



DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

MAY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

28 April – 31 MAY 2022

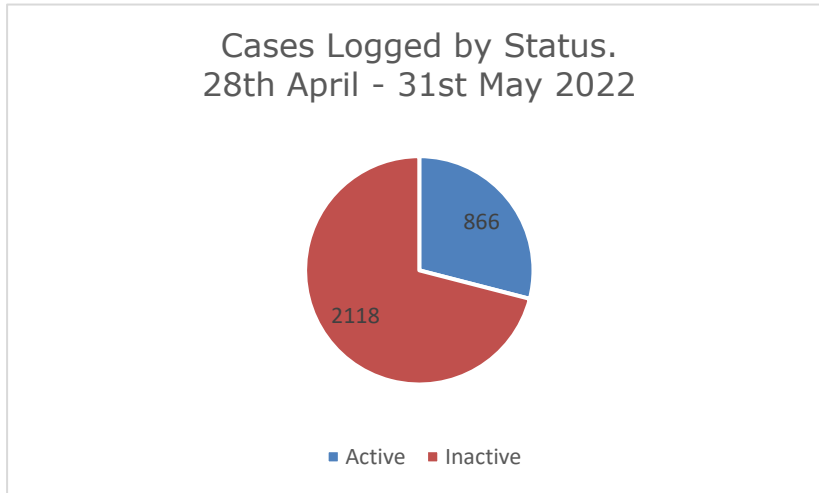


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Civic Hub Stats:

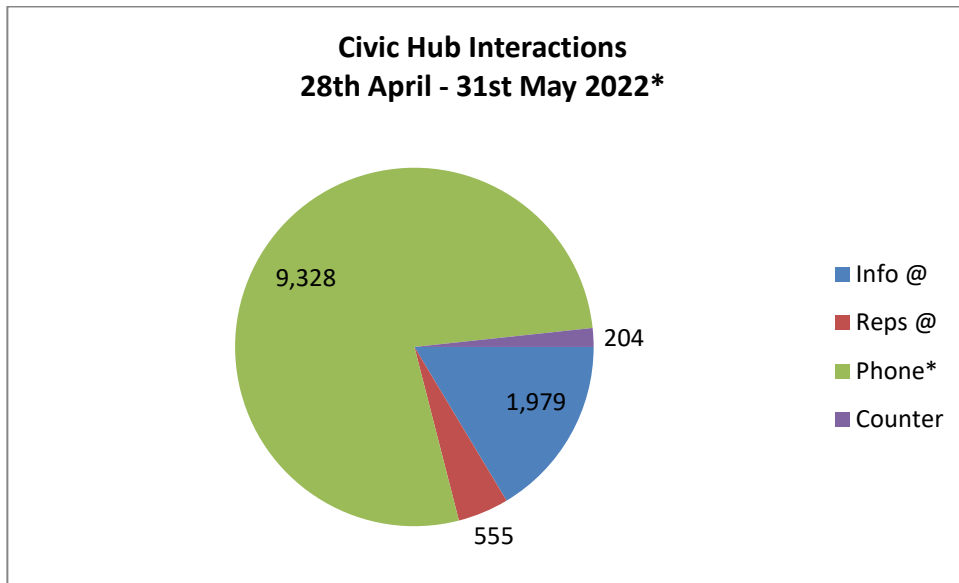


Cases logged from 28th April – 31st May 2022

Open	866
Closed	2118

Cases Logged from 28th April – 31st May 2022, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	2	1	3
Arts	1		1
Ballyogan Depot	3	2	5
CoCo	4	7	11
Comms & Civic Hub	18	332	350
Community	5	7	12
Corporate Services	8	1	9
DEACTIVATED USERS		32	32
dIrcoco	2	2	4
Enterprise	2	3	5
Environment	131	395	526
Finance	21	400	421
Housing	70	92	162
Libraries	1	4	5
Parks	272	285	557
Planning	6	22	28
Property	10	11	21
Transportation	293	418	711
Waste Enforcement	5	72	77
Water Services	12	33	45
Grand Total	866	2118	2984



* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from 28th April – 31st May 2022

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	8037	1291

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	1979	555	2534

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub &	Appointments	Total
	159	45	204

Communications Stats

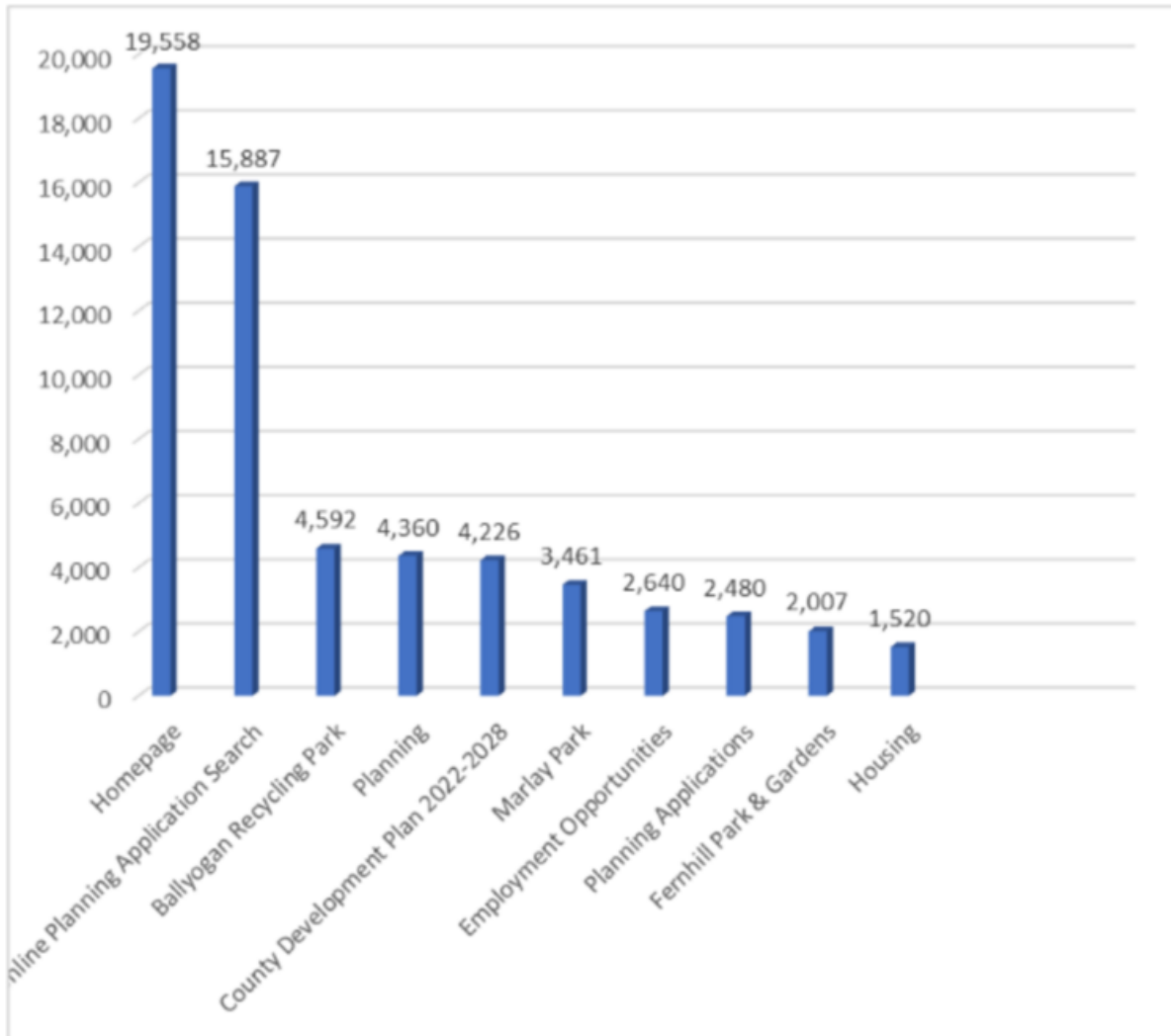
Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrco.co.ie	191,619
Dlrevents.ie	25,080
dlrLibraries	43,171

