

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Annual Report 2009



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Cathaoirleach's Message

For the Council, 2009 was punctuated by the local elections, which take place every five years, and as a result the membership of the Council changed in June 2009. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those Councillors who chose not to stand for re-election and those who were not re-elected, as well as congratulating those elected last June.



During the year, the Council played an important role in creating civic and urban amenities which I believe have contributed to an improved quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors to the County. A number of significant projects were either completed or progressed during 2009, including Benamore, the innovative Social Housing scheme in Blackrock; reinstating of the 'Metals' heritage walk in Dún Laoghaire; the completion of the facilities in Mounttown, Ballyogan, Sallynoggin, Cois Cairn and Meadowbrook; and the official opening of four new playgrounds, to name just a few.

Significant progress was also made on a number of major infrastructure projects in 2009, including the Sandyford High Level Water Scheme and the Shanganagh/Bray Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Consultation with residents was most evident in the preparation of the County Development Plan 2010 – 2016, during which over 1,900 public submissions were received – reflecting a substantial engagement between the public and the Council. This was a very significant body of work which we spent over fifty hours discussing during the eight Council meetings held in November 2009, in addition to the time spent earlier in the year.

The Council's extensive programme of over ten free or low-cost family events throughout the County also continued in 2009. We also run many successful markets in our Parks. I had the pleasure of visiting many of these events with my own family. In addition to the highly acclaimed dlr Festival of World Cultures, which marked its 9th anniversary, the Council organised the inaugural 'Mountains to Sea' dlr Book Festival, which I look forward to attending again in 2010.

The Council has remained supportive of the business community, even in these difficult economic times. The 2010 budget will include a Business Promotion Grant Scheme of €300,000. We are aware that this is a time when co-operation between key players is more important than it has been for many years. The Council has developed a number of new initiatives in 2009 to support the commercial sector such as reducing parking charges near LUAS and DART lines and the introduction of a new signage scheme in Dún Laoghaire town to better promote amenities and services.

As the Cathaoirleach at the start of a 5 year term with a new Council, I felt it incumbent on me to create a working environment in the Council Chamber where the new Council members, irrespective of their political background and philosophy, but each with a legitimate electoral mandate, could work for the good of the County. I'd like to thank all Councillors for their committed, hard work at Ward, Area Committee, and Council level.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the County Manager and his dedicated staff for their kindness, assistance and commitment to public service which was shown to me over the past year.

Cllr. Marie Baker
An Cathaoirleach

County Manager's Foreword

I am pleased to introduce the Council's Annual Report 2009, which documents the work of Council during the year and the considerable progress made in delivering infrastructural projects and in improving Council services. This progress should be judged against the background of a significant reduction in the Council's finances and in staff numbers during the year.



In 2009 the Council felt the full force of the fallout from the very rapid deterioration in the economy and related collapse in the public finances. In addition to pressure on the Council's own income sources we had to deal with a significant reduction in our Local Government Fund allocation for 2009 compared with 2008. Against this background the Council increased its commercial rate (Annual Rate on Valuation, or ARV) by 2.75% in 2009. This was in sharp contrast with previous years when increases in ARV had been kept below the rate of inflation. However, I am delighted to report that for 2010 the Council has been able to reduce its commercial rate by 2%.

The Council also had to deal with a significant decline in staff numbers in 2009. While staff numbers have declined every year since 2003, the largest decline was in 2009. During the year a total of 79 staff members left the Council's employment reflecting the impact of the incentivised career break scheme, the early retirement scheme, a voluntary redundancy scheme for outdoor staff and normal staff retirements.

The exceptional weather conditions over the period mid December 2009 to mid January 2010 posed major challenges for the Council. Initially the task was to maintain a reasonable level of service on the road network and access

to the upland areas of the county over a prolonged period of snow and icy conditions. After the general thaw in January we had to deal with the very serious damage caused to the water distribution network by the cold weather and implement unprecedented water conservation measures.

I am very proud of the manner in which the Council responded to these challenges including the efforts made to communicate with members of the public. This required a tremendous effort, commitment and dedication to public service on the part of a large number of Council staff throughout the organisation.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the outstanding leadership provided by An Cathaoirleach Councillor Marie Baker and the Elected Members and to thank the staff of the Council for their work throughout the year.

Owen P. Keegan
County Manager

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth An Dúin

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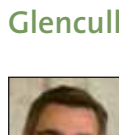
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Candidate Expenditure – Local Election 2009¹

NAME	POLITICAL PARTY	ADVERTISING	PUBLICITY	ELECTION POSTERS	OTHER ELECTION MATERIAL	OFFICE & STATIONERY	TRANSPORT & TRAVEL	MARKET RESEARCH	CAMPAIGN WORKERS	TOTAL €
John Bailey	Fine Gael (FG)	819.58	67.14	4876.21	3263.23	475.00	800.00	400.00	0.00	10,701.16
Maria Bailey	Fine Gael (FG)	898.61	67.15	5081.10	2924.64	222.98	400.00	0.00	0.00	9,594.48
Marie Baker	Fine Gael (FG)	2199.76	300.00	4095.20	1895.88	335.00	0.00	600.00	67.14	9,492.98
Niamh Bhreathnach	Labour (Lab)	2300.56	0.00	2820.00	3796.97	2081.80	0.00	0.00	642.22	11,641.55
Aoife Brennan	Fianna Fáil (FF)	0.00	0.00	3280.50	1398.50	248.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,927.69
Richard Boyd-Barrett	People Before Profit	0.00	253.26	1665.47	2946.24	260.00	11.50	0.00	250.00	5,386.47
Victor Boyhan	Non Party	125.00	600.00	3930.48	3742.83	2117.50	340.00	0.00	85.00	10,940.81
John Byrne	Fianna Fáil (FF)	200.00	0.00	2154.95	2311.41	0.00	193.30	0.00	0.00	4,859.66
Meabh Cody	Green Party (GP)	366.55	285.95	4204.01	913.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,770.07
Barry Conway	Fianna Fáil (FF)	0.00	238.35	4128.73	4520.48	121.21	231.80	0.00	0.00	9,240.57
Terence Corish	Green Party (GP)	455.63	603.54	4275.49	3705.02	757.40	90.00	0.00	957.00	10,844.08
Louise Cosgrave	Fine Gael (FG)	1057.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,057.00
James Coyle	Non Party	434.00	0.00	1650.00	4117.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	6,701.00
Gareth Crowe	Fianna Fáil (FF)	0.00	48.60	1797.53	3356.72	212.35	1202.00	0.00	2340.00	8,957.20
Aidan Culhane	Labour (Lab)	0.00	0.00	2000.00	2626.52	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,746.52
Cormac Devlin	Fianna Fáil (FF)	486.50	120.00	3203.01	2477.55	989.26	120.00	0.00	400.00	7,796.32
Jane Dillon-Byrne	Labour (Lab)	0.00	0.00	0.00	2930.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,930.00
Liam Dockery	Fianna Fáil (FF)	2065.72	724.50	1759.33	2879.37	755.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,184.91
Ronan Farren	Labour (Lab)	3620.70	0.00	0.00	3594.99	779.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,995.40
Gene Feighery	Green Party (GP)	0.00	0.00	4924.00	3595.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,519.12
Stephen Fitzpatrick	Labour (Lab)	1168.84	0.00	2400.00	713.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,282.48

¹ The Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999 has been amended in March 2009 with the inclusion of a new subsection inserted in section 19 requiring local authorities to include in their annual reports the aggregate details of election expenditure in respect of each candidate as well as details of donations received.

NAME	POLITICAL PARTY	ADVERTISING	PUBLICITY	ELECTION POSTERS	OTHER ELECTION MATERIAL	OFFICE & STATIONERY	TRANSPORT & TRAVEL	MARKET RESEARCH	CAMPAIGN WORKERS	TOTAL €
Tony Fox	Non Party	320.00	200.00	3528.93	1913.07	273.00	385.00	0.00	1255.00	7,875.00
Frederick Gilligan	Fianna Fáil (FF)	3899.75	75.00	2792.37	2617.54	980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,364.66
Pat Hand	Fine Gael (FG)	60.00	0.00	3326.00	321.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	400.00	4,357.00
Ruairí Holohan	Green Party (GP)	37.78	0.00	5133.00	2732.38	252.95	3411.85	0.00	0.00	11,567.96
Gerry Horkan	Fianna Fáil (FF)	0.00	170.25	2429.25	1064.72	140.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	4,004.22
Dr. Richard Humphreys	Labour (Lab)	546.07	40.00	1300.00	4050.54	3830.15	229.09	0.00	1489.35	11,485.20
Tom Joyce	Fine Gael (FG)	583.20	0.00	2223.00	1002.00	607.50	350.00	0.00	0.00	4,765.70
Tony Kelly	Fianna Fáil (FF)	0.00	0.00	1484.33	2113.87	330.00	180.00	0.00	188.80	4,297.00
Tom Kivlehan	Green Party (GP)	823.38	399.00	2394.20	2007.50	185.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,809.08
Caitriona Lawlor	Non Party	0.00	300.00	1686.00	1125.00	200.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	3,411.00
Hugh Lewis	People Before Profit	0.00	253.27	1665.47	2707.59	0.00	11.50	0.00	50.00	4,687.83
Larry Lohan	Fianna Fáil (FF)	1974.98	0.00	1397.25	1690.75	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,212.98
Rory MacFlynn	Sinn Féin (SF)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donal Marren	Fine Gael (FG)	300.60	67.15	4352.16	854.08	258.60	20.00	200.00	0.00	6,052.59
Lettie McCarthy	Labour (Lab)	243.00	0.00	3554.30	1129.20	55.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,981.50
Brian McNally	Sinn Féin (SF)	121.50	0.00	1000.00	480.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1723.00	3,324.50
Tom Murphy	Fianna Fáil (FF)	430.00	0.00	3080.03	5284.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	9,294.20
Peter O'Brien	Fianna Fáil (FF)	1193.00	428.00	1914.00	3641.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	208.00	7,404.00
Eoin O'Broin	Sinn Féin (SF)	0.00	0.00	1500.00	1750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,250.00
Denis O'Callaghan	Labour (Lab)	420.00	0.00	1170.00	1995.00	110.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	3,875.00
Mary Mitchell O'Connor	Fine Gael (FG)	0.00	729.72	5101.24	3779.42	52.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	10,062.38
Veronica O'Doherty	Labour (Lab)	0.00	0.00	2400.00	729.28	319.76	300.00	0.00	200.00	3,949.04

