

# **DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **APRIL TO JUNE QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**1 April – 25 June 2020**

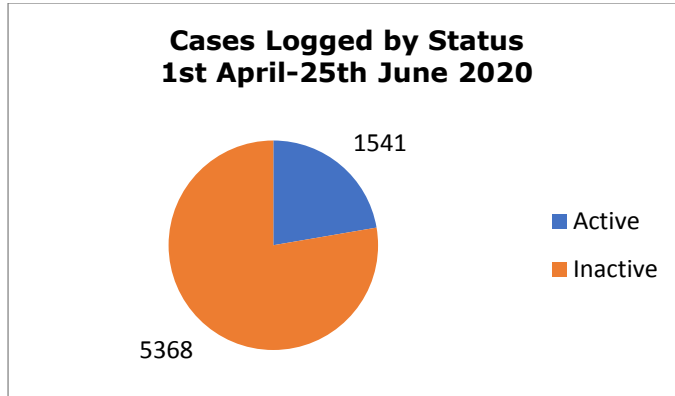
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## 1. CRM Statistics

### Cases logged



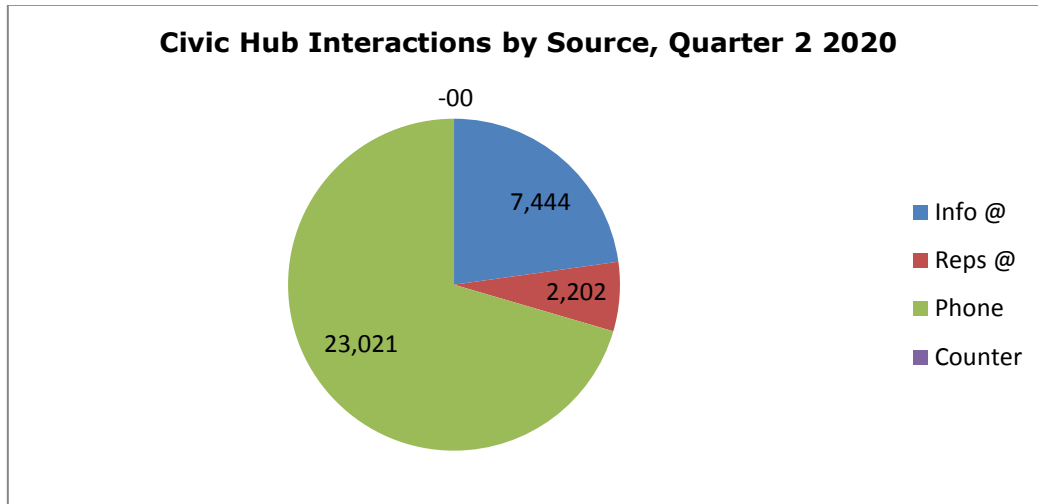
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Closed	5368

### Case logged by section

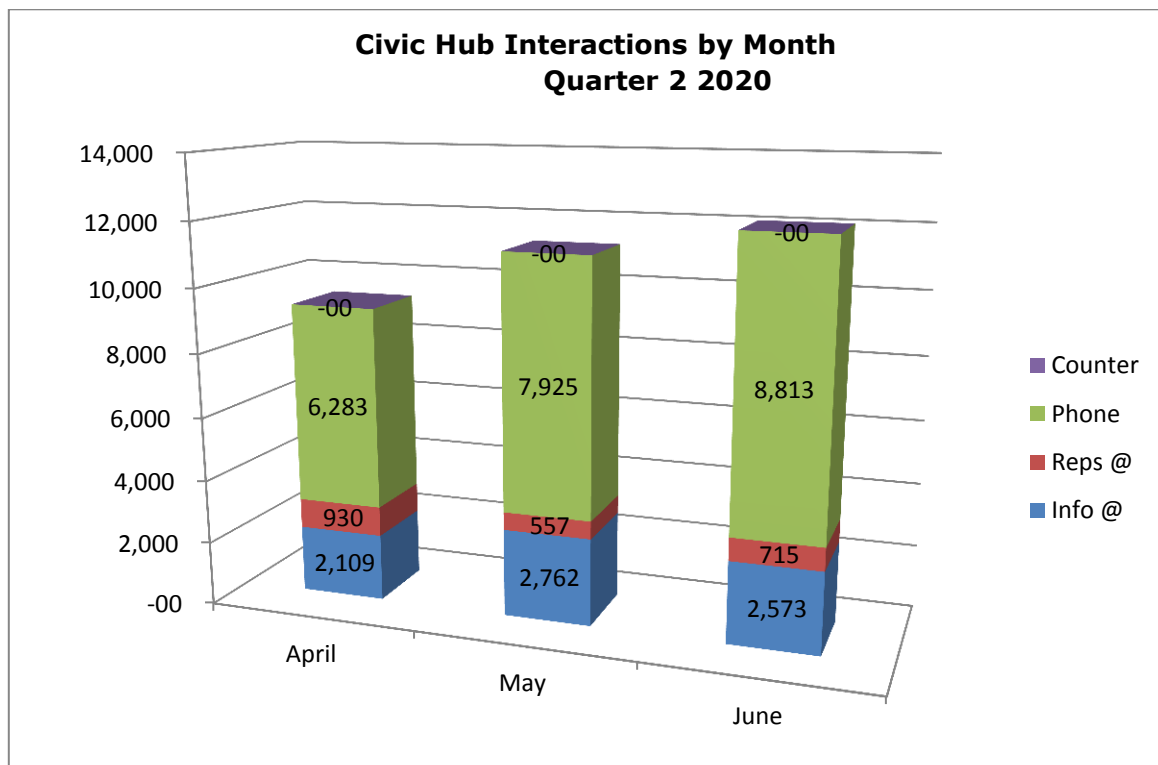
Section/Dept	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	6	14	20
Ballyogan Depot	26		26
CoCo	17	15	32
Comms & Civic Hub	44	1395	1439
Community	9	8	17
Corporate Services	13	29	42
Deactivated Users	1	1	2
dlrcoco	13	37	50
Environment	354	1281	1635
Finance	66	394	460
Housing	45	344	389
HR	2	10	12
Law	1		1
Libraries	2	3	5
Parks	478	820	1298
Planning	23	58	81
Property	88	17	105
Sports	1		1
Transportation	334	679	1013
Waste Enforcement	18	189	207
Water Services		74	74
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>5368</b>	<b>6909</b>

## 2. Dlr Civic Hub:

In Quarter 2 of 2020, the Civic Hub has dealt with over 32,667 customer interactions.



Over the past 3 months the figures break down monthly as follows:



## Finance and Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office (LEO) and Economic Development

#### **Dún Laoghaire Greening Project**

The Economic Development Unit acted as the lead on the submission of a Council application for funding under the Urban Regional Development Fund. The Dún Laoghaire Greening Project has the potential to transform and regenerate the town with lasting social, economic and environmental effects

There are three main elements to the project:

***Myrtle Square and Convent Lane*** - the development of a new civic plaza based around where numbers 35-37 George's St Lower currently stand. This space would be reconfigured to create a new civic plaza named Myrtle Square in reference to a historic property called Myrtle Lodge, which was located where Bloomfields shopping centre is today. It is envisaged that this square would provide a much-needed landmark public plaza and destination for the town and its visitors. Under the proposal, Convent Lane would be upgraded to create a more inviting space.

