

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 November – 30 November 2020

During November, we continued to operate under Level 5 of the Framework for Restrictive Measures for a period of 6 weeks to the 1st December. This Framework was announced as part of the Government’s [Resilience and Recovery 2020 – 2021 Plan for Living with Covid-19](#).

Essential services continue to be provided, on a reduced level of service in some cases.

Libraries remained closed to the public, as were leisure centres and swimming pools. Community Centres, parks and playgrounds, allotments and cemeteries remained open.

Members of the public were provided with appointments to the relevant department in order to access services within Council buildings.

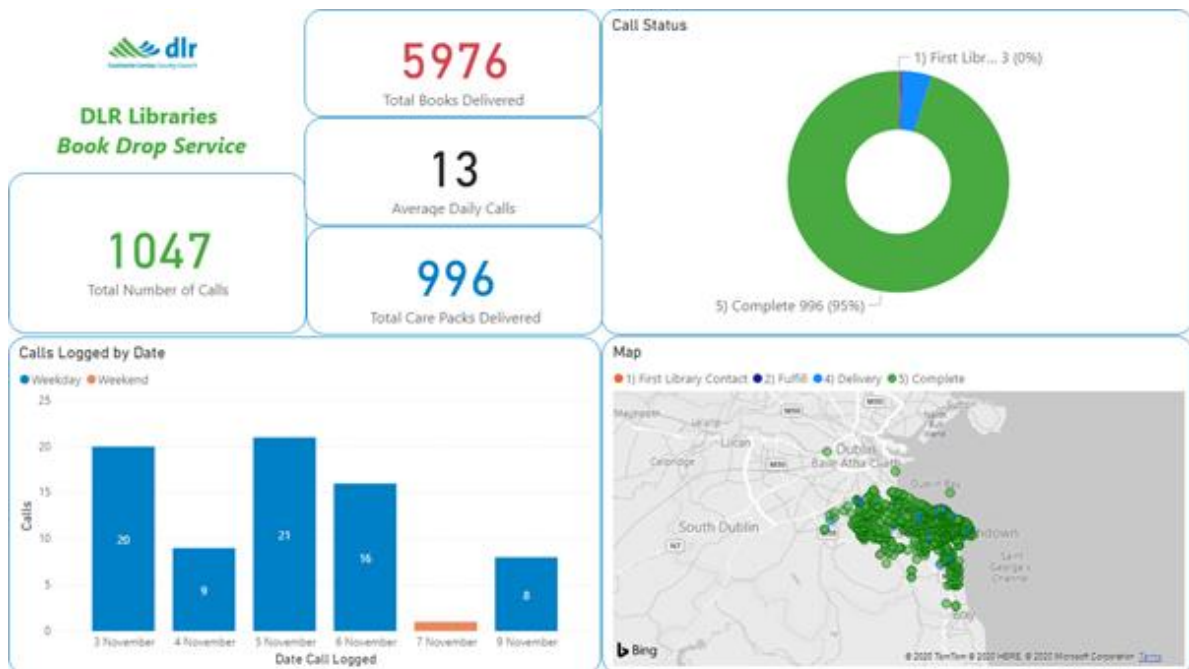
Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

Libraries

1 – 30 November: All counties in Ireland remained in **Level 5** of the Plan for Living with COVID-19 for the month of November.

Community Call Book Drop

Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. For more information on how to avail of this service, please contact the dlr Community Call helpline on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2713199 or email covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie. Alternatively, you can contact dlr LexIcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie.



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

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 4000 calls since it commenced on 30 March and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 100 calls were received in November and issues range from information requests on Covid-19, requests for updates on Council services during the levels of the Plan for Living with Covid, also requests for library books
- The Community Response Forum is meeting on a fortnightly basis at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:

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

Heritage

Worked with the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Centre to develop a "Writing Resilience" virtual poetry workshop for 15 community volunteers as part of the *Marlay House – Creative Responses* initiative. Workshop held on Nov 27th and participants were encouraged to join the Covid Paperchain letter-writing initiative. Marlay House and existing adjacent large tree (Tree of Hope), and Cabinteely House lit up with Christmas lights.

Municipal Services

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

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

Road maintenance: the level of activity is at normal service with the majority of outdoor staff in operation. Essential operations including emergency repairs and upkeep, winter maintenance, responses to Gardaí and traffic accidents continue to be dealt with, and Road Resurfacing & Footpath upgrade programmes are in progress.

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

Traffic: During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Council carried out a number of interventions to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. This included the provision of cycle lane protection at a number of junctions and routes and the provision of wider footpaths using bollards and cones to facilitate physical distancing in towns and villages. In

In addition, village improvement schemes were carried out at Blackrock, Dundrum, Glasthule and Dalkey.

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

Beaches/Harbours/Piers: All services have resumed.

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Covid-19 has resulted in a huge increase in support provided by the Local Enterprise Office. A new voucher scheme was launched in April 2020, while demand for existing support schemes e.g. Trading Online Vouchers and mentoring have increased significantly.

- Microfinance Ireland provided a COVID Business loan of up to €50,000 with a 6-month holiday on capital and interest payments, with a 1% discount (effective rate of 4.5%) if applied for through the LEO. We are partners in this scheme providing mentoring assistance to support client's applications. Annual targets already exceeded. A new loan has recently been launched, providing up to €25,000 with similarly favourable credit terms, and an additional interest rebate available for months 7-12.
- In an effort to give companies specialist advice, a Business Continuity Voucher was introduced. It was open for applications in April and closed 15th May 2020. A maximum of €2,500 was made available to eligible businesses to help support them in activities that could include producing business continuity plans, assessing cashflow and reduce costs, explore supply-chain finance options, and preparing business cases for emergency financial support. The Local Enterprise Office received **462** applications. **335** were approved to a value of **€699,527.50**.
- An improved Trading Online Voucher scheme with 90% funding was introduced. The annual allocation for 2020 was originally 55, but this was increased in response to Covid-19. To date the numbers of applications received is fifteen times higher than the annual application number.
- Mentoring - the office has provided significantly increased numbers of mentoring sessions, at no cost to clients, in response to Covid 19.
- General Supports – There has been an increase of at least 50% in general support queries, and requests for client meetings.

A special page has been setup for the specialised [LEO Covid supports](#) which has details of all the government supports for businesses in these difficult times.

In addition to helping companies adopt best practices in dealing with crisis, the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is continuing to provide a full range of training supports, details of which are available [here](#).

The Economic Development Unit introduced the Street Furniture Grant to provide support to food service-based businesses introducing or expanding their outdoor seating. It is proposed that this be extended to December 2021 to further encourage businesses to extend their outdoor offering. The Shopfront Improvement Scheme has seen increased takeup in 2020, with twenty one applications having been received to date.

A Covid Seasonal Fund was also approved at the September Council meeting to support towns and villages across the County during the festive period. A total of just over

€125,000 has been granted to thirteen representative groups which will be used to light and decorate commercial areas, making them attractive spaces for customers to visit and shop locally, without creating an event that would breach government guidelines regarding outdoor gatherings.

The Economic Development Unit is also running a Shop Local campaign, encouraging shoppers to shop locally and safely online where possible.

Infrastructure and Climate Change:

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

- Active Travel Programme for Schools Reopening
- Priority works on strategic sections of cycle/walking network for return to schools
- Covid-19 interventions: Coastal Mobility Route, Dundrum, Dalkey, Glasthule & Blackrock

Regular briefing sessions with the Elected Members on these works are continuing.

- The Directorate continues to respond to environmental, waste and litter pollution incidents, as needed, and such incidents are recorded and managed as usual through the Civic Hub and the CRM system.
- The Council's waste recycling facilities remain open (at Ballyogan, Eden Park and Shanganagh) with social distancing and other HSE recommended protocols in place and the Council-operated Bring Banks continue to be serviced and made available for use by the public. Activity at these sites during Covid 19 has increased compared to the same months last year.

Forward Planning Infrastructure

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

Architectural Services

- Services have resumed for everything except on-site work for bathroom upgrades in occupied homes.

Housing

- With the move to the further restrictions of Level 5, the Housing Department as an essential service, continues to operate although with some additional health and safety restrictions. Essential services including Homeless & Welfare, Allocations, HAP and emergency Housing Maintenance works are being progressed with additional supports provided as required to the vulnerable including the Travelling Community. Social Housing Construction projects will continue uninterrupted and applications for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older Persons and People with a Disability continue to be processed.
- Staff continue to engage with home loan borrowers and tenants who have been affected by a loss of or reduced income as a result of the pandemic.

