

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

APRIL to JUNE QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

30 March – 24 June 2021

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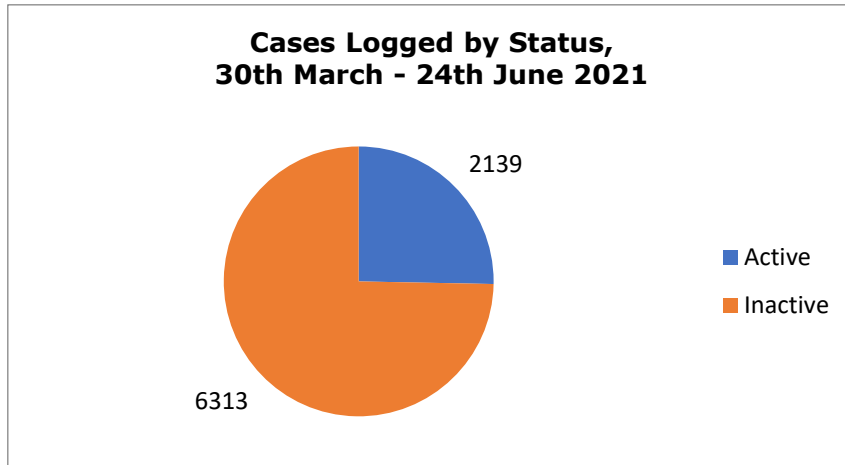
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1. CRM Statistics

Cases logged



Open	2,139
Closed	6,313

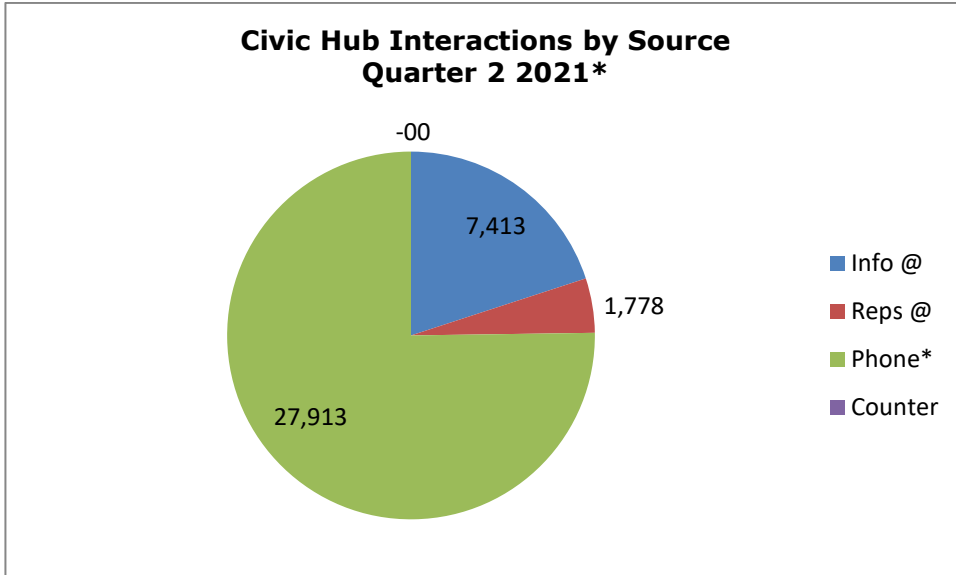
Cases logged by section

Section/Dept	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	5	18	23
Ballyogan Depot	8	5	13
CoCo	10	7	17
Comms & Civic Hub	101	495	596
Community	17	10	27
Corporate Services	8	2	10
Deactivated Users	1	1	2
dlrcoco	10	8	18
Enterprise	2	12	14
Environment	293	1531	1824
Finance	46	970	1016
Housing*	93	381	474
IT		1	1
Libraries	2	3	5
Parks	763	1076	1839
Planning	12	77	89
Property	30	33	63
Transportation	712	1438	2150
Waste Enforcement	21	169	190
Water Services	2	79	81
Grand Total	2139	6313	8452

