

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

**31 August – 28 September
2023**

Corporate Affairs 3
 Director: Stephen Brady

Finance and Water Services 7
 Director: Helena Cunningham

Housing *
 Director: Catherine Keenan

Planning and Economic Development..... 16
 Director: Aidan Blighe

Forward Planning Infrastructure *
 Director: Anne Devine

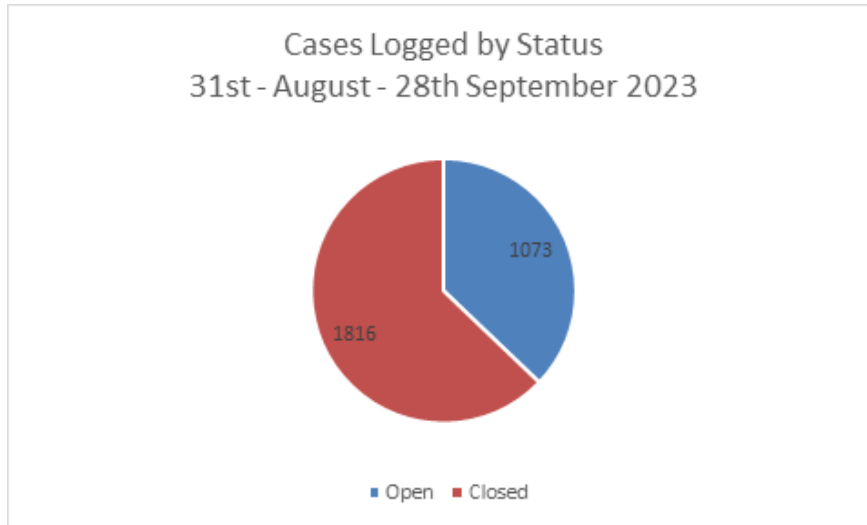
Infrastructure and Climate Change 16
 Director: Paul Kennedy

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

Community, Cultural Service and Parks.....28
 Director: Therese Langan

*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Civic Hub Stats



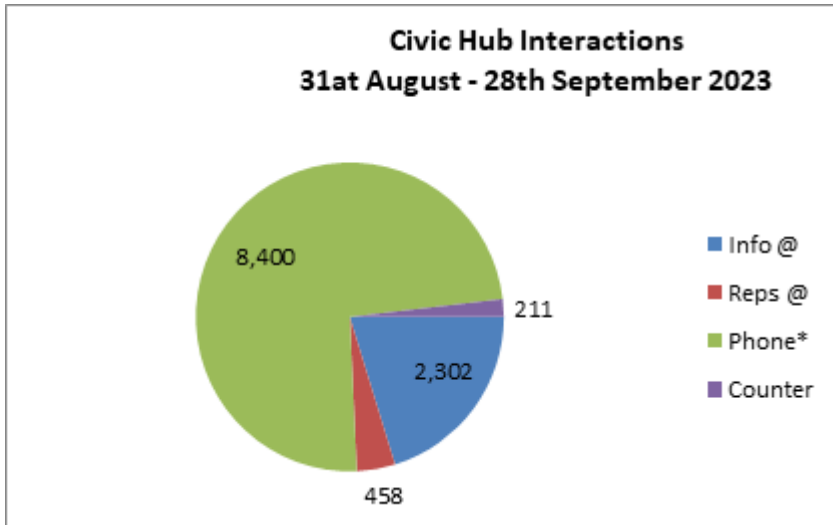
■ Cases logged from 31st August – 28th September 2023

Open	1073
Closed	1816

Cases Logged from 31st August – 28th September 2023, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	1	5	6
Communications	24	383	407
Community	1	1	2
Corporate Services	3	4	7
DEACTIVATED USERS	2	1	3
dlrcoco	26	1	27
Enterprise	1		1
Environment	85	171	256
Finance	22	210	232
Harbour	3	9	12
Housing	59	67	126
IT	3		3
Libraries	1	4	5
Municipal Services	137	159	296
Parks	327	271	598
Planning	19	13	32
Property	2	5	7
Transportation	311	436	747
Waste Enforcement	34	63	97
Water Services	12	13	25
Grand Total	1073	1816	2889

Pie chart excludes abandoned calls



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Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	7154	1246

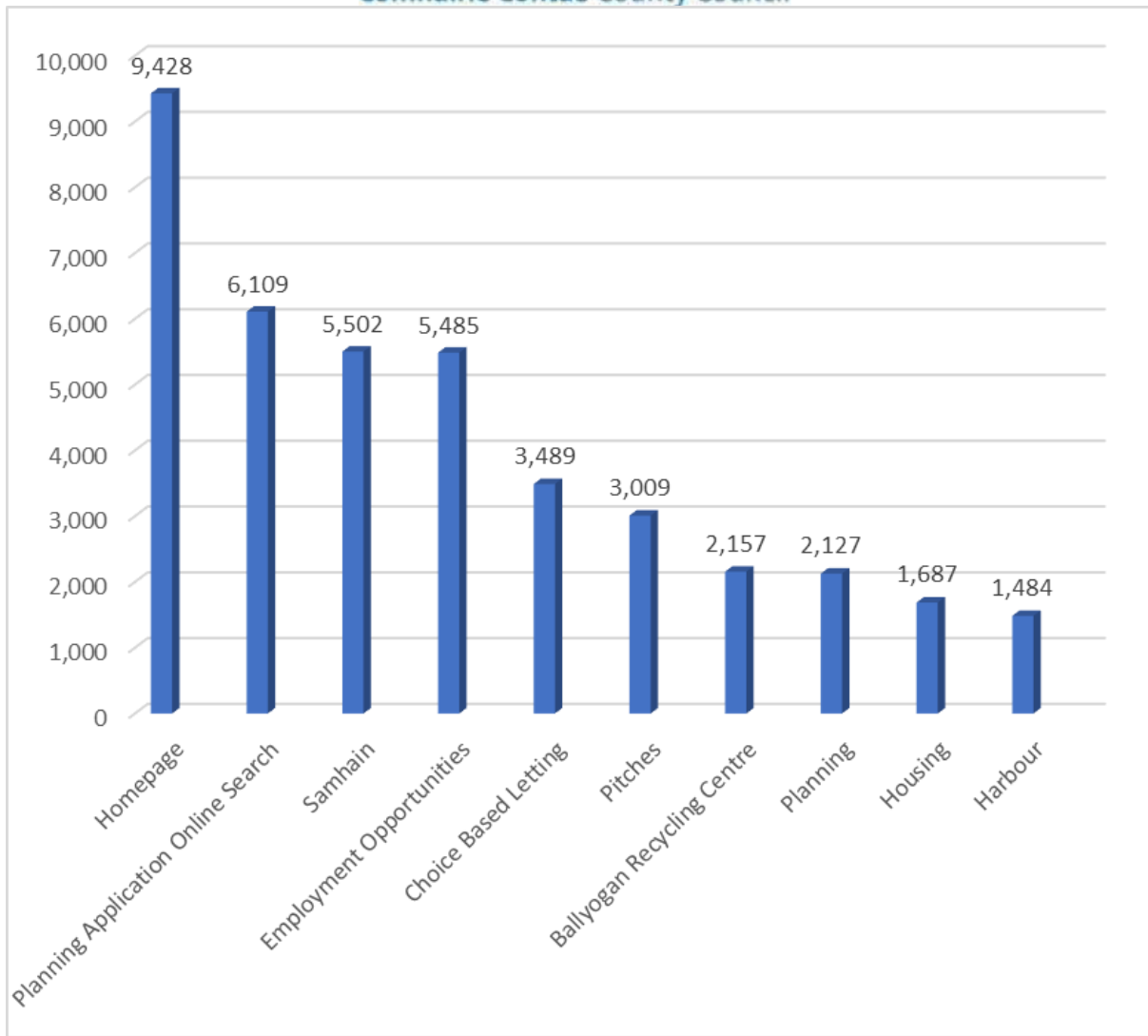
Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2302	458	2760

