



DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 – 28 February 2023

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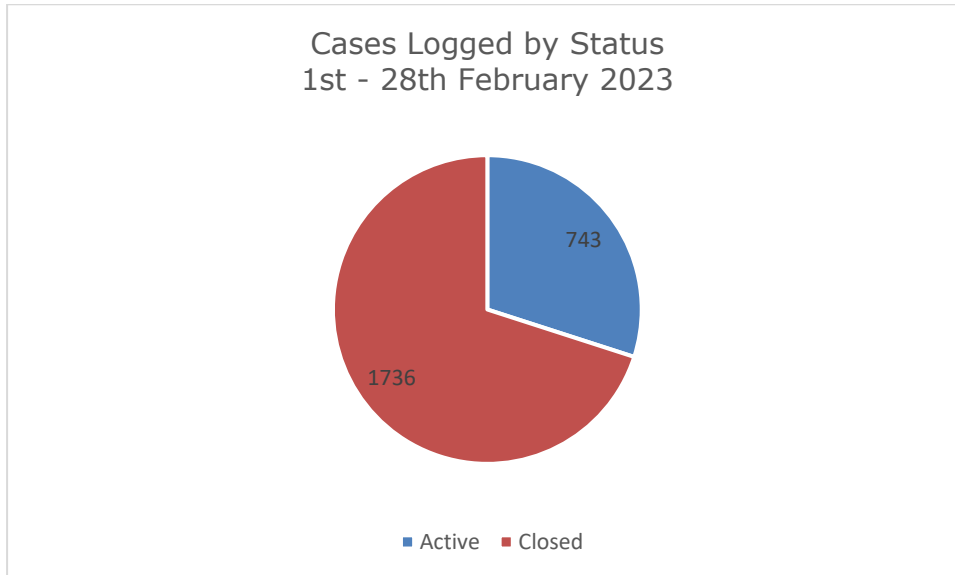
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Civic Hub Stats



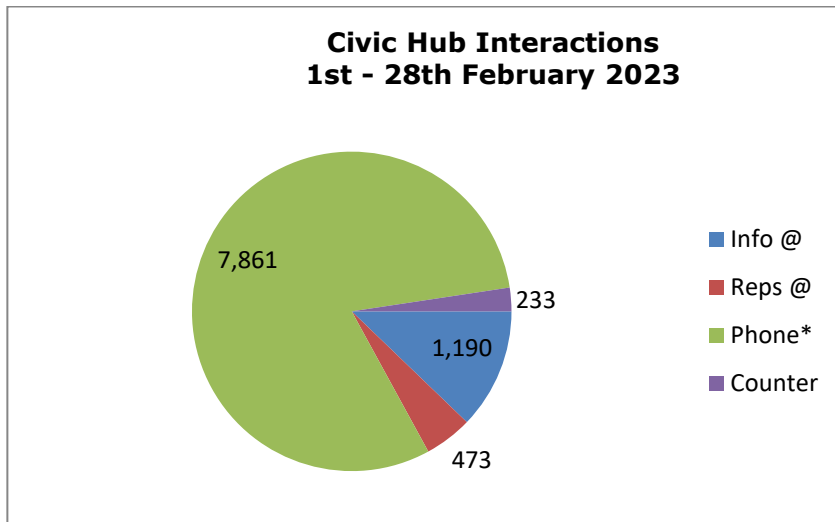
Cases logged from 1st – 28th February 2023

Open	743
Closed	1736

Cases Logged from 1st – 28th February 2023, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	1	9	10
Ballyogan Depot	1		1
Coco	2		2
Comms & Civic Hub	9	397	406
Community	3	2	5
Corporate Services	6	2	8
DEACTIVATED USERS		1	1
dlrcoco	1	2	3
Enterprise	2		2
Environment	107	347	454
Finance	22	234	256
Housing	60	86	146
IT	1		1
Parks	214	194	408
Planning	3	23	26
Property	13	7	20
Transportation	265	373	638
Waste Enforcement	25	40	65
Water Services	8	19	27
Grand Total	743	1736	2479

* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls



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Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	6838	1023

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	1190	473	1663

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	181	52	233

Website Activity

Website	Page Views	Users
Dlrco.co.ie	141,754	41,774
Dlrevents.ie	2,818	1,313
dlrLibraries	35,252	8,964

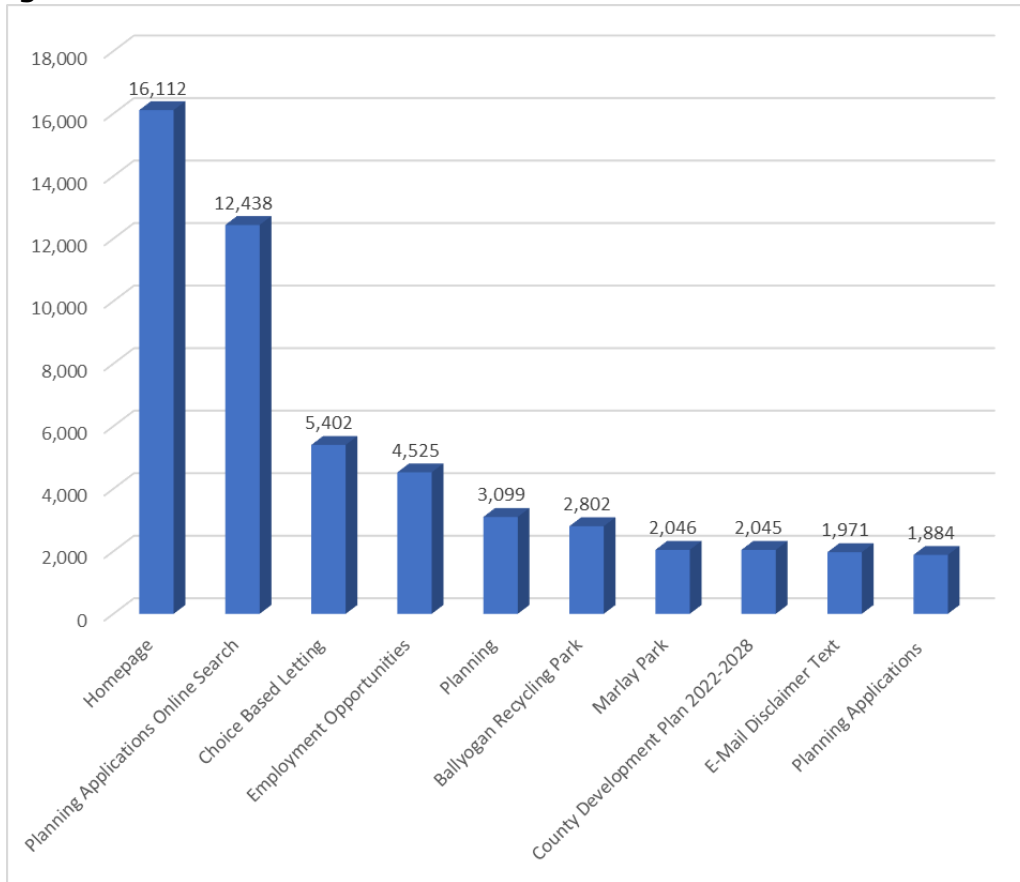
Freedom of Information

There was 11 FOI requests received during this period.