Candidate Expenditure – Local Election 2009 - Continued

NAME	POLITICAL PARTY	ADVERTISING	PUBLICITY	ELECTION POSTERS	OTHER ELECTION MATERIAL	OFFICE & STATIONERY	TRANSPORT & TRAVEL	MARKET RESEARCH	CAMPAIGN WORKERS	TOTAL €
Tom O Higgins	Fine Gael (FG)	1021.01	0.00	5135.61	3253.05	0.00	874.25	400.00	0.00	10,683.92
Gearóid O'Keeffe	Independent	0.00	480.00	1870.00	2325.00	180.00	175.00	0.00	2600.00	7,630.00
Jim O'Leary	Fine Gael (FG)	250.00	3338.00	6779.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,367.00
Seamus O'Neill	Non Party	530.00	7349.99	1635.00	4630.37	98.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,244.00
Shane O'Neill	Non Party	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oonagh O'Reilly	Sinn Féin (SF)	486.00	0.00	1500.00	615.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,601.00
Aidan O'Sullivan	Non Party	0.00	303.00	2625.00	2751.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,679.00
Stephen O'Shea	Non Party	0.00	0.00	290.02	1243.95	495.02	64.81	0.00	58.64	2,152.44
Trevor Patton	Non Party	218.70	0.00	1162.76	33.97	9.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,425.41
Neale Richmond	Fine Gael (FG)	0.00	1533.52	2226.00	679.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,438.95
Barry Saul	Fine Gael (FG)	1566.00	170.25	3487.00	4425.37	600.00	200.00	0.00	100.00	10,548.62
Carrie Smyth	Labour (Lab)	428.00	0.00	2400.00	1180.00	1041.00	972.00	0.00	0.00	6,021.00
Angela Timlin	Labour (Lab)	600.25	0.00	2400.00	1410.35	801.90	200.00	0.00	0.00	5,412.50
Brigid Timmons	Non Party	3000.00	100.00	650.00	250.00	680.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	4,980.00
Shaun Tracey	Sinn Féin (SF)	486.00	0.00	1500.00	615.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,601.00
Barry Ward	Fine Gael (FG)	1008.04	627.14	6222.91	2472.70	438.69	0.00	600.00	0.00	11,369.48
Raymond Whitehead	Non Party	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Adrienne Wyse	Green Party (GP)	306.55	1133.10	5222.25	1397.77	165.90	0.00	0.00	150.00	8,375.57

Candidate Donations – Local Election 2009

NAME	POLITICAL PARTY	DONATIONS €
John Bailey	Fine Gael (FG)	4,896.91
Maria Bailey	Fine Gael (FG)	5,177.25
Marie Baker	Fine Gael (FG)	5,688.12
Niamh Bhreathnach	Labour (Lab)	6,645.00
Richard Boyd-Barrett	People Before Profit	5,386.47
Aoife Brennan	Fianna Fáil (FF)	5,850.00
Victor Boyhan	Non Party	10,940.81
John Byrne	Fianna Fáil (FF)	4,466.36
Meabh Cody	Green Party (GP)	2,300.00
Barry Conway	Fianna Fáil (FF)	
Terence Corish	Green Party (GP)	2,300.00
Louise Cosgrave	Fine Gael (FG)	600.00
James Coyle	Non Party	
Gareth Crowe	Fianna Fáil (FF)	5,678.99
Aidan Culhane	Labour (Lab)	4,346.52
Cormac Devlin	Fianna Fáil (FF)	
Jane Dillon-Byrne	Labour (Lab)	
Liam Dockery	Fianna Fáil (FF)	9,700.00
Ronan Farren	Labour (Lab)	5,230.00
Gene Feighery	Green Party (GP)	9,081.00
Stephen Fitzpatrick	Labour (Lab)	1,420.00
Tony Fox	Non Party	2,210.00
Frederick Gilligan	Fianna Fáil (FF)	15,698.70
Pat Hand	Fine Gael (FG)	1,897.00
Ruairí Holohan	Green Party (GP)	3,539.00
Gerry Horkan	Fianna Fáil (FF)	3,664.22
Dr. Richard Humphreys	Labour (Lab)	6,108.00
Tom Joyce	Fine Gael (FG)	223.06
Tony Kelly	Fianna Fáil (FF)	2,150.00
Tom Kivlehan	Green Party (GP)	1,021.20

NAME	POLITICAL PARTY	DONATIONS €
Caitriona Lawlor	Non Party	
Hugh Lewis	People Before Profit	4,687.83
Larry Lohan	Fianna Fáil (FF)	
Rory MacFlynn	Sinn Féin (SF)	
Donal Marren	Fine Gael (FG)	5,177.29
Lettie McCarthy	Labour (Lab)	2,103.00
Brian McNally	Sinn Féin (SF)	
Tom Murphy	Fianna Fáil (FF)	500.00
Peter O'Brien	Fianna Fáil (FF)	5,400.00
Eoin O'Broin	Sinn Féin (SF)	400.00
Denis O'Callaghan	Labour (Lab)	3,165.00
Mary Mitchell O'Connor	Fine Gael (FG)	5,031.01
Veronica O'Doherty	Labour (Lab)	1,800.00
Tom O'Higgins	Fine Gael (FG)	5,435.79
Gearóid O'Keefe	Independent	1,300.00
Jim O'Leary	Fine Gael (FG)	1,260.00
Seamus O'Neill	Non Party	
Shane O'Neill	Non Party	
Oonagh O'Reilly	Sinn Féin (SF)	
Stephen O'Shea	Non Party	825.00
Aidan O'Sullivan	Non Party	
Trevor Patton	Non Party	1,425.41
Neale Richmond	Fine Gael (FG)	4,000.00
Barry Saul	Fine Gael (FG)	3,027.00
Carrie Smyth	Labour (Lab)	3,797.00
Angela Timlin	Labour (Lab)	2,400.00
Brigid Timmons	Non Party	
Shaun Tracey	Sinn Féin (SF)	
Barry Ward	Fine Gael (FG)	11,369.48
Raymond Whitehead	Non Party	
Adrienne Wyse	Green Party (GP)	8,749.60

Councillors' Committee Membership Within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee
Bailey, Cllr. John	✓		✓
Bailey, Cllr. Maria	✓		✓
Baker, Cllr. Marie	✓		✓ Chair June - Dec
Bhreathnach, Cllr. Niamh	✓	✓	✓
Boyd-Barrett, Cllr. Richard <i>(Elected 5th June 2009)</i>	✓		✓
Boyhan, Cllr. Victor <i>(Elected 5th June 2009)</i>	✓		✓
Brennan, Cllr. Aoife <i>(Elected 5th June 2009)</i>		✓	✓
Byrne, Cllr. John <i>(Ceased membership June 12th 2009)</i>		✓	
Conway, Cllr. Barry <i>(Ceased membership June 12th 2009)</i>	✓		
Corish, Cllr. Terence <i>(Co-opted 12/01/09) (Ceased membership June 12th 2009)</i>		✓	
Cosgrave, Cllr. Louise <i>(Ceased membership June 12th 2009)</i>		✓	
Crowe, Cllr. Gareth <i>(Ceased membership June 12th 2009)</i>	✓		
Culhane, Cllr. Aidan		✓	
Devlin, Cllr. Cormac	✓		✓
Dillon-Byrne, Cllr. Jane	✓		✓
Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Stephen <i>(Elected 5th June 2009)</i>	✓		
Feighery, Cllr. Gene <i>(Ceased membership June 12th 2009)</i>	✓		✓
Fox, Cllr. Tony		✓	
Hand, Cllr. Pat		✓	✓ ✓
Holohan, Cllr. Ruairí <i>(Ceased membership June 12th 2009)</i>	✓		
Horkan, Cllr. Gerry		✓	✓ ✓

✓ - pre June elections ✓ - post June elections

Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee
Humphreys, Cllr. Richard <i>(Elected 5th June 2009)</i>		✓	✓
Joyce, Cllr. Tom		✓ Chair Sep - Dec	✓ ✓ Chair Jan - June
Kivlehan, Cllr. Tom <i>(Ceased membership June 12th 2009)</i>	✓		✓
Lewis, Cllr. Hugh <i>(Elected 5th June 2009)</i>	✓		
Marren, Cllr. Donal	✓ Chair Sep - Dec		✓
Matthews, Cllr. Trevor <i>(Retired 12th June 2009)</i>		✓	✓
McCarthy, Cllr. Lettie		✓	
Murphy, Cllr. Tom <i>(Elected 5th June 2009)</i>		✓	
O'Callaghan, Cllr. Denis	✓		✓
Mitchell O'Connor, Cllr. Mary	✓ Chair Jan-June		✓
O'Higgins, Cllr. Tom <i>(Ceased membership June 12th 2009)</i>	✓		
O'Keeffe, Cllr. Gearóid		✓	✓
O'Leary, Cllr. Jim		✓ Chair Jan-June	
Richmond, Cllr. Neale <i>(Elected 5th June 2009)</i>		✓	
Saul, Cllr. Barry <i>(Elected 5th June 2009)</i>		✓	✓
Smyth, Cllr. Carrie	✓		✓ ✓
Ward, Cllr. Barry <i>(Elected 5th June 2009)</i>	✓		✓

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

✓ - pre June elections ✓ - post June elections

Councillor/Member	Association of County and City Councils (formerly General Council of County Councils)	Audit Committee	County Dublin VEC	Dalkey Heritage Town Company	Drugs Task Force	Dublin City & County Regional Tourism Authority Ltd.	Dublin Employment Pact Strategic Policy Group	Dublin Regional Authority	Dublin Regional Authority E.U. Operational Committee	Dublin Transportation Office Advisory Committee	Dún Laoghaire Community Enterprise Society	Dún Laoghaire Enterprise Centre	Dún Laoghaire Harbour Board	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Leisure Services	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership
Cllr. J. Bailey		✓✓		✓✓							✓	✓			✓
Cllr. M. Bailey			✓	✓											
Cllr. M. Baker								✓	✓	✓					
Cllr. N. Bhreathnach					✓	✓	✓						✓		
Cllr. R. Boyd-Barrett															
Cllr. V. Boyhan															
Cllr. A. Brennan															
Cllr. J. Byrne															
Cllr. B. Conway															
Cllr. T. Corish															
Cllr. L. Cosgrave															
Cllr. G. Crowe															
Cllr. A. Culhane										✓				✓	✓
Cllr. C. Devlin					✓✓						✓				
Cllr. J. Dillon-Byrne													✓✓		
Cllr. G. Feighery															
Cllr. S. Fitzpatrick								✓							✓
Cllr. T. Fox	✓		✓												
Cllr. P. Hand	✓		✓					✓					✓✓		
Cllr. R. Holohan								✓							
Cllr. G. Horkan		✓✓						✓✓							
Cllr. R. Humphreys		✓						✓							
Cllr. T. Joyce														✓	
Cllr. T. Kivlehan		✓													
Cllr. H. Lewis															
Cllr. D. Marren														✓✓	
Cllr. T. Matthews <i>Retired 12/6/09</i>														✓	
Cllr. L. McCarthy						✓		✓✓							
Cllr. T. Murphy															
Cllr. D. O'Callaghan	✓✓						✓							✓	
Cllr. M. Mitchell O'Connor				✓											
Cllr. T. O'Higgins					✓										
Cllr. G. O'Keeffe															
Cllr. J. O'Leary	✓														
Cllr. N. Richmond								✓	✓					✓	
Cllr. B. Saul								✓							✓
Cllr. C. Smyth			✓										✓✓		
Cllr. B. Ward	✓												✓		