***St Michael's Church & Environs*** - the provision of a second, smaller green space for community use on the corner site at Marine Road and introduction of extensive planting, generous seating and accent lighting. The greening measures will continue along Marine Road as far and along Eblana Avenue, effectively wrapping the Church site.

***Carnegie Library and Library Road*** - the restoration and repurposing of the former Carnegie Library and an upgrading of the junction of Library Road and George's Street Lower. The Carnegie Library, currently vacant, will undergo sensitive alteration and update to allow it to be accessible to all.



Proposed new Civic Plaza at Myrtle Square

### Local Enterprise Continuation of Service

The Local Enterprise Office, like all Council services, had to adapt rapidly to lockdown. Almost all the Office's supports had previously been delivered face to face, and the new situation required immediate adaptation. There was a significant increase in the number of clients accessing the services of the LEO – since the start of the year over 4,500 clients have accessed training, advice and financial supports, compared to 1,800 in the same period last year.

Business advice sessions moved online, and in recognition of the difficulties that so many people face have been provided free of charge for the last four months. A full programme of online training and advice has been made available to service users for the coming months.

- The office was fully functional and operated at an increased capacity to cater for the extra supports being offered to support companies during the COVID crisis.
- The following new products were introduced/ modified with significant interest;
- 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.
  - ◊ In an effort to give companies specialist advice, a Business Continuity Voucher was introduced. Demand was extremely strong, with 456 applications received under this scheme before it closed on May 15th. Each voucher is worth up to €2,500 euro.
  - ◊ An improved Trading Online Voucher scheme with 90% funding was introduced. Annual allocation 55, allocation increased. 232 applications received by 10/06/20 with 89 approvals. To date numbers of applications received are up 300% on the annual application number. Potential for year end to be up 700% on annual figures
- Mentoring applications have increased to date by 100%. There is approximately 100 applications annually. 100 applications have been received to date (17/06/20).
- General Supports – An increase of at least 50% in general support queries, and requests for client meetings.
- A special page has been setup for the specialized LEO COVID supports <https://www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Publications-Resources/COVID-19-Coronavirus/> 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 provided workshops on a variety of subjects including Re-opening Hairdressers, Barbers and Salons, and a Covid-19 Retail Seminar.

Existing supports such as Lean and Lift continued to be offered over the course of the last number of months. Full details of all these supports and others are available at <https://www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/>.

The Tourism Sector has been impacted very heavily by Covid-19. All tourism businesses were closed. In May, food outlets that could offer collection or delivery services were permitted to trade.

***DLR Tourism Steering Group***

Two meetings of the DLR Tourism Steering Committee took place on May 20th and June 10th to review the impact of Covid 19 in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. The Tourism Sector continues to be impacted very heavily by the Covid 19. Many Tourism businesses are not expected to reopen until July. The requirement for 2-meter social distancing is a significant issue affecting trade. Focus for the next few weeks will be on the promotion of the reopening of services.

***"Well Worth The Climb" Working Group***

A meeting of tourism businesses in the rural part of the County took place on June 22nd. This was to support businesses in the re-opening of their services. This group will form the Well Worth The Climb working group promoting the uplands and rural businesses in the county. This group will meet again in September.

***Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns Fund 2020***

DLRCC made an application to Fáilte Ireland as part of the Developed and Emerging Destination Towns, Capital Investment Programme 2020. The title of this project is "Telling the stories of Dún Laoghaire Town" The total value of DLR's application was €428,000 and the full amount was approved on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. Fáilte Ireland will contribute €321,000 (75%) towards the implementation of the proposal. The remaining 25% to be funded by DLRCC.

***URBACT III. "Tourism Friendly Cities"***

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is participating in a new EU project under the URBACT III programme. "Tourism Friendly Cities" Network is led by the City of Genoa, Italy and has ten cities as part of this network. The focus of this project is to explore Sustainable Tourism. Dun Laoghaire was scheduled to host a meeting of this network on June 16th & 17th but this had to be cancelled. An online meeting will now take place on June 25th & 26th.

***Tourism Promotion***

In May/June DLR Tourism ran a new Food Trail campaign on our DLR Tourism social platforms promoting local offers in the various towns and villages. The focus of this campaign will now switch to promoting attractions as the start to reopen. DLR Tourism Ezine was sent out to 600 subscribers in April.

## DLR Tourism Social Media Impact June

Q2 April, May, June 2020				
dlr Tourism Facebook	No of follow-ers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
April	4,890	40	15	38,000
May	5,124	234	23	45,000
June	5,214	81	27	140,235
<b>Total Q2</b>	<b>15,228</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>223,235</b>
dlr Tourism Twitter	No of follow-ers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
April	2,797	13	55	30,000
May	2,842	44	56	34,100
June	2,893	51	57	35,000
<b>Total Q2</b>	<b>8,532</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>99,100</b>

## Finance

### Local Property Tax

The total LPT allocation for 2020 is €33.7m. Payments totalling €30.2m were received in Q1. This represents the total self-funding allocation and four instalments of discretionary LPT for 2020.

### Overdraft

Overdraft facility of €10m in place but not availed of in 2020 to date.

### COVID 19

#### • RATES COLLECTION and RATES WAIVER

Businesses continue to experience the impact of COVID 19 which has resulted in a significant reduction in the Council's rates income. However, a Rates Waiver Fund of €260m has been created to waive rates of businesses impacted by Covid19 for a three-month period commencing on 28 March. Details of the scheme are not currently available, and it is not known if the waiver will be extended beyond the initial three-month period.

#### • RESTART GRANT

The Government announced details of the Restart Grant on the 15th May. The grant is aimed at helping micro and small businesses with the costs associated with reopening and re-employing workers following COVID-19 closures. To avail of the Restart Grant, applicants must be a commercial rateable premise and:

- i. it is a rateable and trading commercial business, and
- ii. a micro or small enterprise with turnover in its last financial year of less than €5m and employing 50 people or less, and
- iii. is impacted by a 25% or more reduction in turnover in the period from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020, and
- iv. declares its intention that employees in receipt of the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme will continue to be employed in the business.





Qualifying businesses will receive a grant equivalent to their commercial rates demand for calendar year 2019, subject to a minimum grant of €2,000 and a maximum of €10,000. It is open to applicants to apply on the Council's website [www.dlrcoco.ie/restartgrant](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/restartgrant)

The Government has allocated €250m for the Scheme. We have received 1,008 completed applications to 25 June 2018. We have had a relatively low take up and are exploring ways in which we can increase awareness of across the business community.

- **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

- **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The impact of Covid-19 on the Council's financial position will not be known for some time. In the meantime budgets and cash flow continues to be monitored closely.