Press Queries

10 press queries were received between the 1st and the 28th of February.

Top Pages



Social Media Activity

Profile ▲	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	77,672 ▲ 0.3%	210 ▼ 44.1%	874 ▲ 12.9%	1,020,781 ▼ 15.3%	27,617 ▼ 36.3%	2.7% ▼ 24.8%	4,125 ▼ 48.9%
Compare to Jan 1, 2023 - Jan 31, 2023	77,457	376	774	1,204,972	43,328	3.6%	8,074
@DLR_Libraries	8,765	9	74	57,244	1,465	2.6%	983
@dirArts	3,004	5	29	16,003	391	2.4%	304
@dlrcc	19,549	34	237	305,464	5,016	1.6%	1,377
@dlrheritevents	3,996	0	4	1,839	84	4.6%	11
@leo_dlr	5,600	8	77	6,250	122	2%	23
dlrcoco.ie	6,788	62	194	145,494	1,356	0.9%	606
dlrevents	12,227	1	0	1,935	41	2.1%	34
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	14,590	71	207	434,391	16,929	3.9%	658
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	3,153	20	52	52,161	2,213	4.2%	129

Municipal Services

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28 April. The Rest Centre continues to accommodate up to 300 displaced Ukrainian nationals for short periods. Over 3,000 people have stayed at the centre for short periods.

As part of a comprehensive wrap around service, accommodation services at the Centre are being supported by HSE staff including Environmental Health, Public Health and COVID-19 services. The HSE is providing onsite support to meet the healthcare needs of Ukrainian residents, and residents also have access to an offsite GP service 7 days a week.

Among the facilities available in the temporary rest centre is separate laundry and sanitary facilities, internet access, television spaces, games consoles, games room, chessboards, use of bikes and scooters, libraries of Ukrainian books for children and adults, translation services, as well as online access to Ukrainian newspapers and magazines.

Additionally, orientation and information sessions, basic English language lessons and an arts and music entertainment programme is being developed both onsite and nearby offsite.

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

Work is now underway to provide extra facilities, including 92 extra beds, a homework club room for children, an adult's workspace, and a new improved space for teenagers.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report - February 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	The Park Estate Cabinteely (part of)	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (part of)		✓			
3	Barrack Road, Glencullen (part of)	✓				
4	Meadowmount (part of)	✓				
5	College Road / Killmashogue (part of)	✓				
6	Ballinlea Road (part of)	✓				Due to be tendered in February
7	Ashlawn Estate (part of)	✓				Liaising with IW, ESB, PL and other utilities
8	Glenageary Road Upper		✓			
9	Barnhill Road (part of)	✓				Design nearly complete
10	Dalkey Avenue (part of)	✓				Survey underway
11	Monkstown Crescent (part of)	✓				
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Old Clonkeen Road	✓				
2	Trisilian, Foxrock	✓				
3	Olivemount Grove / Road					
4	Prospect Lawn	✓				
5	Brennanstown Road					
6	Grange Wood	✓				
7	Idrone Lane			✓		Nearly complete
8	Pucks Castle Lane	✓				
9	Sallynoggin Road	✓				
10	Avondale Road (driveways)	✓				Survey carried out
11	Rock Road (Boooterstown to Blackrock)	✓				
12	Foxrock Court	✓				
13	Dundela Estate (parts of)	✓				
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley (part of)			✓		
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)	✓				
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)	✓				
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)	✓				
5	Mount Anville Road (part of)		✓			

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
6	Dún Laoghaire Town (part of Northumberland Avenue)		✓			
7	Watsons Estate (part of)	✓				Survey carried out
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				
9	Trafalgar Terrace	✓				Design nearly complete
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
2	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment	✓				
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood				✓	
2	Mount Albion Road Churchtown	✓				
3	Brighton Road Foxrock.	✓				
4	Cherrywood Road/Bray Road junction	✓				
5	Castlebyrne Park	✓				
6	Priory Avenue	✓				
7	Mounttown Road Upper				✓	Works nearly complete
8	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing					
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Loreto Park (part of)	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	
3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings	✓				
4	Laneway Between Seaview Park and Shanganagh Road (near Texaco Garage)	✓				
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Wyckham Bypass	✓				
2	N11 3-Year Resurfacing Programme	✓				
3	Sallyglen Road (part of)	✓				
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn	✓				
2	Rathsallagh Estate	✓				Survey carried out

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	Redesdale Estate - certain laneways	✓				
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				
	* 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.					
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Cherrygarth, Stillorgan	✓				
2	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill	✓				

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2023 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave				✓			Tender assessment complete
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes				✓			The detailed design is being progressed on the scheme including the redesign of the Luas junction. A contractor has been appointed for the construction of public realm schemes at the end of Ballymoss Road and Arkle Road
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)			✓				Detailed design is proceeding on the scheme with a final design due to completed soon
Cycle Parking Development					✓		Cycle parking has been installed on Patrician Villas, Clarinda Park West, Bakers Corner, Fitzgerald Park West (17 stands) Cycle stands have also been installed in parks and playgrounds on the west of the County during Q1 2023. (8 locations)
Rapid deployment Cycle schemes					✓		Cycle Protection works are complete on Avondale Road. Cycle protection works and junction improvement works are due to commence on Newtownpark Avenue in February 2023.
Stepaside Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						A preliminary design is ongoing
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						A preliminary design is ongoing
Dundrum Bypass						✓	This is with reference to the bus laybys being constructed on Dundrum bypass. Works substantially complete.

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Public Consultations							
None by the Roads and Traffic Section at present							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Preliminary design being developed.

Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

Refresher training of over 70 School Wardens completed. Letters of attendance to be issued.

Speed Limit Review

Public consultation documents are currently being prepared.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

No TAG meetings in February 2023

Deputations

Deputations with Frankfort Park Residents (Dundrum Ward) and St Patrick's Park Residents, Stepside (Glencullen/Sandyford) both on 15th February 2023. Council staff met with Corbawn residents on 18th of February 2023.

Bus Connects

An Bord Pleanála (ABP) has advised that the decision due date for Blackrock to City Centre planning application, has been put back to before 7th April 2023. Regarding the Bray to City Centre CBC planning application, the submission of this application to ABP is now expected in Q2, 2023.

Bus Interchanges at Dundrum, Dun Laoghaire & Blackrock

Discussions are ongoing with the NTA regarding bus interchange improvements at both Dundrum and Dun Laoghaire. The improvements are needed to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects' programme. Meetings/workshops are ongoing to progress this work and a multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist. In addition, discussions are also ongoing with the NTA regarding potential public realm improvements in Blackrock and the impact on the existing bus interchange and bus services.

Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs)

Dundrum ABTA - Work on this project is progressing and the ABTAs Stages 1, 2 & 3 now completed with work on Stage 4 - Preparation of a draft Local Transport Plan/ABTA Recommendations Report, now at an advanced stage.

Racecourse South lands & Kiltiernan - Glenamuck– The Council, in conjunction with the NTA, is progressing Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs) for the Racecourse South lands at Carrickmines, in accordance with the requirements of SLO 143 in the current County Development Plan and for the Kiltiernan – Glenamuck area in order to support the preparation of a Local Area Plan to replace the current Kiltiernan - Glenamuck Local Area Plan, due to expire later this year. The Council is aiming to have a consultant appointed in Q2 to commence the studies.

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints Study, Hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders are underway. A Ground Investigation Contract is complete, Work has begun to review sites for environmental impacts. We have received preliminary approval from Irish Rail to tunnel under the rail line. Public Consultation on the preferred option took place on the 13th December. Detailed preparation is beginning for the Part 8 submission.

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

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially completed, and final draft mapping is awaited from the Consultants.

4. Roads Control Unit

Irish Water Reinstatement IWR Works 2023

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 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2023	
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Trees Road Lower, Stillorgan	Pending the completion of private drainage works by Developers
3	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill	Resurfacing works completed Outstanding Road Marking

Section 254's

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

ground telecommunications infrastructure.

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1 st Jan 2023 – up to date	
Applications	
Received	4
Granted	0
Withdrawn	0
Refused	0

The Section 254 webpage is now live on dlrcoco.ie

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

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics: February 2023

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	251	242	249	538	325	280
Clean-Ups Assisted	61	50	63	67	30	70
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	1	26	14	23	7	19
Bathing Water Samples Taken	42	37	18	18	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	1,305	711	1,177	792	690	1,210
Dumping Incidents Managed	46	26	34	32	65	44
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	7	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Street Bin Collections	6,012	5,214	5,294	4,620	4,670	5,103

* Statistics available up to the end of January 2023.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – February 2023

- Coliemore Harbour: Project Governance Board approval was sought and granted for the construction element of the Coliemore Harbour rock anchor installation project. The constructions works are now proposed to commence in September due to further design considerations and restrictions in relation to bird nesting timelines.
- Quinns Road – The beach access repair works were tendered, and a contractor has been selected. A local Councillor briefing was held to discuss the site access and contractor compound requirements. Local Resident Group communications are also

scheduled. The contractor is expected to start in March. Access onto the beach from Quinns Road will be prohibited during the 8 week construction period.

- 40 Foot Remedial Repairs – One ladder has been installed thus far and the main handrail installation work is underway on site at the moment. Two replacement ladders remain to be installed and this will be completed over the next few weeks thereby completing the project.
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning.
- DLR Baths – Maintenance crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc. whilst also emptying bins.
- The Road and Cycle Lane Sweeping is on-going as per the schedules and also as per CRM requests.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going.
- Beach Lifeguards applications were received and are under review by HR presently. Interviews will commence shortly.
- Bathing water sampling is ongoing at our 9 locations every fortnight as scheduled.
- The annual Bin Review is being compiled and will be finalised and ready for submission in March.

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 1,830 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 28th February 2023 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	778
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	326
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	260
Parking a vehicle on a footway	116
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	58
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	49
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	45
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	35
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	33
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	33
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	33
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	14
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	7
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	6
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	5
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	5
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	4

Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	3
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	3
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	3
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	3
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	2
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	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
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	1
Parking out of the limits of a bay	1
Total no. of tickets issued between 1st and 28th February 2023	1,830

There 37 were convictions secured in the District Court in February 2023.

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 Feb 2023:	566
Percentage of lights out at the end of Feb 2023:	1.2%
Pole replacement carried out in Feb 2023:	0
Bracket replacements:	53
Tree trimming:	0
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	9
LED Upgrades	82
Total lights upgraded to LED	20,854
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	85.9%

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	16
Inspections completed	1

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	4
Legal requests:	1

Road Opening Licences (1st – 28th February 2023)

National Mproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	181
Applications Not Processed Yet	73
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	3
Valid Licences Issued	95
Licensed Works Completed	10

Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In February 2023 there were:

- 3 application for road closure.
- 3 applications for film location
- 1 application for event signage

7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Cruise Ship Business

There are approximately 95 Cruise Ships booked in for 2023 at present with over 160,000 passengers and 68,000 crew. The first ship is due to arrive on 5th April. We are busy making preparations for the 2023 season, with a view to maximizing the guests positive experience of Dun Laoghaire when they arrive.

Grant Funding

The Brexit Adjustment Local Authority Marine Infrastructure (BALAMI) Scheme 2022 – 2023 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has launched a Second Tranche call for applications. Dun Laoghaire Harbour received over €3 million in grant funding from the first tranche. We submitted 5 grant applications to this scheme by the deadline of 30th September 2022 and have been awarded another €1 million in grant funding for improvements on the Carlisle Pier.

Projects:

National Watersports Campus

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

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

Berth 2 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

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

works on site.

Grant funding has recently been secured for the installation phase of this project from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme.

Berth 3 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to replace the Berth 3 fenders from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. The project has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project as it is a mirror image of the Berth 2 fender project.

Carlisle Pier Deck repairs and lighting

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to resurface the deck of the Carlisle Pier and install lighting towers from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. The contractor has been appointed for these works which are due to commence in the coming weeks.

East Pier Revetment Repairs

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to repair the sloping revetment at the back (east side) of the East Pier from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This revertant provides the primary protection for the East Pier and has suffered some damage over recent years from the larger storms. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed to design and manage the project which is likely to be on site during the summer of 2023. Design work is complete, and this project is now out to tender.

Ferry Terminal

Retrofit works have commenced in the front office portion of the ferry terminal building. The tenant hopes to have the first sub-tenants on site in Q2 2023.

Dublin Array Windfarm

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

Coastival Festival 2023

The Biennial Dun Laoghaire Regatta is due to take place in July 2023. We are working with several DLRCC departments to expand this into a week-long festival named "Coastival" for the Dun Laoghaire Town and Harbour areas. This is planned to run from 1st – 9th July and many DLRCC departments are involved in putting together a schedule of events.