Social Media Activity – April 2022

Profile *	Audience	Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Apr 28, 2022 - May 31, 2022	67,154 ↗0.7%	461 ↗33.6%	1,172 ↘5.7%	1,189,195 ↘7%	35,853 ↘8.6%	3% ↘1.7%	19,755 ↗96.6%
Compare to Mar 25, 2022 - Apr 27, 2022	66,706	345	1,243	1,278,895	39,235	3.1%	10,046
@DLR_Libraries	8,672	40	134	71,969	2,009	2.8%	88
@dlrArts	2,888	25	93	38,341	1,154	3%	109
@dlrcc	18,853	117	307	316,221	8,427	2.7%	5,577
@dlrheritevents	3,925	25	5	4,818	207	4.3%	10
@leo_dlr	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
dlrcoco.ie	5,669	123	260	126,772	1,850	1.5%	2,799
dlrevents	11,178	4	53	100,944	2,583	2.6%	368
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	13,210	124	278	512,645	19,041	3.7%	10,760
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	2,759	3	40	17,485	582	3.3%	44

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Press Queries

23 press queries were received between the 28th of April and the 31st of May.

Freedom of Information

8 F.O.I. requests were received between the 28th April and the 31st May.

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28 April.

Significant work has been undertaken by regional agencies, led by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, to provide temporary accommodation facilities, managed by a dedicated site supervisor overseeing an extensive facilities team, as well as catering, security and cleaning details, all operating on a 24 hour basis.

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre can accommodate up to 300 displaced Ukrainian Nationals for short periods. Thereafter they will be allocated longer term accommodation in other areas of the state.

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 to develop as safe and as comprehensive support services as possible include 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.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Meadowmount Estate				✓	
2	Roebuck Road				✓	
3	The Park Estate Cabinteely	✓				
4	Mulvey Park	✓				
5	Kilgobbin Lane	✓				
6	Sweetmount Estate (part of)	✓				
7	Ballinlea Road		✓			
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
9	Glenageary Road Upper	✓				
10	Barnhill Road	✓				
11	Library Road	✓				
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Old Clonkeen Road	✓				
2	Clonskeagh Road		✓			
3	Woodside Road				✓	
4	Trisillian, Foxrock	✓				
5	Brehon Field Road / Kingston Estate	✓				
6	Olivemount Grove / Road	✓				
7	Grange Wood	✓				
8	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 driveway				✓	
15	Bellevue Road			✓		Additional item to published Programme
16	St Helens Road				✓	Additional item to published Programme
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley (part of)			✓		
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)	✓				

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

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
CMP						
Cycleway Maintenance Programme						
1	Blackthorn Drive	✓				
2	Kilgobbin Road	✓				
3	Village Road in Aiken's Village				✓	
4	Dublin Road (Quinn's Rd junction)	✓				
EMP						
Estate Management Programme						
1	Kilcross Estate		✓			
2	Rathsallagh Estate			✓		
TICP						
Taking in Charge Programme*						
1	The Rise Mount Merrion				✓	
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
*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
NTA STMG Schemes 2021 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Brewery Road Junction (Brewery Road/St Brigid's, Church Road)			✓				Works to take place on the St. Brigid's Church Road junction in Q3 2022
Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)					✓		Works have commenced by SIAC Construction
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents substantially complete and will be tendered in June.
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes			✓				Detailed design is progressing with a few additional links added to the scheme; Corrig Road and part of Blackthorn Avenue. Tie in to the ESB Link Road scheme to be finalised.
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)		✓					Report further to Public consultation presented to the Dundrum Area Committee on May 4th and follow up was requested on a number of items.

Nutgrove Avenue - Phase 3	✓						Minor works will be carried out on junctions in 2022 with designs to be prepared.
Cycle Parking Development					✓		36 cycle parking stands and 6 cargo bike stands installed to date in 2022. Cycle stands are currently being installed in a number of parks
Protected Cycle Facilities	✓						Report being prepared for cycle protection on eight routes
Churchtown Road Lower (pedestrian improvements)				✓			Contractor should be on site in 2 weeks.
Junction Improvements – west side of the County						✓	All junctions now completed.
Stepaside Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						Appointed a consultant to carry out a preliminary design
Churchtown Road Upper	✓						Public consultation reports being compiled
Public Consultations Churchtown Road upper – Completed- consultation report being compiled. Road Safety Plan pre-draft Public Consultation Closes June 3 https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/road-safety-plan-pre-public-consultatiuon/ School cycle and scooter parking – Closed May 31 https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/traffic-road-safety-section-school-cycle-and-scoot/							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Finalising design and hope to go non-statutory public consultation soon.

Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

All schools in the County were contacted to apply for scooter and cycle parking via a dlr Consultation Hub link.

Presentation on Roebuck Cycle Route to Dundrum Area Committee on May 4th

Speed Limit Review

Consultant has been recently appointed for carrying out a countywide speed limit review. Developing methodology at the moment.

Deputations

Residents from Churchtown and Environs and Wycham Park in Dundrum met with Council Staff on the 18th of May.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

An Area 2(Dundrum) meeting took place on 12th of May and 18 items were dealt with

Bus Connects

The Preliminary Business Case for the overall BusConnects Dublin Programme has been given approval from the Government. The Core Bus Corridors Schemes’ statutory applications are now being progressed by the NTA for formal submission to An Bord Pleanala. The Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme was submitted to An Bord Pleanala in early April 2022 and details available at: <https://clongriffinscheme.ie>
 The Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme (CBC 15) was the second formal application to ABP and the 8 week statutory public consultation period for this development is now underway running from Tuesday May 17th to Tuesday July 12th 2022. All planning documentation is available at: <https://belfieldblackrockscheme.ie/>

The Bray to City Centre CBC planning application will be included in a later tranche of applications to be submitted to ABP and the submission of this planning application is now anticipated towards the end of this year (2022).