Councillor/ Member	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Theatre Company	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Tourism Company	Dún Laoghaire VEC	Eastern River Basin Authority	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.	Joint Policing Committee	Joint Taxi Hackney Committee	Local Authorities Members Association	Local Authorities Members Committee on Strategic Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area	Local Consultative Committee Est. under Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998	Lord Edward Fitzgerald Memorial Fund
Cllr. J. Bailey			✓								
Cllr. M. Bailey			✓								
Cllr. M. Baker						✓	✓				✓
Cllr. N. Bhreathnach			✓			✓					✓
Cllr. R. Boyd- Barrett											
Cllr. V. Boyhan											
Cllr. A. Brennan						✓				✓	
Cllr. J. Byrne						✓					
Cllr. B. Conway			✓			✓					✓
Cllr. T. Corish										✓	
Cllr. L. Cosgrave						✓			✓		
Cllr. G. Crowe						✓					
Cllr. A. Culhane							✓		✓		
Cllr. C. Devlin	✓		✓			✓					
Cllr. J. Dillon-Byrne	✓		✓	✓		✓					
Cllr. G. Feighery			✓			✓					
Cllr. S. Fitzpatrick			✓								
Cllr. T. Fox											
Cllr. P. Hand											
Cllr. R. Holohan											
Cllr. G. Horkan											
Cllr. R. Humphreys	✓										
Cllr. T. Joyce			✓								
Cllr. T. Kivlehan											
Cllr. H. Lewis											
Cllr. D. Marren	✓		✓					✓			
Cllr. T. Matthews <i>Retired 12/6/09</i>											
Cllr. L. McCarthy						✓			✓		
Cllr. T. Murphy			✓								
Cllr. D. O'Callaghan										✓	
Cllr. M. Mitchell O'Connor			✓			✓				✓	
Cllr. T. O'Higgins		✓		✓		✓					
Cllr. G. O'Keeffe						✓					
Cllr. J. O'Leary					✓	✓				✓	
Cllr. N. Richmond											
Cllr. B. Saul				✓		✓					
Cllr. C. Smyth	✓					✓					
Cllr. B. Ward					✓	✓					✓

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies (cont'd.)

Councillor/Member	Monitoring Committee Dún Laoghaire Town Centre – Integrated Area Plan	Regional Health Forum	Rural Dublin Leader	SIMS Sub-Committee/ RAPID County Monitoring Group	Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly	Southside Partnership dlr	Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Enterprise Board
Cllr. J. Bailey							✓
Cllr. M. Bailey		✓					
Cllr. M. Baker						✓	✓
Cllr. N. Bhreathnach		✓					
Cllr. A. Brennan							
Cllr. R. Boyd-Barrett							
Cllr. V. Boyhan							
Cllr. J. Byrne							
Cllr. A. Brennan							
Cllr. B. Conway							
Cllr. T. Corish							
Cllr. L. Cosgrave		✓					
Cllr. G. Crowe							
Cllr. A. Culhane					✓		✓
Cllr. C. Devlin		✓					
Cllr. J. Dillon-Byrne		✓					
Cllr. G. Feighery							
Cllr. S. Fitzpatrick	✓					✓	
Cllr. T. Fox				✓		✓	✓
Cllr. P. Hand					✓		
Cllr. R. Holohan <i>Co-opted 13/10/2008</i>							
Cllr. G. Horkan		✓					
Cllr. R. Humphreys							
Cllr. T. Joyce	✓	✓					
Cllr. T. Kivlehan		✓					
Cllr. H. Lewis						✓	
Cllr. D. Marren				✓			
Cllr. T. Matthews <i>Retired 12/06/09</i>							
Cllr. L. McCarthy			✓		✓		
Cllr. T. Murphy							
Cllr. D. O'Callaghan		✓				✓	
Cllr. M. Mitchell O'Connor							✓
Cllr. T. O'Higgins	✓						
Cllr. G. O'Keeffe							
Cllr. J. O'Leary							
Cllr. N. Richmond							
Cllr. B. Saul					✓		
Cllr. C. Smyth		✓		✓			✓
Cllr. B. Ward						✓	

✓ - pre June elections ✓ - post June elections

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Membership

*Table reflects SPC membership until June 2009. New SPCS will be established in 2010.

✓ - pre June election

Councillor / Member	Culture Community Development and Amenities SPC	Environment SPC	Housing SPC	Economic Development & Planning SPC	Transportation SPC
Bailey, Cllr. John		✓	✓		
Bailey, Cllr. Maria	✓				✓
Baker, Cllr. Marie		✓			Chair
Bhreathnach, Cllr. Niamh		✓			✓
Byrne, Cllr. John <i>Ceased June 12th</i>			✓		✓
Conway, Cllr. Barry <i>Ceased June 12th</i>			✓	✓	
Corish, Cllr. Terence <i>Ceased June 12th</i>	✓	✓			
Cosgrave, Cllr. Louise <i>Ceased June 12th</i>	✓		✓		
Crowe, Cllr. Gareth <i>Ceased June 12th</i>	✓		✓		
Culhane, Cllr. Aidan			Chair		✓
Devlin, Cllr. Cormac	✓	✓			
Dillon-Byrne, Cllr. Jane	✓	✓			
Feighery, Cllr. Gene <i>Ceased June 12th</i>	✓		✓		
Fox, Cllr. Tony		✓			✓
Hand, Cllr. Pat		✓	✓		
Holohan, Cllr. Ruairí <i>Ceased June 12th</i>			✓		✓
Horkan, Cllr. Gerry		✓			✓
Joyce, Cllr. Tom				✓	✓
Kivlehan, Cllr. Tom <i>Ceased June 12th</i>		✓		✓	
Marren, Cllr. Donal	✓			✓	
Matthews, Cllr. Trevor <i>Retired June 12th</i>	Chair			✓	
McCarthy, Cllr. Lettie				Chair	✓
Mitchell O'Connor, Cllr. Mary	✓			✓	
O'Callaghan, Cllr. Denis			✓	✓	
O'Higgins, Tom <i>Ceased June 12th</i>				✓	✓
O'Keeffe, Cllr. Gearóid	✓	✓			
O'Leary, Cllr. Jim		Chair		✓	
Smyth, Cllr. Carrie			✓	✓	

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Membership (cont'd.)

SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES	Culture Community Development and Amenities SPC	Environment SPC	Housing SPC	Economic Development & Planning SPC	Transportation SPC
Coleman, Matthew	✓				✓
Ferris, Liz				✓	
Finnegan, Pat		✓			
Fitzpatrick, Seamus		✓			
Fitzsimons, Robert					✓
Heywood, Veronica	✓				
Keenan, Neil			✓		
Last, Rodney			✓		
Lawlor, Peter			✓		
Maguire, Philip		✓			
Martin, Luke		✓			
McCorry Kevin			✓		
Merrigan, Michael	✓				
Nolan, Pat			✓	✓	
Nolan, Tom					✓
O'Connor John				✓	
O'Connor, Noel			✓		
O'Kane, Donal					✓
O'Keeffe, John				✓	
O'Mahony, Joan			✓		
O'Neill Dónal	✓				
O'Neill, David	✓				
O'Toole, Larry		✓			
Parr, Tony					✓
Sanfey, Michael				✓	
Woods, Chris					✓

Strategic Policy Committee Reports

Economic Development and Planning Strategic Policy Committee

The Economic Development and Planning Policy Committee held one meeting in 2009. The following items were considered:-

- Presentation on Regional Planning Guidelines.
- Presentation on Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 – Briefing Paper.
- Quarterly Updates on Progress on Local Area Plans.

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

The Housing Strategic Policy Committee held one meeting in 2009. The following items were considered:

- Progress Report Part V and Affordable Housing.
- Quarterly Report on Housing Activity.
- Social Housing Investment Programme - Long Term Leasing.
- Report on Key Topics considered by Housing SPC since 2005.

Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

The Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held one meeting in 2009. The following items were considered:

- Review of Cycling Policy.

- Presentation on the Potential for the Development of Car Pooling in the Sandyford Business Estates and Cherrywood SDZ Areas.
- Signage Policy Review.
- Update on Parking Enforcement.

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

The Environment Strategic Policy Committee held one meeting in 2009. The following issues were considered:

- Eastern River Board District.
- Noise Planning.
- Graffiti.

Culture, Community Development and Amenities Strategic Policy Committee

The Culture, Community Development and Amenities Strategic Policy Committee held one meeting in 2009. The following issues were considered:

- The Grainstore, dlr Youth Arts Centre.
- dlr Literary Festival.
- Civic Memorial policy for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.



List of Conferences Attended During 2009

Date	Conference Details	Location	Number of DLR Councillors that Attended
2nd - 4th Jan 2009	Councillors Training Seminar: 'Irish Language Course for Councillors'.	Galway	1
9th - 11th Jan 2009	Seminar for Councillors: 'The Local Government Planning Service'.	Mayo	2
16th - 18th Jan 2009	Training Seminar: 'Effective Communications for Councillors'.	Waterford	2
20th Jan 2009	UCC Commerce Society 2009: Turning Change into Opportunity; Our Next Steps.	Cork	2
23rd - 25th Jan 2009	Seminar for Councillors: 'The Local Government Planning Service'.	Waterford	4
13th - 14th Feb 2009	AMAI Spring Seminar 2009.	Donegal	6
15th - 17th Feb 2009	Seminar for Councillors: Local Government & Renewable Energy.	Sligo	1
19th - 20th Feb 2009	Mid-West Regional Authority 15th Annual Conference: 'Ireland's Water - What is the Real Cost?'	Limerick	5
20th - 21st Feb 2009	North South Confederation of Councillors Training Seminar: 'Review & Reform of Local Government in Ireland, North & South'.	Louth	2
25th Feb 2009	Governance & the Citizen: Dubliners & Their City.	Dublin	2
4th - 8th Mar 2009	17th Annual 2009 Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference.	Kerry	3
5th - 6th Mar 2009	Ireland and its People 2010 - 2015 (Jobs, Economics and Skills for the Future).	Sligo	2
6th - 8th Mar 2009	Training Seminar for Councillors: 'Climate Change, Alternative Energies & The Nuclear Experience' Seminar.	Tipperary	1
10th Mar 2009	Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings Conference.	Dublin	2
13th Mar 2009	Nuclear Free Local Authority Seminar, AGM & Business Meeting.	Louth	1
20th - 22nd Mar 2009	Planning & Development Control Seminar for Councillors.	Galway	3
26th Mar 2009	IAVI One Day Seminar on Urban Regeneration.	Dublin	2
27th - 28th Mar 2009	Training Seminar for Councillors: Civic Leadership & Local Government.	Longford	5
2nd - 3rd Apr 2009	ACCC Annual Conference.	Kilkenny	3
16th - 17th Apr 2009	LAMA 29th Annual Conference.	Laois	2
7th May 2009	Respond Housing Association, National Conference 2009: "Is Combating Poverty a Dead Agenda?"	Kildare	1
15th May 2009	Innovate to Compete, National Conference.	Waterford	1
29th - 31st May 2009	Supporting Family Carers.	Louth	1
3rd - 5th Jul 2009	Councillors Training Seminar: Planning Law & Practice.	Galway	2
4th - 11th Jul 2009	14th Annual Dr Douglas Hyde Summer School.	Roscommon	1