Finance and Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved February 2023	Enterprise Ireland target February 2023
Feasibility Study	3	3
Business Priming	2	2
Business Expansion	5	2
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	3	2
Trading Online Vouchers	25	8
Other Grant Applications (Green, Agile, IP etc.)	2	3
Microfinance Ireland *	1	3
Total Approvals	41	

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

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	February 2023
No of jobs created	10.5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2023	Total February 2023
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	41
Clients attending Networking Events	69
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	217
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	41
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	63
Total No of Clients Assisted	431

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total February 2023
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	0
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	0
Business Promotion Grants	0
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in February 2023

DLR Enterprise News	
	Local Enterprise Week 2023 Event Guide (Sent 10/02/23) Open rate 53%, 3376 recipients
	Pitch Perfect: Battle of the Start-Ups (Sent 14/02/23) Open rate 51%, 3369 recipients
	Local Enterprise Week 2023 Countdown (Sent 16/02/23) Open rate 54%, 3363 recipients

	<p>Join us for Local Enterprise Week 2023 (Sent 21/02/23) Open rate 55%, 3360 recipients</p> <p>How to Scale your Business Effectively (Sent 23/02/23) Open rate 47%, 3356 recipients</p> <p>5 Reasons to Become more Sustainable (Sent 24/02/23) Open rate 46%, 3340 recipients</p> <p>Local Enterprise Week Countdown – 7 Days to Go! (Sent 27/02/23) Open rate 44%, 3328 recipients</p> <p>Local Enterprise Week 2023 Countdown - 6 Days To Go! (Sent 28/02/23) Open rate 48%, 3326 recipients</p>
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Sessions throughout February
4-week Small Business Accounting course	7 th Feb 2023
Validation & Customer Discovery	8th Feb 2023
Social Media Strategy & Content Planning	13th Feb 2023
Networking & Driving Sales	16th Feb 2023
Plan & Brief a New Website	20th Feb 2023
Finance for Non-Finance Managers	24th Feb 2023
8 week Start Your Own Business course	28th Feb 2023

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: February 1 st – 28 th 2023				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,153	10	76	81,587
Twitter	5,605	13	88	434,000
Instagram	1,507	28	76	6,481

Tourism Development

Regional Festivals & Events Grant 2023

The annual Tourism Festivals & Events Grant 2023 closed for applications on February 3rd. Fourteen applications were received from around the county. Letters of offer have been sent out to all applicants to confirm their funding.

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2028

The tender closing date for the Tourism Development 5 Year Strategy was the 24th of February. Two tender responses were received which will be evaluated over the coming

days.

Sallynoggin College of Further Education – Tourism Students

DLR Tourism staff met with the Tourism Travel and Airline Studies Coordinator from Sallynoggin College of Further Education on Tuesday February 22nd. They gave the class along with a presentation & Q&A session on tourism in the county.

The meeting was following by a walking tour of the town and coast by one of our walking tour operators.

Water sports Facilities

A meeting took place with Failte Ireland to update the team on the development of the water sports facility at Killiney Beach.

Social Media Analysis February 2023

	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	8,615	12	13	32,957
Twitter	3,844	18	13	10,200
Instagram	3,134	44	13	12,310

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/01/2023				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/01/2023 €
A Total Housing & Building	-21,352,195	664,976	-603,304	-21,290,522
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-7,190,966	488,067	-140,326	-6,843,226
C Total Water Services	-2,111,576	19,286	0	-2,092,290
D Total Development Management	-190,909,531	1,279,068	-499,635	-190,130,098
E Total Environmental Services	-2,177,644	0	-76,499	-2,254,143
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-13,264,652	60,539	-63,125	-13,267,238
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,040,386	1,362	0	-4,039,024
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-36,487,734	11,734	-222,783	-36,698,783
Grand Total	-277,534,684	2,525,032	-1,605,672	-276,615,324

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/01/23						
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €		Balance at 31/01/2023		Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	25,066,203		122,431,252		98,205,989	24,225,263

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/01/2023

8.33%

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	6,255,090	64,495,700	9.70%
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,544,577	30,916,000	8.23%
C	Water Services	1,090,722	12,483,600	8.74%
D	Development Management	3,672,261	24,816,800	14.80%
E	Environmental Services	2,868,203	33,025,100	8.68%
F	Recreation & Amenity	2,750,349	33,627,900	8.18%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	324,811	3,760,700	8.64%
H	Miscellaneous Services	651,171	10,673,200	6.10%
Total Expenditure		20,157,184	213,799,000	9.43%

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	5,881,244	57,510,900	10.23%
B	Road Transport & Safety	1,175,875	12,773,100	9.21%
C	Water Services	769,974	8,552,800	9.00%
D	Development Management	2,472,973	6,538,300	37.82%
E	Environmental Services	602,410	5,616,300	10.73%
F	Recreation & Amenity	255,015	5,664,900	4.50%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	227,717	2,817,600	8.08%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,053,498	9,824,100	10.72%
Sub Total		12,438,706	109,298,000	11.38%

LPT	Local Property Tax	1,047,217	10,866,800	9.64%
RA	Rates	8,206,363	93,634,200	8.76%
Total Income		21,692,287	213,799,000	10.15%

Balance as at 31/01/2023		€1,535,103	Surplus	
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Planning Applications – monthly statistics 1st Feb 2023 – 28th February 2023

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	111	111
Decision Deferred	1	29	30
Decision to Grant**	0	98	98
Decision to Refuse**	0	16	16
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	100	100
Invalid Applications	0	15	15

*Includes 11 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".

1 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse).

Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD23A/0091	<p>KW PRS ICAV. Lands adjacent to 'The Grange', Brewery Road/Stillorgan Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.</p> <p>Proposed development comprising amendments to permitted SHD (ABP 305345-19) consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Block J: Changing façade material of lower element of Block J from render to brick. Block P: Layout & Elevational amendments to creche (Block P) resulting in combined increase in area of 20.6 sqm to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor changes to fenestration detail & dimensions of windows & doors. Block N: internal modifications comprising removal of satellite Bin Store from ground floor & addition of 16sqm switch room. Minor elevational & layout amendments to overall scheme. Retention permission sought for construction of 2 no. 2 bed units with associated balconies in Block H in lieu of 2 no. 1 bed units resulting in an overall development mix of 19 no. Studios, 123 no. 1-bed units, 145 –no. 2-bed units. There is no change to the total number of units. 	16/02/2023	22/03/2023	www.grangelrd.ie	12/04/2023

LRD23A/0126	<p>Viscount Securities. Clay Farm, Ballyogan Road, Dublin 18. Site is located to south of Clay Farm Phase 1, to north-west of Stepside Golf Course, to north & north-east of Cruagh Wood & Stepside Park & to east of two dwellings, including Clay Farm house.</p> <p>LRD consisting of alterations to Strategic Housing Development permitted under ABP Ref.: 301522-18, as amended under ABP Refs.: 304212-19, 305172-19, 308563-20 & 310422-21, which is currently under construction.</p> <p>The proposed alterations, which relate to West Village area of permitted development, consist of:</p> <p>Provision of an additional substation and switchroom, with a gross floor area of c. 38 sq.m, associated maintenance access road & set down area;</p> <p>Replacement of 8 no. 3-bed two storey terraced houses, with 7 no. 3-bed two storey semi-detached houses and 1-no. 3 bed two storey detached house; & All associated car parking changes, landscaping & site development works.</p> <p>The permitted SHD development provides 935 no. residential units (351 no. houses & 584 no. apartments) & proposed alterations comprise revisions to 8 no. of the permitted houses. There is no proposed change to the total number of units permitted.</p>	27/02/2023	03/04/2023	www.cfphase2s.hdamdts.ie	21/04/2023
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Planning Counter Figures: 1st February, 2023 to 28th February, 2023.