Finance

Rates Waiver: 4,900 ratepayers have had the rates waiver applied to their accounts with a total value of €44m.

Rate Support Grant: The rate support grant for ratepayers whose rates bill is less than €21,019 remains in place. The Scheme provides for those eligible to receive a grant ranging from €300 – €800 subject to meeting the terms and conditions of the Scheme. There is no need to apply for the grant. If ratepayers qualify, it is automatically applied to their accounts.

Restart Grant: We have received 3,732 completed applications, declaration forms and RG1 appeal emails to 2nd December 2020, with an estimated value of €25.2m (excluding any emails not responded to).

We are currently working on the RG1 appeals for any Restart grant Plus which may qualify for an additional RG1, min €2,000 maximum €10,000.

The Top Up is due to the additional restrictions in Dublin from 7th October 2020. The total approved applications number 2,939, with a value of €24.5m to 2nd December 2020.

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

Financial Management: The impact of Covid-19 has had a significant detrimental impact on the Council's financial position. Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely.

Planning:

- The Planning Department is operating in accordance with the revised time frames set out by the Ministerial Orders. The Orders disregard the period from the 29 March 2020 to the 23 May 2020 (inclusive), 56 days/8 weeks, when calculating statutory timeframes.

Corporate Affairs:

- The monthly November Council meeting took place in the Ferry Terminal where social distancing and public health procedures could be implemented to create a safe environment.
- The dlrMeetingPoint, continues to work well for use by all Elected Members and officials
- Group Leaders' meetings are now being held on a monthly basis as of 4th November
- The Communications Unit continue to be very busy ensuring the provision of information on the many initiatives being undertaken by the different departments, both COVID and non COVID related.
- The meetings of all staff Covid reps within the organisation continue, these meetings keep staff fully informed in order to put in place arrangements to ensure the continued provision of services in a safe workplace environment.

Circulars and Relevant Documents

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

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



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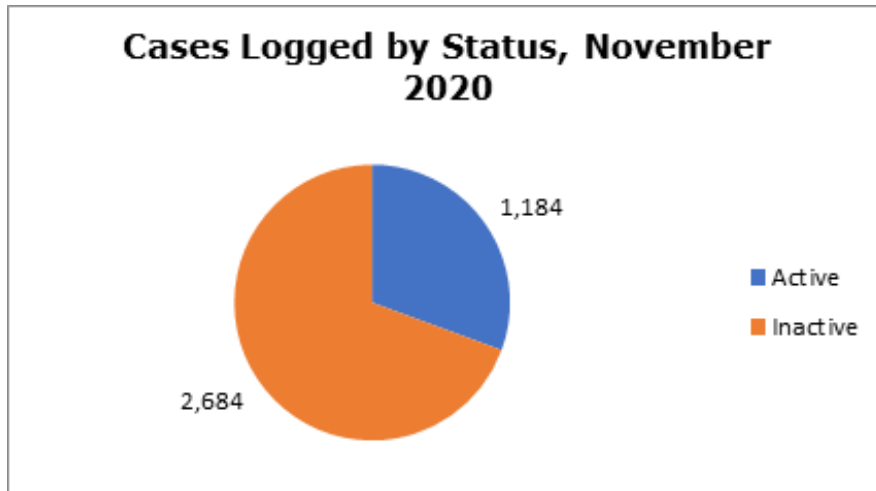
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Cases logged in November 2020

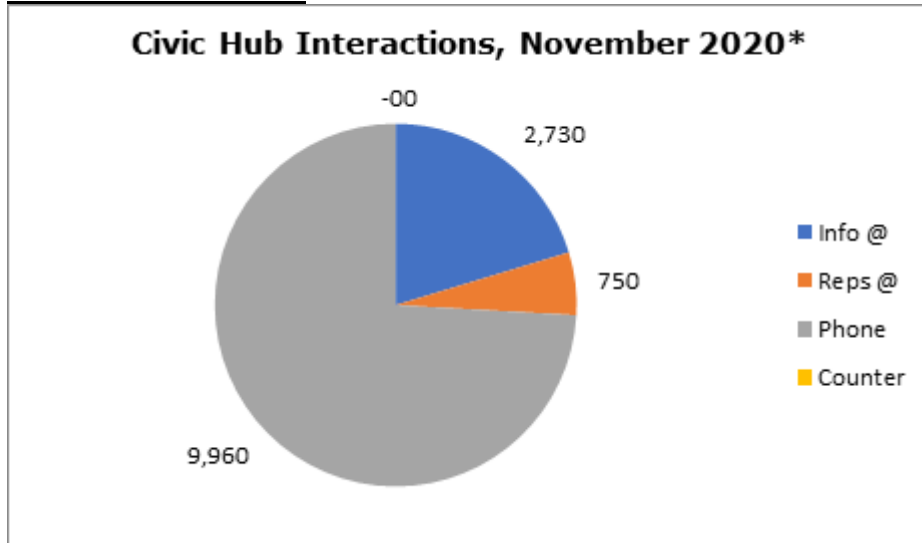


Open	1,184
Closed	2,684

Cases Logged in November 2020, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	7	1	8
Ballyogan Depot		5	5
CoCo		1	1
Comms & Civic Hub	53	757	810
Community	5	1	6
Corporate Services	5	1	6
DEACTIVATED USERS		1	1
dlrcoco	2	7	9
Enterprise	1		1
Environment	464	474	938
Finance	47	326	373
Housing	51	85	136
IT		1	1
Parks	265	214	479
Planning	14	20	34
Property	20	170	190
Transportation	240	539	779
Waste Enforcement	6	58	64
Water Services	4	23	27
Total	1184	2684	3868

Civic Hub Activities:



Cases logged in November 2020 * Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	5,199	4,761

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,730	750	3,480

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	0	0	0

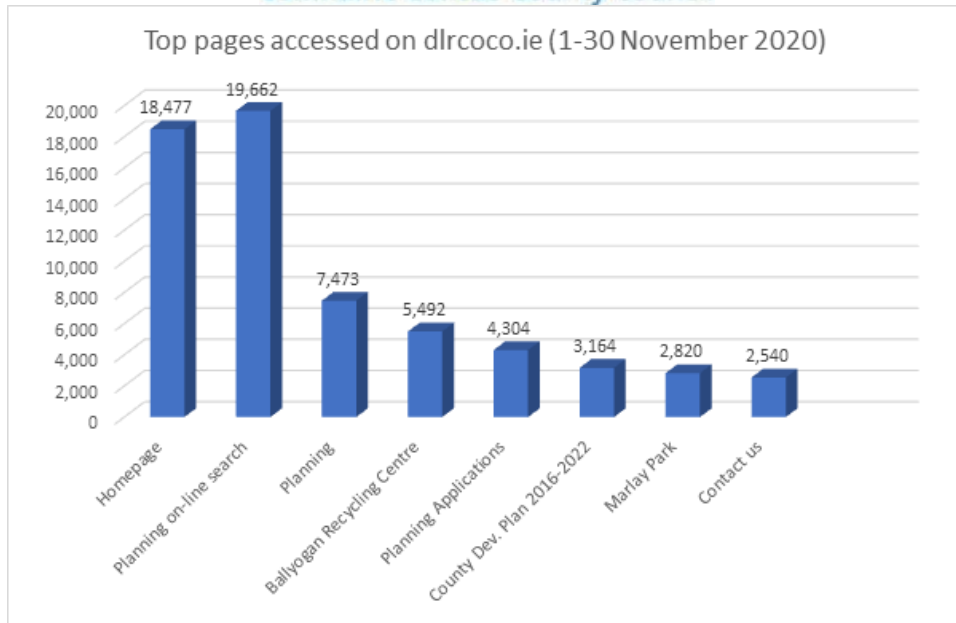
Social Media and Website Activity – November 2020

Twitter Accounts	Tweets	Followers	Impressions
dlr corporate	148	16,424	608,000
dlr Libraries	133	8,086	248,000
dlr events	6	5,670	11,300

Facebook Accounts	Posts	Followers
dlr Corporate	103	12,715
dlr Libraries	124	6,661
dlr events	13	10,313

Website Activity – page views

dlrcoco.ie 184,036
 dlrevents.ie 3,275
 dlrlibraries.ie 32,592



No of users on dlrcoco.ie

50,743 (average 1,691 users per day) highest peak of users during the month is **2,986**

Press Queries

19 press queries in October

Freedom of Information

There were 16 FOI requests received in November.