Date	Conference Details	Location	Number of DLR Councillors that Attended
10th – 12th Jul 2009	Councillors Training Seminar: Effective Local Government Policy Making in the current recession.	Cork	3
17th – 21st Jul 2009	The Last Troubadour, The Inaugural Percy French Summer School.	Roscommon	1
19th – 24th Jul 2009	29th Annual MacGill Summer School.	Donegal	1
24th – 26th Jul 2009	Training Seminar for Councillors: Planning & Building Energy Regulations.	Wexford	1
31st Jul – 2nd Aug 2009	Training Seminar for Councillors: Effective Communications.	Galway	2
7th – 9th Aug 2009	Councillor Training Seminar: Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation.	Mayo	1
16th - 22nd Aug 2009	The World Water Week Niche 2009-2011: Water – Responding to Global Changes.	Sweden	1
10th – 12th Sep 2009	AMAI 96th Annual Conference 2009.	Kerry	1
15th - 17th Sep 2009	Delivering Housing Solutions for a New Era, ICSH Biennial Social Housing Conference, Exhibition & Community Housing Awards.	Westmeath	1
17th Sep 2009	Network 2009 Conference.	London	1
18th Sep 2009	Local Government Workshop.	Cork	1
18th - 20th Sep 2009	Elected Members Training Seminar: The Planning & Development (Amendment) Bill 2009.	Galway	1
18th - 20th Sep 2009	Governance Training Seminar for Elected Members.	Galway	2
25th - 26th Sep 2009	Local Government Seminar for Councillors.	Limerick	3
30th Sep 2009	Induction Training for Newly Elected Members.	Kildare	2
1st Oct 2009	Dundalk Chamber of Commerce: A Seminar on Presentation Skills by Yanky Fachler.	Louth	2
2nd Oct 2009	10th Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly Annual Conference - Innovation Challenges for SMEs.	Meath	1
2nd - 4th Oct 2009	2009 La Touche Legacy Seminar: “Are Local Authorities Good for your Health?”	Wicklow	6
8th Oct 2009	Induction Training for Newly Elected Members.	Kilkenny	1
8th - 9th Oct 2009	“Getting a Grip 2009”, Reducing Drug & Alcohol Related Harm.	Kerry	4
8th - 11th Oct 2009	Ceiliúradh an Bhlascaoid 2009.	Kerry	2
9th - 10th Oct 2009	North-South Confederation of Councillors Training Seminar: ‘Councillor Co-operation, North & South-The Challenges’.	Louth	1
23rd – 25th Oct 2009	Councillor Training Seminar: Voluntary Housing & Sheltered Housing for the Elderly.	Kerry	5

List of Conferences Attended During 2009 - Continued

Date	Conference Details	Location	Number of DLR Councillors that Attended
30th Oct - 1st Nov 2009	Public Policy Making & The Councillor (Beyond Local Issues).	Mayo	4
30th Oct - 1st Nov 2009	Training Seminar for Councillors: Health & Safety, Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Anti-Social Behaviour impact on A & E Departments.	Tipperary	1
6th - 7th Nov 2009	LAMA-Annual Winter Seminar 2009, Service Provision in Local Government: The New Reality.	Limerick	4
13th - 15th Nov 2009	Elected Member's Training Seminar: Local Government Ethics in Public Life - Your Responsibility.	Sligo	1
20th - 22nd Nov 2009	Local Government: Planning and The Environment.	Galway	1
20th Nov 2009	Open Door Network: Crimes against women and children.	Kerry	1
26th - 28th Nov 2009	'Promoting Partnership in Tourism', A National Tourism Conference.	Clare	5
27th - 29th Nov 2009	Local Governance Seminar: 'Finance Budgets for 2010 plus'.	Wexford	2
1st - 3rd Dec 2009	Training Seminar for Councillors: Information and Communications Technologies for Councillors.	Longford	1
3rd Dec 2009	The Value of Volunteering: Its Economic, Social and Political Impact.	Dublin	1
4th - 6th Dec 2009	'Internet Constituents'- Facebook, Twitter, Websites, Emails, Databases and more.	Dublin	1
8th - 9th Dec 2009	Representative Entitlements: The Legal Basis.	Galway	2
11th - 13th Dec 2009	Elected Member's Training Seminar: Alternative Energy/Improving Your Carbon Footprint.	Galway	3
11th - 13th Dec 2009	The Local Government Budget 2010.	Wexford	5
18th - 20th Dec 2009	Elected Member's Training Seminar: Equality & Diversity in Modern Ireland.	Kerry	5

Architects' Department

The Architects' Department provides a broad range of building related services in the following categories:

- (a) Housing
- (b) Civic and Amenity & Urban Design
- (c) Conservation of the Built Heritage
- (d) Dangerous Structures/Places

Housing

The work programme ranges from advice on delivery of Part V of the Planning and Development Act through to the design of large housing projects and improvement and extensions of the existing housing stock.

Dwellings handed over in 2009 included 103 at Stonebridge Road, Shankill; 17 at Pearse Street, Sallynoggin; four at Kilcross Green, Sandyford; 10 at St Galls, Milltown; and four at Clontibret House, Blackrock. Projects currently on site are Meadowlands, Dún Laoghaire. The redevelopment of St. Gall's, Milltown; Benamore, Blackrock; Brehon Grove, Ballinteer; Goatstown Close, Goatstown and Pearse Street, Sallynoggin are also reaching completion. When completed these schemes will provide an additional 143 social and affordable dwellings.

Civic and Amenity & Urban Design

The Architects' Department provides considerable input to the work of the Planning Department including input into the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016. In

addition to completed Local Area Plans at Woodbrook and Glencullen, significant progress has been achieved in bringing forward detailed design strategies for the proposed Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone and Sandyford Urban Framework Plan. Architectural Framework Plans for Foxrock Village and a Neighbourhood Framework Plan for Kilternan have been completed, while Local Area Plans for Deansgrange and Old Conna are at an advanced stage.

New Civic Buildings and Facilities

The Architects' Department provides an advisory service on a broad range of civic buildings. An international architectural competition for a new County Library Headquarters and Cultural Centre in Moran Park was held in 2007 with development of the winning scheme at an advanced stage. Other civic projects include new sports and cultural facilities in Ballyogan, together with sports facilities in Marlay Park and Stepside.

The design of a significant new Council Depot Facility at Ballyogan is under construction and will be completed in late 2010. In 2009, the Library Improvement Programme continued to provide improved amenities and maintenance and disability access to libraries. Phase 1 of the works at



County Hall was completed and Phase Two has commenced, which will complete the restoration of the Old Town Hall.

Village Improvement Schemes

A major civic improvement project along 'The Metals', Marine Road will commence on site in April 2010, while a rejuvenation scheme along the laneways located off Georges Street in Dún Laoghaire is planned. A rejuvenation scheme is also being prepared for Blackrock Main Street.

Conservation of the Built Heritage

The Conservation Division implements Part IV (Architectural Heritage) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and offers advice to members of the public and their agents on all aspects of the Built Heritage.

Conservation has played an integral role in the drafting of the new County Development Plan 2010-2016. Arising out of this 63 no. structures have been added to the Record of Protected Structures and two new areas have been included as Candidate Architectural Conservation Areas.

The Department has a commitment to the adoption of Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) with 11 designated to date. Appraisals have been completed for a further five areas and it is intended that these will go on public display in 2010.

The Department continues to administer the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government Conservation Grants Scheme for protected structures on behalf of the County Council. In 2009, applications were assessed and funding to a total of €194,000 was allocated to 16 projects.

Dangerous Structures and Places

The Department implements the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act in relation to Dangerous Structures and Places.



Corporate Services and IT Department

The Corporate Services and IT Department is responsible for the provision and management of a very wide range of services, both internal and external to the organisation.

These services include:

- Council Meetings
- Facilities Management
- Higher Education Grants
- Register of Electors
- Property Management
- Communications Office
- Information Technology
- Restaurant / Hospitality
- Hire of Halls/Exhibition Space
- Management of Telephone System / Corporate Mobile Telephones
- Information Desk / Porters Desk
- Switchboard Services

County Council

The Council itself is made up of 28 County Councillors from the following Electoral Areas: Dundrum, Glencullen/Sandyford, Stillorgan, Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire and Ballybrack.

In 2009 the following County Council meetings were held:

- 24 County Council meetings including the Annual Meeting and one budget meeting and 12 Development Plan Meetings
- 17 meetings of Dundrum Area Committee
- 17 meetings of Dún Laoghaire Area Committee
- Five meetings of Strategic Policy Committees
- One meeting of the Joint Policing Committee
- One meeting of the Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee

The Local Elections were held on June 5, 2009.

Facilities Management

The Facilities Management Section is responsible for managing Corporate Buildings (County Hall, Old Town Hall, Harbour Square, Dundrum Sub Office and Library Road).

Work by the Facilities Management Section includes Administration and Maintenance Services as follows:

- Purchasing / Procurement /Tender Process
- Property Management and Maintenance of Corporate Offices
- Corporate Advertising Policy

Higher Education Grants

The Higher Education Grants Scheme 2009/2010 was approved by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at its meeting in September 2009.

Number of New Applications	730
Number of New Grants Awarded	334
Number of Renewal Grants Awarded	467

801 students were awarded grants under the Higher Education Grants Scheme 2009/2010 and the total expenditure was €3.8 million.

Highlight of the year was the move to Electronic Funds Transfer for the payment of grants to Colleges.

Register of Electors

The final Register for 2009/2010 Register of Electors was published on 1st February 2009 and came into force on the 15th February 2009.

The total number of electors on the final Register was 150,635 and the breakdown of the Electoral Areas is as follows:

Electoral Area	No. of Electors	Electoral Area	No. of Electors
Ballybrack	25,981	Dundrum	29,379
Blackrock	22,109	Glencullen	20,869
Dún Laoghaire	32,552	Stillorgan	19,745

A draft Register of Electors for 2010/2011 was published on 1st November 2009. The total number on the Draft Register decreased to 150,216.

Dundrum Office

The following meetings were held in the Dundrum Office in 2009:

Dundrum Area Committee Meetings	15
SPC Meetings	2
Deputations	5
Other Departmental Meetings	62
Housing Meetings/sign-ups/interviews/RAS	20
Exhibitions/Public Displays	23
Public Information Meetings	8
Training	1

School Meals Schemes

11 Primary Schools in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area benefit from the scheme.

Deputations

A total of 10 formalised deputation meetings were held during the year.

Coroner's Court

In 2009 there were 1,242 deaths reported with 653 post mortem examinations and 373 inquests carried out by the Coroner.

Property Management

The Section:

- Manages Council's property portfolio
- Maintains the Council's Property Interest Register;
- Undertakes inspections and enforcement under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 as appropriate;
- Provides a Referencing Service which also prepares the Books of References for Compulsory Purchase Orders.

Communications Office

The Communications Office has responsibility for all corporate communications and information management. The office operates as the central contact point for all media relations and has an on-going role in managing the reputation of the Council. A key priority of the team is to ensure that we deliver our messages to all stakeholders in a clear and consistent manner and to promote better engagement with citizens across the County.