The submission of the planning applications to ABP triggers a formal statutory public consultation process in respect of each of the stand-alone Core Bus Corridor schemes, with submissions to be made directly to An Bord Pleanála for their consideration. During this process, the finalised Environmental Impact Assessment Reports, inclusive of traffic impact analyses, will be published and available for inspection (including online) and purchase. The public will then have the formal opportunity to have their views heard and considered by An Bord Pleanála as part of the statutory consultation process to inform An Bord Pleanála's assessment of each of the stand-alone Core Bus Corridor schemes.

Dundrum ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

Work on this project is progressing and the ABTAs Stages 1 & 2 are now largely completed with work now underway on Stage 3 – Options Assessment & Development

Bus Interchanges at Dundrum & Dun Laoghaire

Discussions are ongoing with the NTA on these projects which aims to address the need for improvements to bus interchange facilities 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

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

New Bus Stops to Serve Planned BusConnects Orbital Bus Services

The Traffic Section has been liaising with the NTA on the location and design of new bus stops throughout the county, required to support planned new bus services being introduced by the NTA over the next two years. It is anticipated that bus stop approval notices for the new stops will be issued to the NTA in Q3 of this year.

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

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

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

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. The topographical survey is now largely completed. A flow/rainfall survey and CCTV survey has commenced.

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. In 2022, 307 no. locations are received and 192 no. were fully reinstated.

Roads Control Restoration Works RCRW 2022

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2022 in joint with Roads Maintenance					
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Tress Road Lower, Stillorgan	√				
2	Silchester Park (Part off), Glenageary	√				
3	Landscape Road (Part off)	√				

Section 254's

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

Section 254 - Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1 st May – 31 st May, 2022	
Applications	No.
Processing	6
Granted	-
Withdrawn	-
Refused	1

The Section 254 webpage is now live on dlrcoco.ie

Please follow the below link for details of Section 243 applications which have been processed: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/information-technology/section-254-above-ground-telecommunications-infrastructure>

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics:

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	March 2022	April 2022
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	470	405	227	271	213	232
Clean-Ups Assisted	66	45	49	55	72	70
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	33	18	33	29	21	16
Bathing Water Samples Taken	17	18	27	17	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	1,264	844	933	1,254	1,128	801
Dumping Incidents Managed	53	36	70	53	37	29
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	0	26	2	14	15	0
Street Bin Collections	4,938	4,941	5,558	4,563	5,583	5,957

* Statistics available up to the end of April 2022.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – May 2022

- Workforce have continued operating on staggered roster arrangements to maintain social distancing requirements.
- Coliemore Harbour: A planning application has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála under Section 177AE.
- 40 Foot – Tenders were returned for the remedial repair works. However it may be July/August before the works start due to long lead times.
- Weeding tender was returned via eTenders. Redlough Landscaping will be our weeding contractor for 2022 and will be starting by the end of May.
- 1100L bin collection tenders were returned via eTenders. Panda will be collecting the 1100L bins and some bins will be in place by the end of May with a view to extending the service during the summer period.
- Lifeguards: A second advert was released in order to obtain more applications. All interviews are now complete with 23 applicants interviewed in total. A swim test is scheduled for the 21st of May. Garda vetting and medicals need to be completed for all successful applicants.
- Public Participation in the Identification of Bathing Waters was uploaded onto the dlr website on the 9th of May.
- Meeting was held with the HSE regarding the Bathing Water Incident Management Plan.
- A Councillor Briefing will be held in late May to update the Councillors on our Coastal Defence Strategy.
- A deep clean schedule for our Towns and Villages has been prepared. Ballybrack is scheduled for Thursday 19th May.
- A tender is being prepared for power washing our Towns and Villages

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2281 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 28th April and 31st May 2022 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1,146
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	358
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	258
Parking a vehicle on a footway	120
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	76
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	58
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	53
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	46
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	39
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	34
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	16
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	12
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	10
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	9
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	8
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	6
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	5
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	4
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	4
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	4
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	3
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	3
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	1
Parking a vehicle endangering other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Parking out of the limits of a bay	1
Total no. of notices issued between 28th April and 31st May 2022	2,281

There were no convictions secured in the District Court all matters were adjourned to a date in June 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 May 2022:	607
Percentage of lights out at the end of May 2022:	0.85%
Pole replacement carried out in May 2022:	2
Bracket replacements:	276
Tree trimming:	99
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	6
LED Upgrades	231

LED Upgrading Program

The LED upgrading programme is continuing with the total upgraded reaching 19,382 LED lanterns installed which equate to 80.9% of all lighting in the county.

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	49
Inspections completed	1

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	2
Alterations:	22
Legal requests:	1

Road Opening Licences (1st May – 31st May 2022)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Submitted	261
Applications Processing	91
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	10
Licences Granted	150
Licences Closed out	10

Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In May 2022 there were:

- 0 applications for street furniture
- 3 application for road closure.
- 5 film location applications

7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Cruise Ship Business

We have approximately 70 Cruise Ships booked into the Harbour in 2022. The first ship arrived on 29th March and was a very successful visit. Approximately 15 ships have visited since then, and the Harbour is being well received by ship management, cruise guests and the crew who come ashore. Some additional landside infrastructure is currently being installed to complete the area.

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.

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.

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. A tender has been issued for a Marine Engineering Consultancy firm to design and manage the project which is likely to be on site during the summer of 2023.

Ferry Terminal

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

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



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

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.

Finance and Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan-May 2022	Enterprise Ireland target Jan-May 2022
Feasibility Study	5	7
Business Priming	7	5
Business Expansion	6	4
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	5	4
Trading Online Vouchers	42	19
Microfinance Ireland *	4	8
Total Approvals	69	

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

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	Jan - May 2022
No of jobs created	28

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2022	Total Jan – May 2022
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	65
Clients attending Networking Events	253
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	653
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	121
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	108
Clients participating in Leadership Management Programmes	32
Total No of Clients Assisted	1232

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

Enterprise Promotion activities in May 2022

DLR Enterprise News	LEO DLR – June Enterprise News (sent 24/05/22) Open rate 47.1%, 2690 recipients LEO DLR – Upcoming Training & Events (sent 30/05/22) Open rate 17.3%, 2682 recipients Open rate Industry average 11%
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Sessions throughout May

Trading Online Voucher Information Seminar	5 th May
Start Your Own Business Course – 8 weeks	Started 11 th May
Financial Management Workshop - Beginners	13 th May
Selling on Etsy and Shopify	19 th May
Powerful Email Marketing for Business Workshop	24 th May
Executive Presence – Having Impact & Influence	31 st May

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: May 1st – May 31st 2022				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,068	9	21	601
Twitter	5,617	8	22	6,939
Instagram	1,228	26	18	804

Tourism Development

DLR Tourism Information

The Tourism Information Kiosk is open and providing a seven day walk in service. Weekends are busy with lots of visitors in the Town. The team at the kiosk are seeing an increase in visitors on cruise ship arrival days throughout the week.