1. Road Maintenance

Road Maintenance Management Report - November 2020						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Nutgrove Avenue				✓	
2	Ballinteer Avenue			✓		Part complete in early Dec
3	Kilmacud Road Lower				✓	
4	Green Route				✓	
5	Sydenham Road				✓	
12	Adelaide Road				✓	
13	Castle Park Road				✓	
14	Ballinclea Road	✓				
15	Corrig Road		✓			
16	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
17	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
18	Rochestown Avenue		✓			On site in 2021
19	Saval Park Road			✓		
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Broadford Road			✓		complete in early Dec
2	Woodpark - The Drive			✓		complete in early Dec
3	Stillorgan Road (old N11)	✓				
4	Upper Kilmacud Road	✓				
5	Ticknock Road Edges		✓			
6	Ballyedmunduff/Ballybetagh Road Edges		✓			
7	Heidelberg		✓			
8	Sandyford Village	✓				
22	Dalkey Avenue				✓	
23	Georges Place		✓			
24	Patricks Square		✓			
25	Casement Villas				✓	
26	Temple Crescent		✓			on site in Dec
27	Monkstown Farm	✓				

28	Georges Street Lower		✓			
29	Grotto Avenue/Grotto Place				✓	
30	Barnaslingan Lane				✓	
31	Shanganagh Terrace		✓			
32	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)		✓			
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley				✓	
2	Sandyford Business District				✓	
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				
4	Westminster Road				✓	
5	Enniskerry Road				✓	
6	Cabinteely Close		✓			
7	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road			✓		on site in Dec
8	The Park, Cabinteely			✓		on site in Dec
17	Dún Laoghaire Town				✓	
18	Blackrock Town				✓	
19	Dalkey Village		✓			on site in Dec
20	Glasthule Village				✓	
21	Ashlawn Park/Coolevin	✓				
22	Wynberg Park	✓				
23	Watsons Estate	✓				
24	Woodbrook Glen				✓	
25	Glenavon Park	✓				
26	Ballybride Road			✓		
27	Ballycorous Road				✓	
28	Patrician Villas				✓	
29	Eaton Brae			✓		
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair		✓			
2	Woodside Road Retaining Wall	✓				
3	Belfield Flyover	✓				
4	Glenalua Wall Repair		✓			
	Category 3 Bridges	✓				
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Oakdown Road, Churchtown				✓	
2	De La Salle College, Churchtown				✓	
3	End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely	✓				
4	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh	✓				
5	Woodside Road	✓				

6	Beech Lawn, Dundrum	✓				
7	Mine Hill Lane				✓	
8	Bridesglen Road				✓	
9	Rathmichael Road				✓	
10	Clonkeen Road (At South Park)	✓				
11	Woodbine Park	✓				
12	Seafield Road Killiney			✓		
13	Ruby Hall	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme	✓				
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Lynnwood to Ballinteer				✓	
2	Loreto Park	✓				
3	Mount Anville Road at Deerpark				✓	
4	Castlebyrne Park				✓	
5	Mt Albany Estate		✓			
6	Coolevin				✓	
7	Cloister Estate		✓			
8	O'Rourke Park				✓	
9	Laneway from Gleann na Smól to Stradbrook Road (part of)				✓	
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Brehonfield Road		✓			
2	Churchtown Road Upper			✓		
3	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)			✓		
4	Baker's Corner's junction			✓		
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Kilcross Estate		✓			On site in Dec
2	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	Redesdale estate - certain laneways	✓				
5	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</i>					

	<i>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	Proby Square (South)		✓				on site in Dec
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways		✓				Contractor appointed
3	Devitt Villas			✓			Anti-skid surfacing outstanding

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA Schemes							
N11 Brewery Road Safety Improvement Scheme			✓				Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation
Sandyford Cycle Route (Drummartin Link Road / Rotary)					✓		Works recommenced on 18 May, 2020. Due to be complete Spring 2021
Sandyford Cycle Route (UCD to Clonskeagh) Phase 3		✓					Design is ongoing by CSEA. Following the Dundrum Area Committee on October 5 th and a further briefing on October 14 th , 2020, a second round of public consultation took place with 800 submissions received.
Stillorgan Road Cycle Route (UCD accessibility at Nova)					✓		Works recommenced on 18 May, 2020. Due to be complete Spring 2021
Sandyford Business District walking and cycling improvements	✓						Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation on three routes in the Sandyford Business District; Carmanhall Road, Blackthorn Road and Burton Hall Road.
Stillorgan Park Road cycle scheme	✓						Consultant CSEA appointed to carry out the detailed design work of the scheme.
Wyattville Road Cycle route – Stage 2			✓				Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation. Public Consultation report was presented to the Dun Laoghaire Area Committee
East Coast Trail (Merrion Gates to Seapoint)	✓						Review with DCC and NTA underway in the context of the coastal cycle route
Nutgrove Avenue Cycle Route						✓	Cycle improvements on Nutgrove Avenue from the Bottle Tower complete
Dodder Greenway	✓						Work on the design of preferred option is being progressed by DCC
Cycle Parking						✓	24 stands installed in November and 186 in 2020 (372 spaces).
Protected cycle route on Goatstown Road					✓		Works are ongoing
Cherrywood Cycle Links	✓						Part 8 public consultation documentation being prepared for a network of cycle routes
Walkability Audits	✓						Works to be carried out at 3 locations to improve facilities for pedestrians

Covid19 cycle Temporary Schemes						
Blackrock to Sandycove Coastal cycle route - two way-cycle track					✓	Works substantially complete
Carysfort Avenue - two way-cycle track					✓	Works substantially complete
Newtownpark Avenue cycle track on both sides					✓	Works ongoing
Cross Avenue, Blackrock, cycle track on one side					✓	Works complete
Blackrock Village Improvement Scheme with contra flow cycle route					✓	Works substantially complete
Dundrum Village Improvement Scheme with contra flow cycle route and new cycle track on Dundrum Road					✓	Works substantially complete
Dalkey Village Improvement Scheme					✓	Works ongoing
Glasthule Village Improvement Scheme					✓	Works complete
Roebuck Road cycle lane protection near St Killian's German School					✓	Works substantially complete
Enniskerry Road cycle lane protection near St Marys National school					✓	Works complete
July Stimulus Package 2020						
Cruagh Wood Extension					✓	Works 50% complete
Meadowbrook Car Park					✓	Works substantially complete
Belarmine zebra crossings					✓	Works substantially complete
Junction, Rosemount, Dundrum Road table top ramp					✓	Works substantially complete
Springfield Park, Foxrock, traffic calming -			✓			Design work ongoing
Glenamuck Road South traffic calming				✓		Design work ongoing
Castlepark Road Pedestrian improvements			✓			Tender document being finalised
Silchester Road Pedestrian improvements					✓	Under construction
Shanganagh Road signalised Pedestrian Crossing adjacent to Abberley/Norwood					✓	Under construction
Hudson Road - Zebra Crossing adjacent to the new park					✓	Under construction
Wyvern-Zebra Crossing adjacent to the school					✓	Under construction

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 2-Lower Kilmacud Road from 100m east of the junction with Upper Kilmacud Road to the access road into Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club. Works are 90% complete and landscaping works to commence in January 2021

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Crokes to the N11. Proposed design nearing completion but need to reach agreement with private landowners to determine site extents.

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

Neighbourhood Traffic Management Guidelines were presented to the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee.

TAG

There were no TAG meetings in November due to effects on of Level 5 restrictions on availability of members of group.

BusConnects Dublin Update

The BusConnects Dublin - Core Bus Corridors Infrastructure Works is running a third non-statutory public consultation, commenced during the first week of November 2020. This will then be followed by the finalisation of the preferred routes and the preparation of planning applications for submission to ABP towards the end of Q1 2021.

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in Dec 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4 to 5 year project. Activities include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints study, Hydrological analysis and hydraulic modelling. Initial Public Consultation is underway.

