



DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

JANUARY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

18 December – 31 January 2022

On the 21st January 2022, the Government announced an easing of many of the public health restrictions. The requirement to work from home unless necessary to attend in person ended. The lifting of these restrictions will provide for the phased return of office-based staff to the office. We will continue to adhere to best practice to support a safe return to the workplace.

The January Council meeting was held on the 10th January 2022, with An Cathaoirleach in the Council Chamber with limited number of officials while Elected Members attended remotely due to restrictions in place at the time and the high infection rates within the community.

Updates on services effected, by department, are detailed below:

Libraries

All dlr Library spaces are open as part of a gradual and measured resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines. These include: re-introduction of designated PC Spaces for internet access, seating and Study Spaces

Following the most recent Govt. announcement on 21 January 2022, restrictions on social distancing no longer apply. Capacity restrictions for all events and activities, indoors and outdoors, have been removed. The wearing of masks in libraries is still required.

At this time, dlr Libraries continue a hybrid approach; programming events and activities online, while continuing to recommence onsite events and activities in a gradual and measured way.

Book Drop Service

The number of calls to the Book Drop Service remains low at present. For those members of our community unable to visit their local dlr Library in person, staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests for books. A selection of books is boxed and then delivered safely to homes. For further information about this service, please contact dlr LexIcon staff by phone on 01 280 1147 or email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Community Facilities

Community Facilities have now returned to full operation with activities and services resuming in full. Managers and Boards of Management of facilities are continuing to work closely with groups who provide leisure, educational, sports and cultural services to return safely to indoor settings.

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:

- The Community Response Forum is meeting every three months 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. A meeting was held on 12th January. The next meeting is scheduled for 6th April.

Heritage

Covid-friendly online and real-world exhibitions for Decade of Centenaries programme.
Photocall/Online launch of County Heritage Plan.

Municipal Services

All sections are working closely with the Gardaí to assist in social distancing in public areas, including, 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. All 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. Road Maintenance staff continue to operate primarily from satellite depots and mobile welfare units to maximize social distancing.

The Roads Control unit continues to grant and manage road opening licenses and permits for developers and utility services, including electricity, water, gas and telecommunications. The unit are also coordinating the processing and granting of Section 254 applications for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

Cleansing/Street cleaning: All services are operating at full capacity, including litter removal, cleanups, street sweeping/cleansing, litter bin emptying and recycling centres. Outdoor staff continue to operate on staggered roster systems to maximise separation of staff and maintain social distancing measures.

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

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 Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for 65 schemes. This funding was used for such interventions as cycle lane protection schemes, improved footpaths and road surfaces, and improved cycle links through parks.

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

The Local Enterprise Office continues to offer grant and training supports to businesses impacted by Covid 19. A webpage has been setup for the specialised [LEO Covid supports](#) which contains 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](#). A new initiative was launched in autumn 2021 to provide support in the areas of [Financial Understanding, Leadership and Lean thinking](#).

The Street Furniture Grant, initially introduced in 2020, was extended to December 31st

2022 at the Council meeting which took place on January 10th 2022. The grant provides funding of up to €2,000 to businesses in the hospitality sector to introduce or expand their outdoor seating.

The Economic Development Unit has been involved in a number of significant initiatives aimed at increasing footfall in the county's towns and villages, including the Dún Laoghaire Anseo street art programme and the Summer Streets initiative. The trial pedestrianisation of George's Street Lower in Dún Laoghaire finished on September 30th. An extensive consultation with residents and businesses has taken place, and this will be used, along with relevant footfall and spending data, to produce a comprehensive analysis of the trial.

A Seasonal Fund, which initially operated in 2020, was extended in 2021 – this provided over €130,000 in funding to business groups in towns and villages across the county to assist them in decorating their area and help increase footfall in the festive period in 2021.

The Economic Development Unit continues to promote its Shop Local campaign, alongside the Local Enterprise Office network's Look for Local campaign. Shop Local banners will be erected in Dún Laoghaire, Blackrock and Dundrum over the coming weeks, accompanied by an extensive social media campaign.

Infrastructure and Climate Change

The Directorate is continuing its work on certain elements of Covid19 interventions and Active travel programme.

- 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.
- Property Management continues to offer a full service.
- The Capital Projects Team continue to progress capital projects through design stages. Some delays are encountered with Covid restrictions on the construction sectors and associated services.

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

All areas fully operational.

Housing

The Housing Department continues to provide a full range of services in line with health and safety and Covid-19 advice. In some cases, additional supports are being provided as required. There is still the need to limit access to some homes due to COVID-19, so services such as minor maintenance requests and inspections for adaptations can

be restricted.

Finance

Rates: On the 3rd December 2021, the Government announced an extension of the current targeted commercial rates waiver for the first three months of 2022. As is the case for quarter four 2021, this waiver will specifically target those businesses in the hospitality and entertainment sector who are impacted by continued restrictions. As previously, the waiver will be applied automatically to eligible customers accounts.

The Council continues to work in partnership with businesses who are experiencing difficulty paying their rates. Payment plans are entered into which are mutually acceptable to the business and the Council.

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

Covid Compensation: A provisional allocation has been notified by the DHLG&H in respect of loss of income from goods & services, along with additional Covid related expenditure, in 2021. The allocation is subject to verification and has not yet been finalised, but it is anticipated that it will be in the region of €3m. The income must be receipted back to 2021 and will be dealt with as part of the AFS process. A further update will be provided when the AFS is completed.

Financial Management: Work is underway in relation to the Annual Financial Statement for 2021. 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.
- The Planning Counter is fully operational; customers are advised to pre-arrange an appointment to facilitate adherence to current Covid 19 guidelines and encouraged to utilize our online services.

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

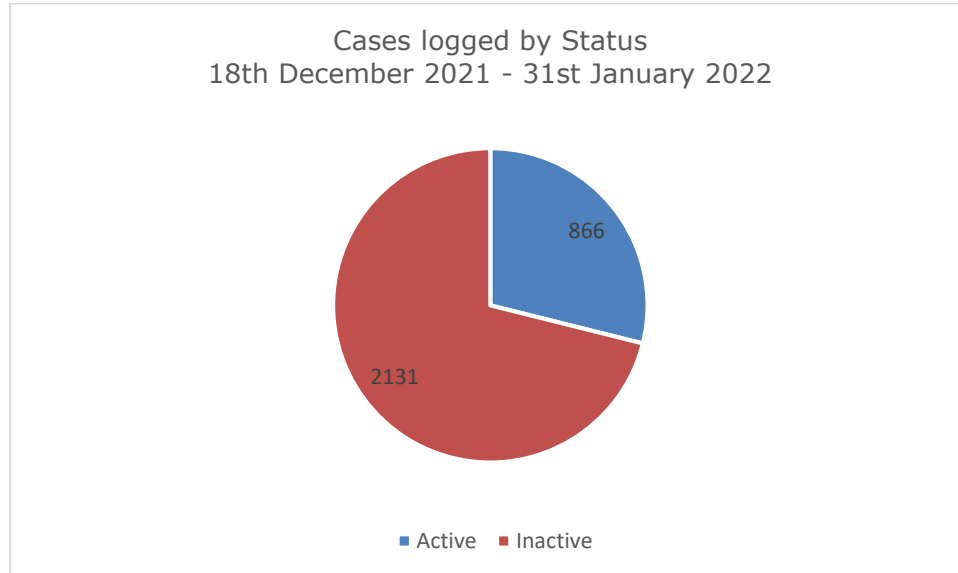


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*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Civic Hub Stats:

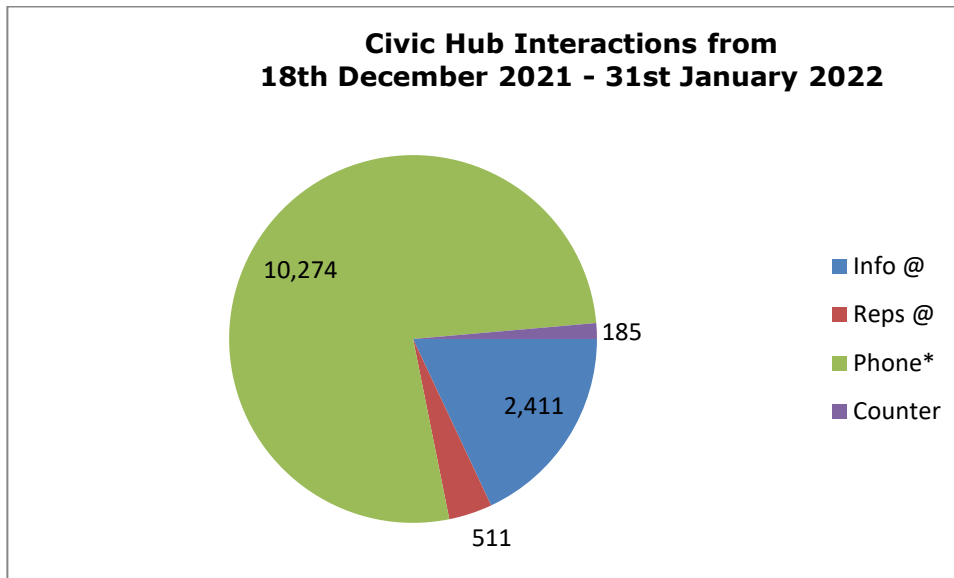


Cases logged from 18th December 2021 – 31st January 2022

Open	866
Closed	2131

Cases Logged from 18th December 2021 – 31st January 2022, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects		10	10
Ballyogan Depot	2		2
CoCo	2	7	9
Comms & Civic Hub	17	435	452
Community	3		3
Corporate Services	3		3
dlrcoco	4	2	6
Enterprise	2	1	3
Environment	124	572	696
Finance	17	345	362
Housing	79	94	173
Libraries	2	1	3
Parks	258	147	405
Planning	6	16	22
Property	10	6	16
Transportation	283	444	727
Waste Enforcement	7	32	39
Water Services	11	19	30
Grand Total	866	2131	2997



* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from 18 December 2021 – 31 January 2022

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	9047	1227

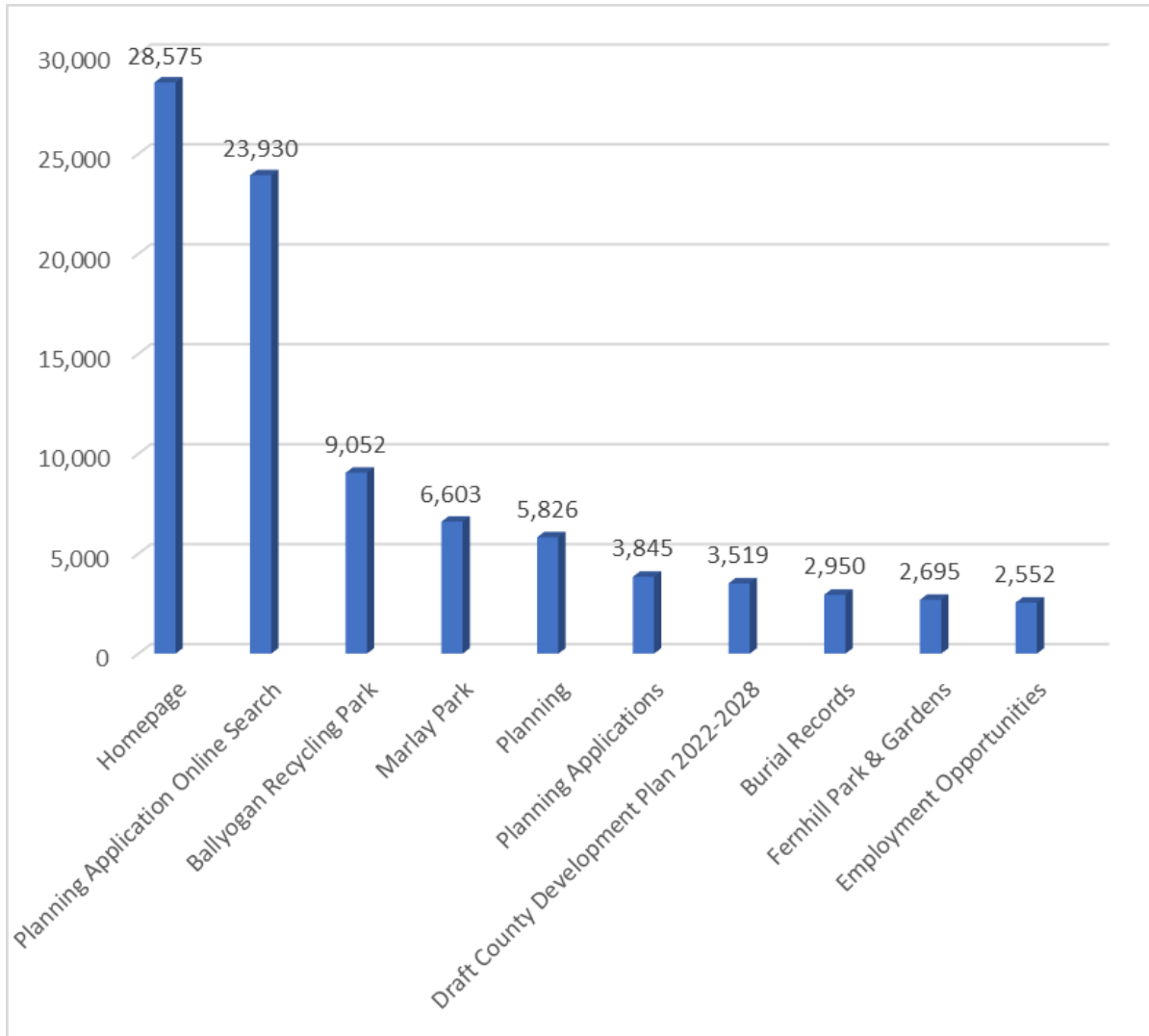
Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	511	2411	2922

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	154	31	185










Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	260,651
Dlrevents.ie	6,139
dlrLibraries	61,529

Top Pages



Social Media Activity

Profile ▲	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Dec 18, 2021 - Jan 31, 2022	71,347 ↗ 0.7%	444 ↘ 40%	1,530 ↘ 3.7%	13,318,683 ↗ 447.3%	810,911 ↗ 757.4%	6.1% ↗ 56.6%	4,906,273 ↗ 3,185.5%
Compare to Nov 3, 2021 - Dec 17, 2021	70,824	740	1,589	2,433,343	94,582	3.9%	149,332
 @DLR_Librarie s	8,536	31	90	106,593	2,363	2.2%	106
 @dlrArts	2,802	17	97	51,193	1,028	2%	1,807
 @dlrcc	18,484	150	435	835,710	15,490	1.9%	17,980
 @dlrheritage	3,879	2	6	10,848	143	1.3%	0
 @leo_dlr	5,566	-3	38	8,841	193	2.2%	5
 dlrcoco.ie	5,336	129	383	321,222	3,442	1.1%	5,107
 dlrevents	11,151	37	26	84,272	3,624	4.3%	1,685
 Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council	12,899	64	422	11,854,729	782,325	6.6%	4,879,577
 Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown Sports Partnership	2,694	17	33	45,275	2,303	5.1%	6

Press Queries

10 press queries were received between the 18 of December and 31 of January.