Key deliverables in 2009 included:

- Publication of a communications strategy for the organisation, including a framework plan, media protocol and critical issues management guidelines.
- Proactive media relations, including management of press queries (over 600 received and responded to in 2009).



- Management Information Systems – Weekly Corporate Diary/Media analysis/strategic communications planning.
- Advising on design and content of a range of Council public information leaflets for better citizen engagement.
- Outreach work - over 1,500 primary school students in 61 schools were visited across the County by 16 staff promoting the work of the Council through our Kids Council Programme.
- Press Releases promoting the good news stories (over 50).
- Production of key Council publications - Annual Report; four editions of our Council publication *dlr times*; production of a monthly staff newsletter.
- Leading working group on website development – new site to go live in 2010
- Processing/co-ordination of:
 - Freedom of information requests (67 in 2009)
 - Data protection requests (5 in 2009)
 - Ombudsman requests (24 in 2009)
 - Access to Information on the Environment Regulations (2 in 2009)
- On-going support for the office of An Cathaoirleach – Public Relations/Events Management.
- Use of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) to produce Development Plan and to allow for online submissions
- New Integrated Housing Project went live successfully
- Financial systems upgrades carried out
- Libraries - new electronic services (e-books, podcasts, blogs) and System upgrades
- Various IT Systems upgrades (Electoral Register, Rental Accommodation Scheme, Planning System, etc.) to improve efficiencies
- Network infrastructure upgrades
- Broadband Infrastructure commenced in the County and will continue to expand over the coming years
- New noise pollution system
- Commencement of MapRoad project to digitally capture all details of road network
- Improvements to our on-line systems
- Introduction of CRM (Customer Relationship Management) into the Litter Management section.

Additional responsibilities of the Office include the implementation of the Council's Irish Scheme under the Official Languages Act 2003.

Information Technology

The IT section provides for the organisation's wide ranging and expanding information technology requirements. This is achieved in a planned and managed environment and is governed by the demands of the Department's Business Plan and the Corporate Plan and ad hoc demands from within, and increasingly from external sources.

Some Highlights in 2009:

- Completion and testing of IT disaster recovery Plan
- Introduction of paperless Council Meetings
- Move to Windows 2008 and Virtual Servers



Economic Development and Community Department

The Economic Development and Community Department works extensively with partners of Council including other local public sector service providers, local development companies, the community and voluntary sector and organised business.

The Department coordinates, facilitates and administratively supports an array of fora and collaboration mechanisms to deliver multi-agency actions in terms of long-term strategies for the social, economic and cultural development of the County.

In December 2009 most of the functions of the Department were re-allocated to a new Human Resources and County Development Board Directorate of the County Council.

County Development Board

The Department provided coordination and administrative services to the Board and its sub-committees. In December 2009 the Board agreed to restructure its Committee structure with effect from 2010.

Economic Development

Achievements in 2009 included:

- Development of the Dublin City Region Economic Development Plan working with the partners in the Dublin Creative Alliance.
- Facilitation and the development of the Sandyford Business District Alliance.
- Marketing of tourism in the County by Dublin Tourism Company in terms of a service-level agreement.
- Securing EU funding for a project to develop and promote the brand of Dún Laoghaire town.



- Securing the participation of the Council in the SURE Project that will focus on local economic development in the RAPID (Revitalising Areas through Planning, Investment and Development) area.

Social Inclusion

RAPID

The RAPID Programme is based in the Loughlinstown and Shanganagh / Rathsallagh areas and aims to improve the quality of life and opportunities available to residents by coordinating services from the different providers.

In 2009 the RAPID Programme supported the following community development initiatives:

- Development of the RAPID Community Network with the dlr County Community Forum and Community Platform.
- Creation of the “Communities Working Together” Newsletter as an inter-agency project.
- Production of a research report into the needs of vulnerable families with children in association with the RAPID Family Support Task Group.
- Established a local Global Action Plan project, a community-based environmental project in conjunction with dlr Estate Management Programme.
- Establishment of a Community Digital Media Centre in association with the Institute of Art, Design and Technology Dún Laoghaire.
- Establishment of Southern Abilities Group for young adults with physical disabilities with Southside Partnership and Holly House Community Development Project.

Social Inclusion Unit

Achievements in 2009 included:

- Organisation of awareness Programmes such as Social Inclusion Week, World Refugee Day, Multi-Cultural Young People Awards, Show Racism the Red Card, Celebration of the Arts by people with disabilities,

Information Fair for people with disabilities/Voter Mobilisation Campaign - ‘you can VOTE in 2009’. This campaign aimed to mobilise eligible members of ethnic minorities living in the County to register to vote.

- Facilitation of the implementation of the Better Services for Travellers Plan.
- Coordination of the delivery of Actions of the interagency strategy ‘Moving Forward Together: An Anti-Racism and Diversity Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Comhairle na nÓg

Comhairle na nÓg is a structure for young people to become involved in the planning and delivery of services in the County.

Achievements in 2009 included:

- Comhairle na nÓg convened regularly, consisting of delegates from post-primary schools and youth organisations in the County.
- Members of the Comhairle participated in an activities-based Leadership Development training day hosted by Dún Laoghaire VEC.
- A teacher/youth worker training seminar was held in September to increase awareness of the role of Comhairle na nÓg.
- Six delegates attended the annual Dáil na nÓg conference and one member was elected to the National Dáil na nÓg Council.

Local Sports Partnership

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Sports Partnership (DLRLSP) is one of a national network of Local Sports Partnerships (an initiative of the Irish Sports Council), with the key goals of coordinating and increasing participation in sport at a local level.

Achievements in 2009 included:

- Completion and launch of the DLRLSP 2009-2012 Strategic Plan.

- Running Child Protection in Sport Courses / Travellers Education Through Sport Programme.
- Provision of Buntús equipment and training to nine Primary and nine Pre-schools.
- Delivery of weekly Active Exercise programmes for Older People with approximately 100 regular participants, Girls Active For Fun Programme, and the inaugural dlr Community 5K Fun Run.
- Organisation of Disability Sport Development Programmes / Coach and Volunteer Training, establishment and support for the County Sports Forum
- Allocation of Grants for Club Development & Participation/ Completion of databases for sports clubs and facilities in the County.
- Launch of the www.dlrsportspartnership.ie website.

County Community and Voluntary Forum

Achievements of the Forum in 2009 included:

- Organisation of elections of Community Directors on a number of newly constituted Boards of Community Centres and Facilities in collaboration with the County Council.
- Organisation of elections for Community Representation on to the newly formed Joint Policing Committee.
- A seminar to raise awareness of the importance of tourism for the County in the Community and Voluntary Sector

The Forum provided active support in 2009 for:

- The continued development of a multi-agency Volunteering Board of Management for the promotion/ running of a walk-in volunteer centre for the County.
- The involvement of Community and Voluntary Groups to make submissions on the review of the County Development Plan with the support of the Council's Planning Department.



Environment, Culture & Community Department

The Environment, Culture & Community Department covers a wide range of services including Litter Control, Environmental Awareness, Biodiversity, Roadsweeping, Community Facilities, Events and Festivals, Concerts, Markets, Heritage, Arts, Twinning, Libraries, Parks, Landscaping, Beaches, Sports, Leisure Facilities, Animal Control, Cemeteries and Casual Trading.

The Department is divided into five sections – Environment, Culture, Community, Libraries and Parks & Landscaping Services.

Environment

Litter Control, Environmental Awareness, Roadsweeping, Animal Control, Casual Trading, Beaches

- The Council employs six Litter Wardens and one Dog Warden who continue to enforce the relevant legislation. In 2009, 1,826 litter fines and 326 fines under the Control of Dogs Act were issued.
- Organisation of 'Cool Earth', an environmental awareness exhibition including guest speakers such as Evelyn Cusack & Trevor Sargent that focused on climate change, as part of the 2009 dlr Festival of World Cultures.
- Organisation of Tidy Districts competition, whereby 31 residents groups, Tidy Towns Committees and Estate Management groups took part. The 2009 overall winners were Kill Abbey.
- The Cleansing Section undertake the following duties on a regular basis; road sweeping, cleaning gullies, servicing litter bins, manual sweeping in town centres, removing illegally dumped material, cleaning laneways, cleaning car parks and cleaning around bottle banks.



- Beach maintenance staff continued to keep the Council's beaches clean and well maintained seven days a week all year round.

Culture

Events and Festivals, Concerts, Markets, Heritage, Arts, Twinning

- The dlr Festival of World Cultures, dlr Poetry Now and the Irish Youth Dance Festival were once again a great success in 2009.
- The engagement of over 1,000 under 25-year-olds in long-term developmental arts activity, the continuation of artist in residency programmes and four series of Country House Concerts.
- In 2009 the Heritage Office produced the Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival and Summer of Heritage 2009 and published and began implementing the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Biodiversity Plan.
- dlr Events free programme of events continued in 2009 with events such as Dad's Day Out, The Kingstown Special, Teddy Bear's Picnic and Samhain.
- Marlay Park Concerts were again a great success in 2009 attracting thousands of people to the County.

Community

Community Facilities, Sports and Leisure Facilities

- Mounttown, Ballyogan, Sallynoggin and Cois Cairn Community Facilities were completed and opened in 2009. Community Facilities in Glencullen and

Belarmine were developed in consultation with local community groups.

- A range of services such as advisory information, grants and the sponsorship of three Community Employment schemes were provided in the local community.
- Community Development events celebrated include; Bealtaine, Family Fun Days, Summer Projects and the Community Awards, which saw over 60 groups participating and the overall award going to Teenzone.
- The Council, through the Estate Management partnership, grew to facilitate 12 estate management fora.
- Over 5,000 people participated in Sports Development and coaching programmes – many on a variety of week long and ongoing programmes including the "Take 'em On" Soccer School, the D.R.A.F.T.S. (Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown After School Fun Through Sport) programme, Summer & Holiday Camps, the 'Soccer in the Community' in conjunction with UCD F.C. and the Introduction to Snorkeling courses with Trident Sub-Aqua Club.

Libraries

- The Library Outreach Programme was launched. Partnership initiatives included the establishment of Loughlinstown Community Library and the prize-winning NCBI book club in Dún Laoghaire, the provision of taster collections to Southside Travellers Action Group, CDP Coolevin and Shanganagh House and the piloting of the One Book, One Community project in 11 schools.
- E-books and downloadable books in audio and PDF were introduced on the library website: www.dlrcoco.ie/library



- Library PressDisplay was introduced on the library website, giving access to over 1,000 international newspapers and magazines from more than 82 countries in 39 languages.
- Writer-in-residence Paul Perry provided creative writing workshops to writers of all ages, both published and unpublished, throughout the community. His work culminated in an anthology which will be published in 2010.

Parks & Landscape Services

Parks, Cemeteries and Biodiversity

- Through staff partnership we have endeavoured to improve our efficiency of operations and standards of maintenance for 900 ha of green space; historic houses and heritage structures; playgrounds and recreational facilities; floral decoration and tree management.