Contractors have been appointed to construct the new screen/flood storage structure in Kilbogget Park. Work on site has commenced with site set-up and clearance and construction now underway. Completion is planned for April 2020.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway and tenders will be issued shortly for flow/rainfall surveys and topographical surveys.

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

Tender documents are completed for consultants to prepare detailed flood risk maps for the Monkstown environs streams. The OPW have recently confirmed 90% funding and the project has now been awarded.

Draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs)

The Flood Risk Management Plans were launched on 3rd May 2018 and these were adopted by the Council at the Council Meeting on the 10th September.

All three Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area (Deansgrange/Loughlinstown/Shanganagh, Carysfort-Maretimo and Old Connaught Wilford) have been included in the Ten-Year €1 billion Programme of Investment in Flood Relief Measures with Deansgrange/Loughlinstown/Shanganagh included in the first tranche of €257 million in funding for 50 new flood relief schemes to proceed to detailed design.

The OPW have asked DLR to project manage the scheme and have agreed to fund the necessary in-house project management personnel.

4. Roads Control Unit November 2020

Reinstatement works

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out permanent reinstatements on behalf of Water Services Section as agreed under the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water. The total of 726 no. locations have been received and issued to the Contractor for reinstatement between 1st January and 30th November 2020.

Restoration works

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2020					
1	Proby Square (South)			07.12.2020		
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways			Start date not confirmed yet		Letter of Acceptance sent
3	Devitt Villas				Road Surfacing completed	Anti-Skid surface treatment not yet scheduled

5. Cleansing & Beaches Section Statistics: May 2020 – October 2020

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	198	253	286	250	296	321
Clean-Ups Assisted	38	43	46	52	62	46
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	23	12	24	12	30	14
Bathing Water Samples Taken	9	46	37	49	28	18
Gullies Cleaned	1149	1779	1415	889	744	737
Dumping Incidents Managed	87	99	78	70	71	91
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	5	1	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	0	8	5	31	11	16

Street Bin Collections	4043	4253	4091	3983	4275	5043
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* Statistics available up to the end of October 2020.

Cleansing & Beaches Project Updates – November 2020

- Cleansing works on the Wyatville Road are ongoing with anticipated completion early December.
- The 2020 weeding programme is ongoing throughout the county.
- 3 new mini sweepers purchased and funded via the NTA to facilitate cycle lane sweeping across the county and in particular the newly installed segregated cycle tracks
- DLR's Cleansing & Road Maintenance Sections are leading on critical enhancement works at Killiney Beach as part of the NTA stimulus funding. Works are anticipated to be complete in early 2021.
- Deep Clean completed in Sandyford Village and ongoing in Shankill Village.
- Cleansing Gully and Sweeping crews proactively addressing hotspot flooding and leaf fall related cleansing across the county in the busy Autumn/winter season.
- New start in Cleansing in the form of Assistant Engineer Peter Buckley
- Coliemore Harbour repair conceptualisation study completed by Arup and cost estimation exercise and programme/planning process currently being explored.

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2039 Fixed charge notices/fines issued at 30th November 2020 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	Fines
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	1
Overstaying 3 hour parking limit	29
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	13
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	223
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	4
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	31
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	4
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	11
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	25
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	130
Parking a vehicle on a footway	238
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	3
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	102
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	30
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	4
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	10
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	16
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	4
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person's parking bay	57
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	25

Parking out of the limits of a bay	4
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	25
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	135
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	915
Total no. of fines issued between 1st and 30th November 2020	2039

There were no convictions secured in November 2020, as the District Court is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions in place.

Public Lighting

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

Public Lighting Maintenance

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Number of repairs carried out in Nov 2020:	599
Percentage of lights out at the end of Nov 2020:	0.65%
Pole replacement carried out in Nov 2020:	0
Bracket replacements:	79
Tree trimming:	19
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	34
LED Upgrades	382

LED Upgrading Program

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

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	34
Inspections completed	2

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	12
Legal requests:	3

Road Opening Licences November 2020

Road Opening Licences received from 1 st January to 30 November 2020 via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	1952
Applications Granted	1755
Applications Withdrawn/Refused	117
Applications being processed	80

Road Closures, Street Furniture, event signage and filming applications

In October there were:

- 2 application for Road Closures
- 5 applications for Street Furniture.
- 1 Filming application on the public road sent in.
- 1 skip licence Fee renewal received.

7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

COVID-19 Measures

- Social Distancing reminders have been sprayed at the East and West Piers and the Marina Breakwater.
- Food vendors on the Pier and in the Battery have reopened with Social Distancing measures in place.
- Solar bin handles and handrails generally are being regularly disinfected.

Harbour Activities:

- The Marina has reopened fully to boat owners.
- The Yacht Club dining rooms have closed again in line with Government guidelines for Level 5 restrictions.
- Sailing schools have reopened on a limited basis with social distancing measures in place.

Filming

Some tentative enquiries have been received from Film Companies recently, and filming is permitted to continue in Level 5, however few of the enquiries are translating into actual bookings.

Christmas lighting

Christmas lighting has been installed and switched on at the Bandstand on the East Pier, and the roof of the Victoria Fountain. The new boat light sculpture has been installed at the roundabout on Harbour Road.

Projects

Berth 2 Fenders

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to design / tender stage. Tenders have been received for an engineering consultancy firm and are being assessed at present.

Berth 4 Fenders

A project to repair and re-secure the berthing fenders on Berth 4, St. Michael's Pier has been given approval to proceed. LCF Marine have been appointed to carry out the works. Some preparatory works have commenced, and we await the delivery of components to complete by year end.

Real Estate Negotiations

- The 1st Floor of Block 2, Harbour Square is vacant and advertised for lease.
- The DMYC lease is being brought to the DL Area Committee in December with a view to progressing to Full Council in Jan 2021
- Negotiations have been postponed with the INSS on renewal of their lease due to the COVID-19 situation.

Ferry Terminal

Planning Permission was granted for the ferry terminal project on the 7th February 2020. A planning appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála and is currently being determined. A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on the 25th February 2020. This matter will be brought to Council later for disposal pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies

Work has commenced on developing the Economic Plans for Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Dun Laoghaire Town. The Stakeholder Engagement Campaign underpins both plans that will generate new ideas for the sustainable regeneration of the Town and the Harbour. The intention is that this exercise is undertaken across four phases:

- Inform: Initial Workshop/Meeting and Exploratory Interviews with key stakeholders that will inform key stakeholders of the project objectives
- Invitation for submissions
- Consultation: Preparation of detailed surveys
- Structured interviews

Arising from the restrictions introduced to stem the spread of Covid-19, the Council had delayed this process to date. It has however recommenced now and various stakeholder engagements are expected in the coming weeks.

Social Media Platforms

Twitter – 4,499 followers

Facebook – 2,659 followers



Comhairle Contae County Council

Finance and Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan-Nov 2020	Enterprise Ireland target to November 2020
Feasibility Study	17	13
Business Priming	10	14
Business Expansion	13	9
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	15	16
Trading Online Vouchers ¹	689	46
Microfinance Ireland	22	18
Business Continuity Vouchers ²	462	N/A
Total Approvals	1,228	

Note 1: The qualifying criteria for Trading Online Vouchers was expanded in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 situation, allowing previous recipients to avail of the scheme.

Note 2: The Business Continuity Voucher was available during March and April as a specific measure to assist businesses by providing access to specialist advice.

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	Jan-Nov 2020
No of jobs created	47.5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2020

	Total Jan-Nov 2020
Clients approved for Financial Assistance	1,228
Clients attending Networking Events	552
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	4,341
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	261
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	399
Total No of Clients Assisted	6,781

DLR Economic Development Supports

	Total Jan-Nov 2020
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	2
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	21
Business Promotion Grants	17
Street Furniture Grant ³	6
Covid Seasonal Fund ⁴	13

Note 3: The Street Furniture Grant was introduced in May 2020 to encourage the provision of additional outdoor seating by food businesses.

Note 4: The Covid Seasonal Fund was introduced in September 2020 to provide assistance to towns and villages in decorating and lighting their areas for the festive season.