Freedom of Information

There was 20 FOI requests received between the 18 of December and 31 of January.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report - January 2022

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Ballinteer Avenue				✓	
2	Meadowmount Estate		✓			on site Q1 2022
3	Roebuck Road			✓		works back on site
4	The Park Estate Cabinteely	✓				Deferred to 2022
5	Claremont Road				✓	
6	Ballinlea Road				✓	
7	Corrig Road				✓	
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				Deferred to 2022 due to shallow services, final design WIP
9	Saval Park Road				✓	
10	Glenageary Road Upper	✓				Tender to issue in Q1 2022
11	Barnhill Road	✓				Tender to issue in in Q1 2022
12	Killiney Hill Road				✓	Scheme brought forward to work in collaboration with IW rehabilitation scheme
13	Leslie Avenue				✓	Scheme brought forward to make full use of the road closure
14	Rochestown Avenue				✓	NTA stimulus package
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Stillorgan Road (old N11)				✓	
2	Upper Kilmacud Road				✓	
3	Ticknock Road Edges				✓	
4	Ballyedmunduff Road Edges				✓	
5	Heidelberg				✓	
6	Sandyford Village	✓				to be included in Village scheme
7	Wyckham By-pass Roundabout				✓	
8	Bearna Park				✓	urgent flood alleviation
9	Georges Place				✓	
10	Patricks Square				✓	

11	Monkstown Farm		✓			Plan to increase works scope in 2022
12	Georges Street Lower		✓			Plan to increase works scope in 2022
13	Barnaslingan Lane	✓				Defer to 2022
14	Shanganagh Terrace				✓	
15	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)				✓	
16	Johnstown Road				✓	scheme brought forward due to deteriorating road condition
17	Proby Square (North, into Lindenvale)				✓	
18	Mapas				✓	Area Committee commitment
19	Mornington Avenue				✓	in response to CRM case
20	Station Road Killiney				✓	in response to CRM case
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley				✓	
2	Sandyford Business District	✓				deferred to 2022
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				deferred to 2022
4	Cabinteely Close				✓	
5	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road				✓	
6	The Park, Cabinteely			✓		on site Q1 2022
7	Sweetbriar Lane				✓	
8	St Lukes Milltown				✓	
9	Weston Churchtown				✓	in response to CRM case
10	Loreto Nutgrove				✓	in response to CRM case
11	Woodford				✓	in response to CRM case
12	Dún Laoghaire Town		✓			on site Q1 2022
13	Blackrock Town				✓	
14	Dalkey Village				✓	
15	Wynberg Park (Part of)				✓	
16	Watsons Estate	✓				Deferred to 2022 due to shallow services, final design WIP
17	Glenavon Park	✓				Deferred to 2022
18	Eaton Brae				✓	
19	St Helens Road				✓	In response to Deputation meeting request
20	Connawood				✓	in response to CRM case
21	The Grange				✓	in response to CRM case
22	Mounttown Road Lower				✓	in response to CRM case
23	Elm Grove				✓	in response to CRM case

BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair				✓	
2	Glenalua Wall Repair				✓	
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely				✓	
2	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh				✓	
3	Woodside Road	✓				deferred to 2022
4	Beech Lawn, Dundrum				✓	
5	N11 at The Rise & Trees Road Lower	✓				on site Q1 2022
6	Ballyedmonduff Road				✓	urgent flood alleviation
7	Burrow Road				✓	urgent flood alleviation
8	Woodley Park				✓	In response to August flood event
9	Broadford Rise				✓	In response to August flood event
10	Woodpark Ballinteer				✓	In response to August flood event
11	Flemingstown Park				✓	In response to August flood event
12	Clonkeen Road (At South Park)				✓	
13	Woodbine Park				✓	
14	Seafield Road Killiney				✓	
15	Ruby Hall				✓	
16	Quinns Road	✓				conflicting to IW proposed work
17	Stillorgan Park Road				✓	
18	Ulverton Road				✓	
19	Carysfort Ave/Convent Rd				✓	
20	Ferndale Road				✓	urgent flood alleviation
21	Sorrento Road				✓	urgent flood alleviation
22	Rathallagh Park				✓	urgent flood alleviation
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				Tender package ready
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme				✓	works will resume Q1 2022
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Loreto Park				✓	
2	Mulvey Park (Part of)	✓				deferred to 2022
3	Mt Albany Estate				✓	
4	Cloister Estate				✓	
5	Glenageary Park	✓				to be included in Parks Entrance proposed works

Cycleway Maintenance Programme						
1	Brehonfield Road				✓	
2	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)				✓	
3	Baker's Corner's junction				✓	
4	Rochestown Avenue				✓	
Estate Management Programme						
1	Kilcross Estate				✓	
2	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
Taking in Charge Programme*						
1	The Rise Mount Merrion		✓			on site Q1 2022
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
<p><i>*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.</i></p>						
Roads Control Reinstatement Programme						
1	Sichester Park, Glenageary					
2	Cherrygarth, Mount Merrion					

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2021 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Brewery Road Junction (Brewery Road/St Brigid's, Church Road)			✓				Works to take place on the St. Brigid Church Road junction in 2022 with design to take place in Q1
Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)				✓			Construction tenders have been assessed and a Section 138 report will be presented to the Council in February
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave		✓					The Public Consultation report was presented to the Dún Laoghaire Area committee in December and the detailed design and preparation of tender documents is underway.

Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes		✓						The Public Consultation report was presented to the Dundrum Area committee in December and the detailed design and preparation of tender documents is underway.
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)	✓							The Preliminary Design is complete, and the scheme details will be presented to the Dundrum Area committee in February.
Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock					✓			Works at the N11-Newtownpark Avenue are complete
Leopardstown Road Cycle Lane Improvements	✓							Request for Tender (RFT) for Design Consultant in early February 2022.
Nutgrove Avenue - Phase 3	✓							Documents to be prepared for appointment of design consultant in Q1 2022
Selected Green Schools Walkability Audits Infrastructure					✓			Works are substantially complete on Castlepark Road, Knapton Road, Albert Road and Glenageary Dart Station.
Cycle Parking Development					✓			4 no cargo bike stands were installed in January (3 in Dún Laoghaire and 1 in Dundrum) Tender has been issued for the supply of cycle and scooter stands,
Roebuck Road (Fosters Avenue to Goatstown Road)					✓			Works on junctions are completed with road resurfacing and cycle protection to take place in the coming weeks.
Protected Cycle Facilities						✓		Cycle protection works were completed on Overend Way
New Pedestrian and Cycle entrance to Belfield on N11 at Nova UCD					✓			Gates and railing are made and waiting to be installed. Granite cladding must be fixed first. Cladding subcontractor is next available in January. Entrance anticipated to be fully complete by mid-February 2022.
Wyattville Road (Phase 2)			✓					Request for Tender (RFT) for Civil Engineering Contractor in early February 2022.
Churchtown Road Lower (pedestrian improvements)				✓				Awaiting approval from NTA to appoint a contractor
Junction Improvements - west side of the County						✓		Junction improvements have been completed at Rosemont, Dundrum and Farrenboley, Windy Arbour
Stepaside Village and cycle scheme	✓							Appointed a consultant to carry out a preliminary design
Churchtown Road Upper	✓							Design of a cycle scheme is underway
Covid 19 and July Stimulus Packed funded schemes – Contractual Liability.								
2020 Covid Measures and 2020 July Stimulus Package				✓				Outstanding works from 2020 active travel schemes ongoing.