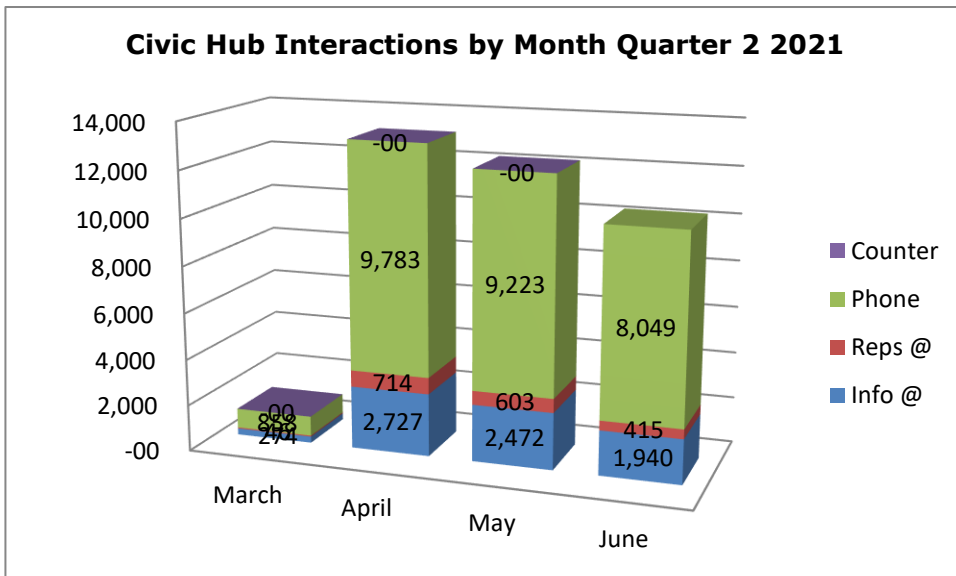
*This does not fully reflect the interaction of the Housing Department as they also directly deal with calls, emails and post.

2. Dlr Civic Hub:

In Quarter 2 of 2021, the Civic Hub has dealt with over 37,104 customer interactions.



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



Finance and Economic Development

Dún Laoghaire Anseo

Dún Laoghaire Anseo is a programme of street art which at the time of writing is being brought to fruition on Dún Laoghaire town's streets and laneways. Funded by the Council's Economic Development Unit, with additional support from Creative Ireland, it brings together established and emerging artists and aims to increase the profile of the Town and encourage increased footfall.



Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme

Businesses in Nutgrove Shopping Centre, Dundrum Town Centre and Dún Laoghaire Town were recently the first in dlr to become officially accredited as Age Friendly under a programme begun by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in conjunction with Age Friendly Ireland. Each business nominated a staff member to be their Age Friendly Champion and committed to making three small but significant changes in their outlets.



Businesses in Dún Laoghaire, Dundrum and Nutgrove were recently presented with their Age Friendly accreditation certs

#Lookforlocal

Local Enterprise Offices have been participating in a national #lookforlocal campaign to encourage consumers to shop local. This campaign also provides training and supports to businesses to assist them in growing their local customer base, focusing in particular on digital strategies to encourage growth.



Tourism Development

The Tourism sector is in the process of reopening with a lot of investment in outdoor infrastructure to accommodate dining and social distancing. Museums and galleries will start reopening from July 5th. Large numbers of domestic visitors are still coming to DLR, especially to the coast and the mountains.

DLR Tourism Steering Committee

The DLR Tourism Steering committee met on May 26th to support communication and coordination within the sector and identify issues that require action.

DLR Tourism Information Kiosk.

Visitor information services resumed at the Tourist Kiosk and is open 7 days per week. There is still significant visitor footfall at the weekends both along the coast and in the mountains.

Fáilte Ireland Funding announced for new Water Sport Facilities at Killiney Beach

On April 15th the Minister for Tourism and the CEO of Fáilte Ireland announced €19 Million for a national programme of investment in 22 new Water Sports Facilities around the country. Following a successful application Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has been included in this programme, and new facilities will be developed at Killiney Beach.

Fáilte Ireland's new Outdoor Dining Enhancement Investment Scheme

On April 12th Fáilte Ireland launched its new Outdoor Dining Enhancement Investment Scheme. Working in partnership with Local Authorities, it aims to facilitate greater capacity in outdoor dining by supporting Local Authorities and hospitality businesses to upgrade and enhance streets and public spaces and to implement weather-proofing solutions which will facilitate year-round outdoor dining. This investment scheme will be delivered under the Fáilte Ireland 'Opening the Outdoors' strategic pillar which aims to capitalise our outdoor assets and re-imagine our urban spaces.

Fáilte Ireland Urban Animation Investment Fund

An application for the Fáilte Ireland Urban Animation investment Fund was submitted on June 18th to reimagine the public spaces around the dlr LexIcon. We await the outcome of this application.

New Well Worth the Climb Interactive Map

A new interactive map has been developed for the uplands area showing the main walking trails and service providers in these areas.

Tourism Promotion

A new dlr tourism social media campaign for June, July and August has been developed. This campaign utilise new tourism video assets and will also link with the Fáilte Ireland "Keep Exploring" national campaign.