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2020**

41.67%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	19,989,904	49,324,900	40.53%
B Road Transport & Safety	11,846,103	30,748,700	38.53%
C Water Services	4,885,231	12,388,600	39.43%
D Development Management	9,085,452	21,872,800	41.54%
E Environmental Services	12,208,006	30,671,800	39.80%
F Recreation & Amenity	13,033,201	34,532,100	37.74%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,767,591	4,748,900	58.28%
H Miscellaneous Services	3,491,880	8,207,900	42.54%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>77,307,368</b>	<b>192,495,700</b>	<b>40.16%</b>

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	17,890,774	42,936,600	41.67%
B Road Transport & Safety	4,136,381	13,492,400	30.66%
C Water Services	3,434,439	8,557,300	40.13%
D Development Management	2,683,308	5,360,400	50.06%
E Environmental Services	2,315,465	5,627,200	41.15%
F Recreation & Amenity	1,993,895	5,551,400	35.92%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,032,833	3,934,400	51.67%
H Miscellaneous Services	2,835,146	6,617,300	42.84%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>37,322,241</b>	<b>92,077,000</b>	<b>40.53%</b>

LPT Local Property Tax	4,528,960	10,869,500	41.67%
RA Rates	37,234,530	89,549,200	41.58%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>79,085,731</b>	<b>192,495,700</b>	<b>41.08%</b>

**Surplus as 31/05/2020** **-€1,778,363**

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2020**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/05/2020 €
<b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	-11,150,942	12,699,587	-10,064,156	-8,515,510
<b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	-9,485,702	1,778,820	-841,363	-8,548,245
<b>C Total Water Services</b>	-3,339,681	143,883	-48,669	-3,244,467
<b>D Total Development Management</b>	-58,562,198	2,959,492	-5,564,798	-61,167,503
<b>E Total Environmental Services</b>	-8,557,016	18,401	-203,125	-8,741,740
<b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	-14,795,623	3,206,215	-1,278,673	-12,868,081
<b>G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&amp;Safety</b>	-4,029,685	200,000	0	-3,829,685
<b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	-37,024,959	1,325,846	-3,239,108	-38,938,221
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-146,945,806</b>	<b>22,332,244</b>	<b>-21,239,891</b>	<b>-145,853,453</b>

**SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/05/2020**

	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Balance at 31/05/2020 €	Arrears from current year debit	Arrears >1 year
<b>RATES</b>	<b>14,468,049</b>	<b>72,908,412</b>	<b>59,404,527</b>	<b>13,503,886</b>

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\*Please note the Second Moiety is due in July 2020 in the sum of €44,681,435

## **Housing Progress Report Q2/2020**

### **1. Executive Summary**

#### **1.1 Overview**

In accordance with Guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Council's Corporate Plan, this Report is produced to give an overview of the Social Housing portfolio at Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The Report covers the provision, maintenance and management of social housing stock, implementation progress across the 5 Pillars identified in 'Rebuilding Ireland – An Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness' and the housing supports available for those who need them.

**Data included in this Q2 Report covers the period from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 inclusive. Data regarding the activity of the Department prior to this report can be found at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/housing/how-we-deliver-our-homes/housing-statistics>**

It should be noted that while the majority of housing services continued during the period of restrictions introduced by the Government to contain and control the spread of Covid-19, some services were impacted, such as construction, private rented standards inspections. Housing Adaptation grants were accepted and processed during the period of restriction, but the completion of works was delayed with a consequential reduction in the drawdown of grants.

This Report considers the following areas:

#### ***Housing Delivery***

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- Build
- Acquisition
- Part V
- Lease
- Traveller Specific Accommodation
- HAP / RAS
- Cost Rental

#### ***Support***

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- Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock
- Retrofits
- Housing Adaptation Grants
- Allocations & Assessments
- Choice Based Letting
- Homeless Services

## 2. Housing Delivery

### 2.1 Overview

The **Social Housing Target 2018-2021** for delivery by this Council is **1,563 homes**.

**Table 1: Homes Delivered per Quarter during 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
DLR Build	0	0			0	
DLR Part V	0	1			1	
AHB Build	0	0			0	
AHB Part V	0	0			0	
DLR Acquisition	2	2			4	
AHB Acquisition	5	10			15	
DLR Lease	0	0			0	
AHB Lease	0	0			0	
<b>Total Build, Acquisition &amp; Leasing</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>			<b>20</b>	

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
RAS	4	2			6	16
HAP - Standard	46	57			103	240
HAP - Homeless	46	42			88	
<b>Total RAS &amp; HAP</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>101</b>			<b>197</b>	

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
<b>Total Delivery</b> All Social Housing delivery streams exc. bad relets	<b>104</b>	<b>114</b>			<b>217</b>	

**Table 2: Traveller Specific Accommodation 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Refurbishment Works and New Sites	1	0			1
Casual Vacancies	0	2			2
Standard Housing	0	0			0

## 2.2 Housing Construction

The Housing Department recognises the importance of managing the development process in order to achieve the targets set out in the Delivery Programme 2018-2021. To this extent, the schemes are closely monitored from inception through to completion.

### **DLRCC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2018 – 2021**

#### **Includes SHIP, Major Refurbishments and AHB New Build**

The following tables provide an overview of the different schemes under the Housing Construction Capital Programme, their current status and estimated completion date:

**Table 3: Schemes on Site**

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
<b>Broadford Rise</b>	21	Construction in progress	Q3 2017	Q3 2020
<b>Enniskerry Road (AHB)</b>	155	Construction in progress	Q2 2019	Q4 2021
<b>Abbey View House (AHB)</b>	11	Construction in progress	Q2 2019	Q4 2020
<b>Ballyogan Ave (New Homes)</b>	2	Construction in progress	Q4 2019	Q2 2021
<b>Ballyogan Square</b>	67	Enabling works in progress. Tender package being finalised.	Q3 2020	Q3 2022
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>256</b>			

**Table 4: Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval**

<b>Rockville Green</b>	13	Tender Package being finalised	Q4 2020	Q4 2021
<b>Ballyogan Rise</b>	52			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65</b>			

**Table 5: Schemes at Design/Tender Stage**

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
<b>Shanganagh</b>	597	Part X Planning application submitted	Q4 2020	Q4 2023
<b>St. Laurence's Park</b>	89	Stage 2 Application approved	Q1 2021	Q1 2023
<b>Moyola Court Infill</b>	4	Stage 2 Application approved	Q1 2021	Q4 2021
<b>Loughlinstown Wood</b>	42	Contract Negotiation	Q3 2020	Q1 2022
<b>Roebuck Road Infill</b>	3	Stage 1 Application submitted	Q3 2021	Q2 2022
<b>37 Rollins Villas</b>	1	Stage 1 Application submitted	Q2 2021	Q4 2021
<b>Coastguard Cottages</b>	4	Stage 1 Application Submitted		
<b>Total</b>	<b>740</b>			
<b><u>OVERALL TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>1061</u></b>			

### 3. Housing Support

#### 3.1 Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock

**Table 6: Retrofits 2020**

Retrofits	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Voids	0	0			0
Relets	15	15			30
Traveller Specific Accommodation	4	0			4

**Table 7: Maintenance Requests 2020**

Routine Maintenance	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Requests received	1897	991			2,888
Requests in process	467	240			707
Requests completed	1430	751			2,181

**Table 8: Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Works on Hand at beginning of Quarter	129	130			259
Requests Received	24	8			32
Works Completed	14	2			16

### **3.2 Allocations**

**Table 9: Allocations 2020**

Allocations	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Social Housing List	78	25			103
Transfer List	19	12			31
<b>Total Allocations</b>	97	37			134

### **3.3 Choice Based Letting (CBL)**

**Table 10: CBL Adverts by Area of Choice in 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Dún Laoghaire/Dalkey	0	5		
Blackrock/Stillorgan	0	2		
Ballybrack/Shankill	1	3		
Ballinteer/Ballyogan	8	5		
<b>Total</b>	9	15		

**Note:** Figures shown are cumulative from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and the number of adverts put on CBL. Some adverts represent multiple properties.