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Croke’s GAA Club to the N11. Design works are ongoing with a new road layout being examined to provide additional public realm benefits. Co-ordination of design and construction with adjacent Leisureplex site is

ongoing

Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

Speed Limit Review

Tenders were sought from consultants to provide technical support for the review in the areas of data collection, mapping, GIS and public consultation. Tenders have been received. The tender assessment will take place in February with a view to appointment in March

Bike lockers public consultation has commenced as per the following link:
<https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/bike-locker-parking/>

All schools in the County have been requested to apply for scooter and cycle parking via a dlr Consultation Hub link

Deputations

Council staff met with Frankfort Park Estate Residents on the 12th of January 2022

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

No TAG Meetings took place in January 2022

Bus Connects

The Core Bus Corridor (CBC) schemes are progressing through the Final Design stage and planning applications are being prepared. A Preliminary Business Case for the overall BusConnects Dublin Programme has been submitted to the Department of Transport for its review and for Government decision in accordance with the Public Spending Code governing capital projects. Assuming a positive determination of the Preliminary Business Case, the NTA intends to submit planning applications for approval to An Bord Pleanála as quickly as is feasible thereafter. Statutory Planning Application documentation for the Clongriffin to City Centre CBC Scheme is being finalized and is expected to be the first CBC planning application to be lodged with ABP. The Blackrock to Merrion CBC planning application will be included in the first tranche of applications to be submitted to ABP. The submission of this planning application is now anticipated at the start of Q2 this year. The Bray to City Centre CBC planning application will be included in the second tranche of applications to be submitted to ABP and the submission of this planning application is now anticipated towards the end of this year.

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

Dundrum ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

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

Dundrum – Bus Interchange Project

Initial discussions have commenced with the NTA on this project which aims to address the need for improvements to bus interchange facilities in Dundrum to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects New Dublin Area Bus Network. Meetings/workshops are ongoing to progress this work and a multi-disciplinary group

from the Council is in place to assist.

Dún Laoghaire - Bus Interchange Project

Similar to the Dundrum Bus Interchange Project, the NTA commenced discussions with DLRCC to address the need for improvements to bus facilities in Dún Laoghaire to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects New Dublin Area Bus Network. Limited discussion has taken place to date, and we are awaiting an update from the NTA. A multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist with any discussions.

Old Conna ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

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

New Bus Stops to Serve Planned BusConnects Orbital Bus Services

The Traffic Section has been liaising with the NTA on the location and design of new bus stops throughout the county, required to support planned new bus services being introduced by the NTA over the next two years. It is anticipated that bus stop approval notices for the new stops will be issued to the NTA in Q1 of this year.

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 completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints study, Hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Initial Public Consultation is now complete. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders are underway. A Ground Investigation contract is complete, and the report is awaited.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the **Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers**. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey commenced on site in February and is now complete. An initial topographical Survey has been completed and a further survey is due to commence in February. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost-beneficial scheme is achievable. An initial public engagement is now completed following short briefing sessions with Area Councillors. The Hydrology/Hydraulic report is now completed, and initial options are being developed.

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

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is underway. Initial data gathering work a topographical survey has been completed. A flow/rainfall survey and CCTV survey will commence shortly.

4. Roads Control Unit

Irish Water Reinstatement IWR Works 2022

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out the permanent reinstatement works throughout the administration area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council DLRCC according to the current service level agreement (SLA) between Irish Water and DLRCC.

Roads Control Restoration Works RCRW 2022

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRW	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2021					
1	Cherrygarth, Mount Merrion	√				
2	Sichester Park, Glenageary	√				

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	318	217	283	342	470	405
Clean-Ups Assisted	60	53	67	58	66	45
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	27	19	23	21	33	18
Bathing Water Samples Taken	43	40	32	18	17	18
Gullies Cleaned	1204	729	1251	742	1264	844
Dumping Incidents Managed	30	56	42	45	53	36
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	1	0	1	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	21	10	4	13	0	26
Street Bin Collections	6742	6417	5703	5456	4938	4941

* Statistics available up to the end of December 2021.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates

- Workforce have continued operating on staggered roster arrangements to maintain social distancing requirements.
- Arup are continuing to progress planning & design for longer term remediation measures at Coliemore Harbour. Preliminary planning document pack has been sent to the designated list of Departments for initial comments.
- Drawing amendments are underway for the 40 Foot remedial works project. A final review meeting with dlr stakeholders is scheduled for the 11th February.
- The successful contractor has been notified regarding the Bicycle stand removal and alterations project on Vico Road/Whiterock.
- Contractor pricing has commenced for the Beach Locker installations at Seapoint, Sandycove and Killiney.
- Hawks Cliff remedial repair works were completed at the end of December.
- Cycle Lane Sweeping Schedule has been amended to include all new routes and the schedule of dlr's website is currently being updated.
- The Road Sweeping Schedule is being updated and the temporary suspension of this schedule will be lifted as the leaf fall season has finished.
- Staff training is progressing on SLG card holders and training is also scheduled for gully cleaning operators.
- 2022 Blue Flag applications for Seapoint and Killiney have been submitted.

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 3391 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 17th December 2021 and 31st January 2022 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1440
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	508
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	443
Parking a vehicle on a footway	309
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	125
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	123
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	86
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	83
Overstaying 3 hour parking limit	68
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	61
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	29
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	27
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	23
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	17
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	10
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	8
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	5
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	5
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	3
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	3
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	2
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	2
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	2
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	2
Parking out of the limits of a bay	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	1
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Total no. of tickets issued between 17th December 2021 and 31st January 2022	3391

There were no convictions secured in the District Court all matters were adjourned to a date in March 2022.

Public Lighting

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

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Jan 2022:	414
Percentage of lights out at the end of Jan 2022:	0.8%
Pole replacement carried out in Jan 2022:	11
Bracket replacements:	212
Tree trimming:	31
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	24
LED Upgrades	194

LED Upgrading Program

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

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	49
Inspections completed	6

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	1
Alterations:	4
Legal requests:	0

Road Opening Licences (18th December 2021 – 31st January 2022)

Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Application Submitted	50
Application Granted	48

Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In January 2022 there were:

- There were 25 applications for Street furniture and 2 applications for Road Closure.
- There was 1 film application.

7.Dún Laoghaire Harbour

COVID-19 Measures

All services have resumed throughout the Harbour in line with Government guidelines

Circus

Duffy's Circus will visit the Harbour between 28 Feb and 6 March 2022, located in the Ferry Terminal Vehicle Compound.

East Pier Concessions

Hot Food and Ice-Cream Concessions were advertised last month, and tender submissions are being evaluated at present for both.

Projects:

National Watersports Campus

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information and are now finalising the grant process and agreements with the project partners.

An MOU has been signed with Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland in order to set out and agree the objectives of the project.

Berth 2 Fenders

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. We are awaiting Foreshore consent to proceed to works on site.

Traders Wharf

Grant funding was successfully applied for (from the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine) for the installation of power and water points along Traders Wharf for the Dún Laoghaire Fishing fleet. This project has been tendered and Linham Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. This project is almost complete.

Ferry Terminal

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

A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on the 25th of February 2020. An agreement to lease the building (subject to Foreshore and section 183 consent) was signed in December 2021, and we are now seeking to conclude a Foreshore Lease, and a license to sublet with the Dept.

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

Cruise Ship Business

There has been an increase in Cruise Ship Tender bookings for Dún Laoghaire Harbour in 2022. We are currently formulating plans for how to receive and welcome these Tender calls, subject of course to Covid-19 guidelines in operation at the time.

