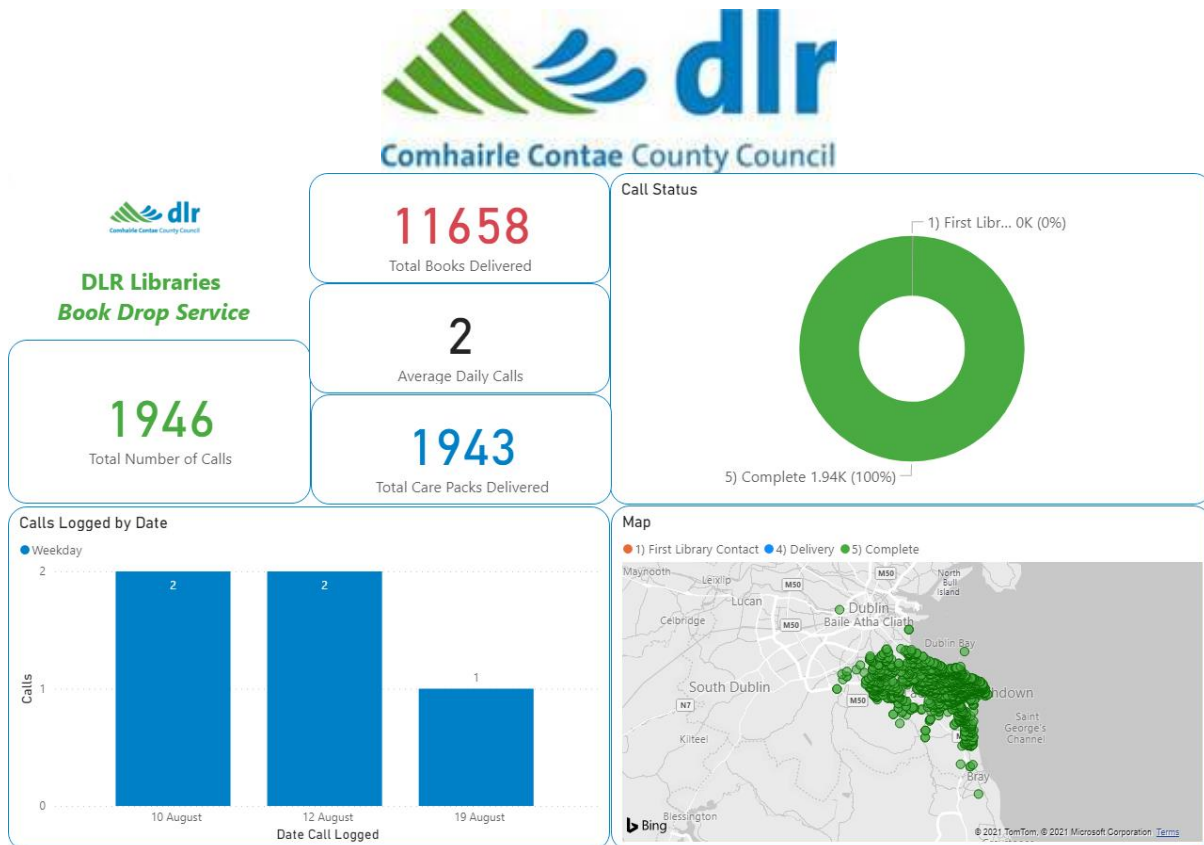
Return and borrowing of items, quick browse visits with restricted numbers in place and a return to usual staffed opening hours with late evenings and Saturday opening.

Printing from home, from a personal device, or from a designated quick-use PC and use of self-service photocopiers is permitted while use of Surfbox postal printing service, for next day delivery, and the availability of all our online services continues. The national reserves system remains operational during this phase as does the national delivery service for inter-county reservations.

However, as per Government guidelines for this phase, we are unable at present to provide any service which involves seating, including access to general seating or study spaces. We are unable at this time to provide full access to Internet PCs/laptops, or to programme live indoor events in our spaces. During this phase, numbers permitted at organised outdoor events = 200 attendees.