Enterprise Promotion activities in November 2020

DLR Enterprise News	LEO DLR – Enterprise News November 2020 (sent 27/11/2020) Open rate 30%. 2,260 recipients. LIFT Ireland Online Leadership Sessions (sent 04/11/20) Open rate 47.7%. 2,218 recipients Open rate Industry average 11%
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote sessions throughout November
Start Your Own Business Course	2 nd November
Customs Import & Export Procedures Workshop	9 th November
Designing the Sales Process – 4 week course	17 th November
Protecting Intellectual Property	11 th November
Trading Online Voucher Information Webinar	25 th November

Tourism Development

The Tourism sector continues to be severely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. In November all tourism providers remained closed as part of Level 5 restrictions.

DLR Tourism Steering Committee

A meeting of the DLR Tourism Steering Committee took place on November 25th. The committee was given a presentation on the Tourism Friendly Cities Project. Fáilte Ireland presented the new Dublin Development Project. Parking in the mountain areas is also problematic with very large numbers of people going walking. DLRCC are discussing possible solutions with Coillte. Access to public toilets was reported as a key issue for visitors during the Covid pandemic.

DLR Tourist Information Kiosk

Implementation of Level 5 restrictions has meant that during November the DLR Tourist Information Kiosk has remained closed.

Destination Towns Fund “Dun Laoghaire”

Installation of the 3D lighting element of the Destination Town project was concluded in November. The new Lighting is now in place and a photocall with An Cathaoirleach took place on Tuesday 24th. This is a positive new addition to the Town.

URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities Network

An online meeting of the TFC Local Group took place on November 5th to consider the proposed Road Map for the implementation of the project.

“Platforms for Growth” New Shared Facilities

Fáilte Ireland will be launching a national call for Shared Facilities to support the development of watersports businesses. DLR will develop an application for the development of facilities on Killiney Beach.

Tourism Promotion

A new Dún Laoghaire Town map is currently being developed for visitors. The stock of imagery is also being expanded to assist with future promotions and campaigns.

DLR Tourism Social Media analysis November

Social Media Analysis: November 2020				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	5,481	53	11	13,099
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	3,086	34	19	30,800

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2020				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/10/2020 €
A Total Housing & Building	-11,150,942	22,562,083	-22,511,977	-11,100,836
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-9,485,702	7,910,725	-5,697,846	-7,272,823
C Total Water Services	-3,339,681	353,178	-176,152	-3,162,655
D Total Development Management	-58,562,198	10,726,388	-17,192,461	-65,028,271
E Total Environmental Services	-8,557,016	33,134	-470,250	-8,994,132
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-14,795,623	7,441,937	-6,114,926	-13,468,612
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,029,685	83,631	0	-3,946,054
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-37,024,959	2,489,001	-3,428,524	-37,964,482
Grand Total	-146,945,806	51,600,077	-55,592,137	-150,937,865

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/10/2020				
	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Balance at 31/10/2020 €	Arrears from current year debit	Arrears >1 year
RATES	14,468,049	28,911,996	16,147,774	12,764,222

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2020
83.33%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	39,821,432	49,324,900	80.73%
B Road Transport & Safety	28,123,195	30,748,700	91.46%
C Water Services	9,593,799	12,388,600	77.44%
D Development Management	36,756,810	21,872,800	168.05%
E Environmental Services	25,719,238	30,671,800	83.85%
F Recreation & Amenity	26,480,462	34,532,100	76.68%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,875,497	4,748,900	102.67%
H Miscellaneous Services	37,703,466	8,207,900	459.36%
Total Expenditure	209,073,899	192,495,700	108.61%

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	35,047,010	42,936,600	81.63%
B Road Transport & Safety	15,038,928	13,492,400	111.46%
C Water Services	6,751,823	8,557,300	78.90%
D Development Management	24,213,276	5,360,400	451.71%
E Environmental Services	4,829,255	5,627,200	85.82%
F Recreation & Amenity	3,773,169	5,551,400	67.97%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,609,660	3,934,400	91.75%
H Miscellaneous Services	32,034,248	6,617,300	484.10%
Sub Total	125,297,369	92,077,000	136.08%

LPT Local Property Tax	9,057,920	10,869,500	83.33%
RA Rates	74,292,588	89,549,200	82.96%
Total Income	208,647,877	192,495,700	108.39%

Deficit as 31/10/2020	€426,022
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Planning Applications – monthly statistics

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	128	128
Decision Deferred	0	27	27
Decision to Grant**	0	83	83
Decision to Refuse**	0	16	16
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	75	75
Invalid Applications	0	20	20

*Includes 10 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".

0 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
No SHD lodged					

<http://www.pleanala.ie/shd/applications/index.htm>

Planning Counter Figures 1st November to 30th November

Customers Served	37
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*Planning counter is by appointment only from Monday the 21st September.

Building Control

Fire Safety Certs applications received	16
Regularisation Certs	0
Revised Fire Safety Certs	3
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	9
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn	0/1
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	11
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused	8/0
Commencement Notices Validated	38
7 Day Notices received	3
Completion Certs Validated	21

*Granted Fire Cert, 7 Day, Reg Cert & Rev Cert



Comhairle Contae County Council

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 51

Complaints closed 59

Litter and Waste Fines

November 2020	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	108	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	1	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	12	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	225	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	239	Litter Section

Conservation

The Conservation Section processed the 2020 Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and Historic Structures Fund (HSF) Grants in November. Both schemes are funded by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

9 no. projects were funded under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme with a total sum of €79,000 paid out to successful applicants under the scheme.

Under the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) scheme, 2 no. applications were received and submitted to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and 1 no. was awarded funding by the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to the sum of €30,000.

Additional funding was received from the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform under the July Jobs Stimulus Package 2020 for 2 no. projects to the sum of €70,000.

The total amount of **BHIS 2021** funding available to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is €94,800, compared to €79,000 in 2020. Further information is available here <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/conservation/conservation-grants-2021>. Applications close **25th January 2021**.

Energy

The ISO 50001 Energy Management System Audit took place over 16-17 November. Certification Europe, the assessor has determined that DLR's management system continues to meet the needs of the organisation and conforms to the requirements of ISO 50001:2018.

The Invitation to Tender has been issued on e-Tenders for dlr Leisure Energy Performance Contract.

Dangerous Buildings: 1st Nov –30 Nov

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	4
Not Dangerous	2
Total	6

Community and Cultural Development

Community Facilities

Community Facilities providing Childcare and Youth Services continue to remain open during Level 5 of the Living with Covid 19 Plan to facilitate and support the provision of those services.

Community Staff continue to work with the Managers and Boards of Management of Community Facilities to support them in the process of ensuring they are Covid compliant.

Comhairle na nÓg

The 2020 Comhairle na nÓg AGM took place in November via Zoom. A total of 14 Secondary Schools throughout the county engaged with a total of 43 young people in attendance. The theme for the 2020 AGM was Climate Change and the session included input from An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Una Power and dlr's Climate Action Officer, Anthony Mc Namara.

Estate Management

Service Plan 2 report submitted to MIT members which included Roads, Environment, Parks, Housing and Traffic for their review and confirmation of planned works to be carried out in 2020.

All 12 areas are continuing to participate in the Estate Management Programme via Zoom.

dlr CE Programme

CE Supervisors continued to offer support and guidance to CE participants as they returned to their places of work in numerous Centres, facilities and sports clubs across the County. This has again been impacted by the move to level 5 restrictions with Centres operating reduced services.

Pride of Place

The Pride of Place Awards is an annual competition organized by Co-operation Ireland. It promotes and celebrates the best of community development and recognizes the efforts of people in making their local area a better place to live, work and socialise.

This year Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, through its Community and Cultural Development Department, had 2 entries in the Pride of Place with Airfield (Dundrum) taking the runner up prize in the *Wellbeing* category and Patrician Villas (Blackrock) taking the runner up prize in the *Best Housing* category.

The virtual awards ceremony was held on Saturday 21st November and was hosted by Marty Morrissey.

Community Facility Network

The community facilities network met on the 3rd November and there was strong attendance of community facilities managers and board members. We engaged a facilitator who is working with the group to identify capacity building initiatives, build connections and offer support.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee held a meeting on 18th November 2020.

CEP Grants (Round 2)

- The Grants Sub-group of the LCDC met on 12th November to evaluate the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) Round 2 applications.
- Payments of €153,971 in grant funding through the CEP programme for 2020 (Round 2) were approved at the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC meeting on 18th November with grants being awarded to 29 different groups. The funding is provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Healthy Ireland Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) Small Grants Scheme

- Payments of €30,000 in grant funding through the Healthy Ireland CMHF Small Grants Scheme were approved at the LCDC meeting on 18th November 2020 with grants being awarded for 8 projects in line with the Mental Health theme of Healthy Ireland Round 3.