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	173	38	211









Communications Stats

Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	100,257
dlrLibraries	29,917



Social Media Activity

Profile [▲]	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Aug 31, 2023 – Sep 28, 2023	86,530 ↗ 0.7%	559 ↘ 13.5%	801 ↗ 36%	1,203,551 ↗ 64.2%	60,259 ↗ 86.8%	5% ↗ 13.8%	8,381 ↗ 16%
Compare to Aug 2, 2023 – Aug 30, 2023	85,971	646	589	732,773	32,251	4.4%	7,226
 @DLR_Libraries	8,783	4	37	19,552	358	1.8%	254
 @dlrArts	3,056	-3	48	12,142	350	2.9%	112
 @dlrcc	20,350	32	200	274,918	10,220	3.7%	2,685
 @dlrheritevents	4,012	-5	10	4,230	137	3.2%	1
 @leo_dlr	5,582	-6	12	1,964	26	1.3%	0
 dlrcoco.ie	7,691	155	165	162,497	1,565	1%	2,969
 dlrevents	13,962	138	43	91,384	8,081	8.8%	22
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	18,662	128	203	495,076	34,505	7%	1,726
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,432	116	83	141,788	5,017	3.5%	612

Press Queries

There were 13 press queries received during this period.

Freedom of Information

There were 20 FOI requests received during this period.

Drainage & Flood Alleviation

Engineering and environmental consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a constraints study, hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders continue. A Ground Investigation Contract is complete. We have received preliminary approval from Irish Rail to tunnel under the rail line. The Part 8 Planning process is underway. Public consultation for comments on the proposed scheme ended in August. The Chief Executive report for the Part 8 is now being prepared.

Engineering and environmental consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey is complete. Further topographical survey work has been done. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost beneficial scheme is achievable. An initial public engagement has been completed following short briefing sessions with Area Councillors. The on-site investigation work is largely completed. The options for the project are being considered. Interim technical reports have been developed for some option locations due to the complexity of the project. Initial discussions have now begun with a small number of landowners. Options are currently being refined.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially completed, and final draft mapping and draft options have been submitted for review.

Uisce Éireann & The Effective Date

On September 20th, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown successfully implemented the 'Effective Date', which transferred the full responsibility for the delivery of Water Services in the County to Uisce Éireann. This means that for just over 50 Water Services' staff members, they are now under the management and control of Uisce Éireann, which includes their health and safety. This development is part of a National program. It will have no change to the current communication lines for Councillors, who, in relation to matters for Water Supply and Foul & Combined drainage, should use the dedicated phonenumber and email facility, noted below. Similarly, Uisce Éireann will continue to arrange meetings between its staff members and the elected representatives of DLR.

Telephone No: 0818 178 178, or email: localrepsupport@water.ie.

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2023

66.67%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	41,032,853	72,721,224	56.42%
B	Road Transport & Safety	22,526,171	35,181,888	64.03%
C	Water Services	8,468,647	12,568,752	67.38%
D	Development Management	26,176,114	28,095,012	93.17%
E	Environmental Services	24,137,274	36,294,420	66.50%
F	Recreation & Amenity	26,177,243	37,496,868	69.81%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,165,405	4,792,800	86.91%
H	Miscellaneous Services	6,312,277	9,364,272	67.41%
Total Expenditure		158,995,984	236,515,236	67.22%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	34,335,261	64,175,328	53.50%
B	Road Transport & Safety	8,708,260	13,012,752	66.92%
C	Water Services	5,725,699	8,420,220	68.00%
D	Development Management	12,467,121	6,560,712	190.03%
E	Environmental Services	5,419,060	7,498,392	72.27%
F	Recreation & Amenity	3,493,416	5,699,244	61.30%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,225,382	3,369,900	95.71%
H	Miscellaneous Services	12,066,516	17,213,376	70.10%
Sub Total		85,440,714	125,949,924	67.84%

LPT	Local Property Tax	8,205,145	12,566,604	65.29%
RA	Rates	65,615,248	97,998,804	66.96%
Total Income		159,261,108	236,515,332	67.34%

Balance as at 31/08/2023		€265,123	Surplus
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**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2023**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/08/2023 €
1 Total Housing & Building	19,396,542	92,751,802	97,621,810	24,266,549
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	7,132,720	19,124,325	19,555,549	7,563,943
3 Total Water Services	2,106,576	456,974	258,920	1,908,523
4 Total Development Management	190,242,443	26,383,041	4,085,048	167,944,449
5 Total Environmental Services	2,177,644	26,105	250,000	2,401,539
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	13,896,870	7,279,667	6,356,513	12,973,716
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,040,386	2,025,433	168,500	2,183,453
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	40,954,458	866,157	1,195,082	41,283,382
Grand Total	279,947,639	148,913,505	129,491,421	260,525,554

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/08/23

	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Balance at 31/08/2023	Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	25,264,293	51,030,825	32,597,194	18,433,631

Planning Applications – monthly statistics 31st Aug – 28th September 2023

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	80	80
Decision Deferred	0	18	18
Decision to Grant**	0	84	84
Decision to Refuse**	0	15	15
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	76	76
Invalid Applications	0	11	11

*Includes 8 Applications for Retention.

**Split decisions; Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (inc. For Retention) are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".
 2 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse).

Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions / Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD23A/0615	<p>Tetrarch Residential Ltd. Mount Anville Lands, Lower Kilmacud Road, Dublin 14, D14 KX80.</p> <p>Development consists of: demolition of existing dwelling & outbuildings known as the 'Old Farm' & construction of 114 no. residential units comprising of 100 no. apartments & 14 no. houses (74 no. 1-bed & 40 no. 2-bed units) to form an Assisted Living development, solely for persons 65 & over, consistent with the definitions of Assisted Living/Retirement Homes & Sustainable Neighbourhood Infrastructure Zoning Objective & Specific Local Objective attached to the site. • Block A will range 2-3 storeys in height & will provide 12 no. apartments. (Supporting amenities located on ground floor include a prayer room, communal area & library) • Blocks B, C & D will range 2-3 storeys in height & will provide 7 no. apartments each. (Blocks A-D are situated along the west of the site). • Block E will be 5 storeys in height & will provide 19 no. apartments. (Supporting communal residential amenities at ground floor include a communal social room with Barista bar, library & reading room, gym area, small cinema, pre kitchen area, indoor & outdoor café for residents and their visitors, consulting rooms for medical, wellness & personal supports, & administration/reception area with staff facilities) • Block F will be 3 storeys in height & will provide 24 no. apartments. • Block G will be 5 storeys in height & will provide 24 no. apartments. (Blocks E-G are situated in the lower walled garden & are organised around a central communal courtyard with resident facilities). • The proposed 14 no. houses will range in height from 1.5-2 storeys.</p>	28/09/2023	01/11/2023	https://mountanvillelr.d.ie/	22/11/2023

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97167>

Planning Counter Figures: 31st August – 28th September, 2023

Customers Served	202
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RZLT update

- A total of 82 submissions on the draft RZLT map were received by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- There were no third-party submissions seeking the inclusion of additional lands.
- DLR had until 1st April 2023 to make a determination on submissions.
- A Supplemental Map, showing new sites only has been published, submissions on this were open from 1st May 2023 to 1st June 2023.

Building Control: 31st August – 28th September 2023

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	9
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	10
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	9
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	8/0
Commencement Notices Validated	60
7 Day Notices received	5
Completion Certs Validated	22

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved January – September 2023	Enterprise Ireland target January – September 2023
Feasibility Study	8	38
Business Priming	9	
Business Expansion	11	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	10	
Trading Online Vouchers	79	34
Other Grant Applications (Green, Agile, IP etc.)	25	16
Microfinance Ireland *	9	8
Total Approvals	151	

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

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	January-September 2023
No of jobs created	30

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2023	Total January – September 2023
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	151

Clients attending Networking Events	377
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1062
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	192
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	350
Total No of Clients Assisted	2132

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total January – September 2023
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	3
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	11
Business Promotion Grants	7
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in September 2023

DLR Enterprise News	<p><u>Reminder September 12th EWN Events</u> (Sent 05/09/23) Open rate 55%, 357 recipients</p> <p><u>Ready to Start Your Own Business?</u> (Sent 07/09/23) Open rate 45%, 3,476 recipients</p> <p><u>Calling All Tech Entrepreneurs...</u> (Sent 11/09/23) Open rate 57%, 3,472 recipients</p> <p><u>Mastermind Groups and NWED Reminder</u> (Sent 21/09/23) Open rate 58%, 360 recipients</p>
Business Advice Sessions	Business Advice Sessions throughout September
8 Week Start Your Own Business Course	Beginning 4 th September
Christmas-themed Marketing Videos (2-part series)	5 th September & 12 th September
Export Development Programme (6 weeks)	Beginning 7 th September
8 Week Online Marketing & Social Media Course	Beginning 7 th September
How AI Can Transform your Business in 2023	11 th September
Effective Press Release & Other Writing for Hard Copy & Internet	13 th September
8 Week Start Your Own Business Course	Starting 13 th September
Effective LinkedIn for SMEs (2-part series)	20 th September & 27 th September
Trading Online Voucher Webinar	22 nd September

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 31st August 2023-24th September 2023

	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,176	0	12	319
Twitter	5,581	-7	12	1,398
Instagram	1,690	11	12	377
LinkedIn	945	10	12	721

Tourism Development

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2028

Tourism Strategy process is well under way with various consultation meeting held. Draft objectives and action ideas are under development.

Dún Laoghaire Harbour Trail Launch

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Denis O Callaghan launched the harbour trail on September 5th. This new trail was developed in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland and contains 10 points of interest along Queens Road and Dún Laoghaire Harbour to give visitors a snapshot of its extensive history.

Tourism Providers Networking Meeting

On September 26th, a Tourism Providers Networking meeting took place in County Hall, with 45 providers in attendance. Speakers included:

- **DLR Event Grants 2024**
- **Fáilte Ireland Update**
- **DLR Tourism Update**
- **Introduction to Goat Boat Tours**
- **Introduction to Cool Runnings – Ice Rink Dún Laoghaire 2023**

New Visitor Map

In conjunction with Irish Rail a new Dún Laoghaire Town Map display has been installed at the DART Station.

Cruise Ships

There were eighteen tender calls in September, 33,000 passengers and 15,000 crew.

Dublin LA Tourism Network

A meeting of all four Dublin County Tourism Departments met in Howth on September 8th. Each Local Authority will host one quarterly meeting each year.

Social Media Analysis September 2023

	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	9.2K	200	13	44,247
Twitter	3,914	12	11	5,601
Instagram	3,385	41	13	19,995

Enterprise Hub by Quarterdeck in the Ferry Terminal

The members agreed to a S183 leasehold disposal of the terminal building to Quarterdeck at the Council meeting held on 13 June 2022 to operate an Enterprise Hub. Quarterdeck had indicated that they expected to incur expenditure of c€4m and began the process of seeking tenders for the necessary works after the lease became effective in July 2022. Widespread tender price inflation meant that the tenders obtained by Quarterdeck came in significantly higher than expected, resulting in a delay to the commencement of the works as Quarterdeck sought to get the project to a position where it was financially viable, based on the relatively short-term lease.

In the interim the following conditions of the lease have been satisfied:

- Insurance paid 30/09/22 which was confirmed to be in order
- Deposit of €200,000 lodged 13/12/22
- A photographic survey was provided on the 16/09/22 as required by the contract.
- 20-day notice re commencement of works was provided 23/12/22
- Stena Line Offices - Fit out works substantially completed and are ready for occupation. The initial plan was to use the existing fire cert of the Stena Line offices. There is a significant delay on the issue of the fire cert which is impacting the ability to allow clients into the building. The promoter was informed on the 3rd August that a new Fire Cert is required to allow occupation of any part of the building and has engaged the services of a reputable consultant to assist.
- Rent is up to date
- Ground Floor Office Space – Works pending
- Food Hall and Ground Floor Co-working space - Works pending
- External Signage - Design completed and submitted to planning control.
- Office Occupation - Commitments and interest have been received for 102 desks before marketing
- Quarterdeck are currently working through building Control Compliances.
- The Economic Development Team continue to engage with Quarterdeck on delivery of this project.

Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Cruise Ship Business

The Cruise Ship Season is almost complete now with over 80 ship visits. Bookings for 2024 are strong with 95+ vessels currently booked into Dun Laoghaire Harbour. We are working with the Tourism Department, the Dun Laoghaire Business Association and the Dun Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce to maximise the local benefits of the cruise visitors.