Q2: April, May, June, 2021				
dlr Tourism Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
April	6,111	109	16	70,685
May	6,128	17	15	16,004
June	6,139	11	20	210,688
Total Q2	6,139	137	51	297,377
dlr Tourism Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
April	3,224	29	29	29,800
May	3,274	50	25	36,500
June	3,299	26	38	32,000
Total Q2	3,299	105	92	98,300

Finance

Local Property Tax

The total LPT allocation for 2021 is €41.45m. Payments totalling €35.2m have been received to date. This represents the total self-funding allocation and four instalments of discretionary LPT for 2021.

Overdraft

Overdraft facility of €10m in place but not availed of in 2021 to date.

Proposed Renewal of Sandyford Business Improvement District (B.I.D.) Scheme

Local Government Act 2001 and The Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2001/act/37/enacted/en/html>

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2006/act/42/enacted/en/html>

A proposal to renew the Business Improvement District Scheme in Sandyford Business District for the period 2022 – 2026 was received from Sandyford BID CLG trading as Sandyford Business District on the 23rd April, 2021. The current scheme is due to expire on the 31st December, 2021.

An ad was placed in the Irish Times on the 5th May, 2021, giving notice of the renewal proposal and inviting submissions from the public. The notice was also placed on the Council's website. Copies of the scheme and map were made available for public consultation at the Council's offices. The closing date for receipt of submissions (which could be made in writing by post, by email or through the Council's online consultation hub – citizenspace) was 5 p.m. on 10th June, 2021.

A presentation on the renewal proposal was made to the Dundrum Area Committee (Housing, Economic Development, Community and Cultural Development, Planning & Infrastructure and Climate Change Business) on the 24th May, 2021. A report on the submissions received will be prepared and that report, together with details of the submissions received, will be made available to the B.I.D. scheme proponents and will also be presented to the Elected Members.

Based on the submissions received a decision is then made by the proponents on whether to proceed with the proposed B.I.D. renewal scheme.

If it is decided to proceed with the proposed scheme to a plebiscite of Ratepayers, a report is brought to the Council after the holding of the plebiscite on its outcome and it is a matter for the Elected Members, as a reserved function, to decide whether to approve the scheme for the renewal of the business improvement district area.

Making of Rate 2021

An advertisement was placed in the press on the, 23rd April, 2021 giving notice of the intention of the Council to make the rate for the year ending 31st December, 2021. Rates were then made on the 14th May, 2021 on rateable properties within the County of Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown. Public notice of the making of the rate was given by advertisement placed in the press on the 17th May, 2021.

The Annual Rate on Valuation (A.R.V.) for 2021 is 0.1732 as determined by resolution at the 2021 Annual Budget Meeting held on 24th November, 2020.

Commencement of Audit of Council Accounts for Year Ended 31/12/2020:

Notice was given by advertisement in the national press on the 19th May, 2021 and also on the Council's website of the commencement of the audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2020 by Mr Eamonn Daly, Local Government Auditor on 28th May 2021.

COVID 19

Rates: The Government announced on the 1st June that the commercial rates waiver put in place for the first half of 2021 will be extended to the end of September. It applies to eligible businesses as they adjust to the reopening of the economy and recover from a period of lower commercial activity. Businesses currently eligible for the waiver will continue to be eligible for the waiver for quarter three.

As has been the case with the 2021 waiver to date, 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.

Phase 2 - Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid – SBASC: The expanded Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID opened for applications on the 10th June through the Council's website. The closing date for this scheme is 21st July 2021.

Phase 2 of this scheme has been expanded to include those that had previously been ineligible. Businesses working from non-rateable premises are now eligible to apply and if they meet the other eligibility criteria will receive a grant of €4,000.

Businesses with a turnover between €20,000 and €49,999 are also now eligible to apply if they meet the other eligibility criteria and will receive a grant of €1,000. SBASC gives grants to businesses who are not eligible for the Government's COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS), the Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity grant or other direct sectoral grant schemes. This scheme aims to help businesses with their fixed costs, for example, rent, utility bills, security. Business who have received Phase 1 of SBASC can apply for Phase 2 if they continue to meet the eligibility requirements.

The following is the position with the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID – SBASC Quarter 1.

Applications paid	89
Application approved but no paid	4
Applications rejected	<u>58</u>
Total	151

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

Financial Management: The impact of Covid-19 on the Council’s financial position has improved since the receipt of the rates wavier support from the Department. Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely.