- In support of residents, Tidy Towns and other community/volunteer groups we have sought to raise the standard of presentation of our green spaces, villages and town centres.
- Significant resources were allocated to forward planning in particular assisting the Development Plan review and strategic planning in relation to an Open Space Strategy, a County Tree Policy and a Biodiversity Policy for parks.
- 2009 was the final year of a six year infrastructure programme the highlights of which were the official opening of changing rooms at Thomastown Park, and playgrounds at Carysfort, Springhill, Killiney Hill and Booterstown.
- All pavements in Shanganagh Cemetery and the Funeral Drive in Deansgrange Cemetery were resurfaced and upgraded.



Finance Department

The Finance Department is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations, both Revenue and Capital.

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

- Financial Control & Treasury Management
- Preparation of Annual Budget
- Preparation of Annual Financial Statement
- Payroll Administration
- Commercial Rates Billing & Collection
- Environmental Waste Charges Billing & Collection
- Non-Domestic Water Charges Billing & Collection
- Payment of Accounts
- Insurance and Claims Administration
- Payments Receiving Office
- Administration of the Non Principal Private Residence Charge

Council Budget

The Finance Department prepares the overall Budget in consultation with each department of the Council.

The Revenue Budget for the financial year ended 31st December 2009, as adopted by Council, was €220,436,900.

Rates

Rates are payable on commercial and industrial properties. Following consideration of the Budget each year, the elected Members determine the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) to be levied for the following year. The ARV for 2009 was €70.61.

Collection Statistics			
Year	Total Rates Demanded	Total Rates Collected	% Collected
2009	€94,547,404	€79,934,676	84.52%
2008	€86,885,408	€79,314,343	91.29%
2007	€84,068,450	€79,465,704	94.53%
2006	€84,385,884	€78,465,000	92.98%

Valuation Act 2001

The Valuation Act 2001 revises the law relating to the rateable valuation of properties and facilitates a national revaluation of all rateable valuations.

Entry Year Levy

The levy was introduced under the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006, which was enacted on the 24th December 2006.

The levy applies to all new-build properties from the date when the properties are valued for rating purposes, pending the levying of commercial rates.

Collection Statistics			
Year	Total Levy Collectable €	Total Levy Collected €	% Collected
2009	2,011,750.	1,116,726	55.51

Environmental Waste Charges

From 1st January 2005, Environmental Waste Charges are levied on all householders availing of the service on a Pay By Weight basis.

From July 2005, a small number of households are permitted to pay for bag labels.

A waiver scheme is operated for householders who are on low income and/or dependent on social welfare.

Collection Statistics			
Year	Net Debit	Net Collected	% Collected
2009	€5,122,766*	€9,241,421**	213.85%**
2008	€6,498,018*	€10,109,604**	155%**
2007	€13,447,157*	€11,141,142**	82.85%**
2006	€15,320,055*	€11,038,372**	72.05%**

* Under Pay By Weight, householders are issued statements, based on weights and lifts, in arrears. The debit is comprised of three statements for the year, including the final statement, although this statement issues to customers after year-end.

** The Net Collected figure is comprised of both payments for the current and previous years, which is also reflected in the percentage collected total.

Waiver Statistics	2009	2008	2007	2006
Total Processed	3,347	5,456	5,313	5,337
Granted	3,001	4,413	4,097	4,266
Refused	346	1,043	1,216	1,071

The legislation provides for the imposition of late payment fees in respect of payments made after the due date and for the taking of legal proceedings against owners liable to the charge who do not meet their liability.

The amount collected in 2009 in respect of the NPPR Charge was €2,773,360.

Non-Domestic Water Charges Collection

Charges for non-domestic water supply are determined by metered usage. The task of metering all non-domestic properties, which commenced in 2006, was completed in December 2008. Prior to completion of the metering project, charges were levied by a combination of both fixed and metered charges.

Year	Total Water Charges Demanded	Total Water Charges Collected	% Collected
2009	€14,627,436*	€5,606,556	38.33%
2008	€11,055,390*	€3,465,923	31.35%
2007	€7,013,959*	€2,998,785	42.75%
2006	€4,739,791*	€2,439,468	51.47%

* Bills issue in arrears. The debit includes final bill for the year, although issued to customers after year-end.

Domestic Water Charges were abolished from 1st January 1997.

Non-Principal Private Residence Charge (NPPR)

The Local Government (Charges) Act 2009 introduced a €200 charge for Non-Principal Private Residences. The €200 charge is payable to the local authority in whose area the Non-Principal Private Residence is located. The charge is self-assessed and owners must register the property and pay the charge.

Payment of Accounts

Payment to suppliers is made subject to presentation of valid tax documentation. The majority of payments are made by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), through which payments are made directly into suppliers' bank accounts, with occasional cheque payments where EFT is not practicable. Staff and Councillors are also paid by EFT.

The Council's Treasurer is: Bank of Ireland, 101 Upper George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Under The Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997, as amended, suppliers shall be entitled to late payment of interest on payments that are not paid within the prescribed period which in the case of most payments is 30 days.

Insurances

The main areas of activity are Public Liability, Employers Liability, Fire (Housing Stock), Fire (General Properties) and Motor Insurance. Full cover is provided.

Annual Financial Statement

The Annual Financial Statement 2008, completed in 2009, was prepared on an accrual accounting basis and included a full Balance Sheet showing assets owned and liabilities owed by the Council. The accounts are audited by the Local Government Auditor who reports to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.



Housing Department

The Housing Department manages the Council's housing estates. Functions include the construction, refurbishment, allocation, maintenance and sale of dwellings, rent assessment and collection, the making of house purchase loans and certain grants and the operation of the Plan for Social Housing and the provision of accommodation for homeless families.

The Department is responsible for the enforcement of standards and upkeep of rent books in private rented accommodation. The Department is also responsible for the management and maintenance of Group Housing Schemes and Halting Sites and the implementation of the Council's Accommodation Programme for Travelling People. Responsibility for tenants of private landlords, in receipt of Rent Supplement for over 18 months, has also been passed to the County Council under the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), which is also administered by the Housing Department.

Housing Construction Programme 2009

Units completed during 2009	17 units at Pearse Street Sallynoggin (re-development) 103 units at Stonebridge, Shankill Six refurbishments and 4 new dwellings at St. Galls Gardens North Four dwellings at Clontibret House, Blackrock One refurbishment and 3 new dwellings at Kilcross, Sandyford
Units under construction during 2009	18 units at Pearse Street (re-development) Eight units at Goatstown Close 41 units at Benamore 39 units at Brehon Grove Kingston (29 Social/10 affordable) 10 units at St. Galls Gardens (refurbishment of 6 existing and construction of 4 additional units) 27 units at Meadowlands (phase 3)
Units approved at Part 8	21 units at Broadford Rise 15 units at Cromlech Close 155 units at Enniskerry Road (105 social and 50 affordable) 25 units at Lambs Cross (19 social/6 affordable)

Tenant Purchase Scheme

During 2009 the Council received 31 applications to purchase, 23 applications were approved and five sales were completed.

Housing Adaptation

On 1st November 2007, the DoEHLG introduced regulations which provided for a new framework of grant aid for older people and people with a disability replacing the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme and the Essential Repair Grant Scheme.

The schemes of grant aid are as follows: -

- Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability
- Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme
- Housing Aid for Older People

Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability

123 Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability applications were received.

75 Provisional Approvals were issued in the sum of €766,825.

Mobility Aids Housing Grants

21 Mobility Aids Housing Grant applications were received.

10 Provisional Approvals were issued in the sum of €32,300.

Housing Aid for Older People

41 Housing Aid for Older People applications were received.

39 Provisional Approvals were issued in the sum of €210,621.70.

Homelessness

- The Council continued its arrangements with the Health Service Executive and Dublin City Council in relation to the provision of emergency accommodation for homeless persons.
- Six homeless households were housed by the Council in 2009 and 56 households were assisted in accessing accommodation in the private rented sector. 17 households were allocated tenancies with Voluntary Housing Bodies, some of which were supported tenancies.
- The Localisation Group continues to meet every six weeks to discuss the Localisation of Services and any issues of concern arising. In addition, the Homeless Forum meets every two months to ensure the delivery of an integrated service to homeless people. Representatives from service providers sit on the Forum e.g. Dublin Simon, Crosscare, in addition to the Gardaí.

Anti-Social Behaviour in Council Estates

The Council continued its policy of dealing comprehensively with instances of anti-social behaviour in its estates during 2009. A total of 72 cases of anti-social behaviour were dealt with which is an increase of 1.4% in anti-social behaviour cases in comparison to 2008.

- Legal Action was taken where appropriate, i.e. 3 evictions carried out/3 dwellings surrendered/4 warrants for possession and 2 excluding orders obtained from the District Court.
- 46 warning letters and 14 verbal warnings issued.
- 1,850 pre-tenancy assessments were carried out.
- 5 Secondary Schools visited (Schools Initiative Programme).

Pre-Tenancy Training Courses

- Four "Introduction to Tenancy" Courses were conducted in 2009.

Housing and Transfer Lists

- At 31st December 2009, 4,556 applicants were assessed as being in need of housing.
- The Council's Housing Lists were reviewed in May 2009 and the Transfer Lists were reviewed in August 2009.

- A total of 358 housing applicants were allocated dwellings. This included 169 dwellings negotiated by the Council under Part V agreements.
- 81 tenants were allocated transfers to alternative accommodation. This included three dwellings negotiated by the Council under Part V agreements.

Housing Rents

While the Council reviews its Differential Rent Scheme on an annual basis, the Scheme introduced in March 2009 was the result of a long period of consultation and research. This Scheme improves the method of calculating rents under the Council's Rent Schemes. Rents are now charged as a percentage of income which, with the rent-free allowance, ensures that those on lower incomes will pay a lower proportion of that income on rent.

The average weekly charge (which includes property charges where appropriate) in 2009 was €62.66 and the rental income received was €12.3m.

Part V – Housing Strategy

A total of 123 dwellings were provided through Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2008, as follows:

- 37 Affordable Units and 90 Voluntary Social Housing Units

In addition, 4 legal agreements were signed and a further 6 were at draft stage, to provide approximately 182 dwellings during 2010/2011.

Affordable Housing Scheme

- 99 dwellings were sold to affordable applicants during 2009.
- At end of December 2009, there were a total of 1,900 applicants on the Affordable Housing List.

Voluntary Housing Schemes

Funding was provided during 2009 through the Capital Assistance and Capital Loan & Subsidy Schemes to three Voluntary Housing Associations for the acquisition of a total of 66 dwellings through Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2008.

Accommodation of the Traveller Community

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009 – 2013 was adopted on 9th March 2009. In addition to 21 standard houses, it shows a projected need for 38 additional halting site bays/grouped houses during that period. It also identifies 2 sites totalling 10 group houses for refurbishment.

Units Completed 2009:

Aughmore Lane – refurbishment of five bay halting site
Kilbogget Grove – refurbishment of four group houses

At Tender stage: St. Michaels Park, Monkstown - total refurbishment of three bay halting site

The Local Consultative Committee met on six occasions during 2009.

Maintenance of Local Authority Housing Stock

As of December 31st 2009, the Council had approximately 4,300 dwellings in its rented stock. A total of 6,300 requests for maintenance were received in 2009.