Projects:

National Watersports Campus

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

A concept brochure was presented to the Elected Members during the February council meeting and has since been published. It is hoped that this initiative will assist in building momentum and support for the project. This document was presented to councilors in February 2023.

A scheme to apply for additional “top-up” funding was announced in July and DLRCC have submitted an application for increased funding to assist with the impacts of inflation etc.

Berth 2 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. The project is now on site and the Carlisle Pier will close to shipping for 2-3 months to facilitate the new fender installation.

Berth 3 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to replace the Berth 3 fenders from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. The project is now on site and the Carlisle Pier will close to shipping for 2-3 months to facilitate the new fender installation.

East Pier Revetment Repairs

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to repair the sloping revetment at the back (east side) of the East Pier from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This revertant provides the primary protection for the East Pier and has suffered some damage over recent years from the larger storms. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed to design and manage the project which is likely to be on site during the summer of 2023. Cunningham Civil & Marine have been appointed to carry out the works on this project and have commenced on site. The project is progressing well and is due to complete late September. As this project is being delivered “by sea” there is little, if any disruption to the East Pier users.

Dublin Array Windfarm

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

Skate Park

Due to delays with Irish Water in the original location, a temporary BMX Pump is under construction in the car-park in Apna Park, behind the West Pier. The track is due to open mid October.

Ice Rink

An Ice Rink will be installed in the Harbour for the months of November, December, and January. This will be one of the largest Ice Rinks in Ireland and tickets are now on sale.

Environmental Enforcement:

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	29	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	37	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	116	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	120	Litter Section
Litter Fines issued	20	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	2	Waste Bye-laws
Legal Proceedings initiated	0	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws

Dog Statistics from 31 st August – 28 th September 2023	
No of dogs on hand on 31 st August	9
No of dogs entering the shelter	7
No of dogs rehomed	4
No of dogs reclaimed	1
No of dogs sent to rescue	4
No of dogs put to sleep	0
No of dogs remaining in the pound on 28 th September	7
Dog attacks in this period	9 – 3 of these on person

1. Road Maintenance Management Report						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	The Park Estate Cabinteely (part of)				✓	
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	Works Completed
3	Barrack Road, Glencullen (part of)				✓	Works Completed
4	Meadowmount (part of)			✓		
5	College Road / Killmashogue (part of)		✓			Contractor Appointed. Works due to commence on 25th September

6	Ballinclea Road (part of)				✓	
7	Ashlawn Estate (part of)	✓				
8	Glenageary Road Upper			✓		Works commenced in June 2023 and junction works are ongoing. Road surfacing works to commence at the end of October
9	Barnhill Road (part of)		✓			Project has been tendered
10	Dalkey Avenue (part of)		✓			Discussions with a Contractor are ongoing with a view to commencing in October 2023
11	Monkstown Crescent (part of)		✓			Slit trench & GPR works are complete and tender document will be issued in Sept 2023
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Old Clonkeen Road				✓	
2	Trisilian, Foxrock	✓				
3	Olivemount Grove / Road				✓	
4	Prospect Lawn				✓	
5	Brennanstown Road	✓				
6	Grange Wood				✓	
7	Idrone Lane				✓	Works complete
8	Pucks Castle Lane				✓	Temporary works on surface defects have been carried out
9	Sallynoggin Road				✓	Works partly complete
10	Avondale Road (driveways)			✓		Works to footways and driveways are ongoing
11	Rock Road (Boosterstown to Blackrock)		✓			A Contractor is due to be appointed in September
12	Foxrock Court	✓				
13	Dundela estate (parts of)	✓				
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley (part of)				✓	
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)				✓	
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)	✓				
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)		✓			To start end September

5	Mount Anville Road (part of)				✓	
6	Dún Laoghaire Town (part of Northumberland Avenue)			✓		Footway works are completed on Phase 1 and Phase 2 Public realm works will commence in September 2023
7	Watsons Estate (part of)	✓				
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				A scheme design has been prepared. Due to an existing nearby Road Closure, works will take place until 2024.
9	Trafalgar Terrace		✓			A Contractor has been appointed and works are due to commence in September 2023
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme		✓			
2	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
3	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment		✓			A Consultant has been appointed to inspect bridges in the County
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood				✓	
2	Mount Albion Road Churchtown	✓				
3	Brighton Road Foxrock.	✓				
4	Cherrywood Road/Bray Road junction	✓				
5	Castlebyrne Park	✓				
6	Priory Avenue	✓				Inspection has been carried out
7	Mounttown Road Upper				✓	
8	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing			✓		Phase 3 of the Pavement Renewal Works commenced on the 20th September, and will continue for the next 8 weeks at night on the main carriageways. Diversions will be in place for the duration of those works. Minor civil works and high frictions surfacing to be completed in the new year.
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					

1	Loreto Park (part of)		✓			
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	
3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings				✓	Works are completed
3	Laneway Between Seaview Park and Shanganagh Road (near Texaco Garage)	✓				Contractor to be appointed soon
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Wyckham Bypass		✓			
2	N11 3-Year Resurfacing Programme				✓	Additional cycle lane works to be completed between Mount Merrion and Loughlinstown as part of the contract for Phase 3 of the main carriageway resurfacing. The Phase 3 works commenced on 20th September.
3	Sallyglen Road (part of)	✓				Cycle track lining has been renewed each side of Sallyglen Road
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn		✓			Contract Awarded. Awaiting Start Date
2	Rathsallagh Estate			✓		A Contractor has been appointed and works have commenced
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	Redesdale estate - certain laneways				✓	Works are complete
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				
	<i>*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.</i>					
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Cherrygarth, Stillorgan			✓		Works have commenced on site at the end of August. The Project Programme is 16 weeks and works should be completed by the end of this year.
2	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill				✓	works complete
	Other Notable Minor Works Schemes					

1	St. Johns Park resurfacing				✓	Works are complete
2	Pakenham Road Longford Place junction resurfacing				✓	Works are complete
3	Sandycove Avenue re-instatement works				✓	Road resurfacing works on Sandycove Avenue took place alongside Irish water reinstatement works are mostly complete. Further works near Albert Road will take place in September

2. Traffic and Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2023 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave				✓			Tenders are currently being assessed with a view to appointing a contractor in due course
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes					✓		Permeability links: Snagging and review to be done. A road safety audit to be done
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)			✓				Progressing slowly due to lack of internal resources
Cycle Parking Development					✓		Cycle parking roll-out continuing. A tender is being prepared for the purchase of new cycle stands.
Stepaside Village and Cycle Scheme		✓					A non-statutory public consultation process has ended. It is anticipated that a public consultation report will be available in the coming weeks.
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme				✓			A contractor has been appointed for Phase I of the scheme and it is anticipated that the above works will commence in the coming weeks. It is expected that works will be complete by the end of 2023. The design of Phase II (Village Core) will be developed when resources become available.
Public Consultations-							
Ballybrack Underpass Churchview Road							
The final report has been sent to Ward Councillors for feedback.							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Preliminary redesign ongoing, property title searches ongoing.