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2021**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/05/2021 €
A Total Housing & Building	-13,013,648	27,152,198	-25,164,049	-11,025,500
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-6,890,505	12,539,569	-11,364,142	-5,715,078
C Total Water Services	-2,309,719	274,594	-38,701	-2,073,825
D Total Development Management	-116,460,990	1,121,597	-4,754,575	-120,093,967
E Total Environmental Services	-1,537,685	20,618	-191,290	-1,708,356
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-13,255,266	3,082,767	-1,762,462	-11,934,962
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,738,072	7,772	-328,147	-5,058,447
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-24,870,872	1,501,788	-1,865,206	-25,234,290
Grand Total	-183,076,756	45,700,902	-45,468,572	-182,844,426

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/05/21

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Balance at 31/05/21 €	Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	19,133,313	78,935,657	61,106,984	17,828,673

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2021
41.67%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	20,423,874	52,266,816	39.08%
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,929,808	33,534,636	38.56%
C	Water Services	5,074,267	12,722,256	39.88%
D	Development Management	10,914,615	28,826,328	37.86%
E	Environmental Services	12,987,604	32,172,192	40.37%
F	Recreation & Amenity	13,254,843	33,995,580	38.99%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,176,347	4,376,928	49.72%
H	Miscellaneous Services	19,658,086	13,454,724	146.11%
Total Expenditure		97,419,444	211,349,460	46.09%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	17,583,344	45,772,836	38.41%
B	Road Transport & Safety	6,010,632	14,718,996	40.84%
C	Water Services	3,337,149	8,750,916	38.13%
D	Development Management	4,358,095	11,073,324	39.36%
E	Environmental Services	2,304,939	5,576,688	41.33%
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,506,336	4,916,316	30.64%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,196,211	3,026,004	39.53%
H	Miscellaneous Services	16,877,419	7,297,488	231.28%
Sub Total		53,174,124	101,132,568	52.58%

LPT	Local Property Tax	7,764,040	18,633,696	41.67%
RA	Rates	38,347,586	91,583,004	41.87%
Total Income		99,285,750	211,349,268	46.98%

Surplus as 31/05/2021 -€1,866,305

Housing Housing Progress Report Q2/2021

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Overview

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

Data included in this Q2 report covers the period from 24th March to 16th June 2021 inclusive. Data regarding the activity of the Department prior to this report can be found at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/how-we-deliver-our-homes/housing-statistics>

It should be noted that while the majority of housing services continues during the period of restrictions introduced by the Government to contain and control the spread of Covid-19, some services are impacted, such as construction and private rented standards inspections. However, since January 2021 virtual inspections on private rented accommodation commenced. Housing Adaptation Grants are being accepted and processed during the period of restrictions, with the completion of works by private contractors being carried out in line with updated regulations.

This Report considers the following areas:

Housing Delivery

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

Support

- Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock
- Retrofits
- Housing Adaptation Grants
- Allocations & Assessments
- Choice Based Letting
- Homeless Services
- Private Rented Housing Standards
- Tenancy Management & Anti-Social Behaviour
- Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan
- Tenant Purchase Scheme

2. Housing Delivery

2.1 Overview

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

Table 1: Homes Delivered per Quarter during 2021

	Q1	Q2	Total	2021 Target
DLR Build	5	24	29	404
DLR Part V	4	0	4	
AHB Build	0	75	75	
AHB Part V	0	8	8	
DLR Acquisition	2	1	3	
AHB Acquisition	0	0	0	
DLR Lease	2	4	6	114
AHB Lease	0	0	0	
Total Build, Acquisition & Leasing	13	112	125	

	Q1	Q2	Total	Target
RAS	8	1	9	
HAP - Standard	71	55	126	
HAP - Homeless	41	85	126	
Total RAS & HAP	120	141	261	

	Q1	Q2	Total	Target
Total Delivery All Social Housing delivery streams exc. bad relets	133	253	386	

Table 2: Traveller Specific Accommodation 2021

	Q1	Q2	Total
Refurbishment Works and New Sites	0	1	1
Casual Vacancies	0	3	3
Standard Housing	0	3	3

2.2 Housing Construction

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

DLRCC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2018 – 2021

Includes SHIP, Major Refurbishments and AHB New Build

The following tables provide an overview of the different schemes under the Housing Construction Capital Programme, their current status and estimated completion date. It should be noted that dates indicated for handover are estimates and are subject to change.