Joint Policing Committee

The JPC met on 25 November via Teams.

The Committee noted the joint bicycle security project between An Garda Síochána and the County Council. The Council is assisting with the purchase of bicycle engraving machines. The Gardai will then run roadshows at a number of venues throughout the County advising on bicycle security matters and offering cyclists the chance to have their bicycle engraved.

COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

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

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 4000 calls since it commenced on 30 March and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 100 calls were received in November and issues range from information requests on Covid-19, requests for updates on Council services during the levels of the Plan for Living with Covid, also requests for library books
- The Community Response Forum is meeting on a fortnightly basis at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.
- 2 Stakeholder Forum Multi Agency meetings were held in November.
- 2 Health and Wellbeing meetings took place in November
- A family support forum meeting took place in November with stakeholders from family support services across the county.

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:

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

initiatives, in the community to help isolated individuals to connect with their neighbours.

Cultural Development

Arts

dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme 2020/21

There were 100 applications for the 2020/21 dlr First Frames, an increase on the 2019/20 Scheme. The standard of applications was very high this year and after a selection process, 9 projects were shortlisted to interview stage. Two films, 'A Runner' and 'La Tumba' were awarded funding; filming will take place in the County in the first half of 2021. A development award was made to support a third film 'Eggshells'.

dlr First Frames is fully funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office and Economic Development Unit, and managed by IADT. Mentoring support is provided by the National Film School, IADT with additional equipment and facilities from IADT.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/visual-arts-and-film/dlr-first-frames-202021>

Light Up Dún Laoghaire

Dlr Arts Office invited applications for the creation of short animations which will be projected on to the exterior of dlr LexIcon in Dún Laoghaire in Autumn 2021.

14 applications were received and assessed by a selection panel. 6 submissions were selected. These commissions are funded by Creative Ireland.

Online Dementia Inclusive Tours

Our popular Dementia Inclusive Gallery Tours have been adapted to an online version for Winter 2020. People living with dementia and their loved ones are now able to access these interactive art looking sessions online. Every Monday and Tuesday older people from the County in residential care settings and living at home are exploring and discussing a selection of artworks from our County Collection in these specially created online tours that are easily joined using a mobile phone, tablet or computer. These tours are free and funded by the HSE/dlr County Council Arts and Health Partnership and supported by the Azure network.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts-community/dementia-inclusive-gallery-tours-go-online>

Online Gallery Learning Programme for Winter 2020

An online Gallery Learning Programme began in November to make sure that everyone can still access lots of opportunities to get creative at home. The programme is packed with talks, conversations, demonstrations and art making workshops. From Meet the Artist in the Studio Conversations, workshops for children, adults and families ranging from seasonal art making to colour mixing, a range of online workshops is available through the Winter weeks. The What's On section of the Arts Office website is updated on a weekly basis and bookings are via Eventbrite. To date 8 events in November have taken place, all have been oversubscribed.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/whats-latest-news>

Cuairt agus Cultúr 2020

This is the 3rd year of Cuairt agus Cultúr a cultural programme managed by dlr Arts Office and dlr Libraries and based in residential care settings for older people in the County. The programme in 2020 has been adapted to an online programme and is based in 5 care settings in the County with a total of 42 'live' interactive events and workshops taking place through November and December. The programme is taking place in 2020 in Dalkey Community Unit, Simpsons Hospital, The FernDean, Four Ferns and Ashbury

Nursing Home. In addition to our dedicated programme in 5 residential care settings in the County, we are delighted to offer a wonderful selection of online cultural activities for all care settings in the County for Winter 2020! From dancing, storytelling, singing to art workshops there's plenty for everyone to join in and enjoy. All of these additional workshops are available online and free of charge to Nursing Homes from November 2020 until March 2021.

Cuairt agus Cultúr is generously funded by Creative Ireland and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts-community/cuairt-agus-cult%C3%BAr>

Platform 31

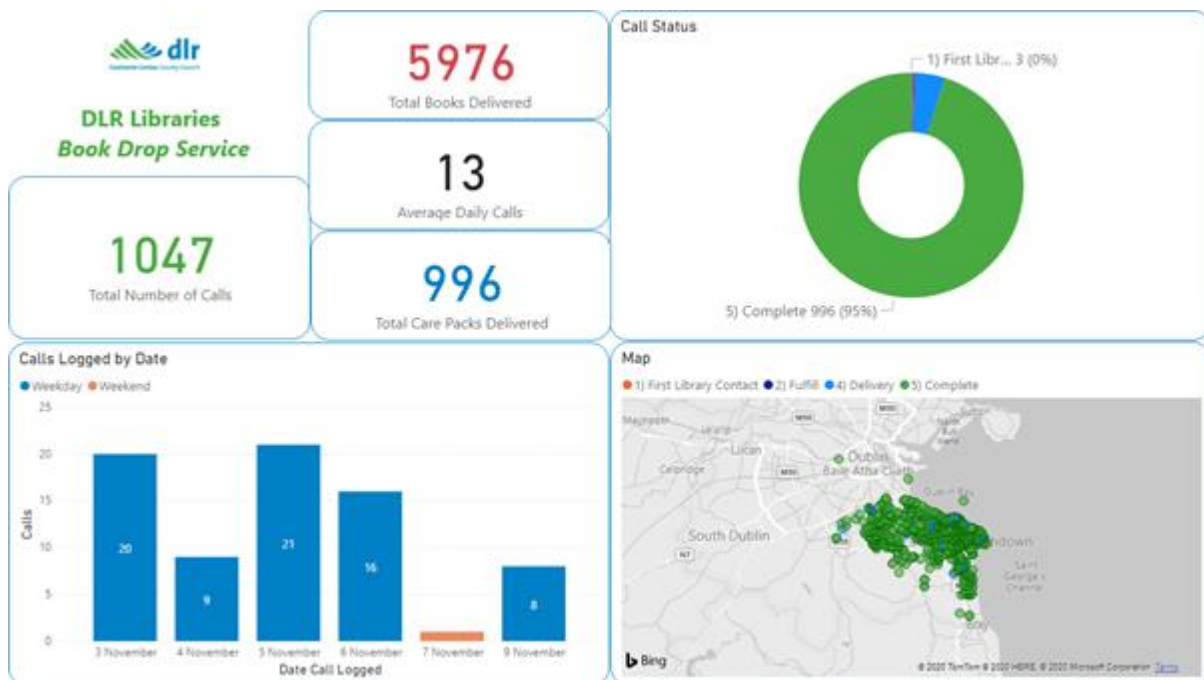
Partnering with all Local Authority Arts Offices, in collaboration with the Arts Council, dlr Arts Office has launched PLATFORM 31 – a new national opportunity for artists to develop their practice and test new ideas of collaboration, research, audience development, place-making and sharing their work. This project is designed to support and offer career development for 31 mid-career artists in response to the challenges of Covid-19. <https://platform31.localartsireland.ie/>

Libraries

1 – 30 November: All counties in Ireland remained in **Level 5** of the Plan for Living with COVID-19 for the month of November.

Community Call Book Drop

Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. For more information on how to avail of this service, please contact the dlr Community Call helpline on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2713199 or email covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie. Alternatively, you can contact dlr LexIcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie.



dlr Libraries Online

We continue to adapt our usual events programme to an online environment where possible to offer a hybrid physical and online service to our users. This includes social



media posts promoting local and national well-being initiatives and keeping our users abreast of updated public health advice.

All our online services/resources are available in Levels 1-5. You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!

Borrowbox & Overdrive - download eBooks and eAudiobooks

PressReader - read newspapers

RBDigital – read magazines & comics

Transparent Language Online – learn a language

Universal Class – take a course

Freegal – stream or download music

Listen to one our recorded podcasts or look at one of our exhibitions online.

Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards winner!

dlr Libraries were delighted to win at the recent Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2020. The Divine Illuminations project won in the Commemorations and Centenaries category. The project consisted of a publication and an exhibition on the Oratory of the Sacred Heart in Dún Laoghaire.