Speed Limit Review

Consultation with An Garda Síochána, neighbouring Local Authorities complete. Preliminary maps updated and preparation of draft Byelaws commenced.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

A TAG area 2 (West) took place on 12th September 2023 at which 20 items were dealt with. A TAG meeting Area 1 (East) took place on the 28th of September at which 18 items were dealt with.

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

- Zebra Crossing installed at Stillorgan park Road- Completed.
- Upgrade of Albert Road/Hudson Road Junction- tenders being prepared.
- Go Safe locations approved and being installed at Kill Lane and Enniskerry Road near Farmer Browne's
- Bolt and Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council bring shared electric bike service to region ahead of Car-Free Day on September 22nd

Deputations

Deputations for Frankfort Park, Churchtown Residents Association and Clayfarm took place on 13th September 2023

Bus Connects

Bus Interchanges at Dundrum, Dún Laoghaire & Blackrock

Discussions are ongoing with the NTA regarding bus interchange improvements at these locations. The improvements are needed to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects' programme.

Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs)

Dundrum ABTA - Work on this project is progressing and the ABTAs Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 are now complete with the ABTA recommendations having informed the draft Dundrum LAP being progressed by the Planning Section. Public consultation on the draft LAP has now closed. The CE's Report has been prepared and is now with Elected Members for consideration.

Racecourse South lands & at Kiltarnan and Glenamuck

The Council, in conjunction with the NTA, is progressing ABTAs for the Racecourse South lands at Carrickmines, in accordance with the requirements of SLO 143 in the current County Development Plan, and also for the Kiltarnan – Glenamuck area in order to support the preparation of a LAP to replace the current Kiltarnan - Glenamuck LAP, due to expire later this year. Work is now substantially complete on Stage 1 of the studies – Baseline Assessments. Work is progressing now on Stage 2 – Establish Context & Options Development

Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In September 2023 there were:

- 3 applications for road closures
- 4 applications for film locations
- 2 applications for event signage

3. Roads Control 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Programme 2023	
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Trees Road Lower, Stillorgan	Public road remedial works in progress. Kerb sections being cast, paving to commence on completion of kerb sections.

Road Opening Licences (31st August 2023 – 21st September 2023)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	162
Applications Not Processed Yet	66
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	1
Valid Licences Issued	94
Licensed Works Completed	0

Section 254's

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

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1 st Jan 2023 – up to date	
Applications	
Received	7
Granted	3
Withdrawn	1
Refused	1

The Section 254 webpage is now live on dlrcoco.ie

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

4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics

- Kavanaghs Corner (adjacent to the 40 Foot) – Storm damage occurred to the bathing area on the 9th of March. Tender process has been completed and a Contractor has been appointed. The onsite works are due to commence in early October and will take circa 3 weeks to complete, subject to weather conditions.
- Coliemore Harbour granite wall remedial repair project – A Contractor has mobilised and the works will be completed by early November, subject to weather conditions.
- Bathing water sampling is on-going at our 9 locations every week as scheduled since the 1st of June and will revert to sampling every fortnight after the 15th of September.

- The Bathing Season concluded on the 15th of September and thus the Lifeguard service has ceased until the beginning (1st of June) of the 2024 Bathing Season.
- DLR Baths – Maintenance crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc. whilst also emptying bins.
- The Road and Cycle Lane Sweeping is on-going as per the schedules and also as per CRM requests. The annual temporary suspension of the Sweeping Schedules is under constant review and is subject to weather conditions and the rate of leaf fall.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going.
- A weeding contractor is working at various locations within the county. The rapid rate of weed growth and re-growth has been noted due to the optimum growing conditions experienced over the last number of months.
- Deep Cleans of Towns & Villages is on-going at specific locations within the county.
- Seasonal 1100L and barrel bins have been removed since mid-September.
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning.
- N11 Cleaning works are scheduled to commence before the end of September. This will entail road sweeping, weeding and gully cleaning operations and will be undertaken as part of a weekend maintenance operation.

5. Public Lighting

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

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Sept 2023:	271
Percentage of lights out at the end of Sept 2023:	2.1%
Pole replacement carried out in Sept 2023:	0
Bracket replacements:	14
Tree trimming:	0
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	6
LED Upgrades	30
Total lights upgraded to LED	21,183
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	86.8%

(extra lines added)

LED Upgrading Program

CONGRESS GARDENS	1
DOONANORE PARK	2
EDEN ROAD UPPER	1
GLEN ESTATE	1
GLENAGEARY ROAD LOWER	2
GLENCAIRN ESTATE (THE GALLOPS)	1
GROVE LAWN	1
LANDSCAPE GARDENS	1
MONALOE CRESCENT	2

MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD	1
St. Helens Wood	17

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	24
Inspections completed	4

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	5
Alterations:	2
Legal requests:	1

6. Relevant Statistics

There were **2670** Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 31st August to 28th September 2023 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1039
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	382
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	346
Parking a vehicle on a footway	236
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	131
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	128
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	116
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	47
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	45
Overstaying 3-hour parking limit	45
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	29
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	29
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	16
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	16
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	13
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	10
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	8
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	7
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	7
Parking a vehicle in a bus lane/street	4

Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	2
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	2
Parking out of the limits of a bay	2
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	1
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	1
Total of tickets issued between 31st August and 28th September 2023	2670

There were 63 convictions secured in the District Court in September 2023.

Open House Dublin

The Architects Department co-ordinated and organised a number of events in preparation for the Open House Dublin annual architecture festival which is taking place on 7-15 October. The first weekend, 7-8 October, will have tours and activities focused on families. During OHD there will be a wide range of thought-provoking experiences available to encourage discussion about contemporary and historic architecture, infrastructure and urban design initiatives. Among them is the chance to join a conversation about the future of sustainable travel and public spaces by exploring the opportunities and challenges with a panel of thought leaders including Professor Brian Caulfield, Trinity College Dublin, Aisling Dunne, Bolt, and Léan Doody, Arup, and to listen to a range of perspectives on the topic. Events are free but booking is required <https://openhousedublin.com/>

Local Programme Highlights

Junior and Family events – Saturday 7 October

'Fernhill Park Experience' Workshop, Fernhill House
Biodiversity Wild Autumn Scavenger Hunt, outside Marlay House
Killiney Obelisk, Heritage Building Tour
The Oratory, Dún Laoghaire, Heritage Building Tour
'Grounded' Heritage Walking Tour, Blackrock Park

Saturday 14 October

County Hall Dún Laoghaire, Building Tour
Dún Laoghaire Baths, Walking Tour with Architect
'How to be Energy Smart at Home' Q&A Seminar, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire
The Grainstore, Cabinteely Park, Open Studio
Coastal Mobility Route, Bike Tour
'Home' a presentation by Artist Mary Burke in the dlr LexIcon
Shanganagh low energy housing development, Site Visit
Patrician Community Centre, Stillorgan - energy upgrades, Building Tour

Energy

As part of the dlr Energy Team's public engagements to support energy improvements in the county, a **'How to be Energy Smart at Home'** event will be held in the Council Chamber on Saturday 14 October as part of the Open House Dublin festival. Final preparations have been put in place this month with the event being chaired by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Denis O'Callaghan with the panel featuring Carmel O'Connor, Manager of ESB Networks Smart Meter Programme; Gobnait Ní Neill of Codema, Dublin Energy Agency; Josephine Maguire of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and Fergus O'Toole of the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU). Events like this contribute towards the dlr Energy Team's public communications objectives, as well as delivering on actions named in dlr's Draft Climate Action Plan.