Table 3: Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Broadford Rise	21	Construction in progress	Q3 2017	Q3 2021
Enniskerry Road (AHB)	155 (105 social)	Construction in progress	Q2 2019	Q4 2021
Ballyogan Ave (New Homes)	2	Completed	Q4 2019	Apr-21
Ballyogan Square (Phase 1)	67	Stage 4 Application submitted to DHLGH	Q3 2021	Q4 2022
Rockville Green	13	Design build in progress. On-site works due to commence in late June 2021.	Q2 2021	Q1 2022
TOTAL	258			

Table 4: Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
Moyola Court (infill)	4	Surveys being completed and detailed design being progressed	Q3 2021	Q3 2022
Park House	4	Tender package being prepared	Q3 2021	Q3 2022
Ballyogan Rise (Phase 2)	52	To follow on from Ballyogan Square (Phase 1) completion	2023	
St Laurence's Park	88	Detailed design being progressed for tender.	Q1 2022	Q1 2024
Shanganagh Residential Lands	597 (200 social)	Stage 3 Approval received from DHLGH. Awaiting approval from DPER and Government to proceed to tender.	Q3 2021	Phased delivery from Q4 2022
Total	745			

Table 5: Schemes at Design/Tender Stage

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
Loughlinstown Wood (AHB)	42 (34 social)	Building Agreements progressed. Contractor due to commence on site.	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Roebuck Road Infill	4	Stage 2 Approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 being prepared.	Q1 2022	Q4 2022
37A Rollins Villas (infill)	1	Stage 2 Approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 being prepared.	Q1 2022	Q4 2022
Coastguard Cottages	4	Stage 3 Funding Application being prepared for submission to DHLGH.	Q4 2021	Q3 2022
Total	51			
OVERALL TOTAL	1,054			

3. Housing Support

3.1 Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock

Table 6: Retrofits 2021

Retrofits	Q1	Q2	Total
Voids	0	0	0
Relets	20	24	44
Energy upgrade works	0	Works on-going	
Traveller Specific Accommodation	0	0	0

The Council was allocated €1,114,467 in February with a requirement to retrofit a minimum of 41 properties to a B2/Cost Optimal standard. This preliminary allocation is based on an expected average cost of €27,000 per property.

Table 7: Maintenance Requests 2021

Routine Maintenance	Q1	Q2	Total
Requests received	1,489	1,195	2,684
Requests in process	435	187	622
Requests completed	1,054	1,008	2,062

Table 8: Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme 2021

	Q1	Q2	Total
Works on Hand at beginning of Quarter	123	121	
Requests Received	5	12	17
Works Completed	14	6	20

3.2 Allocations

Table 9: Allocations 2021

Allocations	Q1	Q2	Total
Social Housing List	19	49	68
Transfer List	9	35	44
Total Allocations	28	84	112

3.3 Choice Based Letting (CBL)

Table 10: CBL Adverts by Area of Choice in 2021

	Q1	Q2	Total
Dún Laoghaire/Dalkey	0	10	10
Blackrock/Stillorgan	1	3	4
Ballybrack/Shankill	2	5	7
Ballinteer/Ballyogan	8	20	28
Total	11	38	49

Note: Figures shown are cumulative from 1st January 2021 and the number of adverts put on CBL. Some adverts represent multiple properties.

3.4 Homeless Services

Table 11: Homeless Services 2021

	Q1	Q2
No. of Homeless Families	66	67
No. of Homeless Individuals	199	217
No. of Allocations to homeless individuals/families	10	19
No. of SHS offers currently accepted by homeless individuals/families	6	21

*figure includes those who may have signed for a tenancy but have yet to move out of homeless services/awaiting move-in grant

3.5 Housing and Disability Steering Group

The Council continues to work with the Steering Group on implementing the Terms of Reference. A meeting was held on 2nd June 2021 with the next meeting scheduled for September. This year to date, 28% of allocations were made to people with disabilities. The steering group submitted its plan to the Housing Agency/DHLGH in June 2021.

3.6 Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities

Table 12: Breakdown of Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities 2021
Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

	Q1	Q2	Total
No. of Applications received	36	50	86
Provisional approvals issued	33	31	64
Grants paid	25	38	63
Value of Grants paid	€214,300	€339,886	€554,186

Housing Aid for Older Persons

	Q1	Q2	Total
No. of Applications received	9	15	24
Provisional approvals issued	3	9	12
Grants paid	5	7	12
Value of Grants paid	€25,883	€41,035	€66,918

Mobility Aids Grant

	Q1	Q2	Total
No. of Applications received	3	12	15
Provisional approvals issued	3	3	6
Grants paid	3	7	10
Value of Grants paid	€11,070	€28,179	€39,249

Budget Provision (3 Schemes)	€1,550,000
Budget Spent	€660,353
Budget % Spent	42.6%