**Finance and Economic Development
Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan 2022	Enterprise Ireland target January 2022
Feasibility Study	1	1
Business Priming	2	1
Business Expansion	0	1
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	2	1
Trading Online Vouchers	0	12
Microfinance Ireland *	1	2
Total Approvals	6	

*Approved by MFI

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	January 2022
No of jobs created	4

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2021	Total January 2022
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	5
Clients attending Networking Events	25
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	113
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	25
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	9
Clients participating in Leadership Management Programmes	5
Total No of Clients Assisted	182

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total January 2022
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	0
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	2
Business Promotion Grants	7
Street Furniture Grants	1

Enterprise Promotion activities in January 2022

DLR Enterprise News	<u>LEO DLR – Upcoming Training for January 2022</u> (sent 05/01/22) Open rate 53.6%, 2626 recipients
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	<u>DLR Enterprise News January 2022 – 17th Jan</u> (sent 14/01/22) Open rate 47.6%, 2635 recipients Open rate Industry average 11%
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Sessions throughout January
Start Your Own Business Course (8 week)	Started 12 th January
A Business Plan is your Roadmap workshop	14 th January
Online Marketing & Social Media (8 week)	Started 17 th January
Enterprising Women Network	18 th January
First Steps to Financial Management for Small Business Workshop	20 th January
Trading Online Voucher Information Seminar	24 th January
Twitter for Business	28 th January

Social Media Analysis: January 1 – 31 2022				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
LEO dlr	2,017	14	37	1,495
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
LEO dlr	5,566	-7	37	8,655

Tourism Development

DLR Tourism Kiosk

The Tourism Information Kiosk reopened after the Christmas break on January 7th. Visitor numbers continue to be low mid-week but weekends are busy.

Tourism festivals & Events Grant 2022

DLRCC has received a small amount of funding from Fáilte Ireland to support festivals and events that attract visitors to the county. This grant has been advertised on dlrcoco.ie and on social media. The closing date for applications is February 25th.

Destination Towns Project

Interpretative signage for the new Coastal Trails has been designed. This will now go to tender for manufacture and installation.

Christmas Bauble Lighting

The Christmas bauble lighting installations were very successful again this year. The new bauble at the Tourism Kiosk featured in many newspapers and on the front page of the DLR Times.

Joyce Tower Project

A draft Lease on the Martello Tower building has been received. It is hoped to execute the lease in February.

Ulysses Centenary

A programme of events has been developed in collaboration with the Friends of Joyce Tower, to celebrate the centenary of the publication of Ulysses. Events will run from Jan 29th to Feb 2nd.

Twinning

An online meeting was held between DLRC and the City of Brest, Brittany, France. The meeting took place on Jan 17th and was attended by An Cathaoirleach and the Deputy Mayor of Brest. The purpose of the meeting was to renew our working relationship which was initially established in 1984.

On-line Tourism Promotion

Social media advertising and promotion of events and tourism products continued in January.

Social Media Analysis: January 2022				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	7,527	203	17	270,941
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	3,645	14	15	20,300
Instagram	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	2,747	55	13	179,881

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/12/21

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €		Balance at 31/12/21		Current year debit €		Arrears > 1 year
RATES	19,133,314		20,967,053		18,054,105		2,912,948

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/12/2021**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/12/2021 €
A Total Housing & Building	-13,013,648	46,285,719	-46,666,490	-13,394,420
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-6,890,505	22,995,542	-23,144,331	-7,039,294
C Total Water Services	-2,309,719	829,641	-611,478	-2,091,556
D Total Development Management	-116,460,990	6,360,138	-43,126,810	-153,227,662
E Total Environmental Services	-1,537,685	214,298	-429,182	-1,752,569
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-13,255,266	7,999,936	-5,624,008	-10,879,338
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,738,072	769,064	-394,278	-4,363,287
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-24,870,872	1,824,031	-2,540,412	-25,587,253
Grand Total	-183,076,756	87,278,368	-122,536,990	-218,335,378

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/12/2021

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	53,404,600	52,266,800	102.18%
B	Road Transport & Safety	32,249,400	33,534,600	96.17%
C	Water Services	12,737,100	12,722,200	100.12%
D	Development Management	32,879,500	28,826,300	114.06%
E	Environmental Services	33,241,500	32,172,200	103.32%
F	Recreation & Amenity	35,729,500	33,995,500	105.10%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,650,900	4,376,900	106.26%
H	Miscellaneous Services	39,446,200	13,454,700	293.18%
Total Expenditure		244,338,700	211,349,200	115.61%

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	46,725,100	45,772,800	102.08%
B	Road Transport & Safety	13,877,100	14,719,000	94.28%
C	Water Services	8,748,100	8,750,900	99.97%
D	Development Management	15,333,800	11,073,300	138.48%
E	Environmental Services	6,109,100	5,576,700	109.55%
F	Recreation & Amenity	6,328,700	4,916,300	128.73%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,431,500	3,026,000	113.40%
H	Miscellaneous Services	33,124,900	7,297,500	453.92%
Sub Total		133,678,300	101,132,500	132.18%

LPT	Local Property Tax	18,633,700	18,633,700	100.00%
RA	Rates	92,026,700	91,583,000	100.48%
Total Income		244,338,700	211,349,200	115.61%

Note: The above figures are based on projected Outturn Budget for 2021 and are the most up to date figures available, but are subject to change, pending completion of AFS 2021.

Planning Applications – monthly statistics: 18th December 2021 – 31st January 2022

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	168	168
Decision Deferred	0	49	49
Decision to Grant**	0	106	106
Decision to Refuse**	0	18	18
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	91	91
Invalid Applications	0	0	33

*Includes 20 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 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP 31232121	Red Rock Glenageary Limited Sallynoggin Road Lower and Glenageary Avenue, Glenageary, Co. Dublin 147 no. Build to Rent apartments, creche	22/12/2021	03/02/2022	www.glenagearygateshd.com	21/04/22
ABP 31232521	Oval Target Limited St. Teresa's House (protected structure) and St. Teresa's Lodge (protected structure) Temple Hill, Monkstown, Blackrock, Co. Dublin Demolition of an existing extension, construction of 493 no. apartments, creche	22/12/2021	03/02/2022	www.templeroadplanning2.ie	21/04/22
ABP 31234721	J Coffey Property (Falmore) Limited Falmore, Falls Road, Dublin 18 Demolition of existing buildings, construction of 100 no. apartments	23/12/2021	04/02/2022	www.fallsroadshd.com	22/04/22
ABP 31244722	KW PRS ICAV Lands adjacent to 'The Grange', Brewery Road and Stillorgan Road, Stillorgan, Blackrock, Co. Dublin 102 no. Build to Rent apartments	12/01/2022	15/02/2022	www.grangephase1shd.ie	03/05/22

<https://www.pleanala.ie/getattachment/7e5978f6-673a-47ea-8cb3-772fbdb926fb/Current-Applications-26-08-2021.pdf?lang=en-IE>

Planning Counter Figures: 18th December 2021 - 31st January 2022

Customers Served	343
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Building Control 18th December 2021 – 31st January 2022

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	15
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	21
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	17
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	8/0
Commencement Notices Validated	56
7 Day Notices received	4
Completion Certs Validated	21

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 38
Complaints closed 28

Litter and Waste Fines

January 2022	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	56	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	5	
Legal proceedings initiated.	6	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	241	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	221	Litter Section

Dog Statistics for 18th December 2021 – 31st January 2022

- No of dogs entering the Dog Shelter – 4
- No of dogs rehomed – 1
- No of dogs reclaimed – 0
- No of dogs sent to rescue - 3
- No of dogs put to sleep – 0
- No of dogs remaining in the pound at end of month – 2

Energy

Since the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, the targets for 2030 have expanded beyond Energy Efficiency of 50% (based on 2009 baseline) to now specify an absolute greenhouse gas (carbon) reduction of 51% in Thermal (space heating in dlr buildings) and Transport (dlr fleet) from a 2016-2018 average baseline, and 50% renewable space heating requirements. A further requirement in relation to fleet is from the Clean Vehicles Directive that 38.5% of light duty vehicles be electric. There are additional annual SEAI reporting requirements on staff travel (not commuting).