### **3.4 Homeless Services**

**Table 11: Homeless Services 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of Homeless Families	87	72		
No. of Homeless Individuals	177	190		
No. of Allocations to homeless individuals/families	17	9		
No. of SHS offers currently accepted by homeless individuals/families	5	1		



### 3.5 Housing and Disability Steering Group

The Council continues to work with the Steering Group on implementing the Terms of Reference. A schedule of meetings for 2020 was agreed, with the most recent meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

In Q2 of 2020, 28% of allocations were made to people with disabilities.

### 3.6 Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities

**Table 12: Breakdown of Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities 2020**

#### Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	17	23			40
Provisional approvals issued	32	12			44
Grants paid	39	9			48
Value of Grants paid	€293,135	€110,733			€403,868

#### Housing Aid for Older Persons

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	6	3			9
Provisional approvals issued	1	0			1
Grants paid	2	0			2
Value of Grants paid	€9,660	0			€9,660

#### Mobility Aids Grant

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	10	6			16
Provisional approvals issued	5	1			6
Grants paid	12	3			15
Value of Grants paid	€46,611	€11,253			€57,864

<b>Budget Provision (3 Schemes)</b>	€1,550,000
<b>Budget Spent</b>	€471,392
<b>Budget % Spent</b>	30.4%

**Note:** Some applications may be received in one year and processed in the following year, as it can take some time before full documentation is submitted by the applicant.

### 3.7 Rent Arrears

**Table 13: Rents 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Accrued Rent Arrears	€4,327,673.03	€284,077			€4,611,750
Rental Income	€3,893,283.96	€3,897,640			€7,790,924

### 3.8 Private Rented Housing Standards

**Table 14: Private Rented Housing Standards 2020**

Private Rental Inspections	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Inspections Carried Out	305	100			405

### 3.9 Estate Management and Anti-Social Behaviour

**Table 15: Estate Management 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Pre-tenancy training	54	0*			54

\*Figures at 0 due to COVID-19 restrictions\*

**Table 16: Anti-Social Behaviour 2020**

Anti-Social Complaints	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Received	15	29			44
Completed	10	15			25
On-going	5	14			19
Tenancy Warning	2	3			5
Tenancy Notification	1	2			3
Verbal Warning	1	1			2
Advice Given	2	3			5
Refer to Other Depts	4	10			14
Court Case	1	1			2



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**Table 17: Estate Management Interviews 2020**

	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Estate Management Interviews	10	0*			10

\*Figures at 0 due to COVID-19 restrictions\*

### **3.10 Loans**

**Table 18: Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan 2020**

<b>Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Applications received	15	7			22
Applications approved in principle	6	0			6
Loan Drawdowns	2	0			2

### Section 48 and Glenamuck Scheme:

- 01/04/2020 – 25/06/2020 – Invoiced €2,032,269.61    Received €498,350.79
- 01/04/2020 – 25/06/2020 – Invoiced €2,032,269.61    Received €498,350.79
- 01/04/2018 – 25/06/2018 – Invoiced €12,714,794.80    Received €918,179.18

### Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Government have made orders which have the effect of freezing all current time limits on planning matters including planning appeals and submissions on appeals and on strategic housing and strategic infrastructure applications. You can read the [Minister's press statement](#) and these orders announcing this extension on the Department's website [www.housing.gov.ie](http://www.housing.gov.ie).

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
ABP 307043	116 No residential units (85 no. houses, 31 no. apartments) Ballybetagh Road, D 18	9/4/20	29/6/20	<a href="http://www.suttonfieldsshhd.ie">www.suttonfieldsshhd.ie</a>	14/9/20
ABP 307332	151 No. apartments Deansgrange Road, Deansgrange	19/6/20	20/7/20	<a href="http://www.deansgrangeshd.com">www.deansgrangeshd.com</a>	05/10/20

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

### Planning Statistics:

1st April 2019 – 25th June 2019 / 1st April 2020 – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

	Outline Permission		Permission		Total	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
New application Received*	4	0	373	250	377	250
Decision Deferred	1	0	84	54	85	54
Decisions to Grant**	0	0	286	116	286	116
Decision to Refuse**	1	0	56	18	57	18
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	1	0	280	86	281	86
Invalid Applications	0	0	54	67	54	67

\*Includes 37 Applications for Retention in 2019 and 21 in 2020

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

4 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse) in 2019 and 2 in 2020

<b>Building Control</b>	Mar-Jun 2020
Fire Safety Certs applications received	40
Fire Safety Certs Applications Granted	47
Fire Safety Certs Applications Refused	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	38
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted	36
Commencement Notices Validated	98
7 Day Notices received	4
Completion Certs Validated	41

<b>Customers to Planning Counter 1<sup>st</sup> April-25<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b>	34 Customers
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## Active Land Management – DLR Q1 2020

The primary 'performance' indicator available to actively assess the issue of housing supply is the Dublin Housing Supply Coordination Taskforce (DHSCT) data - of which DLR contributes on a quarterly basis. The data utilised within the Household Taskforce is focused to capturing developments with planning permission for 10 or more units across the Dublin Region.

**Please note that due to delays arising from Covid-19, the DHSCT 'Red Book' compilation of the four Dublin Authorities data sets for Q1 2020 has not yet been posted on the DHPLG website, and is currently unavailable. As the information is not available for the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities, it is not presently possible to provide a comparison between DLR and the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities for Q1 2020.**

**Below, is a comparison of the Q4 2019 HTF Returns which was not available at the time of preparation of the previous Quarterly report.**

The most significant performance indicators - within DLR- are based on growth rates between **Q4 2018 and Q4 2019**. This includes:

- 33% increase in the number of sites with planning permission from 101 to 134 sites.
- 40% increase in the total number of units with planning permission from 11,038 to 15,401 units.
- 11% decrease in the number of active sites, from 46 to 41 sites.
- 53% increase in the number of units under construction from 1,461 to 2,234.
- 110% increase in the number of completions in this quarter from 276 to 580.

This section presents a comparison of DLR's HTF Q4 2019 data with that from the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities. The most salient performance indicators are as follows:

- 29% of all units with planning permission within the Dublin Region. (Increase of 1% from Q3 2019).
- 20% of all Active Sites within the Dublin Region. (Down from 23% in Q3 2019).

- 23% of all units under construction within the Dublin Region. (Increase of 2% from Q3 2019).
- 18% of all units currently being processed in the planning system within the Dublin Region. (Up from 16% in Q3 2019).
- 30% of all units permitted but not commenced within the Dublin Region. (Down from 32% in Q3 2019).

Please see below for some trends and Regional comparisons

#### Q1 2020:

As previously mentioned, please note that due to delays arising from Covid-19, the DHSCT 'Red Book' compilation of the four Dublin Authorities data sets for Q1 2020 has not yet been posted on the DHPLG website and is currently unavailable. Consequently, it has not been possible to update the Regional comparison tables to include Q1 2020.