Recent video additions to the project can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nHYdhiDJ7k>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI06oJSGUeE>

Funding Programmes

November saw the drawdown deadlines for Sensory Libraries, Dormant Accounts and Creative Ireland funding. Projects for these funding programmes in 2020 totalled €26k, €54k and over €400k respectively.

Events for Adults

Covid Care Concerts

From 3–6 November, the music ensemble Mobile Music Machine visited 10 residential care home in DLR over 4 days and performed concerts for the residents and staff there. Each concert lasted an hour, and the programme included many older songs and familiar pieces of music that the residents were able to sing along to. All of the performances took place outdoors, and in accordance with current public health guidelines. This programme is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

Cuairt & Cultúr programme

We are delighted to continue with our Cuairt & Cultúr cultural programme based in residential care settings for older people around the County. There are 5 care settings involved with a total of 42 'live' online workshops and events taking place until December 2020. From dancing, storytelling, singing to art workshops there's plenty for everyone to join in and enjoy. As well as the 5 selected nursing homes, we are also able to offer a wonderful selection of online cultural activities for all care settings in the County with pre-recorded workshops and singalongs especially created for care settings for older people. This programme is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

Winter Warmers: Online events programme for adults

Keep warm, busy and connected over the coming months with some wonderful winter events from dlr Libraries! All of these sessions were delivered online via Zoom.

Mindful Chair Yoga with Sally Dunne

Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 & 25 November, 2.00-3.15pm. Max 12

Restorative Yoga with Sally Dunne

Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 & 25 November, 7.00-8.00pm. Max 12.

Knit & Knatter sessions with Pauline Gallagher

Mondays 9, 16, 23 & 30 November, 10.00am-12.00pm. Max 12.

Dublin: One City, One Book

dlr Libraries celebrated Dublin: One City One Book in November with three free events online. All events tie-in with the chosen title *Tatty* by Christine Dwyer Hickey

Thursday 12 November: *Turning Books into Ideas*. Christine Dwyer Hickey chats to Martina Devlin. Thursday 19 November: *Poetry, Childhood and Tatty* with Eithne Hand, James Harpur and Liz Quirke. Curated by Rosamund Taylor. Thursday 26 November: *Dublin as a Literary Location* with Christine Dwyer Hickey, chaired by Martina Devlin

Plays in the Park

During the months of October and November, dlr LexIcon had planned a series of outdoor performances entitled **Plays in the Park**, supported by the Creative Ireland Programme. Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions at various Levels, some of these performances were moved to online streamed performances.

The final play; a version of **Antigone**, took place online on **Saturday 28 November**. Colin Murphy's new adaptation of the work by Sophocles, is set in present day Dún Laoghaire amidst a contagion outbreak and the underlying migration crisis in Europe.

Music with Tim Thurston

Normally at this time of year, we would be welcoming broadcaster and classical music lover Tim Thurston to the Studio Theatre in dlr LexIcon to share his favourite music for Advent. As we still can't hold live events, we are thrilled to be able to share Tim's music recommendations for the season on our website.

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/Tim%20Thurston%20Advent%20Christmas%20List.pdf>

Regular events for adults

We're continuing with our online quizzes, book-related discussions and local history posts to encourage our users to engage with us and to stimulate memories and discussion via our social media platforms.

Online Book Clubs

The popular online book club met on Wednesday 25 November at 7.30pm via Zoom to discuss the title *This Boy's Life* by Tobias Wolff. The club continues to attract new members each month. Physical copies of the chosen titles for discussion are available in advance from dlr LexIcon with some titles also available online on our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

November also saw the inaugural meeting of the **dlr Staff Online Book Club** who met on Monday 23 November to discuss *The Door* by Magda Szabo.

Exhibition Programme

What's in a Name? Dun Leary – Kingstown – Dún Laoghaire: A Visual History

2 November – 31 January (Online)

In 1821 the name Dunleary or Dun Leary was changed to Kingstown in honour of King George IV's visit to this bustling and rapidly developing town. In 1920 it was officially given the name Dún Laoghaire, referring back to the original Irish name for Dunleary. It was a deliberate political act during the War of Independence, an act of defiance against the old order in Ireland. In the years following the establishment of the Irish Free State,

the use of Kingstown gradually diminished and was replaced in the consciousness of visitors and residents of the town by variants of the name – Dunleary, Dun Laoire and Dún Laoghaire. See the exhibition here:

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/Dun%20Leary%20Kingstown%20D%C3%BAAn%20Laoghaire%20-%20What%27s%20in%20a%20Name%20Exhibition.pdf>

The Glass Room: Misinformation Edition

A new exhibition on data and privacy created by **Tactical Tech** and promoted by **The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions**. It explores how social media and the web have changed the way we read information and react to it. The plan was to host the exhibition at dlr LexIcon from mid-October – mid-December but while Covid-19 restrictions continue, you can visit it online at:

<https://tacticaltech.org/news/glass-room-misinformation-edition>

To accompany the exhibition, we also had a series of webinars, workshops and videos, led by Ricardo Castellini da Silva and curated by Jake Rowan Byrne @MetaTech – EdTech Solutions. See the videos here: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/event-calendar/media-literacy-series-5-fighting-disinformationfake-news>. This initiative is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

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

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

Events for Children

Science Week videos

We celebrated Science Week 2020 with a video every day on the dlr Youtube channel. The [dlr Libraries STEAM Lab Series](#) comprised 7 videos with Mark the Science Guy and Ali investigating the wonders of science with a new video each day. These videos went live each day at 11am via our various social media platforms but can be viewed any time through Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council [YouTube](#) channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m653APwJGtK&list=PLCFdEA0Kr5ppB05g65PhBvGFJX1fwYcea>

This video series is brought to you by dlr Libraries in association with [Mark the Science Guy](#) and supported by the Dormant Accounts Fund. The resources used throughout this series are part of Science Foundation Ireland's Discover Primary Science and Maths (DPSM) programme and [ESERO Ireland](#).

Depicting Diversity: Black Lives Matter

This project, aimed at 4th-6th classes in primary schools in DLR, arose out of the Black Lives Matter movement with dlr Libraries working in close partnership with the National Gallery of Ireland with additional resources from Children's Books Ireland. The project was conceived and co-ordinated by artist Mags Harnett and the final artwork from the workshops will culminate in an exhibition (onsite and online) that will celebrate diversity. It is also linked with the Primary School Curriculum and explores the SPHE strand on self-identity and relationships with others. This initiative is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

Family Quizzes

November saw the start of our Trivia Quiz Nights for families every Friday night. Themes included Harry Potter, Marvel and Star Wars movie franchises, Books and A little bit of everything. These quizzes take place via Crowdpurr and have proven a popular addition to our online schedule with an average of 80 families/teams taking part every week.

Musical Storytime

We've partnered again with our colleagues in Music Generation dlr to curate a series of online musical storytimes, with library staff and musicians from local music schools. These sessions are pre-recorded safely in library spaces for posting on our Facebook page for families to access until the end of December.

Junior Online Book Club

Join library staff online for this new book club, especially for children.

Book Drop Service for primary schools

We've started a book drop service for primary schools who've been missing their class visits to our library spaces during Level 5. This request and delivery service is operated from Dundrum Library, and during the last week of November 510 books were delivered to 5 primary schools in the County.

Further info:

Keep up with what's happening in dlr Libraries by signing up for our fortnightly ebulletin: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/dlr-libraries-ebulletin> and by following us on social media.