In relation to buildings, there is a new Building Register reporting requirement to help identify the most significant potential buildings for decarbonisation. A deep retrofit programme of Council owned buildings (offices, community centres, libraries and leisure centres) will be required. Installation of fossil fuel (oil or gas) heating systems is not permitted after 2023. The Energy Efficient Design Directive is being recast and will probably indicate that new buildings aim for zero energy (the 2050 target). The next steps are for dlr to develop a decarbonisation strategy for its building stock and fleet and to identify the resources required to deliver on the decarbonisation programme. Negotiations have begun about Pathfinder funding with SEAI and Codema (Dublin's Energy Agency) to explore options.

Conservation

Planning Applications	20
Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications	2
Section 5 Declarations	2
Draft County Development Plan 2022/8	Ongoing
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2022 Grant Scheme	Closing date for applications is 28 January
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2022 Grant Scheme	Closing date for applications is 28 January

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	9
Not Dangerous	2
Total	11

Community and Cultural Development

Local Policing Fora

A Meeting of the Ballybrack Loughlinstown Shankill Local Policing Forum took place on 11th January on MS Teams.

Community Response to COVID-19:

- The Community Response Forum is meeting every three months 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. A meeting was held on 12 January.
- Family Support Group met the 1st week of December to identify any emerging needs.

Community Development Team:

The team are continuing to support community groups with the resumption of activities and services with restrictions lifting.

Ballinteer Men's Shed

On the 28th of January the turning of the sod took place at Stonemasons Way, Ballinteer, to mark works commencing on provision of a structure which will provide the Ballinteer Men's Shed with a comfortable place to meet. This project has been supported by the Community Department and Parks Department and will support the group by enabling them to meet and stay connected and engaged.

Community Facilities:

All end of year activity reports have been submitted from community facilities. This provides an overview of activities offered during the year and supports planning for the coming year.

Community Grants

The Community grants closed for applications on 28th January. 175 applications were received. These will be assessed and recommendations for these, and all the other grant streams, will be made to the March Council meeting.

Community Engagement: Love Our Laneways

The Community Department working in partnership with Infrastructure and Climate Change have undertaken an extensive programme of consultation with the community of Sallynoggin, including stakeholders and residents, to re-imagine how Pearse Drive can be improved. This process will provide dlr with an effective toolkit to guide future consultations. Progress to date culminated in a pop-up event in the laneway at the end of December where potential improvements were trialed. The event was well attended and provided dlr with further opportunities for engaging and consulting with the community. This project will now start to move into the design phase.

Cultural Development

Arts

Municipal Gallery Programme

On Steady Ground/Unsteady Ground, a collaborative exhibition by artists Cora Cummins and Saoirse Higgins, continued in the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon. The artists, who are residents of the County, were awarded a Visual Art Commission from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, funded by the Arts Council.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/steady-groundunsteady-ground>

Arts Grants

The Arts grant scheme for 2022 was launched in early December with a closing date of the 28th of January. Applications were open to artists, arts organisations, community groups etc and will support a broad range of artistic activity throughout the County. 124 applications were received and will now be assessed.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/funding-opportunities/arts-grants>

dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme,

Don't Go Where I Can't Find You, a short film commissioned under dlr First Frames and filmed in the county, has been selected for screening at the Virgin Media Dublin International Film Festival in February 2022. Many of the crew members are graduates of the National Film School in IADT. dlr First Frames Scheme, supporting emerging film-makers, 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.youtube.com/watch?v=ieVC4bohSTs&t=5s>

Early Childhood Arts

The four Dublin Local Authority Arts Services have been involved in a partnership aimed at the development of Early Childhood Arts Practice. Now in its fifth year the partnership has successfully applied for Arts Council funding to; Evaluate the Impact of the Exploring and Thinking Bursary Awards to date, Highlight artists practice that: explores young children's more equitable access to arts services & considers the voice of the child within the arts in local authority areas and to host a sharing day for the sectorb in January 2023. Work will begin in Q2 2022.

Libraries

All dlr Library spaces are open as part of a gradual and measured resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines. These include: re-introduction of designated PC Spaces for internet access, seating and Study Spaces

Following the most recent Govt. announcement on 21 January 2022, restrictions on social distancing no longer apply. Capacity restrictions for all events and activities, indoors and outdoors, have been removed. The wearing of masks in libraries is still required.

At this time, dlr Libraries continue a hybrid approach; programming events and activities online, while continuing to recommence onsite events and activities in a gradual and measured way.

Book Drop Service

The number of calls to the Book Drop Service remains low at present. For those members of our community unable to visit their local dlr Library in person, staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests for books. A selection of books is boxed and then delivered safely to homes. For further information about this service, please contact dlr LexIcon staff by phone on 01 280 1147 or email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

dlr Libraries Online

Online Resources

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

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

Tumblebooks is an online collection of e-books for children. You can use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone. All you need is an Internet connection. There are no downloads –

books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.

- read magazines and newspapers online with **Overdrive** and **Pressreader**
- take an online course with **Universal Class**

With over 400 courses, Universal Class is committed to providing the highest quality online training. Over 300,000 students around the world have benefited from Universal Class' unique instructional technologies. Courses are available in accounting, business, psychology, exercise and fitness, entrepreneurship, arts and music, home and garden care, cooking, computers and technology, health and medicine, writing skills, law and legal ...plus 100s more!

- learn a language online with **Transparent Language Online**

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

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

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

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

Events for Adults

At this time, dlr Libraries continue to programme events and activities online, while continuing to recommence onsite events and activities in a gradual and measured way, in line with LGMA Guidelines on Group Activities and Events.

Return of our popular Quizzes!

To ease us gently into the New Year, we re-introduced our very popular series of online weekly quizzes. Every weekend in January, we hosted our Friday Night Family Quiz and our Saturday Night Grown Ups Quiz. With an average attendance of 400 and 550 participants respectively, interest in these challenging and highly entertaining quizzes, organised and hosted by Library staff, shows no sign of waning.

Healthy Eating workshops

Our popular series of workshops on Healthy Eating is back for January and February 2022. Chef Catherine Fulvio facilitated 4 online sessions in January on *Healthy Family Meals*, *Get Your Glow*, *5 Key Ingredients* and *Family Baking*. Ingredient lists and recipes were sent out in advance to participants. An average of 100 attended each session on the day with more viewing afterwards with access to the online event link. Chef Neven Maguire will be joining us in February for more cookery sessions.

Get Crafty! – Arts & Crafts events

This Spring, dlr Libraries are hosting a series of online craft events for adults, children and schools. Events for adults kicked off at the end of January with **Crystal Art with Margaret Goulding**, with events for children starting in February with [Me and The Moon](#).

For schools, we were joined by [The ReDiscovery Centre](#) for workshops on Creative Waste and **Me and The Moon** will be hosting some workshops inspired by some of your favourite children's books. Booking information for schools events is available from the Teachers' Area on our website.

Clubs & Groups

Our popular online monthly Book Club with Mary Burnham took place on Wednesday 26 January at 7.30pm with a Zoom discussion of *Olga* by Bernard Schlink. Members can call in to collect the chosen titles or continue to download them from our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

Blackrock Library book club for adults meets monthly on the last Thursday of the month. Two book clubs operated from dlr LexIcon continue to meet online every month, as does the dlr Staff book club.

Onsite Exhibition Programme

National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) Photographic Exhibition 17 January - 25 February (Deansgrange Library)

This exhibition features an artistic and varied collection of photographs created by patients and staff of the **National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH)** for Adults and Children, who attended a photography course in the NRH.

Shifting Foundations: The Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown 10 December – 9 February 2022 (dlr LexIcon)

This publication and accompanying exhibition explore the history of some of the big houses of the County including Fernhill, Cabinteely and Marlay. The book also explores the plight of big houses within the County in the lead-up to and following Irish independence. This project is part of [dlr Decade of Centenaries 2021](#) and has been curated by **David Gunning**, dlr Historian in Residence. The book is available to purchase at dlr LexIcon and Dubray Books in Dún Laoghaire .