Cruise Tourism 2022

This month will see the arrival of sixteen ships with approximately 13,000 passengers onboard. Eleven of those are large ships on anchor and five are smaller ships which will dock alongside the Carlisle Pier.

DLR Tourism is supporting the provision of information services for passengers and encouraging them to experience Dún Laoghaire.

Twinning

On 14th May as part of the Twinning programme, a DLR team along with An Cathaoirleach and representatives from Blackrock Business Network visited Vincennes, France. An Cathaoirleach was a guest speaker as part of celebrations hosted in the city to mark the Vincennes fête l'Irlande as part of the Europe Day Festival hosted by Vincennes.

On-line Tourism Promotion

Online summer promotion campaigns have been developed, and advertising and promotion of events and tourism products will continue.

Social Media Analysis: May 2022				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	8,030	148	14	83,535
Twitter	3,726	33	13	17,492
Instagram	2,866	59	15	42,625

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2022
33.33%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	18,989,421	64,495,700	29.44%
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,247,470	30,916,000	29.91%
C	Water Services	4,451,552	12,483,600	35.66%
D	Development Management	8,414,826	24,816,800	33.91%
E	Environmental Services	10,567,053	33,025,100	32.00%
F	Recreation & Amenity	10,706,334	33,627,900	31.84%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,621,885	3,760,700	43.13%
H	Miscellaneous Services	5,969,134	10,673,200	55.93%
Total Expenditure		69,967,675	213,799,000	32.73%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	16,283,162	57,510,900	28.31%
B	Road Transport & Safety	3,971,785	12,773,100	31.09%
C	Water Services	3,261,605	8,552,800	38.13%
D	Development Management	2,583,377	6,538,300	39.51%
E	Environmental Services	1,797,663	5,616,300	32.01%
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,920,253	5,664,900	33.90%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	931,351	2,817,600	33.05%
H	Miscellaneous Services	5,836,634	9,824,100	59.41%
Sub Total		36,585,829	109,298,000	33.47%

LPT	Local Property Tax	3,622,268	10,866,800	33.33%
RA	Rates	31,230,490	93,634,200	33.35%
Total Income		71,438,587	213,799,000	33.41%

Balance as at 30/04/2022		€1,470,912	Surplus
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**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2022**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2022 €
A Total Housing & Building	-15,421,669	19,954,327	-18,043,680	-13,511,022
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-8,174,111	6,455,011	-3,600,945	-5,320,045
C Total Water Services	-2,171,378	169,377	-26,998	-2,028,999
D Total Development Management	-147,508,338	23,807,833	-23,867,877	-147,568,383
E Total Environmental Services	-1,752,665	17,605	-267,772	-2,002,832
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-11,888,519	1,554,800	-1,666,410	-12,000,130
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,613,287	1,323,406	-973,245	-4,263,126
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-35,601,148	705,179	-311,720	-35,207,688
Grand Total	-227,131,114	53,987,537	-48,758,648	-221,902,225

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/04/22

	Balance at 01/01/2022 €	* Balance at 30/04/2022	* Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	21,425,164	92,259,478	93,691,470	17,704,580

*Please note these values are prior to the Q1 2022 targeted Rates Waiver being applied

Planning Applications – monthly statistics

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	137	138
Decision Deferred	0	25	25
Decision to Grant**	0	125	125
Decision to Refuse**	0	22	22
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	105	105
Invalid Applications	0	18	18

*Includes 25 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".

4 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
ABP31344322	Midsal Homes Limited 'Karuna' and 'Glenina', Sandyford Road, Dublin 18 Demolition of dwellings known as 'Glenina' and 'Karuna'. construction of 137 no. apartments and associated site works	28/04/2022	01/06/2022	www.sandyfordroadshd.ie	17/08/2022

<https://www.pleanala.ie/getmedia/a1223cbe-faab-4687-8765-c80a2a736f75/Current-Applications-Bilingual-2022.pdf>

Planning Counter Figures

Customers Served	303
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Building Control

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	16
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	16
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	9
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	14/0
Commencement Notices Validated	68
7 Day Notices received	3
Completion Certs Validated	26

*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 39
 Complaints closed 41

Litter and Waste Fines

28th April – 31st May 2022	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	58	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	6	
Legal proceedings initiated.	3	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	119	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	130	Litter Section

Dog Statistics for 28th April – 31st May 2022

- No of dogs entering the Dog Shelter – 7
- No of dogs rehomed – 0
- No of dogs reclaimed – 1
- No of dogs sent to rescue – 3
- No of dogs put to sleep – 0
- No of dogs remaining in the pound at end of month – 3

Energy

As part of the Energy Team's on-going efforts to improve dlr's energy performance, a staff energy awareness presentation was delivered online. The presentation included a brief outline of the evolving policy context and public sector targets, along with highlights of key actions undertaken that contributed to dlr winning the SEAI's Energy Team of the Year award in 2021. Additionally, the presentation shared energy saving tips and useful resources to encourage staff to save energy in the workplace and at home.

A Staff Travel and 'My Mobility Hub' Report was compiled following a survey conducted on Citizen Space in March. The report shared the views of over 300 respondents and gave an indication of current commuting and work travel patterns. The report highlighted the share of various transport modes currently adopted by staff and is available on the dlr Intranet. While the report only captured staff responses, the new work travel reporting obligations which motivated the survey, also include elected representatives work travel. Under these obligations, the distance and mode of transport for all staff and elected representatives work travel must be reported in aggregated form on an annual basis to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI).

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	13
Strategic Housing Development applications (SHDs)	4
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2022 Grant Scheme	Ongoing administration and site visits as required
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2022 Grant Scheme	Ongoing administration and site visits as required

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	1
Not Dangerous	1
Total	3

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 held its first meeting on 28 March and has met weekly through April and May. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated both in hotels and in private accommodation within the County. The Ballyogan Rest Centre opened at the end of April with an initial capacity of 180 which has now increased to 300. This is a regional facility for the temporary accommodation of displaced Ukrainians on arrival into the country before being assigned to move on accommodation throughout the country.

Temporary donations drop off points were established in Community Facilities, County Hall and Dundrum offices.

Ballyogan Parish Hall has been established as a Ukrainian Community Hub to provide information sessions, English Classes and other activities for Ukrainian Nationals.