#### Q4 2019:

Dublin Authorities – Q2 2019 Data	% of Residential Units with planning permission	% of Residential Units within the planning system - awaiting final determination	% of Residential Units permitted but not commenced	% of Residential Units under construction	% of Active Sites	% of Residential Units completed in completed developments
Dublin City	30%	32%	37%	35%	25%	0%
<b>DLR</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b>
South Dublin	12%	26%	9%	19%	14%	36%
Fingal	29%	24%	24%	23%	41%	34%
<b>Total (Figure)</b>	<b>53,802</b>	<b>16,380</b>	<b>33,560</b>	<b>9,518</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>749</b>

#### Q3 2019:

Dublin Authorities – Q2 2019 Data	% of Residential Units with planning permission	% of Residential Units within the planning system - awaiting final determination	% of Residential Units permitted but not commenced	% of Residential Units under construction	% of Active Sites	% of Residential Units completed in completed developments
Dublin City	27%	45%	33%	28%	18%	0%
<b>DLR</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>34%</b>
South Dublin	13%	28%	9%	22%	16%	10%
Fingal	32%	11%	26%	29%	43%	56%
<b>Total (Figure)</b>	<b>49,502</b>	<b>10,797</b>	<b>31,344</b>	<b>8,610</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>489</b>

**Q2 2019:**

Dublin Authorities – Q2 2019 Data	% of Residential Units with planning permission	% of Residential Units within the planning system - awaiting final determination	% of Residential Units permitted but not commenced	% of Residential Units under construction	% of Active Sites	% of Residential Units completed in completed developments
<b>Dublin City</b>	25%	48%	31%	22%	12%	28%
<b>DLR</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>South Dublin</b>	14%	10%	11%	21%	17%	23%
<b>Fingal</b>	33%	17%	28%	36%	47%	34%
<b>Total (Figure)</b>	<b>46,494</b>	<b>8,797</b>	<b>30,341</b>	<b>7,306</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>1,641</b>

## Forward Planning Infrastructure

### (Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) and Cherrywood Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) - Progress Report

#### LIHAF

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government (DHP&LG) as part of their 'Rebuilding Ireland' programme announced on 28th March 2017 that DLR were successful in their LIHAF application in respect of 4 projects, for which final approval for 3 of these projects was received in March 2018.

The underlying principle of LIHAF is to provide public off-site infrastructure to relieve critical infrastructure blockages which have been identified as one of the main impediments to the development of key sites for housing, thus enabling the accelerated delivery of residential units on these sites in both Dublin and urban areas of high demand for housing.

The residential development for all 3 DLR LIHAF sites will progress as and when developers obtain their required planning consents.

An overview of these infrastructure projects is as follows; -

Project Name	Detail of Infrastructure	Total LIHAF allocation €M	Amount to be funded by DHPLG €M (75%)	Amount to be funded by DLR €M (25%)
Clay Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of 600m of Loop Distributor Road</li> </ul>	€4.7	€3.5	€1.2
Woodbrook/Shanganagh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revision of the Woodbrook roundabout on the old N11;</li> <li>Road improvements to support housing development;</li> <li>Access to the future DART station.</li> </ul>	€4.16	€3.12	€1.04
Cherrywood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Druid's Glen Road (road only); Druid's Glen bridge - (short bridge structure transversing valley);</li> <li>New N11 junction 'Q' at Druid Glen Road;</li> <li>Druid's Glen Road (bridge feature)</li> </ul>	€15.19	€11.39	€3.80

A table of summary details was published by the Minister on 28th March 2018 for all 30 LIHAF sites across the State.

[http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/lihaf\\_information\\_table\\_-\\_march\\_2018.pdf](http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/lihaf_information_table_-_march_2018.pdf)

DLR will deliver and administer an Affordable Housing scheme to the value of the LIHAF. Forward Planning Infrastructure and Housing Departments will work together in preparation for the LIHAF sites. Guidance on the criteria selection for house owners will be informed by, Circular APH 01/2019 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, Affordable Housing (Part 5) Regulations 2019 made under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 (S.I. No. 381 of 2019) with further regulations awaited from the DHPLG.



The Council will continue to work with the Department and the Landowners in addressing infrastructure deficits required in opening up land for development, particularly for housing.

A status of each projects is as follows:

- **Clay Farm – Construction of 600m of Loop Distributor Road - Preliminary Design Stage**

Forward Planning Infrastructure Department has convened meetings with the respective Landowners. In order to access and build the new section of the loop distributor road, an already constructed section of the loop distributor road will require to be taken-in-charge (TIC). DLR has acted as a facilitator between a set of private landowners to see if an agreement can be reached to allow for the commencement of a process of TIC of a section of the constructed section of the Clay Farm Distributor Road.

If agreement can be reached this, will provide for the progression of the next section of the Clay Farm Loop Road to further the opening up of lands for housing development.

- **Woodbrook Shanganagh - Preliminary Design Stage**

Forward Planning Infrastructure Department has convened meetings with all key stakeholders to include the National Transport Authority (NTA) to provide for the management and delivery of the LIHAF infrastructural elements and to provide oversight in the opening of lands for housing development.

The access (avenue) road design to support housing development and access to the future DART station has advanced as part of the Landowners' master planning for the site and formed part of a Strategic Housing Development planning application lodged to ABP on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. This application was granted on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 by ABP and includes for 685 residential units. dlr has engaged with the developer in relation to updated construction and delivery schedules following this decision. There is also close engagement with the DHPLG with regard to agreeing suitable infrastructure delivery methods noting the road infrastructure and housing development may be delivered in tandem.

The BusConnects programme has informed the design on the Old Dublin Road and at the Wilford Roundabout. These designs are being progressed by the dlr Road Projects Office. The recent public consultation on the NTA's Bus Connect programme closed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020, however, due to COVID19, a further public consultation is to be held in either late Q3 or early Q4 2020.

Preliminary designs are being advanced by Irish Rail on the new DART station and a planning application in this regard is due to be lodged imminently.

- **Cherrywood**

The Cherrywood Development Agency Project Team (DAPT) is actively managing the delivery of the Cherrywood LIHAF.

Within Cherrywood SDZ, grants of planning have been secured by developers for approximately 2,406 residential units. Construction has been ongoing on the Town Centre development which includes 1,316 residential units with construction expected

to commence on the nearby residential site at Domville, for which a Commencement Notice was lodged recently.

Construction activity has resumed on sites in the SDZ, however, it is not possible to say at this stage how the Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions have impacted on developer timelines, if at all.

The commencement of the remaining units granted will be dependent on developer construction programmes, but it is envisaged that the momentum of development that has accrued on the site will continue and these developers will commence as soon as practicable.

## **LIHAF Infrastructure**

### **Phase 1 – at Construction Stage**

Construction works on Phase 1 of this project comprising Junction Q (a new signalised junction on the N11) and part of the Druid's Glen Road (130m in length) is now complete.

### **Phase 2 – at Detailed Design Stage**

The next section of road (350m of road and a 40m short bridge spanning the Carrickmines Stream) is in design stage and forms part of a recent grant of planning application (to include housing development). There are potential Judicial Review proceedings pending for this application (of which the road forms part of the application). The proceeding is not active as no Court Order has been made and dlr is still advancing the detailed design and tender documentation and is engaging with the landowner on the transfer of lands to build the LIHAF road. Construction work is due commence on this section later in the year.

### **Phase 3 – at Preliminary Design Stage**

A design brief and outline budget are presently being scoped out on the 140m span bridge with surveys and site investigations have been recommenced following the recent Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions.

## **Cherrywood URDF Infrastructure**

The URDF 2018 (first call for proposals) was established to support more compact and sustainable development, through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Ireland's five cities and other large towns, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework and National Development Plan (NDP). This is to enable a greater proportion of residential and mixed-use development to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of our cities and towns and to ensure that more parts of our urban areas can become attractive and vibrant places in which people choose to live and work, as well as to invest and to visit.