Twelve Views of the Sugarloaf:

A series of watercolours inspired by the Japanese masters and their depictions of Mount Fuji

Until 10 Jan 2022 (dlr LexIcon)

We are pleased to present an exhibition by artist Mags Harnett who was inspired by various views of the Sugarloaf Mountain on her many travels between Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown where she lives, and her Studio in Wicklow. She was captivated by techniques used by the Japanese artists who were endlessly innovative with their compositions, 'obscured' views of the mountain and their inclusion of images of contemporary life in their work.

20 Cómic: 20 years of Injuve Comic Awards

9 November 2021 – 7 January 2022 (dlr LexIcon)

Cómic 20 shows 40 works by 20 Spanish artists (1998-2018) and each artist is represented by two pieces of art, of which one is an early work and the other a more recent one. The artists have been selected from the Injuve Comic Award, open to artists below the age of thirty. Further details [here](#). With thanks to the Instituto Cervantes Dublin.

Curated by Gerardo Vilches: Instituto Cervantes Dublin

All Right on the Night

22 Oct 2021 – 31 Jan 2022 (dlr LexIcon)

This fascinating exhibition celebrates the work of Anne Makower and Christopher Fitz-Simon in theatre, opera, television and radio. Both worked in RTÉ as producers for many years.

*For information on all our **online exhibitions**, please visit:*

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

Events for Children

Get Crafty! – Arts & Crafts events

This Spring, dlr Libraries are hosting a series of online craft events for adults, children and schools. Events for adults kicked off at the end of January with **Crystal Art with Margaret Goulding**, with events for children starting in February with [Me and The](#)

[Moon.](#)

For schools, we were joined by [The ReDiscovery Centre](#) for workshops on Creative Waste and **Me and The Moon** will be hosting some workshops inspired by some of your favourite children's books. Booking information for Schools' events is available from the **Teachers' Area** on our website.

James Joyce Monster Draw-along with Alan Nolan

Ahead of the centenary of the publication of James Joyce's literary masterpiece *Ulysses* on 2 February 1922, we have illustrator [Alan Nolan](#) telling us about Joyce's children's story **The Cat and The Devil** and showing us how to draw a fiendish feline.

Little Library Book Bags

We still have **Little Library Book Bags** for collection by the Early Learning & Care Centres in the County. In this second phase of this national initiative, First 5 Little Library book bags are available for **ELCs and School-Age Childcare** services in each County. The initiative supports ELC and SAC services to further develop little libraries in their settings with quality book titles in English and Irish.

Statistics

Social media (as of 22 January 2022)

Facebook	6,349 followers
Twitter	8,531 followers
Instagram	3,083 followers
New! TikTok	219 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	7,292 subscribers

Online resources (as of 22 January 2022)

Digital library issues

Jan 2022

Resource	Description	Prelim Checkouts Jan 2022
Overdrive	e Audio	1031
Overdrive	e Book	1501
Overdrive	Comics	0
Overdrive	Magazines	2783
Borrowbox	e Audio	4916
Borrowbox	e Book	2410
Freegal	Streaming + Download	1468
Press Reader	Newspapers	12946
Tumblebooks		61
Total		27116

Parks

Parks & Landscape Services

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Direct labour and contract tree works ongoing
- Countywide Tree Planting underway
- Additional seating in parks installed and some on going
- Ballawley Park Playground extension works completed
- Ballinteer Men’s Shed under construction
- Drainage works undertaken in Marlay Park

Heritage

- County Heritage Plan 2021-2025 launch with photocall/press release/dlrc web news item – coordinated social media in planning with Comms
- Presentation to Seniors Team on new Heritage Plan
- Memorials Committee meeting to discuss draft updated Memorials Policy. Feedback being incorporated – policy to be presented at March SPC meeting.
- Roll out of Ulysses 100 programme in collaboration with dlr Tourism, dlr LexIcon and Friends of Joyce Tower (Jan 29th – Feb 2nd), part funded by Creative Ireland, including guided walks, talks, events, banners and new brochure/map on the real people of Ulysses in Deansgrange Cemetery
- Dublin Mountains Community Archaeologist programme;
 - 4 part online training programme commenced for Dublin Mountains Partnership volunteers, mountain user groups etc. – 20 at first training event, continuing into Feb;
 - Planned for Feb completion; Dublin Mountains Archaeology resource packs, webinar (Feb 2nd, 500 attendees booked), short videos, designs for new interpretive panels
- Webinar for dlr Community Heritage Grant 2022
- Shifting Foundations - Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire/Cottages in Livery/Treaty centenary exhibitions up until Feb 9th at dlr LexIcon. Airfield Estate have requested some panels to tour to Airfield for further exhibit, exhibitions will remain available online after 9th
- Liaison with Dalkey Tidy Towns/Dept of Rural and Community Development re. Entente Florale Dalkey nomination
- Funding applications submitted in Jan and pending approval:
 - Dept of TCAGSM: 2022 Decade of Centenaries (collaborating with dlr Libraries); focus on extending *People’s History of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown* programme – to include further interviews and exhibition, digital StoryMaps, podcasts and book. Additional funding submission made for a resource to “create a permanent memory” through curating and making available online 7 years of dlr Decade of Centenaries content. This resource would also support communities who have questions about how to preserve/archive important community-held historic material and include *community gathering days* with a possible future “History of dlr in 100 objects” type exhibition
 - Heritage Council; Heritage Plan action funding; dlr memorials audit and update of 2013 “In Honour and Memory” booklet; People’s History of dlr transcription and digital curation input
 - Heritage Council: Dublin Mountains Community Archaeologist 2022 programme
- Site meeting with Blackglen Road team re. integrated interpretation
- Progression of Augmented Reality historic photo project (Creative Ireland funded)
- Progression of Interpretation planning/design for Williamstown Martello Tower
- Liaison/site meetings with relevant agencies, landowner and local group in relation to access to the Brennanstown Dolmen
- Progression of Casement publication to coincide with statue launch

- Progression of Illustrating Cherrywood timelapse project for early 2022 launch
- In collaboration with dlr Tourism - progression of Fáilte Ireland-funded Dún Laoghaire Pier historic trail
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens and community groups
- UNESCO Biosphere Partners, Línte na Farráige project, Dublin Heritage Officers co-ordination meetings

Biodiversity

- DLR Biodiversity Action Plan draft agreed at the Community, Culture and Wellbeing SPC and presented to the Management Team
- Invasive Species ID and Treatment Workshop for staff completed for our three main invasive species – Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed and Three cornered leek and recording put up on DLR Intranet
- Invasive Species ID booklets provided for staff
- Invasive Species Representatives Team set up for DLR sections to use a cross departmental approach to dealing with invasive species
- DLR's Biodiversity officer representing LAs on the National Biodiversity Forum for the development of the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 – 2026
- Workshop with EMRA and DLR staff in relation to the development of the Green Infrastructure tool for decision makers
- Workshop with EMRA and other LAs to explore the extension of the Green Infrastructure tool for decision makers beyond DLR to a regional level
- Biosphere partnership meeting and development of biodiversity images and text to promote biodiversity to commuters on Irish Rail Dart Windows
- Dalkey island management for biodiversity for 2022 commenced
- Draft marine - intertidal reefs desktop study completed

CoCo Markets January 2022

During the month of January, we received 7 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 3 seasonal for Marlay Park Saturday and Marlay Sunday (Non-food/craft) - 2 accepted/1 refused
- 1 Permanent for Dun Laoghaire Sunday (Hot food)- Refused
- 2 Seasonal for Dún Laoghaire Sunday (Artist/Craft)-Accepted
- 1 Seasonal for Marlay and Dún Laoghaire (food) Accepted for Marlay only

Sports Development

dlr Leisure: Set up and completed the following activities in January

Dheis Schools drafts programme

Contacted our respective Dheis schools and the following took part;