Book Drop Service

Since the re-opening of library spaces, and the continuing roll-out of the national vaccination programme, the number of calls to the Book Drop Service has continued to decline. Almost **1,950** calls have been received since April 2020, with over **11,600** books delivered to the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community. Book packs, where still required, are delivered by the dlr Library driver.



dlr Libraries Online

While in this phase, we continue with our events programme in an online environment in the main. Small organised outdoor events are permitted in line with public health guidelines.

All our online services/resources remain available. You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!

Tumble Books – Online collection of ebooks for children
 Borrowbox & Overdrive - download eBooks and eAudiobooks
 PressReader - read newspapers
 Overdrive– read magazines & comics
 Transparent Language Online – learn a language
 Universal Class – take a course
 Freegal – stream or download music
 Listen to one our recorded podcasts or look at one of our exhibitions online.

Sunday re-opening of dlr LexIcon

The beginning of August saw the re-opening of **Level 3 in dlr LexIcon** for browsing and borrowing on Sundays between 12pm-4pm. Library users can browse the displays on Level 3 and borrow and return items on a self-service basis. The Municipal Gallery is open during these hours also to view *On returning* – an exhibition by Gary Coyle and the *Climate Change & Coastal Heritage* exhibition by the CHERISH Project is on display on Level 3 and also outdoors at Moran Park.

Events for Adults

All our events remain primarily online during this phase.

Online, we're continuing with our arts and crafts posts, literary and popular culture discussions and nature and local history posts, to encourage our users to continue to engage with us and to stimulate memories and discussion via our social media platforms.

A series of talks by The Dyslexia Association of Ireland

As part of our objective to make dlr Libraries more accessible, we've joined forces with the Dyslexia Association of Ireland to host a talk each month from August to November for parents and guardians. Topics include:

Moving from primary to secondary School

What is dyslexia – strategies for children at school

What is dyslexia – strategies for adults at college and work

Dyslexia & Assistive Technology

Regular events for adults

Online Book Clubs

Our popular online monthly book club with Mary Burnham took place on the last Wednesday of August at 7.30pm with a Zoom discussion of *The Order of the Day* by Eric Vuillard. The club continues to attract new members each month. Members can call in to collect the chosen titles or continue to download them from our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox. Blackrock Library book club for adults also met online in August. The dlr staff online book club will resume in September.

Exhibition Programme

Climate Change & Coastal Heritage

10 August – 26 September 2021

dlr LexIcon, Level 3 & outdoors at Moran Park

dlr Libraries are pleased to host the exhibition *Climate Change and Coastal Heritage*, the first venue in Ireland for this timely exhibition. It is organised by The CHERISH Project (Climate, Heritage and Environments of Reefs, Islands, and Headlands) which brings together four partners across two nations: the Discovery Programme: Centre for Archaeology and Innovation Ireland; Geological Survey, Ireland; the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales; and Aberystwyth University: Department of Geography and Earth Sciences. Discover how the latest technologies contribute to research work and monitoring by The CHERISH Project revealing the effects of climate change on Irish and Welsh coastlines. A highly topical subject!

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

STEAM events

In August, as part of our LexIcon Lab STEAM programme, we continued with our series of online Coding workshops for children and Arduino workshops for adults.

Events for Children

Summer Stars 2021

31 August sees the end of this year's Summer Stars reading challenge. Over 950 children **have** registered **so far** with dlr Libraries for the Summer Stars Programme in 2021. Each dlr Library will choose 3 lucky winners from all those who returned their reading cards over the summer. Those prizewinners will attend the Grand Prizegiving in dlr LexIcon in early September to receive their medals and additional prizes.

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/summer-stars-2021>

Creative Competition for Children & Young People – dlr Play Policy 2021

Entrants have until 1st September to submit their stories, poems, drawings, 3D models as part of our joint Creative Competition with our colleagues in dlr Parks. The theme is "How I like to Play".. This summer we want it to be all about play, in the real world and in your

imagination. We want to know where and how you like to play, and what you remember as being your best play experiences. Feel free to let your imagination go everywhere and anywhere! Your ideas may well be used to contribute to the dlr Play Policy 2021 which is currently being devised by dlr Parks department.

Lego Competition 2021

We're inviting children and young people to participate in the 5th annual **dlr Libraries Lego Competition**, a perfect project to work on with a chance to win some prizes!

The theme this year is "**How I Like to Play...**" which ties in with the Creative Competition we're running in association with dlr Parks Dept. Prizes will be awarded across 4 age categories and a Crowd Favourite (voted for by public and library staff).