Customers Served	258
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RZLT update

- A total of 82 submissions on the draft RZLT map were received by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- There were no third-party submissions seeking the inclusion of additional lands.
- dlr have until 1st April 2023 to make a determination on submissions.
- A Supplemental Map, showing new sites only, is to be published by on 1st May 2023.

Building Control: 1st – 28th February 2023

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	11
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	18
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	7
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	13/1
Commencement Notices Validated	63
7 Day Notices received	10
Completion Certs Validated	10

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation



Comhairle Contae County Council

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement Section

1st February – 28th February 2023	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	19	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	15	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	127	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	110	Litter Section
Litter Fines issued	25	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	3	Waste Bye-laws
Legal Proceedings initiated	2	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws

Dog Statistics 01/02/23 – 28/02/23	
No of dogs on hand on 1/2/23	4
No of dogs entering the shelter	13
No of dogs rehomed	2
No of dogs reclaimed	5
No of dogs sent to rescue	4
No of dogs put to sleep	0
No of dogs remaining in the pound on 28/2/23	6
Dog attacks in this period	2*

*dog attack on dog in both cases

Energy

Andrée Dargan, dlr's County Architect and Energy Performance Officer, presented at the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Public Sector conference held in Dublin City University (DCU). As one of the top performing local authorities in the country, Andrée spoke about dlr leadership on energy-related initiatives and emissions reductions, embedding ISO 50001 within the organisation and the challenging 2030 and 2050 targets.

The 'Reduce Your Use' campaign is continuing with a focus on the Avoid-Shift-Improve approach to reducing transport emissions and energy consumption. To date the campaign has benefitted from initiatives across multiple dlr sections including Corporate Affairs, Economic Development, Libraries, Parks and the Age-Friendly Team. Preliminary data indicates that the energy reductions across DLR buildings will surpass the 15% target set by Government. Awareness raising and social media posting is continuing, along with plans for a final staff activity, before the DLR campaign concludes at the end of March.

The dlr Energy Team successfully achieved ISO50001 re-certification, following the completion of a 3-day recertification audit last month

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	15
Section 5 Declarations	3
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 & Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023 Grant Scheme	Following review and assessment of applications, a list of BHIS and HSF applications were submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval on 10 February.

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	6
Not Dangerous	1
Total	7

Community and Cultural Development

Community Response Forum

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

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

English classes and other activities continue to be provided in Ballyogan, Sandyford, Dundrum and Loughlinstown. English classes are also being provided in libraries. Employment support services are being organised by Southside Partnership.

Local Policing Fora (LPF)

A meeting of Dundrum Stillorgan LPF took place on 28th February 2023.

LCDC

A meeting of the LCDC took place on 22nd of February 2023. The LCDC Annual Report 2022 was approved at the LCDC meeting, and the committee have referred the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC Annual Report 2022 to the March Council meeting for noting under Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001.

A meeting of the JPC took place Thursday the 23rd of February 2023. The JPC Annual Report 2022 was approved at the JPC meeting and in accordance with Section 36.5(a) of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 this report is submitted to the Council, the Annual Report is for noting at the March Council meeting.

We have received 67 Applications for the Community Support Fund which closed on Tuesday the 28th of February and will begin assessments shortly.

Age-Friendly & Social Inclusion Programme, February 2023:

The distribution of the **free dlr Age-Friendly Magazine 2023** continued to libraries, community and public health buildings as well as churches, shopping centres, nursing homes and day care centres. Assistance with these deliveries was provided by the Community Gardaí and volunteers from the dlr Volunteer Centre.

For further information and to view the online version, see [here](#) and to receive copies, please contact the Community Section, dlr County Council at 01 205 4893 / community@dlrcoco.ie.

Planning is underway for the upcoming **dlr Age Well Expo to take place on Sunday 11th June 2023 in the Pavilion, Leopardstown Racecourse from 10a.m – 4p.m** to showcase and highlight the many Age-Friendly activities, support services and organisations operating in the county as well as hosting well-being talks, cookery, exercise and creativity demonstrations on the day. Further information and programme of events will be made available over the coming months.

The **Garda Older Person's Association (GOPA)** met during the month in County Hall to plan for their upcoming Public Seminar taking place on Friday 3rd March from 11a.m –

2p.m in the Stillorgan Talbot Hotel with key speakers and information stands on **Text/Email/Phone Fraud as well as updates on the Assistive Decision-Making Act**. GOPA are made up of older residents as well as representatives from An Garda Síochána, the Senior Alert Scheme, the dlr Older People's Council and the dlrc Age-Friendly Programme Manager.

The **dlr Older People's Council** met again on the 17th February and will again this year be providing Transport Grants and Small Grants for events during Bealtaine & dlr Festival of Inclusion to age-friendly groups registered with the dlr Older People's Council.

The Area Community Officer and Age-Friendly Programme Manager continue to support the residents of the **Rochestown House Complex** with social activities and events.

The **dlr Integration Forum** are planning for their AGM on the 1st March to attract new members from ethnic communities and other organisations promoting integration and diversity based in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Estate Management

Each of the 12 Dlr Estate Management Forums have submitted their 2023 service plans. Service plans are currently being reviewed by Community Section and other relevant dlr sections before 2023 funding is agreed.

Comhairle na nÓg

Dlr Comhairle na nÓg held a planning day during the school midterm break. The day included two workshops on the work topics for 2023, facilitated by professionals from local services with expertise in Youth Mental Health and Youth Substance Misuse. The Comhairle have identified the area of Youth Vaping as one of the topics they will work on during 2023. Ongoing research and planning is happening with regard to the Podcast Project which the Comhairle hope to progress also during 2023.

Period Poverty

Dlr Community Section have submitted an Expression of Interest to the Department of Health for inclusion in the Period Poverty Projects in Local Authorities 2023 funding programme. The Department of Health has allocated funding for initial roll-out of period poverty mitigation measures in 2022. Further funding is allocated to continue this in 2023.

Resident Associations

Community Section staff continue to provide information and support to requests from local communities seeking support in setting up resident's associations.

Mini Forest, Coolevin, Ballybrack

The second phase of planting took place on the 15th February. Planting was supported by volunteers from Crosscare Youth Service, The Rotary Club Dun Laoghaire, The Ballybrack Project Centre, Ballybrack Climate Action, LBS Men's and community members. A beautiful wooden fence has been put up around a portion of the perimeter of the Mini Forest area and brings a lovely definition to this new evolving outdoor community amenity. The next stage of this project is for dlr Parks to deliver bark mulch to spread out over the planted areas.