Joint Policing Committee and Local Policing Fora

A meeting of the Central Dún Laoghaire Local Policing Forum took place on the 3rd May and a meeting of the Ballybrack/Loughlinstown/Shankill Local Policing Forum took place on the 4th May 2022. A Joint Policing Committee (JPC) Meeting took place on the 24th May. This was followed by the annual public JPC Meeting. Both meetings took place in the Talbot Hotel Stillorgan.

Operation Irene 2022 was launched in County Hall on Tuesday 31st May 2022.

This is a targeted multi-agency operation to combat underage alcohol consumption and consumption of alcohol in public places throughout the Dublin Metropolitan Region and specifically in the Dún Laoghaire area, through the enforcement of legislation regulating the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol as well as relevant public order legislation.

LCDC

An LCDC meeting took place on the 11th May. At this meeting the LCDC approved Operating costs grants under the Community Activities Fund to a total of €99,819.65. Recommended applications for the Capital costs element of the grant scheme will be brought to the LCDC meeting in June for approval.

Community Facilities Network

The Community Facilities Network held their 2nd in-person meeting on 10th May in Sandymount Community Centre. This meeting provided other Facility Staff and Board members an opportunity to see another Facility and learn how they operate. Discussions focused on the use of social media to increase footfall in Facilities.

Pride of Place

The IPB Pride of Place Awards took place in the Gleneagles Hotel Killarney on 16th May. Two Community Groups were nominated by dlrc. Holly House/LBS Mens Shed were nominated under the category Community Resilience and Rosemount Family Resource Centre were nominated under the category Community Wellbeing Initiatives. Holly House/LBS Mens Shed were awarded runner up in the Community Resilience category.

Love Our Laneways

A public workshop was held on 18th May in Sallynoggin Community & Senior Centre. In

attendance were dlr staff representatives from Community, Traffic, Parks and Lighting. Workshops were also held with Children and Young People attending the local Primary School and with the Sallynoggin Senior Citizens Group. Residents are hoping to re-establish the Sallynoggin Neighbourhood Watch group with support from Community Staff and the local Community Policing Unit of An Garda Síochána.

Consultations with Children and Young People

The Community Development team are supporting Parks Department with organising and facilitating consultations with children and young people across the county so their feedback can be used to inform the dlr Play Policy. The second of these consultations took place with young people attending Holly House Youth Group in Loughlinstown.

dlr Comhairle na nÓg

Community Staff attended and promoted dlr Comhairle na nÓg at Eurofound Ireland on 9th May to celebrate Europe Day and the European Year of Youth.

One of the members of dlr Comhairle na nÓg presented to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Affairs on 11th May. The presentation was on policy issues which affect young people.

Period Poverty

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council have been awarded Grant Funding from the Department of Health for the provision of free period products to support the implementation of period poverty mitigation measures. The products will be placed in public toilets in identified DLR Libraries, Community Facilities, Community/Voluntary Sector Service Providers, in County Hall and the Dundrum Office.

Estate Management

All 12 Estate Management Forum have submitted their annual Service Plans for 2022. Funding has been released for works included in Service Plan 1. The cross departmental working group continue to support progress of actions identified in Service Plans across all 12 areas.

Age-Friendly Programme & Social Inclusion:

As part of Bealtaine 2022, a Dementia Awareness Day took place on 10th May to inform the public of the various social and cultural supports available to people with Dementia and their families, carers and friends in dlr.

A number of Africa Day events took place from 24th to 30th May, with funding allocated from the Department of Foreign Affairs. These events included a film screening, a soccer tournament, cooking videos, a discussion panel and a celebration of African music on Dublin South FM.

A ceremony took place on 31 May to recognise Ronnie Delany's appointment as the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Age Friendly Ambassador.

Arts

Municipal Gallery Programme

Home Place: An exhibition of new work by Gerry Blake continued.

Home, in the form of a dwelling, is a place of belonging and attachment. Making a home, however, is more difficult now than at any time in recent memory. Photographic artist Gerry Blake has spent the last 3 years exploring abandoned houses around Ireland. On these journeys, he also met with people who are living in various forms of accommodation, from cottages and apartments to house boats and converted buses.

The exhibition was supported by events including a Gallery Walk and Talk with the Artist and Poet in Residence Jessica Traynor and an online In Conversation Event with the Artist and writer Darren Campion.

May Music Day

Presented by dlr in association with Music Network, the May Music day was held on the 21st May in dlr Lexicon. Funded by the Local Live Performance Scheme supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the day featured 7 free concerts by previous musicians in residence and was attended by almost 500 people. The annual Musicians in Residence scheme is funded by The Arts Council.

Dementia Inclusive Programme

dlr Arts Office took part in a Dementia Awareness Day on 10th May in dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire. This was organised to celebrate Bealtaine, and the Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI) National Tea Day, and was an opportunity to inform the public and raise awareness about the various social and cultural supports that are available to people with Dementia and their families, carers and friends in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Taster sessions of the Dementia Inclusive Gallery Tours took place, alongside demonstrations of the various Dementia inclusive library supports and Sports Partnership resources. Local support organisations were also on site with information and representatives available to chat to people.

This is part of a broader Dementia Inclusive Programme by the Arts Office. A Dementia Inclusive Exhibition will open in the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon in mid-June. A key element of this will be a multi-sensory commission in Gallery 2 concentrating on the experience of touch, smell, sound and visuals, funded by Creative Ireland.

Musicians in Residence Programme 2022

Cellist Lioba Petrie commenced her Residency in dlr LexIcon. She is working with Abigail Smith, a Dublin based musician and composer, in May and June. Collaboratively they will develop music which is the bringing together of ideas, seeds of musical thought and takes inspiration from the surrounding areas and their lives as Mothers and musicians living in County Dublin. An informal concert will take place in the Studio, dlr LexIcon on Sunday 19th June to showcase some of their new work.

The dlr Musicians in Residence Programme is funded by the Arts Council, and managed by Music Network.

Small wonders

Cruinniú na nÓg is the National Day for Creativity and Culture for Children and Young People. dlr Arts Office in partnership with dlr CYPSC (Children and Young Person Services Committee) is delighted to announce 'Small Wonders', a new multi-sensory creative experience for 0–3-year Olds and their caregivers has been awarded the Commission opportunity funded by Creative Ireland. Artists Niamh Lawlor, George Higgs, Sarah Fitzgibbon, and Orla Kelly are collaborating with children from the First Friends Service and supported by dlr CYPSC and Barnardo's. Through meetings, creative active research, play sessions, devising, independent and group work, interdisciplinary opportunities that reflect and inspire the children's poetic curiosity and wonderings through music, puppetry and immersive space will take place. Ending in free creative experiences for the public on Cruinniú na Óg 2022.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/cruinni%C3%BA-na-n%C3%B3g>

Libraries

dlr Libraries Online:

Online Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New online resource!