DLR was successful in obtaining funding under the URDF in respect of the Category A Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project, formal approval of which issued from the Minister in early 2019. Confirmation of funding was received in respect of €870,000 for 2019 with commitment to fund the remaining €13.4m (subject to assessment and performance) in subsequent years. As with LIHAF, this funding is by way of 75% direct government funding and 25% funded by DLR.

This will see the development of 4 distinct sub-projects comprising the Linear Park, surface water attenuation ponds 2a and 5a and completion of Tully Park Phase 2. Recent Government correspondence has reaffirmed the DHPLG's objective to maintain the continuity and momentum of the URDF supported programme.

A brief update on the current status of each sub-project is as follows:

**Linear Park – at Preliminary Design Stage**

The consultant was appointed following a competitive tendering process to develop a design for the supporting greenway infrastructure to include the Linear Park within the SDZ area and this is progressing. The route alignment is nearing completion with some additional surveys required. This project is being advanced in collaboration with the NTA.

**Pond 2a – at Preliminary Design Stage**

Preliminary design is nearing completion. Project to proceed to Part 8 stage in 2020.

**Pond 5a – at Detailed Design Stage**

Site clearance works have recently been undertaken and a tendering process has completed to appoint a consultant to undertake costings, contractor procurement and development supervision, with tenders now being evaluated. Construction is due to commence in 2020.

**Tully Park Phase 2 – at Detailed Design Stage**

This has received planning permission and a multi-disciplinary design consultant has been appointed for the detailed design, which is nearly completed. A tendering process is underway to appoint a consultant to undertake construction and development supervision. Minor restoration works are underway at the Tully Graveyard at present. Construction on the Park is due to commence in 2020.

**URDF Call 2**

A second call for proposals under the URDF 2020 was advertised in January 2020 and had an advertised closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 for local authorities to submit suitable applications, which was subsequently revised to 12 noon on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

A MS Teams briefing was delivered to the Elected Members on all the dlr applications on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

dlr submitted 5 applications for consideration under this Call 2, listed in their ranked order as follows:

1. Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity
2. Dundrum – Civic & Community Centre
3. Dún Laoghaire Greening Project
4. Sandyford Green Infrastructure
5. Shanganagh Park

In addition a standalone request to initiate a study for Blackrock Village has also been submitted.

The DHPLG have acknowledged receipt of these applications and have advised that the assessment process is expected to commence in the coming weeks.

Similar to the first call under the URDF Call 1 (in 2018), the Fund is seeking applications that will support the aim of compact growth as set out in Project Ireland 2040 whilst stimulating new residential and commercial development in our larger cities and towns. More details on the URDF can be found by accessing the following link:

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/national-planning-framework/urban-regeneration-and-development-fund-urdf>

## Cherrywood SDZ – Progress Report

The **current Main Work Streams** include:

- Cherrywood LIHAF - as reported above;
- URDF Call 1 Projects (2018) - Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation – as reported above;
- URDF Call 2 Project (2020) – Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity application submitted to DHPLG by the deadline of 12pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, assessment process due to commence in the coming weeks.
- Bride’s Glen to Shankill pedestrian / cycle Scheme - The Part 8 design preparation for the scheme is being advanced by dlr Road Projects. Dialogue continues between dlr, National Transport Authority and Health Service Executive - Loughlinstown Hospital to reach agreement on the project design and route alignment;
- The Cherrywood Steering Group, comprising the Chief Executive and Directors of Services in key service departments met 13 times since it was established in 2017. The Steering Group has been convened to provide oversight in all key aspects of the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ that cover multi – disciplinary themes;
- Development of a Common Infrastructure Agreement with supporting Project Management Protocols for the provision of the common infrastructure required for the build out of Cherrywood SDZ is being progressed by the Development Agency Project Team (DAPT) with oversight by the Cherrywood SDZ Steering Group;
- A review of the Scheme, arising from the requirement for same as set out in the recently published ‘Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (December 2018) is underway with an informal ‘Have Your Say’ consultation opened for submissions/comments for a period of 5 weeks commencing Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 until 5pm on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020. This can be found via the following link: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/council-democracy/public-consultation-hub/public-consultations-have-your-say>
- The DAPT is presently scoping out and undertaking an assessment of a potential re-alignment of the Beckett Road from that as shown in the approved Cherrywood Planning Scheme. The re-alignment relates primarily to the southern portion of Beckett Road and to the underpass with the Wyattville Link Road (WLR).
- The DAPT is currently finalising a Wayfinding and Directional Signage Strategy for Cherrywood SDZ, the principal aim of which is to ensure a consistent and appropriate approach to signage and naming in the SDZ area.

### Planning Applications – FOR NOTING

The following major infrastructural projects have been granted permission, with substantial completion on site achieved within the main Landowner lands.

DZ15A/0813 – Tully Park; DZ15A/0814 – Beckett Park; DZ16A/0570 – Ticknick Park and DZ15A/0758 – Roads and Infrastructure – Phase 1.

The status of other applications from 31st March 2020 to 30th June 2020 inclusive is as follows;-

- DZ18A/208 – 329 Residential Units, Druid’s Glen – Further potential Judicial Review pending
- DZ19A/863 – 342 Residential Units, Druid’s Glen – Decision to Grant issued 14/01/2020 (further potential Judicial Review pending)

- DZ19A/1024 – Amendments to permitted application for TC2, Cherrywood – Request for Further Information issued 26/02/2020
- DZ20A/0002 – Re-orientation of 2 no. ESB sub-stations, Cherrywood – Request for Further Information issued 26/02/2020
- DZ20A/0052 – Mixed use development including 198 residential units, TC3 – Request for Further Information issued 18/03/2020
- DZ20A/0073 – Amendments to permitted residential scheme, Beechpark – Decision on Further Information submitted due 02/07/2020

There are currently 2 SDZ planning applications for which reports are being prepared.

To date the total no. of residential units permitted is 2,406. A further 198 units are at Further Information Stage. The total amount of non-residential development permitted is circa 104,719 sq.m of Mixed Use (retail/non-retail/commercial) and circa 47,406 sq.m of High Intensity Employment (HIE).

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

The delivery of the Scheme is complex requiring a number of stakeholders to engage and DLR as Development Agency continues to actively promote the implementation of the objectives of the approved Planning Scheme through collaboration and engagement with all relevant stakeholders.

With Government's focus on the housing crisis the DHPLG has taken specific interest in progressing the Cherrywood Planning Scheme and has designated it 1 of 23 key strategic national Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites (MUHDS). Meetings with all key stakeholders are on-going with the Development Agency facilitating progress meetings on key issues, as they arise, that require a coordinated approach from a number of state agencies and service providers including high-level engagement with the DHPLG on the main issues.

### **Funding**

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme 2017 – 2020, [http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/20170613\\_cherrywood\\_planning\\_scheme\\_development\\_contribution\\_scheme\\_2017-2020\\_adopted.pdf](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/20170613_cherrywood_planning_scheme_development_contribution_scheme_2017-2020_adopted.pdf) was adopted at the June Council Meeting 2017 and all decisions to grant planning permission relative to the Cherrywood SDZ area, made on or after 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, are subject to the Conditions of this Scheme.