Rental Accommodation Scheme

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) commenced in Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council in August 2006.

- Number of potential RAS applicants living in the Council's administrative area - 615
- Number of tenants of private landlords, transferred to Scheme at 31/12/2009 - 371
- Number of homeless persons transferred to the Scheme at 31/12/2009 - 30



Human Resources Department

The Human Resources Department is involved in the general administration of statutory employment provisions and also the policies, procedures and schemes adopted by management. Responsibilities include Recruitment, HR Administration, Industrial Relations, Equality, Staff Development & Training, Accessibility and Workplace Partnership.

In December 2009, the Human Resources Department and Economic Development & Community Department functions were re-allocated to a new Human Resources & County Development Board Directorate.

Staff of the County Council

The workforce of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at the end of 2009 was 1,195 including clerical/administrative, professional, technical and depot based staff comprising craft and general workers.

Recruitment, Administration & Industrial Relations

- A total of 13 competitions were held to fill vacancies during the course of the year.
- The Human Resources Department provides an advisory service to local management, ensuring equality and consistency throughout the organisation.
- Staff welfare is promoted through the operation of schemes that aspire to a work life balance i.e. flexi time, term time, work-sharing.
- The Staff Welfare Officer identifies and responds to transitory crisis or personal difficulties experienced by staff at work or at home and provides a confidential counselling, referral and information service.

Equality

- The Council continued to support various national campaigns, including National Anti-Racism week and Social Inclusion week.
- The three percent target quota for the employment of persons with disabilities was exceeded.

Staff Development and Training

During the year, the training programme delivered in-house training to 635 staff in the following areas:-

- Personal Development, Health and Safety, Freedom of Information, Customer Care, Irish Language, Information Technology
- 24 staff completed the Certificate in Local Government Studies
- Nine staff completed the Diploma in Local Government Studies
- 49 staff were approved under the Scheme of Assistance for courses of further education

Accessibility

- The County Council launched its Accessibility Implementation Plan at a Disability Information Fair held in the Stillorgan Park Hotel on the 19th February 2009 supported by the Disability Consultation Group (DCG).
- There were six meetings of the DCG during the year as well as meetings of the Engagement and Evaluation sub-group and the Consultations Guidelines Sub- group.
- The 3% target for the employment of people with disabilities referred to in the Disability Act 2005 was exceeded in DLRCC (5%).
- €433,443 was drawn from the National Disability Strategy Fund in respect of accessibility works.
- Accessibility improvements continued this year at various public libraries, and accessibility improvement work in the reception area of County Hall was completed.
- Further improvements were made to the footpaths in Shanganagh Cemetery, Fitzsimons Wood, and

Sallynoggin Road which were all supported by funding from the National Disability Strategy Fund.

- Footpath dishing and pedestrian crossing improvements were prioritised in areas most regularly used by people with disabilities.
- The last remaining access audits of the county were carried out in Ballinteer, Stepside, Glencullen and Cherrywood / Old Connaught areas.



Workplace Partnership

Workplace Partnership continued in operation during 2009 with 11 Partnership Committee Meetings held during the year along with three meetings of the Handling Significant Change Group. A number of Action groups continued to advance several objectives, some of which are outlined below: -

Return to Learning programme

The Partnership Facilitator and the VEC Co-ordinator ran a number of meetings in the Council depots as part of the programmes promotion; 41 members of staff participated in the programme and an additional 10 staff members participated in a pilot ECDL course. In addition to Return to Learning, the Partnership Office made available, through LANPAG, educational grants for staff who wished to

participate in further and higher education during 2009-2010. Seven members of staff availed of this scheme.

Dignity and Respect in the Workplace

A Partnership Action group was formed to review the effectiveness of the Dignity and Respect in the Workplace Policy. Following a number of meetings it was agreed that an independent evaluation by the LRC, which included two pilot areas within the Council would be carried out. A report from the LRC with recommendations was placed on the Partnership Intranet page for staff comments and suggestion.

Depot Upgrading

The Partnership Depot Upgrading Communications Action group had a number of meetings with key personnel during the year. Minutes of their meetings were made available on the Partnership Intranet site.

Health and Wellbeing Action Group

In October 2009, 242 members of staff availed of the Health Checks run by the Health and Wellbeing Action Group.

Long Service Recognition

In February 2009, the Long Service Action Group ran a function for 18 members of staff to celebrate 25 years service.



Legal Services Department

The Council's Legal Services Department has developed considerable expertise in all areas of Local Government Law, practice and administration. Through its professional and paralegal support staff it provides an active and essential service to all Council departments and Council affiliates.

Amongst the many and varied services offered by the Legal Services Department are:

- Consultations with Council management and staff
- Participation and an active role in the development of major Council initiatives, policy implementation and service delivery
- Code enforcement and the management of litigation issues
- Judicial Review proceedings
- Public Enquiries
- Corporate Governance related issues
- Compulsory Purchase Orders
- Conveyancing and property management
- General advices

In its work, the Department's staff communicate on a daily basis with Government departments, the Courts Service, the Property Registration Authority and with numerous solicitors, barristers and other consultants.

Emphasis is placed on specialist and personal development training for staff, all of whom are experienced on the latest case management software, including digital dictation. Vocational, professional and personal development training is undertaken with due regard to the objectives of the Council's Corporate Plan and the Department's own PMDS Team Plan.

Legal Services' case management system is regularly updated. This computer based file management and reporting system has proved to be a most useful and effective tool in assisting with service delivery in the department's code enforcement role, in the recovery of commercial rates and with general litigation matters.

With the recession in the economy bringing about a reduction in conveyancing transactions, there continues to be significant increases in the volume of litigation and contentious claims. During the past year, Legal Services made provision for these changes so as to ensure that litigation cases and claims were effectively managed.



Planning Department

The Planning Department is responsible for implementing the provisions of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2008, the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 – 2009 and the Building Control legislation.

This involves reviewing the existing County Development Plan and the making of a new Development Plan every six years, making and implementing Local Area Plans, consideration of applications for planning permission, the control of ongoing development, the enforcement of planning legislation, and providing advice on planning related matters together with enforcement of the Building Control legislation.

Development Control Service Indicators

- 1,475 planning applications were received in 2009 which represents a decrease of 35% on the 2008 figure.
- 1,356 valid planning applications determined.
- Out of a total of 295 decisions issued by An Bord Pleanála in 2009 in relation to appeals, 225 [76%] upheld/varied the decision of the Planning Authority, while 70 [24%] reversed the decision of the Planning Authority.
- During 2009 15 proposals by the County Council to carry out development were the subject of the public consultation process provided for under Part 8 of the 2001 Planning & Development Regulations.
- One major planning application the subject of an Environmental Impact Statement was submitted to the Council in 2009.

Enforcement

- A total of 393 new files were opened during 2009 and 540 cases were resolved during the year.
- A total of 273 cases were resolved through negotiation during the year.
- 399 warning letters issued.
- 168 Enforcement Notices issued.
- 39 prosecutions were initiated.

Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000

- 126 applications for a Declaration or Referral, under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, were processed in 2009. Eight applications were referred to An Bord Pleanála for review.

County Development Plan:

No variation to the County Development Plan 2004-2010 took place in 2009.

Review of County Development Plan and preparation of a new County Development Plan 2010-2016.

The Draft Development Plan went on public display at the end of April 2009 for a ten week period, during which time submissions were invited from the public. At the end of the public consultation period, over 1,900 submissions had been received.

A Manager's Report [September 2009] was prepared which dealt in detail with the issues raised in the submissions.

This report was considered by the Elected Members over a series of eight Council meetings held during November 2009.

At the conclusion of this consideration the Proposed Amendments to the Draft Development Plan went on public display for a five week period commencing 17th December 2009.

Once again submissions were invited from the public and other interested parties or organisations.

The Development Plan 2010-2016 is due to be adopted in March 2010.

Development Contribution Scheme (Section 48 of Planning and Development Act, 2000)

The Council on the 14th December 2009 adopted the Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2010 – 2016. Total receipts under the Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2004 – 2009 were €140 million and in 2009 were approximately €16 million.

Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme (Section 49 of Planning and Development Act, 2000)

The Council on 13th January 2003 adopted a Section 49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme. It requires the payment of a financial contribution towards the cost of the extension of Luas Line B from the Sandyford Depot to Cherrywood, namely Luas Line B1.

The total receipts from 2003 - 2009 in respect of the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme amounted to €21.8 million. A total of €2.8 million was received in 2009.

Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme (Section 49 of Planning and Development Act, 2000-2006)

The Council on the 10th November 2008 adopted a Section 49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for the purpose of financing the development of the Glenamuck District Distributor Road Scheme and the Surface Water Attenuation Ponds Scheme.

Local Area Plans

The County Development Plan 2004-2010 contains objectives to prepare a number of Local Area Plans and in 2009 work continued on preparation of the following Local Area Plans and Studies:

- Cherrywood-Rathmichael Local Area Plan/Strategic Development Zone
- Deansgrange Local Area Plan ²
- Sandyford Urban Framework Plan (SUFP)
- Old Connaught Local Area Plan
- Goatstown Local Area Plan

Work also continued on the assessment of the following five Architectural Conservation Areas:

² Deansgrange LAP was brought to an advanced stage and is scheduled for completion in early 2010.



- Sandycove Point, Sandycove
- Silchester Road, Glenageary
- Balally Terrace, Sandyford
- Castle Cottages, Clonskeagh
- Moss Cottages, Kiltiernan

Building Control

During 2009, 605 commencement notices were received and inspections of 15% of buildings notified on foot of those notices were undertaken.

Eight estates/developments were taken in charge in 2009.

Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009

The Regulations came into effect in October 2009 and prescribe the procedures in respect of the new certification measures for:

- Seven Day Notice
- Regularisation Certificate
- Revised Fire Safety Certificate.

The provisions in relation to Disability Certificates and Revised Disability Certificates come into effect in January 2010.

The Regulations also provide for the making of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Regularisation Certificate, Disability Access Certificate/Revised Disability Access Certificate under Section 6 of the Act.

Building Energy Rating [BER] Certificates

Under SI 666 of 2006 European Community (Energy Performance of Buildings) Regulations the Council is responsible for the monitoring of BERs. It is the Council's practice to visit estate agents / auctioneers in the County, who act for vendors. The Council is satisfied with the level of compliance with the Building Energy Regulation Certificate legislation in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The Council has not, to date, commenced enforcement proceedings for failure to submit BER certificates but is actively monitoring the situation and where it is satisfied that there is non-compliance with Regulations, the Council will commence enforcement proceedings.



Transportation Department

The principal activities of the Transportation Department are the design and construction of roads and motorways, junction improvements, quality bus corridors and pedestrian facilities, public lighting, monitoring of road openings.

Also under the control of the Transportation Department is the implementation of traffic management measures, parking controls, and road safety measures, including the promotion of Road Safety Awareness and the operation of the School Warden service.

Road Maintenance Section

Road Restoration Programme

- A grant of €2,905,000 from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG) enabled the reconstruction/resurfacing of 19 roads in 2009.
- An additional €2,580,000 was drawn down from the Development Contribution Scheme to fund the upgrading of footpaths on these roads.