[LOTE Online for Kids](#) 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

dlr Libraries have a section on our [website](#) which provides an overview of our services, including specific resources available in Ukrainian. This section is updated regularly.

Access to these services is free, but a library card is required. You can register online [here](#), or call in to your local library with photo ID.

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 also, at: <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>

These resources include information on library services, including free Wifi, 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've 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've 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 new 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.

We continue to gift books and book packs to centres in the County as needed and are liaising with language tutors to offer our library spaces for language exchanges/lessons as requested.

Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include:

[LOTE Online](#): an online database of digital books in World Languages with new books released each month

[PressReader](#): National and International digital newspapers, including several Ukrainian language publications

[Borrowbox](#): A selection of Russian and Ukrainian books for children and Adults

Access to all these services is free, but a library card is required to access them. Library cards can be obtained by registering online or by calling into the nearest dlr Library with with Photo ID.

Events for Adults

Bealtaine

The Bealtaine Festival takes place across Ireland in May every year and is a celebration of the arts and creativity as we age. This year activities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown took place online and in-person and were programmed by dlr Libraries, dlr Arts Office and dlr Age-Friendly Programme.

Events included:

[Author, musician and publisher Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin in conversation with writer and broadcaster Cathal Poirteir, about his award winning first novel *Madame Lazare*, an Evening of Traveller Songs & Stories with acclaimed singer and storyteller Thomas McCarthy and *Under Surveillance – a film screening and panel discussion on Direct Provision system in Ireland*.](#)

[Happy Birthday Maeve](#): Afternoon tea and book club meeting in Dalkey Library Garden to celebrate beloved local author Maeve Binchy.

In addition, we had a live drawing class via Zoom, a look at vintage knitting patterns with Pauline Gallagher, popular crochet and felting workshops, a performance of world dance from the collective Moving Skirts, plus a couple of theatre performances.

To accompany The Glass Room: Misinformation Edition exhibition, we held talks for adults on ***Fake News and Smart Habits*** and a talk for parents and children on Smart Phone habits: ***Smart Phone: Smart Habits***.

Art of Reading Book Club

We were delighted to host the first in-person meeting of [The Art of Reading](#) Book Club with Laureate for Irish Fiction, Colm Tóibín, in the LexIcon on 26 May 2022. The Book Club is an initiative of the Arts Council and the Laureate for Irish Fiction, in partnership with Libraries Ireland.

Every month, the Laureate meets a different library book club each month to discuss a novel by an Irish writer, highlighting outstanding Irish writing and celebrating the reader and book clubs. Members of our Online Book Club and facilitator Mary Burnham were in attendance to discuss ***In the Middle of the Fields*** by Mary Lavin, and the panel included writer and journalist Sinéad Gleeson and Alice Ryan, Mary Lavin's granddaughter.

Africa Day 2022

We joined in the celebrations for [Africa Day 2022](#) across DLR with events taking place from the 24 – 30 May, with three cookery videos from dlr Libraries and Community Department. Sephora Kahongo gave us an introduction to Congolese Cuisine with step-by-step recipes on how to make a super easy starter, a delicious main course, and a dessert. The 3 videos are available to watch on the dlr YouTube channel.

The Big House in Irish Art – a talk with Mags Harnett

On 31 May, artist and art historian Mags Harnett, gave a talk on the different types of artworks that came from the Big House in Ireland. What message, if any, did paintings in

the Big House convey? What can artwork tell us about the lives of those who occupied the Big Houses? This talk, exploring artwork and the Big House in Ireland, formed part of the programme for *Shifting Foundations - The Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown*, the [2021 Decade of Centenaries](#) project from dlr Heritage Office.

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. 'Handmade', the new crafting circle in Dalkey Library, met and learned how to make coiled fabric baskets with Sharon Wells from the Muddle.

Each of the 8 branches have also resumed 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. Shankill Library started a new Junior Book Club, which will take place on the last Thursday of the month.

The online monthly Book Club with Mary Burnham met in person this month and attended the Art of Reading Book Club with author and Laureate for Fiction Colm Tóibín. They will resume their online meetings next month.

Exhibition Programme

Czech Heroines & Good 100

17 May - 30 June 2022 (LexIcon, Level 3)

This striking double exhibition, by renowned Czech illustrator, artist and writer, Mrs. Renáta Fučíková, was launched by His Excellency Mr. Petr Kynštet, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Ireland, on 17 May. The opening ceremony was also attended by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Lettie McCarthy.

Czech Heroines, an illustrated mosaic of stories of important Czech women - queens, politicians, artists, scientists, and athletes - was inspired by the 100th anniversary of the enactment of equal suffrage for Czechoslovak women in 1920.

Good 100 is a set of illustrations of selected important moments in the history of the Republic from the founding of Czechoslovakia in 1918 to the present.

Organized by the Czech Embassy in Dublin in co-operation with dlr LexIcon.

Stirring Memories: Stories of Yesterday (Deansgrange)

03 May - 31 May 2022 (Deansgrange Library)

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

A huge thanks to the staff and members of all the participating day care centres for sharing their stories, especially: Beaufort Day Care Centre (Glasthule), The Clevis Unit (Leopardstown), Leopardstown Park Day Centre, Mount Merrion Friendship Club and Shankill Day Care Centre.

The Glass Room: Misinformation Edition Exhibition

9 – 15 May (dlr LexIcon, Level 3)

[The Glass Room: Misinformation Edition](#) is a new eye-catching, self-learning installation on data and privacy. Developed by [Tactical Tech](#) in collaboration with a number of



European partners, including [IFLA](#) and [Science Gallery Dublin](#), and co-funded by the European Union. It covers topics like mis-, dis- and Mal information, technologic dependency, the rise of deep fakes, and understanding how and why misinformation spreads.

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

Events for Children

Class visits and library tours also continued during May, as did Storytime sessions, Baby Book Clubs and Parent and Toddler groups.

Little Library Book Bags

In May, we continued to distribute Little Library Book Bags. This is part of a national initiative overseen by the LGMA (Local Govt Management Agency), where there's a **Little Library Book Bag** waiting in each of our Libraries for all children starting school this year. Including a selection of books compiled by library staff, parents can collect the Little Library Book Bag, free of charge, in any of our 8 branches. Book bags are available in both Irish and English.

STEAM workshops

In-person STEAM workshops for local schools were held in the LexIcon Lab during May, facilitated by the team from Anyone4Science. Sessions included Mystery Liquids, acid base chemistry and t-shirt printing.

Launch of new dlr Scéal trails

On 30 May, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lettie McCarthy launched two new Scéal Trails for Summer 2022. Scéal trails are outdoor story walks you can read and follow, by yourself or with friends or family.