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

3.7 Rent Arrears

Table 13: Rents 2021

	Q1	Q2	Total
Accrued Rent Arrears	75,502	14,704	90,206
Rental Income	3,209,513	3,738,293	6,947,806

3.8 Private Rented Housing Standards

Table 14: Private Rented Housing Standards 2021

Private Rental Inspections	Q1	Q2	Total
Inspections Carried Out	56	59	115

* **Q1** inspection figures were impacted by Covid-19 restrictions. Inspections are not permitted in level 5 restrictions. Virtual inspections commenced in January 2021. There were 3 physical inspections on vacant properties and 53 Virtual Inspections.
Q2 Vacant property onsite inspection 1 & 58 Virtual Inspections

3.9 Tenancy Management and Anti-Social Behaviour

Table 15: Estate Management 2021

	Q1	Q2	Total
Pre-tenancy training	0	0	0

Figures at 0 due to COVID-19 restrictions

Table 16: Anti-Social Behaviour 2021

Anti-Social Complaints	Q1	Q2	Total
Received	25	45	70
Completed	12	44	56
On-going	13	14	14
Tenancy Warning	0	1	1
Tenancy Notification	4	2	6
Verbal Warning	2	3	5
Advice Given	1	13	14
Refer to Other Depts	8	29	30
Court Case	2	1	3

Table 17: Tenancy Management Interviews 2021

	Q1	Q2	Total
Tenancy Management Interviews	9	7	16

3.10 Loans

Table 18: Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan 2021

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan	Q1	Q2	Total
Applications received	15*	13	28
Applications approved in principle	10*	2	12
Loan Drawdowns	0	0	0

*Please note our figures for Q1 as previously reported, have been amended in this report

Planning

Section 48 and Glenamuck Scheme:

30/03/2019 – 24/06/2019 Invoiced = €5,502,275.65 Received = €4,262,633.39

30/03/2020 – 24/06/2020 Invoiced = €128,963.29 Received = €1,142,709.75

18/12/2020 – 29/3/2021 Invoiced = €22,080,204.65 Received = €596,294.55

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

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

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
ABP309 846-21	The Bishops Gate Housing Development, Kiltiernan	30/03/21	04/05/21	http://www.enniskerryroadshd.com/	19/07/2021
ABP309 965-21	Lambs Cross/Crohamhurst, Sandyford Road, Dublin 18	16/04/21	20/05/21	http://www.fitzsimonswood.com/	05/08/2021
ABP310 104-21	Former Avid Technology International Site, Carmanhall Road	30/04/21	03/06/21	http://www.carmanhallroadshd.ie/	19/08/2021
ABP310 138-21	SHD Lands At Mount St Mary's And St Joseph's, Dundrum Road, D14	06/05/21	09/06/21	http://www.msmshd.ie/	25/08/2021

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

Planning Statistics: 30th March – 24th June 2021

	Outline Permission	Full Permission
New application Received*	2	489
Decision Deferred	0	67
Decisions to Grant**	0	337
Decision to Refuse**	1	59
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	288
Invalid Applications	2	93

*Includes 34 Applications for Retention

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

2 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Building Control	30th March- 24th June 2021
Fire Safety Certs applications received *	65
Fire Safety Certs Applications Granted *	45
Fire Safety Certs Applications Refused	2
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	49
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted/Refused **	38/1
Commencement Notices Validated	50
7 Day Notices received	266
Completion Certs Validated	50

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

Customers to Planning Counter-30 th March-24 th June 2021	47 Customers
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Forward Planning Infrastructure

Cherrywood SDZ – Progress Report

The **current Main Work Streams** include:

- Cherrywood LIHAF - as reported below;
- URDF Call 1 Projects (2018) - Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation – as reported below;
- URDF Call 2 Project (2020) – Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity application submitted to DHLGH on 29th May 2020 which received funding approval in the order of c.€40M - as reported below. A briefing to the elected members will be facilitated once further particulars have been received from the Dept. on the detail of the successful projects;
- Bride’s Glen to Shankill pedestrian / cycle Scheme - Dlr Road Projects continue to engage with the HSE Estates office/Loughlinstown Hospital to agree the more desirable route for the Greenway. Design consultants have been appointed and are currently examining all options in order to recommend the preferred route. Topographical surveys are underway to inform the route design. The Planning process will follow. The NTA remain committed to the delivery and funding of this project;
- The Cherrywood Steering Group, comprising the Chief Executive and Directors of Services in key service departments met 16 times since it was established in 2017. The Steering Group has been convened to provide oversight in all key aspects of the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ that cover multi – disciplinary themes;
- Development of a Common Infrastructure Agreement for the provision of the common infrastructure required for the build out of Cherrywood SDZ is being progressed by the Development Agency Project Team (DAPT). The Project Management Protocols issued to the Cherrywood Landowners in November 2020;
- DLRCC as the Development Agency submitted the Proposed Amendment No. 8: Building Height and Density Changes to An Bord Pleanála on 1st June 2021. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to amend the approved Planning Scheme to take cognisance of the review undertaken by the DAPT arising from the requirements of the SPPR 3 (B) of the Ministerial Guidelines 'Urban Development and Building Heights, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, December 2018. A briefing to the Elected Members was facilitated on this proposed amendment on 2nd June 2021;
- Amendment No. 7 in respect of the Realignment of Beckett Road was approved by An Bord Pleanala on 15th April 2021 with no modifications; and
- The DAPT has established a cycling review group to draw from the expertise of the NTA and the dlr Sustainable Mobility Group to scope out enhancements to what has been provided in the area and explore new experiences in cycling (including technology). It is intended to bring a Report on findings and recommendations of this group to a future Area Committee meeting.

Planning Applications – FOR NOTING

The following major infrastructural projects have been granted permission, with substantial completion on site achieved within the main Landowner lands. DZ15A/0813 – Tully Park; DZ15A/0814 – Beckett Park; DZ16A/0570 – Ticknick Park and DZ15A/0758 – Roads and Infrastructure – Phase 1.

The Status of other applications from 30th March 2021 to 24th June 2021 inclusive is as follows; -

- DZ20A/0052 – Mixed use development, 194 build to rent units – Decision to Grant issued 13/04/2021

- DZ21A/0029 – Alteration to Block 8 (Formerly Block E) – Decision to Grant issued 05/05/2021
- DZ21A/0334 – 482 Residential units, Cherrywood – Request for further information issued 11/06/2021

There are currently 2 live SDZ applications for which a report is being prepared (DZ21A/0414 and DZ21A/0569)

To date the total no. of residential units permitted is 2,899. An additional 482 units are at Further Information Stage. The total amount of non-residential development permitted is circa 119,155 sq.m of Town Centre Mixed use (retail/non-retail/commercial including HIE) and circa 47,498 sq.m of High Intensity Employment (HIE).

Stakeholder Engagement

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

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

Funding

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme 2017 – 2020, http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/20170613_cherrywood_planning_scheme_development_contribution_scheme_2017-2020_adopted.pdf was adopted at the June Council Meeting 2017 and all decisions to grant planning permission relative to the Cherrywood SDZ area, made on or after 13th June 2017, are subject to the Conditions of this Scheme.

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

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

The current Section 48 Cherrywood Planning Scheme Contribution Scheme 2017 – 2020 states that *'the Council will endeavour to make a new Scheme prior to 31st December 2020 but this Scheme will continue in full force and effect until a Scheme comes into effect, whether before or after that date'*.

Dlr has progressed the review of the current Schemes as stated in both Development Contribution Schemes and intends to commence the statutory consultation process in 2021.

In addition to the DCS, government funding, Local Property Tax Income, LIHAF and URDF (Call 1 and Call 2) has been secured and contributes to the funding of internal common infrastructure. However there still remains a funding gap in relation to the provision of the entire common infrastructure (i.e. the projects that are not LIHAF and URDF funded). The Report indicating the Programme of Capital Projects 2021 – 2023 presented at the February 2021 Council Meeting provides further detail (please note this report pre-dates the URDF call 2 announcements. DAPT will update the status of the funding gap once full particulars of the URDF call 2 have issued from the DHLGH).

dlr lodged an application for Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Access under the URDF Call 2 on 29th May 2020 relating to seven sub-projects that align with the requirements of the Fund for submission. Six of the seven sub-projects covered in the application have received funding approval on 5th March 2021 and it is intended to provide a further briefing to the Elected Members once full particulars of the approved funding have issued from the DHLGH to dlr. The unsuccessful project was the Kiltarnan Link Road (a Countywide project linking the Cherrywood Planning Scheme area to the Kiltarnan environs).

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

dlr has been issued with High Court proceedings by a main landowner in Cherrywood seeking a declaration that it is entitled to offset the costs incurred by it in constructing common infrastructure against development contributions. The claim also includes other related reliefs. Dlr has passed the proceedings to its solicitors who will defend the Council's position in the proceedings. This process is ongoing.