Arts

Municipal Gallery Programme

Heirloom, an exhibition of new work by artist Rachel Doolin continued in the Municipal Gallery. The exhibition will run until the 5th March. It is the result of a collaboration with

Seedsavers and presents a series of visual, installation and digital based works that celebrates the 'profundity of seeds'

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/heirloom>

Open Call for Exhibition Proposals

The Arts Office has launched an Open Call for proposals for the 2024-2026 visual art exhibition programme for the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire. The callout is open to professional artists, curators, and arts organisations to apply. An in person Gallery visit for interested applicants was facilitated by the Arts Office, in addition to an online briefing session. The deadline for receipt of applications Tuesday 14th March.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/open-call-exhibition-proposals-2024-26>

Musicians in Residence

The Arts Office has launched a callout for musicians in residence. Established and emerging musicians and groups with a strong connection to, or focus on, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown are invited to apply. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 7th March at 2:00pm.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/music/musicians-residence-2023-call-applications>

Creative Ireland Strategy Launch

The Arts Office attended the launch of the new Creative Ireland 5-year strategy in Farmleigh on 23 February. Along with colleagues in Economic Development and IADT partners, a report on the 'Towards A Creative Dun Laoghaire' project was presented to Minister Catherine Martin.

Cruinniú na nÓg Commission 2023

Jess Rowell is the recipient of the Cruinniú na nÓg Commission 2023. [Cruinniú na nÓg](#) is the national day celebrating children and young people's creativity. This Commission will enable Jess to develop a new immersive dance and music experience. It will be created with and for children and young people with complex needs who attend Carmona School and their siblings. The project partners are dlrCYPSC, Carmon School and dlr Arts Office. Funded by Creative Ireland.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/cruinniú-na-nóg>

Libraries

[dlr Libraries Online](#)

Online Resources

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

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

All you need is your dlr Library card.

New online resource! Kanopy

We were delighted to launch our newest online resource in mid-January, Kanopy, a film streaming service. Kanopy provides instant access to thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.

- Download eBooks and eAudiobooks from **BorrowBox** and **Overdrive** to read/listen to on your tablet, laptop, or smartphone
- **Moshi** is a well-being app for kids, with hundreds of original and inspiring audio stories, music and mindful meditations to enrich the imagination, promote improved sleep, and unlock potential.

- **TumbleBooks** is a streaming website of e-books for children
 - **LOTE** is an online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations. New books and languages are added each month
 - **Who Next? and Who else Writes like?**
 - Online Guides for adults and children. Help your child on their reading journey, by finding another author they love on whonextguide.com and for adults, browse genres or authors on whoelsewriteslike.com
 - Medici.tv is the leading video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballet, jazz, and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card
 - read magazines and newspapers online with Overdrive and Pressreader
 - take an online course with Universal Class
 - learn over 100 languages online with Transparent Language Online
 - stream or download music to your device with Freegal
 - listen to a podcast with dlr Soundcloud
 - look at an exhibition on your tablet, laptop, or pc
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- You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!***
- Visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library>

dlr Libraries' resources for Ukrainian families

We continue to add to our list of resources on our website here:

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/dlr-libraries-resources-ukrainian-nationals> and at: <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>

These resources include information on library services, including free Wi-Fi, free internet pc access, photocopy, print and scanning services. We have also translated one of our existing flyers into Ukrainian and Russian, outlining our services. In addition, we have also drafted an information leaflet specifically for the Ukrainian Rest Centre in Ballyogan. We have ordered books for children and adults in Ukrainian and Russian. We have purchased a selection of e-books on our existing online platforms (Overdrive and Borrowbox) and have purchased licences to download and print early readers in Ukrainian for children. We have also ordered some Ukrainian newspapers and magazines for our library branches along with the Ukrainian Community Hub in Ballyogan. As with all DLR websites, content on <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/> can be accessed in multiple languages, including Ukrainian and Russian, by using the Accessibility button at the top of the webpage. Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include: [LOTE Online, PressReader and Borrowbox](#)

Brigid 1500

dlr Libraries hosted a series of events to celebrate St. Brigid ahead of St. Brigid's Day.

Poetry at the LexIcon welcomed three Irish poets on Friday 3 February via the dlr YouTube Channel. Tara Bergin, Dawn Watson and Grace Wells, whose varied and vibrant work is central to women's writing today joined Rosamund Taylor for this session. The discussion explored the many ways to inhabit contemporary womanhood, and the echoes of complex Irish women, such as St Brigid, throughout our history. The video is now available for viewing on the dlr YouTube channel.

Aistear and Your Local Library-CPD Series for Childhood Educators

dlr Libraries are hosting a series of free, professional development workshops for early

childhood educators living or working in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area. These evening workshops delivered by **Clara Fiorentini** of the [Marino Institute of Education](#), focus on applying the themes and principles of the Aistear Curriculum framework through shared reading and the role the local library can play in developing reading practices and playful book use. This project is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme. The first workshop took place on Thursday 23 February, with further workshops scheduled in March and April.

English in the Library

This popular, informal group, for those learning English as a second language, continue to meet every Monday evening in dlr LexIcon.

Quiz Nights

Our popular online quiz nights continued in February. Themes alternated each week, with some quizzes geared toward families and others for adults. Over 5,000 attended the weekly Friday night quizzes throughout January and February, with an average online audience of 600 taking part in each quiz.

Events for the Neurodiverse

Continuing our programming of inclusive events for the neurodiverse, we held Fun Movement sessions with Active Academy on Saturday 11 February. We had an area with sensory toys and equipment set up for participants to use if they needed to self-regulate during the sessions. Our Magic Tables in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries, continue to be booked for use by individuals and groups, and requests to borrow items from our collection of sensory toys, are ongoing.

Events for Adults

New! dlr Yarnspinnners

In February, we held the first session of our Storytelling Circle for Adults. dlr Yarnspinnners is aimed at gathering together people who are interested in listening to and sharing stories. We will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in dlr LexIcon. For our first event, we welcomed actor, storyteller, author and broadcaster, Nuala Hayes, who opened the session by sharing some tales and will then opened to the floor and the audience of almost 50.

Get Crafty

Following on from the successful series of events in 2022, we were delighted to begin working with the craft collective The Muddle again in 2023 for online and in-person events. We held Crochet, Abstract Painting and Wire Sculpture workshops in February, with more events to be held in March.

Yoga for Adults

Sally Dunne is providing Yoga Classes in Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon throughout January and February. Classes are for adults, with half the available spaces reserved for Ukrainian nationals living nearby.

Active Age Classes for Seniors

Active Academy were back in dlr LexIcon in February to provide active classes for Seniors. These functional fitness classes are designed to help with everyday life and are suitable for all abilities. The focus is on fitness, strength, balance, core strength and enjoyment. The aim of the classes is to get moving whilst having fun & meeting new people.

Clubs & Groups

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

These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, the Knitting Club in Cabinteely Library, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The staff-led Film Club in Blackrock continues; the Ciorcal Comhrá, the informal Irish conversation group, has returned to the LexIcon Café every Tuesday morning, and a weekly Crafting Circle takes place in Shankill Library.