Dodos are Not extinct is a brilliant new story from author/illustrator Paddy Donnelly, and you can follow this outdoor story at Bracken Road Park in Sandyford. The second new scéal trail is ***Naturama*** by Michael Fewer, and illustrated by Melissa Doran, which is in Cabinteely Park and will also be installed and available to read outside dlr LexIcon in time for Cruinniú na nÓg on Saturday 11 June.

Online workshops on drawing and illustration for local schools were held with Paddy Donnelly and Melissa Doran ahead of the launches.

Statistics

Social media (as of 29 April 2022)

Facebook	6,451 followers
Twitter	8,671 followers
Instagram	3,228 followers
TikTok	255 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	8,093 subscribers

Digital library issues

May 2022

Resource	Description	Checkouts Prelim. May 2022
Overdrive	e Audio	995
Overdrive	e Book	1442
Overdrive	Comics	10
Overdrive	Magazines	2820
Borrowbox	e Audio	5593
Borrowbox	e Book	2556
Freegal	Streaming + Download	503
Press Reader	Newspapers	12291
Tumblebooks		89
Total		26299

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
- Tree works ongoing by contractors and Parks staff
- Watering of newly planted trees ongoing
- Phase 2 works Fernhill officially opened
- Ballawley Playground extension and Stepside Park Playgrounds officially opened
- Marlay Putting Green Grow-In stage works ongoing
- Phase 1 treatment of Hogweed in Druid's Valley Park implemented
- Installation of percussion instruments in Shanganagh Park in collaboration with DLR Music Generation and officially opened
- Tenders received back pertaining to the Tree Works Framework – currently being evaluated

Heritage

- Planning underway for Summer of Heritage public access programme for July/August
- Feedback gathered on Spring into Heritage 2022 programme
- dlr Civic Memorials Policy noted at May County Council meeting (Memorials Committee to meet June 9th to assess submitted proposals)
- Finalisation of *Dublin's Monumental Mountains* booklet and two videos on the archaeological landscape of the Dublin uplands (to be launched June 8th)
- Progressing year 2 of the Heritage Council-funded Dublin Mountains Community Archaeologist programme in collaboration with SDCC and DMP
- Progression of Fernhill house condition report
- Continuation of Heritage Council and Dept. of Culture funded *People's History of dlr* oral history programme in partnership with UCD – 105 oral history interviews carried

out to date across the county, interviews now offered in the Irish language.

- Funding received from Decade of Centenaries programme for Researcher with Archival Skills to make all previous years' Decade of Centenaries content available online and provide support to people in the community with archival/historic material
- *Gardening for Biodiversity* booklets/colouring books and *Wildlife in Buildings* booklets distributed (Irish and English)
- Preparation with Dept. Community/Rural Dev. and Dalkey Tidy Towns for Entente Florale judging visit
- Administration of Dept of Heritage Community Monument Fund 2022:funding approved for Carrickbrennan Graveyard Conservation Plan with Public participation projects and Puck's Castle phase 2 stabilisation works.
- Progression of Augmented Reality historic photo project for Dún Laoghaire
- UNESCO Dublin Bay Biosphere Board meeting – HO took on role of chair of the Heritage/Tourism and Local Economy Subcommittee
- Launch and promotion of new book on the Casement Memorial Statue, Dún Laoghaire
- Public talk - *Art and the Big House in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown* in dlr Lexicon May 31st
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens and community groups

Biodiversity

- Biodiversity Events - Biodiversity Walk in Fernhill, Bat walk in Cabinteely park and Hedgerow Talk online for National Biodiversity Week
- DLR Biodiversity Officer and Parks meeting with Luas regarding biodiversity pilot project
- DLR Biodiversity Officer meeting with Businesses regarding biodiversity initiatives
- Giant Hogweed Treatment for Brides Glen River and Loughlinstown River Catchment treatment commenced for 2022
- DLR Biodiversity Officer meeting All Ireland Pollinator Plan Steering Group
- Marlay Park ecology and concerts
- Development of biodiversity guidance to address the impacts of greenways with NPWS
- DLR Biodiversity Biosphere updates for Partners
- Dublin LAs Wintering Bird tagging project – draft report
- Roches Hill ecology surveys commenced
- Loughlinstown Woods pNHA surveys commissioned
- Loughlinstown Linear Park ecology surveys commissioned
- Biodiversity presentation to Loveourlaneways Community
- Dalkey Island Tern guided walks commence for the public and tern updates posted on our social media/website

Sports Development

dlr Leisure

Set up and completed the following activities in May;

Dheis Schools that completed their After-school sailing programme

- Good Shepard
- St. Joseph's
- St. Kevin's
- Columbanus
- Dominican
- Holy Family

Additional Dheis School Programmes

- Holy Child completed their outdoor adventure programme.
- Assisted St. Lawrence’s College with their sports open day.

Youth Groups

Dlr Leisure coached the following youth group services in May;

- Ran a 4-week boxing course with stag (southside traveller group) 10-14 age
- Youth diversion Ballyogan boys only (15-17 age)
- Boylan Centre Friday night drop-in group mixed group (12-14 age)
- Boylan Centre Friday night drop-in group mixed group (15-17 age)
- Sailing outdoor programme for drug alcohol task force Sandyford (18-24 age)
- Holly house mixed group (10-14 age)
- Holly house girls only group (15-17 age)
- Sallynoggin youth group girls only (12-14 age)
- Boylan Centre girls only gym programme (15-17 age)
- Kilcross youth group mixed (12-14 age)
- Worked with Mounttown residents in providing a sports programme (12-15 age)
- Carmona Services 3 groups (18 + age)
- Lakelands special needs group for archery (18+ age)
- Blackrock special needs group for archery (18+ age)

Other activities

- Completed men on the move programme with sports partnership
- Held meeting with the following groups and booked in for our summer camps:
 - Booterstown Youth Service
 - Ballyogan Family Resource Centre
 - Cois Cairn
 - Ballyogan Community Rooms
 - Balally Family Resource Centre
 - Carmona Services
 - Crosscare Youth Services
- Assisted Leinster Rugby with their blitz.
- Held meeting with Hillview youth service about after school programme in September.

Leinster Rugby:

September 2021 to May 2022 school figures (JS, EMcK & AE)

	Male	Female	Totals
U7	150	205	355
U8	279	346	625
U9	367	473	840
U10	482	452	934
U11	624	681	1305
U12	666	690	1356
U13	597	706	1303
U14	26	108	134
U15	48	164	212

U16	70	44	114
U17	140	141	281
U18	40	169	209
U19	12	25	37
Grand totals	3501	4204	7705

Schools

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools

7 – 423 males and 271 females

Secondary Schools

2 – 67 males and 37 females (special needs schools)

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO)

Primary schools

5 – 47 males and 582 females

Secondary schools

2 – 20 males and 58 females

Andrew Egan (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Old Wesley RFC)

Primary Schools

4 – 163 males and 97 females

Leinster Rugby primary school events

Leinster Rugby – Marlay Park primary school touch rugby event – 27th of May 2022:

	Male	Female	Totals
U11 - 4 th	172	250	422
U12 - 5 th	275	337	612
U13 - 6 th	244	283	527
	691	870	1561

Leinster Rugby DLR Councils Cup (male & female first and second year students)

Male Metro County Councils Cup Champions 2022 – 5 DLR schools (Clonkeen College, Oatlands College, St. Benildus College & Newpark Comprehensive School) – 26 males

Female Metro County Councils Cup team was made up from DLR clubs/schools to compete in Energia Park – 31 female

South Dublin 7s

The finals day took part in Donnybrook on the 19th of May 2022. St. Benildus College won the cup, Templeogue College won the shield and St David's Holy Faith won the plate.