At the beginning of September, the dlr Energy Team hosted an **internal energy audit training** event convened by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI). The training event sought to support public sector bodies with improving their respective energy management systems and achieving or maintaining ISO50001 certification. The dlr Energy Team provided the venue and an audit test case for the training, with the Council Chamber and the dlr LexIcon being utilised. The training was attended by approximately 30 people representing over 20 public sector bodies.

The Energy Team will participate in the **Public Consultations** for the Council's draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The two public consultations are taking place for residents, businesses, and visitors to the County on 3 October in Dundrum and in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire on 10 October.

European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's decarbonisation journey is a key part of our Council's climate action and our exemplar role within the Public Sector. Ireland's SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Week took place from 23 September to 1 October. SDG Week forms part of the wider European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW) which this year, runs from 18 September to 8 October. dlr hosted a number of events that support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

For information see <https://esdw.eu/country/ireland/>

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	17
Section 5 Declarations	4
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	Workshop on Grant Schemes with Built Heritage Policy Unit.
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 Grant Scheme	Ongoing administration and site visits as required. Second Progress Report issued to Department 15 September.
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023 Grant Scheme	Ongoing administration and site visits as required. Second Progress Report issued to Department 15 September.

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	4
Not Dangerous	1
Total	6

Community, Cultural Services & Parks

Community Response Forum

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28th April 2022. The Centre continues to accommodate up to 392 displaced Ukrainian nationals for short periods. Over 8,800 people have stayed at the centre during this time. Among the facilities available in Ballyogan are separate laundry, sanitary facilities, internet access, television spaces, games consoles, games room, chessboards, use of bikes and scooters, libraries of Ukrainian books for children and adults, translation services, as well as online access to Ukrainian newspapers and magazines.

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

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

The Community Response Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and met twice in September 2023. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in the Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre and Larch Hill Scout Centre as well as in hotels and in private accommodation within the County.

A sub-committee of the Forum has also been established to provide support services to International Protection Applicants who are being accommodated in the County.

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

LCDC

There was one LCDC meeting in September and a new PPN nominee from the Community & Voluntary pillar of the PPN was in attendance.

Local Policing Fora (LPF)

A meeting of the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF took place on 5th September 2023.

A meeting of the Loughlinstown/Ballybrack/Shankill LPF took place on 6th September 2023.

The Joint Policing Committee meeting took place on the 13th of September 2023.

A meeting of the Sandyford/Stepaside LPF took place on 19th September 2023.

dlr Age Friendly Alliance held their quarterly meeting on the 12th September and Eugene Magee chaired his last meeting of the Alliance. Frank Curran, Chief Executive of dlrc, who will now take over as Chair of the dlr Age-Friendly Alliance, thanked Eugene for his contribution as Alliance Chairperson since 2018 and a presentation was made to Magee on behalf of dlrc. Presentations were also given on the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator's, Southside Partnerships' Age Friendly Work Programme and HSE Update on the Integrated Care Programme for Older Person's in dlr.

Audit of Community and Cultural Facilities

Public consultation on the Audit of Community and Cultural Facilities took place during May.



The online consultation opened from 26th April until 19th May and 1,051 completed surveys were submitted. In addition to the online survey 6 focus group sessions took place covering each LEA. The consultations process included consulting with Children and Young People via dlr Comhairle na nOg and Crosscare Youth Services.

Community Recognition Fund

Community Department continued to work with the successful applicants under the Community Recognition Fund to progress their projects.

Comhairle na nÓg

Dlr Comhairle released the 2nd episode in their Podcast series (Comhairle Cast) on Exam Stress, available on Spotify. A provisional date has been set for dlr Comhairle to showcase their work in the dlr LexIcon on the 18th October from 5pm to 7pm with support from the Art's Office. A Steering Committee meeting was held on the 13th September in County Hall. Members of dlr Comhairle attended a meeting of the Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) for the first time to provide an update on their work.

Arts

Municipal Art Gallery, dlr LexIcon

'Landscapes and Oddities' by Dave Madigan opened in mid-September. This is Dave's first solo exhibition. It features large-scale paintings, wide vistas and aerial views of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and the wider Dublin area, as well as a large sculpture, which is inspired by the masts and riggings visible in Dún Laoghaire Harbour. The exhibition is the result of the dlr Visual Art Commission, which was awarded to Dave Madigan in 2022. This commission gives artists the opportunity to create a new body of work that is responsive to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. It is funded by the Arts Council and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Gallery Learning Programme, dlr LexIcon

The Gallery Learning Programme was busy in September with workshops and open studios for all ages. We had a variety of events from a Drawing and Mark-Making workshop for adults, Open Art Studios for children and parents, and a Vocal workshop designed to accommodate neurodivergent adults. Over 100 people of all ages attended this wide range of creative activities.

Musicians in Residence Programme

Singer Simon Morgan continued his Residency. He is collaborating with guitarist Drazen Derek and saxophonist Richie Buckley to develop material for their exciting 'Stolen Chicken' collective. They will perform in the Studio, dlr LexIcon on 5 October and present this new work.

dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme

The Scheme supports emerging filmmakers looking to develop ambitious and creative short films based in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. It is fully funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office and Economic Development Unit and managed by IADT. The closing date for applications for the 2023/24 Scheme was early September. There was a large increase in applications this year with over 100 received. In addition, there were eight applications for the new opportunity for a short film in the Irish language. The selection process will take place over the next two months.

Consultations for Artists and Arts Organisations

As part of the public consultation process towards the development of the next Arts Plan, the Arts Office held two open facilitated meetings for artists, and a separate targeted focus

group for arts organisations. We are working with the creative agency Wove on this process with the aim of understanding the needs and priorities of creatives and organisations, and exploring how we might provide support in the future.

Baths Artists' Studios

Seidín O'Sullivan started her three-month residency. She is working on a project called **Sea Rise** that promises to creatively connect to the sea, and she will have numerous public-facing events. The project takes inspiration from Rachel Carson's book, 'The Sea around us' (1951), and also artist Joseph Beuys' visit to the 40 foot swimming area (1974). Seidín is a contemporary artist who lectures on Art and Creative Ecologies at NCAD. Her art projects are collaborative and focus on bringing people together.