Each of the 8 branches have in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library with some also continuing with their online book clubs, due to ongoing demand. The very popular online monthly Book Club with Mary Burnham continues to meet online. The February title for discussion was *All the Broken Places* by John Boyne. As part of its centenary year celebrations, a new *Ulysses* book Club for adults is ongoing in Dundrum Library. For those who've always wanted to read this literary masterpiece, members will meet monthly to discuss two chapters at a time in order to finish the tome by Bloomsday 16 June 2023.

Exhibition Programme

Norman Ashe Aerial Photography Collection: Local views of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in the early 1950s Level 4, dlr LexIcon

Curated by Patrick Kiersey, this wonderful exhibition consists of 30 photographs, many taken within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in the 1950s by Norman Ashe. They are of special interest as they depict the area when there were more fields than houses, lanes that became dual carriageways and landmarks that are no longer. Patrick Kiersey, Art/Photographer/Teacher, with a keen interest in historical photographic collections, worked in Dún Laoghaire VEC/ETB for many years. He found the collection almost by accident and is restoring the images of aerial photographs from all over Ireland taken in the early 1950s.

An Garda Síochána Centenary Exhibition Level 3, dlr LexIcon Until 31 March 2023

This exhibition gives an insight into the founding of An Garda Síochána and how An Garda Síochána developed its own style of policing in Ireland from the foundation of the state and in particular focuses on the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The Dún Laoghaire Baths Exhibition 1843 – 2023 Level 3, dlr LexIcon Until 28 Feb 2023

Marking the reopening of the Dún Laoghaire Baths area to the public and celebrating the 180th anniversary of their original opening, this exhibition is a pictorial celebration of life, work and play in the Baths. From their origins as a private enterprise, through the Edwardian redevelopment by the Urban District Council and covering heydays and dereliction through to the present day. It charts the highs and lows of this much-loved local institution – swimming lessons, sunbathing paradise, childhood freedom, protests, ice creams and fun park. Told through the images and the voices of those who lived, worked and played in the Dún Laoghaire Baths over many years, the exhibition brings the past to life, while looking to the next chapter in the life of this iconic Dún Laoghaire attraction.

Christians in Morocco: Living Together Level, dlr LexIcon Until 28 February

This exhibition shines a spotlight on some episodes in the shared history of religious groups in Morocco, tracing the 800-year history of the Christian community there,

including the visits of Pope John Paul II in 1985 and Pope Francis in 2019. The exhibition was first presented in Christ Church Cathedral in June 2022. It was also displayed in St Mel's Cathedral in Longford, during November and December 2022.

Brigid, the Goddess, Brigid the Saint
Level 5, dlr LexIcon
Until 28 Feb 2023

This exhibition features a selection of books and images on St. Brigid that are part of dlr Local Studies Collection, dlr LexIcon.

NRH Photography Exhibition
Deansgrange Library
Until 24 February

The artistic and varied collection of photographs in this exhibition were created by patients and staff who attended a photography course in the NRH, Dún Laoghaire.

Photography plays an important role in rehabilitation at the NRH. It can provide an excellent platform to empower patients, by developing their personal creative skills. It can help restore and rehabilitate a person's level of functioning and independence following an accident, illness or injury.

For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

Events for Children

Ireland Reads

The Ireland Reads campaign is asking everyone to 'squeeze in a read' on Saturday 25 February. Visit www.irelandreads.ie and you can pledge to read on the day, sign up for reading reminders, and see how much time has been pledged so far.

To celebrate Ireland Reads Day, dlr Libraries hosted a series of events for families and young people across our libraries on Saturday 25 February. Free events included a Treasure Hunt in Stillorgan Library, Storytime sessions in Deansgrange, Dundrum and Shankill Libraries. A Monster doodle session, and a National print museum workshop for children in dlr LexIcon.

Regular Events for Children

Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely, dlr LexIcon once a week.

Shankill Library run a monthly Junior bookclub and Dalkey have recently started a new family book club. Storytimes for children take place across our libraries weekly. For full details visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-services-for-the-young/storytime>

Statistics
Social media (as of 20 February 2023)

Facebook	7,911
Twitter	8,766
Instagram	3,640
TikTok	347
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	10,171

Online resources (preliminary monthly figures as of 21 Feb 2023)

Digital library issues

Prelim. Feb. 023

Resource	Description	Checkouts Prelim. Feb. 2023
Overdrive	e Audio	1209
Overdrive	e Book	1591
Overdrive	Comics	9
Overdrive	Magazines	2919
Borrowbox	e Audio	6963
Borrowbox	e Book	3067
Freegal	Streaming + Download	1686
Press Reader	Newspapers	14978
Tumblebooks	Books	50
Lote4kids	Logins	6
Medici	Videos Viewed	xxxxx
Who Else	Logins	2
Who Next	Logins	3
Moshi	Logins	xxxxx
Kanopy	Visits	676
Total		33159



Parks

- Landscape Maintenance ongoing in Public Open Spaces/Parks/Sports Pitches/Playgrounds/Cemeteries/Housing sites/Halting Site/Senior Citizens residence/ Reservoirs & Pumping Stations/Sandyford Industrial Estate/Road Reservations/Margins, roundabouts, medians & embankments (Grass cutting/litter picking etc), ongoing by Landscape Maintenance Contractors and Parks Staff
- Major tree pruning works underway countywide
- Tree planting underway countywide
- Wildfire Management works commenced on site in Killiney for Buffer areas
- Footpath Improvements completed in Woodpark open space; shared route constructed around the open space at Orby Ave
- Benches installed in Woodpark open space
- Flailing works complete
- Second Phase of Planting Element of Community Mini Forest project in Coolevin has been completed supported by Park Staff.
- New Community Woodlands planted at Nutgrove and Cabinteely Park (approximately 1000 trees planted)

Heritage

- Input to *Línte na Farráige* Creative Ireland Climate project at Martello Tower, Blackrock Park
- Guidance/meetings on integrated built/natural heritage management of dlr historic

burial grounds

- Integration of heritage interpretation into Active Travel projects
- Meeting of National Monuments Service and Parks Staff at Rathmichael Woods about Iron age Hillfort protection
- Eight applications forwarded to National Community Monument Fund for archaeology projects (four for dlrc sites, four from submissions received for sites in private ownership)
- Submission for 2023 Decade of Centenaries funding
- Input to Coastal programming
- Support letters for applicants to Heritage Council community funding scheme
- Support for group progressing community-led Village Design Statement
- Creative Ireland Team meeting and 2023 project planning
- Distribution of Dublin's Monumental Mountains booklet
- Preparation of 2022 Annual Heritage Plan Review / 2023 Implementation Plan
- Progression of County Geology interactive digital content
- Progression of Glen Druid dolmen public access feasibility study
- Progression of Dún Laoghaire Augmented Reality historic photo project / pier interpretation project
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Transcriptions of People's History interviews
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens and community groups