Closing date for builds to be handed into staff in dlr LexIcon is 15 September. Prizes will be awarded by Bricks4Kidz, who are very kindly judging the entries again for us.

Creative Writing workshops

August saw the return of more online workshops with the team at *Fighting Words*. These creative writing sessions were aimed at younger children aged 7yrs all the way up to early teens.

Let's Get Started!

Let's get started is a series of story and craft workshops in August to help those starting school in September to prepare for this exciting but potentially scary time! After listening to the wonderful story *My School Unicorn*, you can also learn to make your very own School Unicorn to fit in your pocket or schoolbag, and help you feel more confident during those first few days in Junior Infants.

Statistics: Social media (August 2021)

Facebook	7,157 followers
Twitter	8,379 followers
Instagram	2,939 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	7,460 subscribers

Parks

Biodiversity:

- Biodiversity Events – Aug 21st Biodiversity Walk in Shanganagh Park and Aug 22nd Bird Walk in Fitzsimons Woods
- Tender call for IAS Japanese Knotweed Treatment for the Dodder
- Treatment of IAS Spartina at Booterstown commenced
- Treatment of Giant Hogweed on the Carrickmines River Catchment completed for 2021
- Success in application for EU Funded Interreg project - *Green Infrastructure Decision Support for Ecosystem Services* - EMRA and DLR partner on this project. This Pilot Action will test an approach to ES and GI mapping firstly in DLR which can be standardised across the Dublin Metropolitan Area (DMA) and will improve the target policy instrument - The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region 2019-2031.
- DLR Biodiversity Harvesting Project Collecting Local Seed, first harvest completed in fernhill meadows
- Monitoring of the translocation of orchid rich grassland in Cherrywood– good success in first year
- Harvesting Project for rare plant Pale flax seed in Cherrywood commenced

- Meeting with Inland Fisheries to partner on fisheries project in DLR

Heritage

- Commissioning of Casement booklet for distribution when new statue installed
- National Heritage Week – support and promotion of 20 projects carried out by dlr communities and organisations.
- Liaison on Deansgrange Cemetery
- Coastal tourism action planning workshops
- 16 no. Covid-friendly guided walks/tours run for Summer of Heritage 2021. Two new tours added – George’s St. Past, Present, Future and Dún Laoghaire Street Art tour. All tours booked out.
- Final design of Heritage Plan
- Progression of projects at Carrickbrennan cemetery and Williamstown Tower
- Progression of 2021 Decade of Centenaries programme with dlr Historian in Residence
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens and community groups

CoCo Markets

During the month of August, we received 5 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 2 Christmas market for Marlay Park Saturday and Marlay Sunday (both non-food/craft)
- 1 Permanent for Marlay Saturday and Dun Laoghaire Sunday (Hot Food)
- 2 seasonal for Dún Laoghaire Sunday (Craft)

Sports Development

dlr Leisure:

Set up and completed the following activities in August.

Youth group programmes that took place in August.

1. Boylan Centre mixed group (12 –15 age bracket)
2. Boylan centre girls’ group (15-17 age bracket)
3. Shankill boys’ group (10-14 age bracket)
4. Shankill girls’ group (15-17 age bracket)
5. Larch hill special needs camp
6. Kilcross residents’ group mixed group (10 -12 age bracket)
7. Kilcross residents’ group mixed group (12-14 age bracket)
8. Sandyford youth group girls only (14 + age bracket)
9. Cois cairn youth group mixed (10-14 age bracket)
10. Shankill traveller group mixed (15 + age bracket)
11. Rosemount youth group mixed (10 -14 age bracket)
12. Balally youth group mixed (14+ age bracket)

The above programmes included multi-sport sessions, gym session and outdoor Archery. The larch hill group involved activities such as rock climbing, fun and games and nature walks.

September bookings

- We are currently in the process of contacting our dheis schools to start our drafts programme.
- Contacting cross care groups about setting up youth programmes
- Met with Loughlinstown community room about setting up youth group programmes going forward.