The common infrastructure elements include for a road network in the order of 10km, storm water infrastructure in the order of 3.8ha and the delivery of amenity open space – Class 1, new parks, neighbourhood plazas, natural greenspace and greenways (as per Appendix III Cherrywood Planning Scheme Projects List of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme (DCS) 2017-2020). The current order of magnitude cost (OMC) exercise is guiding that the cost of providing the common infrastructure to open up land for development to support the development of Cherrywood is in the order of €200M for construction.

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme DSC provides for the conditioning of development contributions, and within the DSC under the Exemptions and Reductions section, provision has been made for development contribution offset of certain development contributions payable against costs for common infrastructure works constructed by the landowners.

In addition to the DCS, government funding, Local Property Tax Income, LIHAF and URDF has been secured and contributes to the funding of common infrastructure.



However there still remains a funding gap in relation to the provision of the entire common infrastructure (i.e. the projects that are not LIHAF and URDF funded). The Report indicating the Programme of Capital Projects 2020 – 2022 presented under Item 12 of the 8th June 2020 Council Meeting provides further detail.

dlr lodged an application for Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Access under the URDF Call 2 on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 relating to projects that align with the requirements of the Fund for submission. This application has been acknowledged and the DHPLG have advised the assessment process will commence in the coming weeks.

Discussions will continue with all relevant stakeholders to ensure the funding is in place to enable the infrastructure to be delivered.

dlr has recently concluded a confidential conciliation process with a main landowner in Cherrywood which arose due to a dispute in relation to the entitlement to offset development contributions payable in respect of common infrastructure provided.



## Infrastructure and Climate Change

### Climate Change Action

- The first meeting of the Environment and Climate Action SPC took place in June 2020.
- A number of the temporary CoVid19 measures will also support the reduction of CO2 emissions and support sustainable travel.  
<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/travel-transport/roads/covid-19-public-realm-works>
- A new form of quick-build 'protected cycle scheme' is being developed by the NTA using a kerb upstand for segregation. Two routes have been identified in the County to pilot this new form of segregation. Should these pilot schemes be successful then it is likely that there would be further roll out of such measures on other routes around the County.
- Information explaining natural capital and ecosystem services has been published to the dlrcoco website  
<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/heritage/biodiversity/natural-capital-and-ecosystem-services>

### Climate Action Fund 2020 – Expressions of Interest Call

- The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment opened a call for Expressions of Interest from public and private sector bodies, as well as non-governmental organisations, for the Government's Climate Action Fund. This council submitted 5 Expressions of Interest relating to Local Authority work areas. We are awaiting update from the Department on the next stage.

### Activities

#### Sustainable Energy Association of Ireland Awards

The Council will be submitting an application for the awards for its Energy Teams work and the sustainable works at Fernhill

#### ECO UNESCO Young Environmentalists Awards took place online in May 2020

Newpark Comprehensive won award for their "Biodiversity Back in the Park"-Project 2020

#### Climate Action Training for Local Authorities

The CAROs are currently finalising content for a 3-day Climate Action Training course to take place in partnership with key stakeholders including the Local Authority Environmental Services Training Group (ESTG), Climate Ireland, Energy Agencies, DCCAE, Met Éireann, SEAI and the Institute of Public Administration (IPA). It was intended to undertake the pilot training programme in late March/early April 2020 but has been postponed.

Trainers are currently being procured for a ½ day training programme for Elected Members & senior management and online training material is currently being prepared by CARO and other training partners. Further information on training courses including revised dates for this pilot will be communicated in the coming weeks.

#### EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and associated Action Plan

The European Commission has adopted this new Plan - a comprehensive, ambitious, long-term plan for protecting nature and reversing the degradation of ecosystems.

It aims to put Europe's biodiversity on a path to recovery by 2030 with benefits for people, the climate and the planet. It is also the proposal for the EU contribution to the upcoming international negotiations on the global post-2020 biodiversity framework.

**EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change**

See link below to the public consultation on the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change which is open for 14 weeks until **20th August 2020**. You may be interested to circulate this consultation link through your communication networks [https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/commission-launches-online-public-consultation-new-eu-strategy-adaptation-climate-change\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/commission-launches-online-public-consultation-new-eu-strategy-adaptation-climate-change_en)

**Environmental Awareness**

- Launch of Tidy Districts Consultation 2020
- Creation and publication of a Creative Projects at Home Booklet
- Creation and publication of a Wildflower Guide
- Publication of Environmental Awareness Summer Newsletter
- Continued management of Green-Schools Programme. Virtual award ceremony held by An Taisce in June.
- Continued support for Tidy Towns, Resident Associations, Community Groups and Schools
- Management of Community Environmental Action Fund (Local Agenda 21).
- Management of Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund.
- Management of dlr Environment Grant.
- Development of Local Authority Prevention Network project for the EPA.

**Litter Control**

	<b>Litter Fines</b>	<b>Graffiti Removal</b>
Q2 April-June	87	390 sqm

**Capital Projects**

**1. Blackglen Road/Harold’s Grange Road Improvement Scheme**

The Part 8 for this scheme was approved on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 by the Elected Members. The CPO for the Blackglen Road Improvement Scheme was confirmed by An Bórd Pleanála on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 without modifications.

The previous update for the road construction programme indicated that the issue of Tender Documents would be made before the end of Q2 2020, with the contract award to be made in Q3 2020 with an 18-month construction period.

The Tender Documents have been completed and final checks are being carried out. Tender Documents should be ready to be sent out before the end of June 2020 (Q2 2020), as per the previous update.”

Update in connection with Covid 19

However, since the last update, the effects of the Covid 19 virus have become a major



issue of concern for the Council, especially in relation to funding resources and the restrictions in the workplace.

The Council are currently undertaking a full review of all the Capital Projects which were included in the Capital Project funding Programme 2019-2021. It is possible that some of these projects will have to be delayed.

Accordingly, tenders for the Blackglenn Road Improvement Scheme will not be sent out until decisions are made on the allocation of funding resources. The serious ongoing effects of the Covid 19 virus have also to be taken into account.

## **2. Corbawn Lane - Beach Access**

Beach access and coastal protection works completed.

## **3. Glenalbryn Pool**

Discussions are still on-going with Kilmacud Crokes to address the impacts of a pool rebuilding project on the club facilities in Glenalbryn in a comprehensive way.

The Council has applied for funding for the Glenalbryn Pool under the Large Scale Infrastructure Fund scheme stream one funding.

The Department advised that the standard of applications was very high and that, given the level of demand the amount of funding available under the LSSIF programme, it was only possible to allocate a grant to the top 19% of applications by assessment score. The Glenalbryn Pool project progressed through the pre-qualification stage and for the Criteria Scoring STAGE, the project received a score of 1,290. The lowest scoring project which received funding was 3,796, and the Glenalbryn application was not successful in obtaining funding under this scheme.

## **4. M50 Junction 14 Link Road**

Provision of a new road link between the existing signalised roundabout at M50 Junction 14 and Blackthorn Road. Part 8 and CPO approved. At detailed design stage. Notice to treat issued 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018. Discussions with landowners regarding accommodation works are on-going.

## **5. Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade (Golden Ball)**

Part 8 approved in September 2017. Detailed design is being progressed and it is now intended to include these works within the tender for the Glenamuck District Roads Scheme.