1. Good Shepard
2. Holy Family
3. Dominican
4. St. Columbanus

St Joseph's school and St Kevin's will be commencing their school programme in March (update in March report)

Youth groups

dlr Leisure coached the following youth group services in January;

1. Sandyford youth group (10-14 age mixed group)
2. Dun Laoghaire youth group Boys Only (11-13 age)
3. Dun Laoghaire youth group (10-12 age mixed group)
4. Mounttown youth group (12-14 age Boys only)
5. Mounttown youth group (12-15 age girls only group)
6. Whitehouse Ballyogan (11-13 age girls only)
7. Shankill youth group Boys only (12 -14 age)
8. Boylan Centre mixed group (10-12 age)
9. Boylan Centre mixed group (15 + age)
10. Boylan Centre group mixed group (12-14 age)
11. Nutgrove youth service boys only (11-13 age)
12. St Tiernan's secondary school multi-sport programme (2nd year)
13. Carmona services 3 groups (18 + age)
14. Lakelands special needs group for archery (18+ age)
15. Blackrock special needs group for archery (18+ age)

Other activities

- Met with Thomas Reck from Nutgrove youth service about setting up programmes with his new groups in February and March (updates will follow)
- Met Ronan Adams from Dun Laoghaire Sailing to discuss setting up the schools sailing programme after Easter. Provisional dates 26th and 27th April booked.
- Dlr leisure assisted sports partnership with 3k walk in Cabinteely Park on the 16th January.
- Met with Shankill youth service in relation to setting up an active youth challenge for their respective groups starting in February.
- Met with Clive from Ballybrack youth service about setting up a girls only programme in mid-February.
- Met with Brendan from St Lawrence's college in relation to setting up an after-school programme for their school starting in March (updates will be provided).
- Met Rachel from Rosemount Youth Club and arranged a one-day Easter camp for April 13th covering soccer and archery.
- Met with Monkstown boxing club about possible programme set up with groups.
- Met Aishling from Whitehouse Crosscare and have set up an active youth challenge programme starting in February (updates will be provided in February report).
- Met with Georgina from the Boylan Centre about setting up an active youth challenge starting in February (updates will be provided in February).

Leinster Rugby

Schools

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO DLR)

Primary Schools

6 – 430 males and 243 females

Secondary Schools

2 – 75 males and 33 females

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO DLR)

Primary schools

1 – 160 females

Secondary schools

5 – 134 females and 51 males

Andrew Egan (Leinster Rugby CCRO – Old Wesley RFC)

Primary Schools

6 – 248 males and 158 females

Rugby clubs

Blackrock College RFC U11s – Ruck session – 27 male players – JS

Old Wesley RFC U10 & U12s female rugby – first contact game against St Mary’s College RFC – EMcK

Old Wesley RFC – U7s coach every Sunday morning – AE

Old Wesley RFC – Female coach (mini & youth players) every Sunday afternoon – AE

DLR rugby development schools – junior and senior cup and shield – knock out stages

Junior shield:

Newpark School are playing Presentation Carlow in the semi-finals – date TBC

Senior shield:

Clonkeen College are playing their quarter final game on the 31st of Jan 2022 against Mountrath CS

Junior cup:

Oatlands College lost their first-round game to Coláiste Chill Mhantáin

Senior cup:

Oatlands College lost their first-round game to East Glendalough School

South Dublin 7s

Round 1 hosted by Blackrock College RFC with two sections

Male section full contact – 186 players U14 (1st years) – 8 schools are attending with 5 schools from DLRCC

Female section touch – 28 players U14 (1st years) – 2 schools are attending with 1 school from DLRCC

Leinster Rugby & DLR sports partnership CLUE program

The CLUE program is running in the following four schools in DLR:

- De La Salle College (1 class completed) – JS
- Ballinteer Community School (2 classes completed & the 3rd class is starting in March 2022) – JS
- Cabinteely Community School (2 classes started) – JS
- Holy Child Community School (1 class started) – EMcK

FAI:

- **Girls Emerging Talent:** Player ID ongoing at DLR and South Dublin clubs. Sessions beginning in late February.
- **Child Welfare:** Both DOs completed Tutor Training to deliver Safeguarding 1 courses. Planning annual courses for local clubs.
- **Coach Education:** Planning PDP courses and small-sided games workshops.
- **Futsal in the Yard:** Promoting programme with new schools, aim to recommence programme in February.
- **Disney Playmakers:** Girls 5-8-year-old Programme at St Joseph’s AFC. Planning new programme for April.
- **Late Night League:** Ongoing work with DLR leisure and Crosscare groups. Planning to deliver a PDP coaching course.
- **Club Mark:** Ongoing contact with registered clubs to achieve award.
- **Soccer Sisters & Summer camps:** Promoting with local clubs.

Leinster Cricket:

- Contacting schools with session plans and arranging sessions for coming weeks.
- Continued planning for next year’s Leprechaun cup softball competition.
- Continued planning and liaison with DLR CoCo and local cricket clubs regarding development of Shanganagh Park. Dalkey Archives cricket club will now be using the pitch midweek for Taverners matches (social matches played generally by older members of cricket community and those interested in playing cricket for fun).
- Continued liaison with both Sandyford CC and DLRCC to help them provide junior sections for the 2022 season.

- Organising teachers coach ed. sessions that will take place March/April.

Sports Partnership

- **Staffing** – Business Case submitted to Dept. to fill the SIDO position. Awaiting date to advertise the other 3 new funded positions.
- **LSP Covid Fund 2021** – have secured €44,600 from Sport Ireland to deliver a 3rd Round of the Covid-19 Club Small Grants Scheme for 2022.
- **Dormant Accounts 2022** – applied under 4 separate streams (total of €148,000).
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – small number of clubs still to submit documentation from Round 1 (10). Successful clubs in Round 2 granted initial 75%.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme** – our 2022 scheme closed for applications on the 28th January. Fund of €35,000 available through Sport Ireland.
- **Women In Sport Leadership Programme** – new 8-week leadership programme has now started for 18 females involved in sport in DLR. In addition, a new Women-In Sport Sub-Group of the DLRSP Board has been set up to progress this priority area.
- **Active Dublin** – working with Sport Ireland and other Cities to coordinate delivery for 2022. Active Cities DLR Officer required to drive the project
- **Marathon Kids** – 8-week programme for 5th & 6th classes starting in February with 900 pupils across 13 schools.
- **Older Adult Online Activity Classes** – new Strength & Balance programme and over 55's Yoga programme started on the 2nd February (70 participants).
- **Ballyogan Sport & Physical Activity Hub** – working with local schools and partner agencies, including Crosscare and the Family Resource Centre, to deliver targeted projects for children and young people in the area. Purchased 10 balance bikes suitable for 4 to 6 year old's to facilitate learn to cycle programme in 2022.
- **Operation Transformation** – public walk event held on the 16th January in Cabinteely Park as part of national initiative (60 participants).
- **Walking For Health** - new 5-week walking programme started in Cabinteely to help people gradually work their way up to a 5km walk event (26 participants).
- **Swimmin Women** – completed delivery of this programme that utilised aquatic exercise to enhance quality of life during menopause (20 women).
- **Get Going Get Rowing** – continuing to deliver to girls in DEIS secondary schools across the County in partnership with Rowing Ireland.
- **Inclusive Bike Fleet** – continuing this free hire service for bikes suitable for older adults and people with disabilities. Includes tri-shaws, tandem, trike and handcycle.
- **Child Safeguarding** – delivered 2 x courses in January (24 attendees).
- **Youth Leadership** – working with Leinster Rugby and LIFT Ireland to continue to deliver leadership training through sport to TY students.
- **St. Michaels Hospital Couch To 2K** – working with management to deliver a staff return to fitness programme over the coming weeks.