Update on September bookings will be provided in September report

Leinster Rugby:

Leinster Rugby Summer Camps

DLSP FC – 105 players – 96 boys & 9 girls (JS)

County Council Summer Camps

DLR Multisport camp, Ballyogan centre – 17 children – 6 boys & 11 girls (JS)

DLR Rugby Clubs

Metro Coach Reset Workshop – Old Wesley RFC – 23 coaches (mini & youth JS & AE)

Metro Coach Reset Workshop – Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC – 20 coaches (mini & youth JS & AE)

Two DLR clubs taking part in Give It a Try female program:

Old Wesley RFC – 13 new females

Blackrock College RFC – 16 new females

Blackrock RFC are also running a women's volunteer recruitment program Tag4EveryMum with 22 women signed up. They announced a reduced registration fee for the new members and have 41 girls registered with club now.

Jonathan & Emily are working in Leinster Rugby Summer Camps across the months of July & August 2021 (BOI & SOE). There are two BOI camps being hosted in DLR, BCRFC & DLSP FC

A huge congratulations to Emily McKeown being part of the Leinster Rugby Women's Senior Team for the 2021/22 season

FAI:

- Summer Soccer Schools: Camps held in Shankill FC, St Mary's, Sandyford and Dundrum FC. 200 children in total participated.
- Girls Emerging Talent: 50+ girls attending every week.
- Coach Education: 5v5 & 7v7 Workshop at Rosemount/Mulvey FC, 24 club coaches took part on each workshop.
- Currently planning our Coach Education calendar for Q4.
- Child Welfare: Awaiting Tutor training to deliver Safeguarding 1 courses.
- Planning for schools and Social inclusion programmes for Q4.

Leinster Cricket:

- Completed 2 sessions of hardball cricket with DLR girls in place of HBL competition this season.
- Started conversations with schools regarding term-time classes resuming as after school classes are still not on the cards yet.
- Planning for next year's Leprechaun cup softball competition. For first time ever, DLR will have its own district version with the winners going on to compete for the provincial title.
- Planning for next year's hardball Leprechaun cup. Some schools will want to field individual teams and others don't have the space/resources. If enough interest comes from schools lacking resources, we will try to form amalgamated squads from those schools to funnel into Team Shanganagh and Team Marley Park to give them opportunities to play hardball.
- Work is continuing with DLRC and the Shanganagh park redevelopment team as how best to include baseball and cricket in same space.

- Work is just commencing with Sandyford CC and the Marley Park redevelopment team about the pitch and facilities being relocated to another part of the park.

Sports Partnership:

- **Her Outdoors** – National initiative from the 9th to 16th August. Programmes in Yoga & Dip with SWAN, Intro to Sailing with Crosscare and Stand Up Paddle boarding for women in Dun Laoghaire (total of 98 participants).
- **Wheelchair Basketball Camp** – joint project with IWA Sport, South Dublin LSP & Basketball Ireland from 3rd to 5th August (14 children - wheelchair users).
- **Autism Outdoor Adventure Camp** – our annual outdoor activity camp for teenagers on the spectrum took place on 17th and 18th August in Larch Hill (22 participants).
- **Inclusive Bike Fleet** – ongoing promotion and bookings of free hire service for bikes suitable for older adults and people with disabilities in Dun Laoghaire. Collaboration with Infrastructure & Climate Change Dept., The Bike Hub and Cycling Without Age.
- **Inclusive Playground Equipment** – purchasing a Wheelchair Roundabout for Cabinteely Park to go with the new swing for wheelchair users.
- **Walking For Health** – 4-week walking programme in Marlay Park now complete (22 participants).
- **Woodlands For Health** – latest programme with weekly forest walks continuing for adults dealing with serious mental health difficulties.
- **Strength & Balance** – new 4-week programme for older adults started on 4th August in Cabinteely Park (23 participants).
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – applications for Round 2 closed on 9th August with submissions currently being reviewed.
- **Active Dublin** - Working with Sport Ireland and other Active Cities LSPs (8) around National coordination, common messaging and delivery.
- **Ballyogan Sports & Activity Hub** – continuing to liaise with local partners as well as developing initiatives for young people in the area.
- **Coach/Volunteer Training** – delivered courses in Child Safeguarding in Sport (15 attendees) and Sports First Aid (14 attendees).
- **Staffing** – still awaiting derogation from Department Local Gov. for 3 new positions with funding already secured through Sport Ireland.