## **6. Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS)**

Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS) consisting of GDDR (Glenamuck District Distributor Road) and GLDR (Glenamuck Local Distributor Road). Approval of the scheme and confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order was received from An Bórd Pleanála on 18/12/19. Notice of the confirmation of the CPO was advertised on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2020. The detailed design of the scheme is underway, and it is intended to progress to tender stage by Q3/Q4 2020.

## **7. Druids Glen Road Q -P\*.**

The first 135m of Druids Glen Road is scheduled to be substantially completed by mid-November 2019 having overcome unexpected archaeology and underground services issues.

The project remains on schedule for final completion by Q1 2020.

## **8. Druids Glen Road P\*-P3.**

This provides the next 135m of road including the 40m span bridge at Cabinteely stream. Detailed design is underway, and this will be followed by a contractor procurement process scheduled to commence in Q1 2020.

## **9. Dún Laoghaire Baths**

Construction on the Baths Project is continuing with work on the concrete sea walls and Pavilion building currently under construction. Progress on the project is significantly behind programme and has been further impacted by the site closure caused by the C-19 Pandemic. The project is now scheduled by the Contractor to be complete by April 2021.

## **10.dlr LexIcon Environs**

Construction on this project along with greening projects along George's Street is now substantially complete; the overall outcome has been to upgrade the streetscape by using high quality hard and soft landscaping and street furniture to match the works completed by DLR along Marine Road, Queens Road and the Metals.

## **11. Samuel Beckett Phase 2**

The report on the Three Year Capital Programme 2020 - 2022 includes provision for the completion of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus and lists it as a committed project.

The Council submitted the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus Phase 2 project to the Department for a grant from the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF). A grant of €13,901,372 had been sought. The Department has confirmed that as the 2017 Sports Capital Programme grant was not drawn down, the LSSIF grant will be €5m. Following on from the Department's review (Stage7 - Due Diligence) of the grant application, the Council is preparing to submit additional information and clarifications.

The Council is progressing this project with a view to bringing it to completion of the Tender stage. The Tender process commenced on the 12 March 2019 with the issuing of the Prior Information Notice (PIN) on eTenders.

Following on from the issuing of two rounds of Suitability Assessment Questionnaires [SAQs], panels have been identified for three of the six contracts. In relation to the three remaining contracts, an appropriate tender strategy is currently being considered.

With regard to the current COVID-19 situation and subsequent changes in work practices, at both the Council and its Consultants, the Project's programme timelines are currently under review.

## **12. Rochestown Road Improvement Scheme**

The NRH's contractor is finalising the works onto the public footpath and pedestrian crossing integrating the new pedestrian entrance. DLR's legal and Property Management are finalising the 'seed of land' associated with the new recessed wall and the area will soon be available for to the Council.

The application for funding with the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport was unsuccessful. A parallel application for funding to the National Transport Authority was successful and the agency allocated €100,000 (One hundred Thousand euro) to the project.

The budget in the capital programme (non-committed) of €2m is not sufficient for a complete intervention. Senior management check available budgets and commit to phase delivery.

## **13. New Crematorium at Shanganagh**

Detailed design work has been substantially completed and the project can progress to tender subject to approval.

## **14. Dublin Bay Trail / S2S**

The environmental consultant is progressing with the surveys – The restriction on movement associated with Covid affected the breeding birds survey, which might need further expanded next breeding Season.

The appointment of the design consultant is pending approval from the NTA to establish a Framework Agreement for Consultants.

The project has interfaces with Blackrock Park Master Plan and with the Covid19 Initiative and associated mobility measures being proposed on Seapoint Avenue, Old Dunleary Road, Harbour Road, Queen's Road, Windsor Terrace and Marine Parade.

## **Former George's Place Depot site**

As previously reported the Department of Education and Skills has advised the Council that the Department has assessed various site options for an Educate Together school for Dun Laoghaire. Their preferred choice of site is the Council's Former Depot site at George's Place, Dun Laoghaire.

The Council's Executive is now in active engagement with the Dept. of Education with regards to the site. In line with the DPER circular on the potential exchange of property between state bodies, a valuer from the valuation office will be now assigned to put an independent valuation on the site for the information of both parties.

The potential use of this site for a primary school is of course subject to appropriate Planning approval, the agreement of the Members to a Section 183 disposal and the protocols governing the transfer of State property assets between public bodies.

The Council's Executive will continue to keep members updated on this matter.

### **Energy**

Based on the 2019 data returns DLR has improved its energy performance by 37.2%, compared to the baseline year of 2009. Therefore, DLR has achieved its energy efficiency obligation of 33% energy efficiency savings by 2020.

### **Dangerous Buildings**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dangerous	3
Potentially Dangerous	10
Not Dangerous	8
Total	21

## Community and Cultural Development

### Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- The [dlr Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 – 21](#) is a key statutory plan to support and enhance quality of life and well-being of our communities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- DLR is an Age Friendly County, and work is ongoing to implement [DLR's Age Friendly Strategy 2016-20 working with dlr's Age Friendly Alliance Partners. The Alliance met on 10 June](#)
- The Council supports community engagement and participation, and the ongoing development of the dlr Public Participation Network. The PPN is an independent umbrella group through which the Council consults with community groups. <http://dlrppn.ie/>
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held no meetings in Q2. Next meeting is scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. [↗](#)
- The Rural Task Force which is a sub group of the LCDC met in May.
- The Healthy Ireland Steering Committee met on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### Capital Projects

#### Dundrum Carnegie Library

Work has been completed to provide a new roof at Dundrum Library. This work is supported by grant funding from Historic Structures Funding.

### Cultural Development

DLR Libraries, Music Generation, Arts and cultural programming is ongoing in support of delivering on the objectives in the Dlr Council approved plans (below) which support cultural development, connect, empower and support community potential in dlr.

- DLR Libraries Library Development Plan 2016-2020  
<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/files/using-your-library/Library%20Development%20Plan%20English%20version%20Final.pdf>
- DLR Arts Development Plan 2016 -22  
[https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/arts\\_development\\_plan\\_eng\\_.pdf](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/arts_development_plan_eng_.pdf)
- DLR Cultural and Creative Strategy 2018 – 22  
<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/dun-laoghaire-rathdown>

What's On Guide (Oct-Dec) and (Jan-Mar) provides information on events and services from dlr Libraries. <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/event-calendar>  
[https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/whatson\\_janmar2020\\_web\\_friendly\\_pdf\\_0.pdf](https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/whatson_janmar2020_web_friendly_pdf_0.pdf)

- My Open Library Deansgrange marked its first anniversary with 1700 members having signed up for the service. The most frequent users are second-level

students, many returning as third level the following year and a steady cohort of Internet users. Figures peaked during June Bank Holiday-before Leaving Certificate exams at 514 on Monday, 460 on Sunday, 429 on Saturday. Reservation pick-up and Sunday newspapers now available during MOL hours. There are increasing number of parents and children coming in on Sundays and older regular newspaper readers also. It opened over Christmas 2019 with 31 unique users on Christmas Eve, 9 on Christmas Day and 17 on Stephen's Day.

MOL emails received contained the following comments:

*'Peaceful'*

*"I find the facility excellent, thanks to all concerned"*

*"I think the open library is such a great service. For my it's so important as I don't get any peace at home with two small boys to do my college work."*

### **COVID-19 Community Call Helpline**

The Community response to Covid-19 is being led and co-ordinated 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
- Operated 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm
- Issues range from transport, shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- A stakeholder forum established providing 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
- 5 stakeholder meetings held