Arts and Health Programme

A dance workshop with Olwyn Lions took place on 27 September. This session was aimed at older adults, and also welcomed people living with dementia.

Black Box Dance Residency

Working with UCD's Creative Futures Academy we have developed a new and exciting opportunity for artists working in dance. The residency aims to support a dance artist in need of studio space and with an interest in connecting with UCD's Creative Futures Academy to test and develop concepts and materials towards the creation of new work.

Closing to applications Sept 25th, the opportunity provides an artist's fee, use of the new UCD Newman Black Box performance space, access to audio/visual facilities, the library and other university resources in addition to use of the Studio, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire in July or August 2024 for development and/or to showcase work in progress.

Libraries

[dlr Libraries Online](#)

Online Resources

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

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

All you need is your dlr Library card.

- **Kanopy** is our film streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.
- **Moshi** is a well-being app for kids, with hundreds of original and inspiring audio stories, music and mindful meditations to enrich the imagination, promote improved sleep, and unlock potential.
- **TumbleBooks** is a streaming website of e-books for children
- **LOTE** is an online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations. New books and languages are added each month
- **Who Next? and Who else Writes like?**
Online Guides for adults and children. Help your child on their reading journey, by finding another author they love on whonextguide.com and for adults, browse genres or authors on whoelsewriteslike.com
- **Medici.tv** is the leading video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballet, jazz, and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

dlr Libraries' resources for Ukrainian guests in the County

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/dlr-libraries-resources-ukrainian-nationals> and at: <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>

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

Sensory programming

Our Magic Tables in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries continue to be booked for use by individuals and groups, and requests to borrow items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment, are ongoing. We continue with designated *Quiet Evenings* in some branches where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse. Our Studio Saturday for September was Messy Art with Laura Steerman. The session took place in Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon on Sat 16 September. This was a drop in event, with the hours of 11am-2pm specifically tailored for Neurodiverse families, with the hours of 2pm-4pm open to all.

Digital programming

Events for Adults

Sustainable Living Programme

A 4 week sustainable Living Programme commenced in dlr LexIcon on Wed 13 September. Delivered by **The Sustainable Life School** this four-week series enables participants to learn more about everyday changes they can make to live more sustainably. The workshops covered over the 4 sessions are Life with less plastic, Sustainable wardrobe, Cosy home, save energy and Climate-friendly food. Sessions run on 13, 20, 27 Sept and 4 Oct

dlr Yarnspinners

Dlr Yarnspinners, the monthly storytelling circle in dlr LexIcon recommenced in September after a brief summer break. The sessions take place on the 3rd Wed of the month, with free tea and coffee provided. Each month we welcome a guest storyteller who will tell stories, then open the floor to anyone who would like to share a story. Our guest storyteller for September was Monaghan Storyteller in Residence, Francis McCarron.

Library Clubs & Groups for adults

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

These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library and Craft Connoisseurs in dlr LexIcon, the Knit Club in Cabinteely Library, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The staff-led Film Club in Blackrock continues along with the Ciorcal Comhrá, the informal Irish conversation group which takes place in the LexIcon Café every Tuesday morning. Art classes for adults in Blackrock for the month of Sept, fully subscribed with waiting list.

Each of the 8 branches have in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library with some also continuing with their online book clubs, due to ongoing



demand. The very popular online monthly Book Club with Mary Burnham continues to meet online. The group met on 20 September after a summer break and the book discussed was **The Three Graces** by Amanda Craig

Book launch in dlr LexIcon, "Random Acts of Optimism" written by a member of staff, Alison Wells.

Exhibition Programme

The Yeats Sisters and Cuala

Level 5, dlr LexIcon

Until 9 September 2023

The Yeats sisters, Susan and Elizabeth (known as Lily and Lollie), lived and worked for most of their lives in the Dundrum/Churchtown area. With their enterprise Cuala Industries, they made an extraordinary portfolio of work – with the Press directed by Elizabeth, and the embroidery workshop conducted by Susan.

This exhibition features original Cuala Press material from dlr libraries archives, curated by Dr Billy Shortall, Cuala Press Project, Schooner Foundation, TCD, along with a selection of contemporary textile works by members of the Irish Guild of Embroiderers.

The exhibition was organised by The Yeats Sisters Commemoration Project in collaborative partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Heritage & Libraries; the Cuala Press Project, Schooner Foundation, Trinity College Dublin; National Print Museum and the Irish Guild of Embroiderers.

For more information, please see <https://theyeatssisters.com/>

In Memory of the Future: Illustrators Ireland celebrate the work of Tomi Ungerer

Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Until 30 September 2023

Illustrators Ireland presents 'In Memory of the Future', a bilingual exhibition in celebration of renowned illustrator, Tomi Ungerer. As their first honorary member, Ungerer accepted his place in Illustrators Ireland with grace and enthusiasm. Over 50 artists have participated by sharing their interpretations of Ungerer's work and responses to his influence.

Reverie: an exhibition by Rehabcare Bray

Level 4, dlr LexIcon

4-30 September

This exhibition consists of work by those who have been attending art classes in the **Rehabcare Day Centre** in Bray for many years. The artists are adults with various different disabilities and different abilities. The ethos of Rehabcare is community enhancement. An exhibition in a public space like dlr LexIcon allows the contributors to be a visible part of the community.

The theme of the exhibition is Reverie; the paintings express where the artists would like to be physically or as a state of mind, a place for contemplation, relaxation or a pleasant daydream.

These paintings are painted with acrylic paints which allows them to express their love of colour and detail. They are framed in minimalist frames allowing the eye to be drawn to the painting without distraction

For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit

<https://libraries.dlrco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

Events for Children and Families

Little Library Book Bags

dlr libraries took part in the national Little Library Book Bags initiative again this year. This initiative is aimed at those starting primary school and consists of a bag of books on starting school, and a library card wallet, encouraging library membership and to promote a love of reading.

Library Clubs & Groups for children

Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely, dlr LexIcon once a week. Shankill Library run a monthly Junior bookclub and Dalkey have recently started a new family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a new baby/parent group who meet weekly. Storytimes for children take place across our libraries weekly. For full details visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-services-for-the-young/storytime>

Summer Stars

Prize Giving took place in library branches with an overall ceremony in dlr LexIcon on Friday 15 September, followed by a class visit with local school children and author Shane Hegarty.

Over 11,000 books were read as part of Summer Stars 2023.

Schools events in our branches included author and illustrator visits from Eve McDonnell, Erika McGann, Shane Hegarty and Una Woods. And our summer events included puppet shows from Genie mackers and Julie-Rose McCormick, Sewing workshops, Bee workshops with Anyone4Science, Flipbooks drawing and animation event with Joseph Orr, as well as branch storytimes, writing workshops, origami workshops and so much more.