Female section – 3 schools competed in finals day in Energia Park.

DLR Rugby clubs

Old Wesley RFC Give it a Try – 29 females – AE

Supporting the Blackrock College RFC IRFU Give it a Try program – 31 females – EMcK

Attended the Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC end of season fun day – EMcK

Leinster Rugby & DLR Sports Partnership CLUE program

The CLUE program was run in the following four schools in DLR over a six week period per school:

- De La Salle College (completed) – JS
- Cabinteely Community School (completed) – JS
- Ballinteer Community School (completed) – JS
- Holy Child Community School (completed) – EMcK

FAI:

- **Club Visits** – Sessions with players and coaches at DLR Clubs to support clubs with the Player development plan and small sided games formats is ongoing.
- **Spar 5s.** Schools running in-house blitzes for the Spar 5s. Fifteen DLR schools registered.
- **Late Night League:** Ongoing contact with DLR leisure and Crosscare groups. The finals night took place in Irishtown stadium where 15 boys and girls from dlr Leisure Meadowbrook Leisure participated. Along with support from Dundrum Garda Station, provided buses to bring the youths to the finals.
- **SAFEGUARDING 1 Workshops** – we planned and delivered 3 x Safeguarding 1 workshops online with over 90 coaches attending.
- **Post primary** – 21 transition year students from St. Tiernan’s are now all qualified with the PDP 1 coaching after completing the course over a few weeks with theory and practical sessions.
- **Primary schools** – 150 kids weekly doing football blitz in games format within schools.
- **FFA** – Weekly football sessions in Park House, Stillorgan - 20 boys and girls.
- **GIRLS Centre of Excellence** - every Thursday in Stepside and Player ID at the weekends for 24 girls.
- **COACH EDUCATION** – 7v7 and 9v9 in Broadford Rovers and a 7v7 in Granada F.C. was delivered for coaches to support them with the different playing formats within the small sided games.
- **Club Mark:** Ongoing contact with registered clubs to achieve award.
- **Summer camps** – Shankill F.C., Wayside Celtic, Dundrum F.C., St. Joseph’s F.C. and Ballybrack F.C. are all doing the FAI camps in their clubs during July and August. There has been promotion of camps within primary schools with visits to 20 primary schools in DLR.
- **Administration** - planning work for all programmes on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings ongoing on a weekly and monthly basis.

Leinster Cricket:

- Contacting schools with session plans and arranging sessions for coming weeks.
- Continued planning for next year’s Leprechaun Cup Softball competition.
- Liaison with both DLRCC and Dalkey archives, offering support arranging pitches due to Shanganagh Park being unavailable due to development work.
- Ongoing schools session with Kill of the Grange - 4th class x 6 sessions, 5th class x 4 sessions.
- Ongoing sessions in Marlay Park with Taney National School - 8 weeks of sessions for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes.
- Ongoing school sessions with Rathmichael National School.
- Organising local blitz days for schools as well as some inter school blitz competitions.
- Organising schools for summer terms.
- Finalising timetable for the Divisional cup matches for dlr squad in June and July. Last year dlr finished joint first u11 cup and second in the u13 cup.
- Finalising dates for interschool blitz’s to take place in June 2022.

Sports Partnership

- **Staffing** – interviews taking place for 4 positions in early June (Active Cities Officer, SIDO, Community Sports Development Officer, Information Officer).
- **Inclusion Water Sports Summer Camps** – starting on 20th June with all 5 weeks of this 1:1 camp for children with severe disabilities now full (14 per week)
- **Inclusive Bike Fleet** – have added a wheelchair platform trike to the fleet and children’s trike also being purchased.
- **MayFest** – supporting Vision Sports Ireland in this national event.
- **Ukraine Refugee Supports** – the following actions are being delivered:
 - A Sub-Group of the Sports Partnership Board has been set up to identify and lead on required sport/activity interventions.
 - List compiled of the various opportunities clubs are offering locally
 - Sport packs assembled for families as they leave Ballyogan Rest Centre
 - Playground markings installed in both areas of the Ballyogan Rest Centre and installed 4 x outdoor basketball posts to create an activity area.
- **ExWell** – new weekly programme for older adults with chronic illnesses as part of the Active Cities initiative. Based in Sandyford Community Centre.
- **Walking For Health** – completed delivery of this 5-week walking programme in Cabinteely Park (25 participants).
- **Yoga in the Park** – new outdoor 6-week programme for over 55s starting in Dun Laoghaire (50 participants).
- **Schools Skipping** – delivered in 3 more primary schools (400 pupils).
- **Woodlands For Health** - new programme started with DMP and Cluain Mhuire for adults facing severe mental health difficulties (15 participants).
- **Ballyogan Sports & Physical Activity Hub** - Hub Steering Committee meeting held on the 5th May. Working with local partner agencies to deliver targeted projects for children and young people.
- **Men On the Move** – completed 12-week programme in Ballyogan aimed at adult men to support them to become active in a social group (27 participants).
- **Active Dublin** – work continuing on this initiative as well as working with the other Active City LSP’s to promote agreed communications and actions.
- **Swimmin Women** – completed delivery of a follow-on programme that utilises aquatic exercise to enhance quality of life during menopause (20 women).
- **Urban Outdoor Initiative** – delivered an orienteering, climbing and kayaking programme with Holy Child CS. Bouldering wall also purchased (40 students).
- **Table Tennis Leadership Programme** – this programme in St. Raphaela’s is now complete with TY class now delivering sessions to younger classes.
- **Safeguarding** – 4 x Basic Awareness workshops since March (48 attendees).
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – administration of receipts and final payments to successful clubs from Round 1 and 2. An additional €44,600 secured from Sports Ireland to roll out Round 3 in next couple of months.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme 2022** – 29 grants allocated (total of €43,100) across Women In Sport, Disability Inclusion and Volunteer Training.
- **Dormant Accounts 2021** – finalising returns to Sport Ireland for 5 projects funded last year in order to draw down final 10% of grants.
- **The Governance Code** – completed required documentation to meet annual Sport Ireland requirements around maintaining compliance.