Biodiversity

- Biodiversity Event Nature walk Kilbogget Park
- National Biodiversity Action Fund applications
- Loughlinstown Woods pNHA management plan proposal
- Killiney Hill ecology surveys proposals
- Killiney Hill Fire Strategy ecology input and meetings
- Dalkey Island Gull Tagging project
- Dalkey Island biodiversity monitoring and management
- DLR Biodiversity on National Invasive species steering group
- Site visit with Parks and with DLR schools to plant hedgerow and connect to the DLR Ecological Network
- Loughlinstown Linear Park upstream catchment meeting
- IAS treatments and surveys tenders for Carrickmines Catchment, Dodder, Ballyman Glen SAC

Sports Development

dlr Leisure: Set up and completed the following activities in February;

Schools (Drafts after school programme)

- Holy Family, Monkstown (10-12 age)
- Colmcille's, Ballybrack (10-12 age)
- St Lawrence's Secondary School (13-17 age)
- Good Shepard, Dundrum (10-12 age)
- Queen of Angels (10-12 age)
- St Kevin's, Sallynoggin (10-12 age)
- St Joseph's, Dun Laoghaire (10-12 age)
- Dominican School, Dun Laoghaire (10-12 age)

Youth groups

- Kilcross - boys group (10-14 age)
- Hillview - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Shankill Crosscare - girls' group (10-14 age)

- Dun Laoghaire Crosscare - girls only (15-17 age)
- Loughlinstown Community Rooms - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Balally Family Resource Centre - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Boylan Centre - girls group (11-13 age)
- Boylan Centre - mixed group (15-17 age)
- Whitehouse Crosscare - boys group (10-14 age)
- Youth Diversion Ballyogan - boys group (15-17 age)
- Ballybrack Crosscare - group 1 (12-15 age)
- Ballybrack Crosscare - group 2 (10-14 age)
- Carmona Special Needs Group – mixed group (18-24 age)
- Dublin Horizons Special Needs Group – mixed group (18-24 age)
- Strive Disability Group - mixed group (18-24 age)

Other activities

- Assisting dlr Sports Partnership with ‘men’s shed’ programme.
- Started a healthy eating programme with Hillview Family Resource Centre.
- Have started to book in groups for our Easter camp in April. Update to follow in April report.
- Met with Ger from UCD in relation to correlating soccer programmes with groups going forward. They are assisting on our Easter camps.
- Met with Leinster Rugby and have arranged coaches for our Easter camp.
- Met Ronan Adams in relation to setting up our after-schools sailing programme confirmed for May.
- Met Karen McDonald from Holly house and have booked in 2 groups starting in May (update to follow in May report).
- Met Lorraine O’Connor, deputy principal and Stephen liaison officer from Scoil Mhuire and are booked in for after school sports in March (update to follow).
- Met with Sean from Columbanus School and are booked in for after school sports starting in March.
- Met with Katrina from St. John’s School and are booked in for sports starting in March.

Leinster Rugby – February 2023 report

School numbers September 2022 to February 2023

School Year 2022/23	Boys	Girls	Totals
U7	79	85	164
U8	511	364	875
U9	516	356	872
U10	530	440	970
U11	558	488	1046
U12	504	455	959
U13	496	488	984
U14	15	110	125
U15	173	76	249
U16	109	14	123
U17	0	26	26
U18	0	7	7
U19	0	1	1
Grand totals	3491	2910	6401

Schools

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools

6 – 624 males and 442 females

Secondary Schools

– males

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO) – on annual leave

Andrew Egan (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Old Wesley RFC)

Primary Schools

9 – 224 males and 202 females

Secondary Schools

– males

Luke Sloyan (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Seapoint RC)

Primary Schools

2 – 136 males and 323 females

Secondary Schools

1 – 31 males and 26 females

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

Every Sunday U6/7s Old Wesley RFC – 26 Boys 6 Girls – AE

dlr female club rugby

Female U12 Rugby Match, Old Wesley RFC v Blackrock College RFC – 26th February

Sunday Session with Seapoint RC U-10s and U-14 female teams – LS

FAI:

- **Administration** - Planning work for all programmes in 2023 on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings and training days on-going on a weekly and monthly basis.
- **FFA** – Planning DLR programmes with FFA Development Officer and DLR Sports.
- **COACH EDUCATION** – Two PDP 2 course delivered, 50 coaches took part.
- **Club Mark:** On-going contact meetings with other registered clubs to achieve award.

Leinster Cricket:

- On-going planning for future school yard sessions.
- Planning for area blitz competitions, feedback from schools has indicated that some schools will face budgetary issues this year and school travel budgets have been slashed.
- Continued liaison with both Sandyford and DLR cricket clubs regarding on-going works at both Marlay and Shanganagh parks.

Sports Partnership

- **Women In Sport Leadership Programme** – currently seeking club nominations for the third programme in our successful upskilling and mentorship programme.
- **Try Track & Field** – establishing a new physical literacy programme to be delivered in 6 local DEIS primary schools with Athletics Ireland.
- **Mens Sheds** – working with local Mens Sheds groups to identify and deliver physical activity programmes for inactive older men – Walking Football, Archery.
- **Dormant Accounts 2023** – application process now open for Local Sports Partnerships to secure grants to deliver participation initiatives to target populations.

- **Website** - development of new Sports Partnership website due for launch in March.
- **Walking For Health** – completed delivering of 2 x 5-week walking programmes with one in Dun Laoghaire and the other in Marlay Park (20 participants per venue).
- **Inclusive Cycle Skills Programme** – 2 x learn to cycle programmes for children with a disability started this month (32 children).
- **Online Older Adult Exercise Classes** – continuing to deliver a 6-month online programme for older adults not ready to join in-person activities (34 participants).
- **ExWell** – weekly programme for older adults with chronic illnesses in Sandyford Community Centre as part of the Active Cities Dublin initiative (24 participants).
- **Child Safeguarding** – 2 Safeguarding in Sport Workshops in Feb. (26 participants)
- **Active Cities Dublin** – Steering Group established and first meeting held. Collaborating with other seven Active Cities locations in Ireland. Developing new and existing programmes for 2023.
- **Boules Courts** – now completed in both Kilbogget and Marlay parks with launch scheduled for the 9th March. Part of the Active Cities Dublin project.
- **Women In Sport Week** – putting together a range of workshops, programmes and taster sessions to promote female participation during this week (6th to 13th March).
- **Get Going Get Rowing** – TY girls programme being delivered in local secondary schools in partnership with Rowing Ireland.
- **National Volunteers In Sport Awards** – worked with the Federation of Irish Sport around promoting this initiative to local clubs/volunteers.
- **Secondary Schools Programmes** – delivering a number of sports specific programmes in local schools in partnership with NGBS – Table Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Rowing, Basketball, Olympic Handball.