Every event was booked out with excellent feedback from all involved. Dundrum Library once again ran its Art Competition over the summer.

Neurodivergent Studio Saturday

Took place on Sat 16 September in dlr LexIcon Studio. Taking place over 5 hours we had 3 hours specifically for families living with neurodiversity and 2 hours open to all to attend. Our art facilitators had 6 tables of different art stations set up. We had 200 attendees over the day 117 children and 83 parents/guardians.

Summer Stars Prizegiving ceremony took place on Friday 15 September in dlr LexIcon, followed by a class visit with local school children and author Shane Hegarty.

Wide variety of one-off events for children including Genie Mackers party, puppet show, baby yoga, art workshops, lego clubs and for teenagers Pokémon event, bracelet design and flip animation workshops.

Digital literacy

Age Action classes continued in Deansgrange. A Poke party for children was hosted in Dalkey. The Acorn tablet lending program and training for older people continued with one-on-one sessions taking place across all the dlr Library branches.

Statistics

Social media (as of 25 September)

Facebook	8100
Twitter	8777
Instagram	4084
TikTok	464
Dlr Libraries e-bulletin	12872

Online resources (as of 19 September)

Resource	Description	Prelim stats Sept 2023
Overdrive	ebooks	1,300
	eaudio	883
	Magazines	2,705
	Comics	8
Borrowbox	eaudio	6,538
	ebook	3,299
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	1,956
Pressreader	Offsite and onsite Newspapers	11,178
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	8
Lote4Kids	logins	1
Who else writes	logins	6
Who next guide	logins	6
Medici	Videos Viewed	n/a
Moshi	Accounts	n/a
Kanopy	Visits	2,441
Totals		3,0329

Sports Development

Dlr Leisure set up the following activities in September 2023

Schools Drafts after school programme

- Colmcille's, Ballybrack - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Dominican School, Dún Laoghaire - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Good Shepard, Dundrum - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Gael Scoil Phadraig, Ballybrack - mixed group (10-12 age)
- St Kevin's, Sallynoggin - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Holy Family, Monkstown - Mixed group (10-12 age)

Youth groups

- Carmona Services - mixed group (20-24 age)
- Strive, Dún Laoghaire - special needs group (20-24 age)
- Festina Lente - mixed group (20-24 age)

- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - girls only group (10-12 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group (15-17 age)
- Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Nutgrove Crosscare - boys only group (13-15 age)
- Woodside Way Youth Group, Sandyford - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Peter McVerry Trust - mixed group (10-13 age)
- Sophia House - mixed group (10-13 age)
- Whitehouse - boys only group (10-14 age)
- Youth Diversion Ballyogan - boys group (14-17 age)
- Sallynoggin Youth Reach - Bowling activity& Archery - mixed group (15-17 age)
- My Project Youth Service - mixed group (12-15 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - gym session - girls only group (17-22 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Community Training Centre - mixed group (16-18 age)
- After school sports club in Collaboration with School completion officer, Ballybrack - mixed group (10-12 age)

Other activities

- Assisted with Ballaly Family Resource Centre Open Day.
- Assisted Dlr Sports Partnership with the following events:
 - 1.Usher Syndrome Sports Event
 - 2.European Week of Sport by putting on sport taster sessions
 - 3.Launching Active Cities Box Up unit in Kilbogget Park
- Assisted IADT with their Open Day by putting on an archery session.
- Held a Sports forum with the residents and youths of Woodside Way to talk about the benefits of sports participation and programmes that are available in the area.
- Met Barry Williams, community support worker Woodside Way Sandyford in relation to setting up sports programmes for the residents.
- Met with Catherine Bell from Dún Laoghaire Community Training Centre to arrange activities with their students.
- Met with Dean Doyle from St. Lawrence's College to arrange after school sport session.
- Met Colin Barry school completion officer from the Shankill area to arrange after school sport programme.
- Met Jane O Doherty from My project in relation to setting up a sport programme for their group.

Leinster Rugby – September 2023 report

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools = 3

Males = 211

Females = 206

Secondary Schools = 0

Males = 0

Females = 0

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO)

Primary Schools = 3

Males = 98

Females = 239

Secondary Schools = 3

Males = 0

Females = 183

Luke Sloyan (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Seapoint RC)

Primary Schools = 3
Males = 240
Females = 267

Secondary Schools = 1
Males = 26
Females = 38

dlr rugby clubs sessions, workshops or AOB (please include numbers and breakdown of male and female players)

IRFU children's coaching award hosted in Blackrock College RFC = 33 coaches – JS
IRFU active mini coach badge hosted in Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC = 19 coaches – JS
Coaching workshop & networking evening for female coaches hosted in DLSP FC = 25 coaches – EMcK
Old Wesley RFC female mini & youth night – EMcK
Blackrock College RFC female youth session = 12 female players – EMcK
Coach the coaches workshop in Seapoint RC – LS
Seapoint RC U8s = 40 players – LS

dlr development rugby schools (please include numbers and breakdown of male and female players)

St Raphaela's secondary school starting after school training = 42 females signed up
Loreto Foxrock after school 1st year touch rugby = 40 females

South Dublin 7s or female 1st year events hosted in the dlr region (please include numbers and breakdown of male and female players)

1st year touch rugby event hosted by St Mary's College RFC – 4 dlr schools attended.

FAI:

- **Administration** - Planning work for all programmes in 2023 on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings and training days on-going on a weekly and monthly basis.
- **FFA** – Walking Football in the National Rehabilitation Hospital started.
- **Club Mark**: All clubs in DLR are now registered for the Club Mark. On-going contact meetings with registered clubs to complete applications in order to achieve award.
- **Coach Ed** – Three PDP courses planned for October.
- **Child Welfare** – Two Safeguarding 1 courses delivered for Wayside Celtic and Dalkey United. October courses planned for two DLR Clubs.
- **Girls ETP Weekly sessions commenced** – 30 participants.
- **Social Inclusion** – Twenty IPA adults playing football one day a week.
- **Futsal In the Yard** – 350 boys and girls from 3rd class to 6th class taking part.
- **Girls Future Stars** – 50 x 4th class girls taking part.
- **Disney Playmakers** – Three clubs started the programme, 120 girls from 5-8 years taking part.

Leinster Cricket:

- On-going planning for future school yard sessions.
- Introduction to cricket course completed in Johnstown Girls National School.



- Table cricket leaders course completed at Enable Ireland Sandyford, Cricket Leinster also loaned equipment to the centre and also to Enable Ireland, Dun Laoghaire with a view to have a table cricket match between both centres.
- It had been arranged to run a cricket bowling competition at the India Day festival in Kilbogget park but unfortunately this was lost to the weather.
- Plans are ongoing to create a men's shed program to coach adult cricket within that framework.
- Continued liaison with both Sandyford and DLR cricket clubs regarding on-going works at both Marlay and Shanganagh parks.