Statistics

Social media (November 2020)

Facebook	6,565 followers
Twitter	8,075 followers
Instagram	2,675 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	6,574 subscribers

Online resources (November 2020)

Resource	Description	Checkouts Nov 2020
Overdrive	e-Audio	1900
Overdrive	e-Book	2352
Borrowbox	e-Audio	5087
Borrowbox	e-Book	3331
RB Digital	Audio + Comics	362
RB Magazines	Magazines	3408
Freegal	Streaming + Download	2130
Press Reader	Newspapers	20,647
Total		39,217

Parks

Parks & Landscaping Service:

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Direct labour tree works ongoing
- COVID-19 protocols for staff being implemented
- Flailing and hedge trimming largely completed

- Due to the large volumes of people in parks there is a significant increase in litter to be picked up and bins to be emptied.
- NTA funded cycleway improvements and new cycleways underway/nearing completion in the following locations: Blackrock Park, Clonkeen Park (inclusive of Bridge upgrade), Shanganagh Park, Loughlinstown Linear Park, St Helen's Wood, Slang Greenway, Marlay Park (Section of Cycle way), Fernhill and Blackthorn Park.
- Eden Terrace Park surface upgrade and new gate installed. (NTA funded)
- Fernhill Park & Gardens: New pitch – substantially complete, public lighting and paving complete, feature hill-slide complete, bicycle in place, entrance piers and gates complete, new paths complete
- Colaiste Eoin –new pitch substantially complete
- Post Halloween Bonfire clean ups completed.
- RPII playground received and remedial works being scheduled
- Tree remedial works contracts on site and others being awarded

Biodiversity:

- Benefits of Biodiversity Tools for Schools project continues.
- Bird video for public and schools in progress will be ready in December.
- Giant Hogweed Survey for Brides Glen River and Loughlinstown River Catchment completed and shared with our staff.
- Grey Squirrel Management of Killiney Hill and Fernhill survey completed and trapping commenced.
- Dalkey Island Rabbit Management to commence in Dec.
- Invasive Species County Map – Phase I completed.
- Biodiversity Officer presentation to LAWPRO SUDs Webinar on implementation by Local Authorities.
- Biodiversity Officer presentation to UCD on universities engagement with Local Authorities.
- Biodiversity Officer presentation to CIEEM on Putting Pollinators Measures in Planning Developments.
- Hedgehog Awareness campaign commenced with DLR staff and will be extended to the public in December.

Heritage

- Drone surveys of seven historic graveyards completed (scaled aerial photography and 3D renderings)
- Community Heritage Grant applications assessed
- Stage 1 Conservation Plan for Williamstown Martello Tower in Blackrock complete
- Established Collaborative Dún Laoghaire Orientation and Interpretation Working group including Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns and dlr tourism, economic, and heritage sections
- Interpretation/Exhibition plans/projects for Marlay and Cabinteely Houses, Carrickmines Castle and Cherrywood in progress
- "Writing Resilience" free online Poetry workshop for 15 community volunteers
- Distributed 1200 Gardening for Biodiversity Colouring Books to Deis schools and primary schools working towards their biodiversity green flag
- Scripted and performed piece to camera as part of "What's in a name" Kingstown/Dún Laoghaire centenaries programme
- Ongoing engagement with community groups, historic societies
- Finalizing of County Heritage Forum membership
- Presentations on County Heritage Plan process to Area Committee meetings
- Progressing of Deansgrange cemetery integrated Management Framework

CoCo Markets

DLR Markets did not take place in the month of November.

Sports Development

dlr Leisure:

Set up and completed the following activities in November:

- Assisted the dlr Sports Partnership team with their "Men on the Move" programme and "Couch to 5k" programme.
- Held discussion with the new youth manger with Ballyogan pilot Project about programme set up going forward (post lockdown).
- Held discussion with Nutgrove Youth Group about programme in the future (post lockdown).
- Contacted Boylan centre, Shankill, Dún Laoghaire, Ballybrack and Loughlinstown groups for post lockdown programmes.
- Supplied exercise programme for Carmona during lockdown
- Currently involved in St Joseph's 5th and 6th class coaching programme.
- Attended a dlr webinar for local youth workers on how to support children and young people to be safer online on the 18th November.

Leinster Rugby:

Leinster Rugby Schools Touch Rugby Program

Jonathan Sharkey:

Primary Schools x 6 – 362 males, 320 females = 682 in total.

Secondary Schools x 2 – 54 males, 35 females = 89 in total.

Emily McKeown:

Primary Schools x 4 = 45 males, 280 females = 325 in total

Secondary Schools x 2 = 96 females in total.

AE (Leinster Rugby Club & Community Rugby Officer for Old Wesley RFC):

Primary Schools x 4 – 230 males, 120 females = 350 in total.

Club Workshops/Coaching Sessions/Club Open Days/AOB:

22nd of November 2020 – Old Wesley RFC Female Rugby Open Day – 19 players (12-15 years of age in 2 groups with 1 Leinster Rugby coach per group)

4th of November 2020 – BCRFC U13s Training Session = 14 males (Group 4)

8th of November 2020 – DLSPFC U14s Training Session = 14 males (Group 4)

8th of November 2020 – BCRFC Mini Training Session = 11 females

22nd of November 2020 – Seapoint RC Training Session = 18 females (2 groups)

St Andrew's College After School Program – 6-week program = 18 females (4th years)

School in House Blitz:

Rathdown Secondary School: 1st year = 45 females in total.

Oatlands PS: 3rd & 4th classes, 78 boys, 41 girls = 119 in total.

Both classes will be separate so no classes will be mixing.

Additional safety measures have been put in place to keep the health of players & staff as the top priority.

FAI:

- Safeguarding Club Audit – continue to work with the 19 junior clubs to complete their FAI Child Welfare/Safeguarding requirements. Ongoing.
- Club Mark – Continuing to contact clubs that have signed up to the Club Mark Award to discuss criteria needed and timeframes. Ongoing.

- Club Visits – Coaching workshops in Leicester Celtic FC and Broadford Rovers FC. Forty coaches participated.
- Club Visits – Observing coaching only. Mt Merrion (Girls) and Lakelands FC (Girls).
- Coach Education - Further Online Tutor Training course attended. Thirty coaches attended online PDP 1 course. One further course planned for early December.
- 2021 Planning – Provided outline of plans for programmes in 2021 to Regional Manager.
- Football for Teens – 15-20 teenagers in Dundrum/Ballinteer area.

Leinster Cricket:

- In contact with several schools about return to coaching for 2021 which is well on course for increased participation from February onwards.
- Continuing coaching program at St. Anne's, Shankill - 3 x 3rd class (40 boys, 44 girls).
- Provided schools with Return to Training Protocols tailored specifically for schools.
- Working with dlr Cricket Club to develop junior section and to improve playing facilities through meetings with dlr Parks section.
- Distribution of 'Let's Play Cricket' video has been well received by local schoolteachers. We are also working on a teacher's guide to games and coaching tips to accompany this video.

Sports Partnership:

- **Active Dublin** – linking in with the other Dublin LA's to promote Dublin as an active place to be and deliver access for all. Invited to apply to Sport Ireland for an additional €250,000 additional to the €70,000 already allocated for 2021.
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – administration of this scheme to assist clubs with Covid-19 costs (36 successful clubs totaling €43,000 has been allocated).
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme** – 23 applications across Women In Sport, Disability Inclusion and Volunteer Training initiatives (total fund of €25,000).
- **Communications** – ongoing and informative posts on all social media platforms as well as managing the DLRSP website and circulation of latest e-newsletter.
- **Activity at Home Brochures** – circulating our printed older adult and disability inclusion user-friendly brochures throughout the community.
- **Men Over 45 National Campaign** – in November to encourage men to become active. Includes 8-week Men On the Move programme (22 participants).
- **Schools Skipping** – rolling out this fun physical literacy programme in 5 primary and 3 secondary schools (TY class).
- **The Daily Mile** – promoting this initiative in primary schools (e.g. Our Lady's Girls 320 pupils) with medals and certs presented to pupils that take part.
- **Couch To 5K** – delivering a new programme for Staff (71 participants) and continuing public 9-week online programme for 57 participants.
- **Map My Park** – working with the Parks Dept. to roll out this way marking project in 6 local parks (funded through Healthy Ireland).
- **Woodlands For Health** – delivering this weekly walking programme with Cluaain Mhuire for 6 adults with mental health difficulties.
- **Inclusive Playground Equipment** – installing an inclusive swing in Cabinteely Park playground that is designed for wheelchair users. Also, looking at installing a Communications Board to assist children with communication difficulties.
- **Children on the Autism Spectrum** – assisting in an athletics programme in Marlay Park and working with Open Spectrum to organise a series of outdoor adventure activities in early 2021.
- **Child Safeguarding in Sport** – delivered 8 x Safeguarding training workshops online (96 coaches/volunteers).

- **Disability Inclusion Training** – hosted online introductory course for sports coaches/volunteers (16 participants) and an Autism In Sport course (12 participants).
- **Ballyogan Sports Hub** - Basketball programme rolled out for young teenagers with Crosscare Youth Service and a 6-week mixed activities initiative for 16 year old girls. Also delivered a week of taster activities for local children with the FRC.