Footpath Restoration Programme

- Contract Works were carried out at 14 locations in 2009 with funding of €600,000 from the Council's own resources supplemented by the Development Contribution Scheme.
- Footpath repairs and renewal were also carried out by Direct Labour.

Roads Control Section

- The Roadmap on-line application system is now being used by the ESB, Bord Gáis and communications companies.
- Bord Gáis completed year 6 of an estimated six year mains renewal project in the County. This project should be completed by mid 2010. A sum of € 900,000 was spent on carrying out permanent reinstatement of openings for repairs to the water supply network.

Public Lighting

- The ongoing programme of lantern and column replacement continued in 2009.

- There are approximately 22,500 lanterns in the County.

Parking Control Section

- Parking Control Bye-Laws, 2007 were adopted by the Council and came into operation on 1 August 2007.
- Parking Schemes were introduced in the following locations in 2009:- Brookfield Place, Blackrock; Drummartin Link Road, Glenbower Park, Dundrum; Cross Avenue Extension, Blackrock; Old Bray Road - Cabinteely Library.
- 949 convictions were secured through the District Court for the non-payment of parking fines and three motorists were disqualified from driving.

Road Projects Office

The following are the major capital schemes under design/ construction or recently completed by the Council and funded by the Department of Transport. The capital allocation received in 2009 was €2,110,000.

- **Completed Schemes:** Sandyford Link Road and Monkstown Ring Road
- **Schemes under Construction:** Ballyogan Road and Luas Line B1 (RPA) and M50 Upgrade.
- **Schemes at Design Stage:** Murphystown Road; Kilgobbin Road; Blackglen Road/Harolds Grange Road; Pottery Road and Rochestown Avenue/Abbey Road. The Rail Procurement Agency are progressing the design of Luas Line B2 and Sandyford Business Estate access schemes.

Transportation Planning Section

- Reported on 820 planning applications.
- Held 400 meetings with architects, engineers and planners in order to facilitate the progression of planning applications.
- Contributed to the Draft Development Plan process in respect of Chapter 12 Sustainable Travel

& Transportation and Chapter 16 Development Management.

- Progressed long-term projects such as the 'Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2030 Vision'; LUAS Line B2 and Bus Rapid Transit from the DART line to Sandyford Business Park through UCD.
- Completed an application to An Bord Pleanála for the proposed Dublin Road Improvement Scheme which received approval on the 2nd October, 2009.
- Organised Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's "Bike Week" in conjunction with other Departments.

Traffic Section

- Completed work on three quality bus corridor (QBC) and bus priority schemes on Mount Merrion Avenue, Kill Lane, and Sandyford Road; tenders received for Phase I of Upper Churchtown Road QBC.
- Installed five new traffic signalised junctions/routes; upgraded 10 existing junctions; upgraded five existing pedestrian crossings; installed one new signalised

pedestrian/toucan crossing; SCATS, the adaptive traffic control system was expanded to a further 31 junctions.

- Prepared and adopted new Countywide speed limit bye-laws; completed four new disability audits and upgraded 68 bus stops for 'wheelchair access'; completed three new footpath links; dealt with 370 requests for new road markings and signage as part of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) process.
- Upgraded directional signage on the R112 from the N11 to its boundary with South Dublin County Council; began work on the design for the upgrade to directional signage on the R118 from Cherrywood to Dún Laoghaire town centre and launched new local information signage scheme for Dún Laoghaire.
- The Council was short-listed from 39 applications for Phase II of the Department of Transport's 'Smarter Travel Areas Competition' in respect of the Sandyford Business Estates; The Council also signed an agreement for the purchase of the Council's first electric vehicle.



Road Safety Section

- Provision of the School Warden service which trains and oversees 73 wardens at 65 school crossing sites; continuation of the Roadsafe Roadshow for transition year students and the 'Walking Bus-Ag Siúl to School' project; delivered Road Safety programme which in 2009 included on-road child cycle training, the first of its kind in Ireland.
- Undertook seven low-cost road safety improvement/accident investigation and prevention projects; implemented one area of new traffic calming; completed three cycle networks and developed draft 'Review of Cycling in dlr'.
- Prepared brief for the Countywide cycle network assessment that took cognisance of Ireland's first National Cycle Policy Framework and granted funding for network assessment and the upgrading of 'The Metals' shared pedestrian/cycle route.
- There was an increase in reported injury collisions in 2008 (latest figures available), which was contrary to the decreasing trends of recent years, however this increase, which is reflected nationally, may be related to improved reporting procedures between An Garda Síochána and the Road Safety Authority; road death figures continued to fall in the County in 2008.
- Installed enhanced pedestrian crossings and facilities for those with visual and mobility impairments; installed speed alert signs in areas with an identified speeding issue; improved infrastructure in areas with identified accident problems.



Water & Waste Services Department

The Water & Waste Services Department provides a range of essential services and is responsible for the provision, maintenance and management of the public water supply and drainage systems throughout the County as well as waste management, refuse collection/disposal and enforcement.

Water Services

An adequate, wholesome and reliable water supply is one of the most essential services provided by a local authority. In Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown the water supply system consists of almost 1,000 km of distribution pipes together with reservoirs, pumping stations and treatment works. The Council's functional area covers one of Ireland's older conurbations: much of the network is old and requires a high level of maintenance and repair, which leads to increased operational costs. Nevertheless, the quality remains among the best in the country and results of water quality testing are regularly posted on the Council's website.

Foul drainage is collected in a network of pipes and treated in Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP) at Shanganagh and Ringsend. Surface water is collected and discharged to either adjacent rivers or the sea.

Projects

- In 2009, water leakage averaged 29% and further reduction is proving difficult due to the poor condition of the older parts of the network. The DoEHLG are providing funding of €118 million for a Regional Watermain Rehabilitation Project for the Dublin area over the coming years. Actual rehabilitation works commenced in DLRCC in late 2008 and work has progressed through 2009.
- The level of activity in the pollution control area has increased significantly. The Council has adopted the Programme of Measures for the Eastern River Basin District which includes misconnection surveys and the Fat Oils and Greases project.
- A brief is being prepared for the appointment of consultants to undertake a study and produce the Preliminary Report for the Dún Laoghaire Catchment Study. The Sandyford / Stillorgan sub-catchment study is now complete and design and construction work is progressing on several key recommended remedial measures.

Sandyford High Level Water Supply Scheme

- This Scheme will provide an adequate water distribution infrastructure for nearby newly developed and developing areas of Sandyford, Ballyogan, Stepside and Kilternan. Construction of the Contract is ongoing with an estimated completion date of May 2010.

Shanganagh/Bray Main Drainage Scheme

- Contract No 1; Upgrade of the WWTP (Waste Water Treatment Plant) to provide full secondary treatment for wastewater from the Shanganagh and Bray catchments. Plant to cater for an estimated population of 180,000
- Construction commenced end of 2008: estimated completion date is 2011.

Carysfort / Maretimo Stream Improvement Scheme

- Flood alleviation Scheme to commence in 2010.

Waste Management

The Waste Management Section coordinates the collection and disposal of Waste for both the black/grey and green bins. The principal points of interest in 2009 were:-

- Tenders were invited for the provision of the green bin service within the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area.
- The number of Refuse Collection Freighters was halved to reflect the increase in activity by private refuse collectors.
- A total of 10,269 tonnes of refuse was sent to Kill, Co. Kildare landfill site.
- Greyhound Waste commenced kerbside collection of green bins on behalf of the Council.

Enforcement Unit

The Environmental Enforcement Unit verifies legislative compliance by waste producers/operators and, where necessary, enforces the provisions of various environmental legislation including those on waste, air and noise.

Facilities Registered/Permits Issued	616
Inspections	1,081
Complaints Received	198
Enforcement Actions	50

Recycling Centres

Ballyogan Recycling Park

The tonnage of recyclable material brought to Ballyogan Recycling Park in 2009 was 10,949.

Eden Park Recycling Centre

The tonnage of recyclable material brought to the Centre in 2009 was 568.19.

Shanganagh Recycling Centre

It accepts small WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment) items in addition to the recyclable materials accepted in Eden Park. A total of 436.65 tonnes of recyclables were accepted at the Centre.

Bring Bank Centres

The Council provides almost 50 centres. A total of 4,187.79 tonnes of recyclables were brought to the centre during the year.

Green Business

- The **EnviroCom 2009 Awards** were organised and judged by the Healthy County Forum which was established under the County Development Board. The Green Business Officer represented the Council on the organising committee and judging panel. The Awards sponsors included the Health Service Executive, Fáilte Ireland, Sustainable Energy Ireland, Environmental Protection Agency, and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Enterprise Board. Winners were from large corporations, public agencies, the voluntary sector and incubator companies operating in the County.
- **Local Authority Prevention Demonstration Programme (LAPD)** with Dundrum Town Centre was completed in June 2009 and the final report was sent to the Environmental Protection Agency. A conference to showcase waste prevention and resource efficiency programmes carried out by local authorities, including this one, will take place on Thursday 3rd June 2010 at Croke Park.
- **In-house recycling of food waste** was initiated with the support of canteen staff and management under the terms of the new recycling contract with Thorntons. This was done to meet the requirements of the Food Waste Regulations due to be implemented in 2010.
- **WEEE Collection Days** were held in the County in conjunction with the Council's Estate Management Section, Rehab, WEEE Ireland, Dell and Powercity. The purpose was to promote free recycling of waste electrical and electronic goods. In total 58 tons of WEEE were collected during these events and recycled by Rehab.



Balance Sheet for Year Ending 31 December 2009

Please note that the following figures are strictly provisional. Final figures will not be available until the Annual Financial Statement is completed.

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Fixed Assets	2,718,809,647
Work in Progress	816,790,689
Long Term Debtors	147,059,898
Net Current Assets	147,549,972
Long Term Creditors	-189,516,724
Net Assets	3,640,693,482

Financed by:

Capitalisation Account	2,718,809,647
Work in Progress	773,878,427
Specific Revenue Reserve	18,452,967
General reserve balance	9,014,805
Other balances	120,537,636
Total	3,640,693,482

Income & Expenditure Account Statement for Year Ending 31 December 2009

	Gross Exp 2009 €	Income 2009 €	Net Cost 2009 €
HOUSING AND BUILDING	28,392,941	22,919,819	5,473,122
ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY	29,956,775	11,678,237	18,278,538
WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE	33,347,560	10,359,355	22,988,205
DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & CONTROL	13,882,992	2,458,186	11,424,806
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	44,799,731	18,005,597	26,794,134
RECREATION & AMENITY	29,049,463	5,518,787	23,530,676
AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & SAFETY	7,335,707	6,084,704	1,251,003
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	13,392,966	8,266,151	5,126,815
Total Expenditure / Income	200,158,135	85,290,836	114,867,299
Net cost of programmes to be funded from:			
Rates Income			88,212,296
Pension Related Deduction			2,725,052
Local Government Fund			35,168,354
Surplus/ (Deficit) for year			11,238,403
Transfers from/(to) reserves			-11,204,976
Overall surplus/(deficit) for the year			33,427
General reserve @ 1 January			8,981,377
General Reserve @ 31 December			9,014,804