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

LIHAF

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

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

An overview of these infrastructure projects that were approved is as follows; -

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

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

http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/lihaf_information_table_-_march_2018.pdf

With regard to the Clay Farm project, dlr issued written correspondence to the Department in October 2020 advising that the delivery of the Clay Farm LIHAF infrastructure could not be achieved within the lifetime of the current Grant Agreement. This was acknowledged by the Department and so, this is not now an active dlr LIHAF project.

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

The Council will continue to work with the Department and the Landowners in addressing infrastructure deficits required in opening up land for development, particularly for housing. The residential development for both DLR LIHAF sites will progress as and when developers obtain their required planning consents.

A status of each of the remaining projects is as follows:

- Woodbrook Shanganagh – Detailed Design Stage**

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

The SHD planning application was granted on 25th February 2020 which includes for the access (avenue) road design to support housing development of 685 residential units and access to the future DART station.

Tripartite agreement is in closing stages. Access to construct new golf holes progressing with Dlr Parks. Local councillors have been advised of upcoming works to the golf holes. The developer is currently progressing with site clearance and pre-commencement surveys and anticipates construction to commence in July 2021 subject to closing out of the Tripartite agreement in the coming weeks. A compliance package was submitted to Dlr Planning Department. No commencement notice has been lodged to date, but this is anticipated in the coming weeks.

The LIHAF Project Manager (PM) and Roads Project Office meeting weekly with the Castlethorn construction team to workshop the scope of LIHAF infrastructure delivery. The scope of the Avenue works under LIHAF is agreed for the most part. The developer will construct the new junction with the Dublin Road along with the first 190m of the Avenue Road. The remainder of the Avenue road LIHAF infrastructure will need to be completed in 2 phases due to the impact of Golf course works.

The developers current programme indicates that the first phase of the LIHAF infrastructure should be commencing by the end of 2021. The final Phase of the LIHAF infrastructure is anticipated to commence in Q2 2023 with expected completion in Q4 2023.

Dlr have received an updated programme which included an affordable housing delivery schedule from the developer. This is under review by the Department & Dlr Housing Section. Dlr are awaiting a formal response from the Department following a formal extension request to the existing grant agreement.

The BusConnects programme has informed the design on the Old Dublin Road and at the Wilford Roundabout. The BusConnects formal planning process is anticipated to commence in Summer 2021.

The DART station planning application at 'Further Information' Stage (D20A/0744) response was submitted to the Planning Authority on 27th May 2021. A decision is due on 1st July 2021. Irish Rail is engaging with dlr regarding construction access to facilitate early delivery of the DART Station.

The LIHAF PM met with Land Development Agency PM in relation to foul sewer infrastructure delivery. Further meetings are scheduled.

- **Cherrywood**

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

Within Cherrywood SDZ, grants of planning have been secured by developers for 2,899 residential units. A further 482 units are at Further Information Stage. Construction has been ongoing on the Town Centre development which includes 1,316 residential units with construction of the Phase 1 residential site at Domville nearing completion.

Construction activity has recommenced nationally due to the lifting of Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions however the availability of construction materials has been identified as a possible

impediment to infrastructure delivery. At present it is not possible to say how this may impact on developer timelines, if at all.

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

LIHAF Infrastructure

Phase 1 – Complete

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

Phase 2 – at Detailed Design Stage

The next section of road, originally to comprise of circa 315m of road and a 40m short bridge spanning the Cabinteely Stream is in detailed design stage and forms part of a grant of planning application (to include housing development). This is the subject of two Judicial Review (JR) proceedings which were fast tracked to the Commercial Court. The hearing of the first JR DZ18A/0208 took place during the 1st week of December 2020. The findings were expected in January 2021. A revised date for the judgment by the Courts Service was 23rd of April 2021. Dlr received notification from the Courts Service that the judgement could not be delivered on the above date as the designated judge is now dealing with applications concerning the mandatory hotel quarantine procedure established under the Health (Amendment) Act 2021. The courts service noted that the above judgement will be prioritised and will be completed as soon as the commitments in respect of mandatory hotel quarantine applications allow.

Dlr in tandem with the JR proceedings, is advancing the land acquisition, detailed design, tender documentation, pre-commencement surveys preparation with a view to an immediate commencement on site following the conclusion of the JR process.

Phase 3 – at Preliminary Design Stage

The final section of the road comprises of (circa 135m of road and a 120m bridge spanning the Carrickmines River). An updated infrastructure delivery timeline, cost estimates and a business case for approval for additional funds was submitted to the DHLGH for their consideration in early 2020, the outcome of which is awaited.

As part of this cost review, dlr appointed a consultant following a tender competition to prepare Concept Design Photomontages, preliminary land acquisition drawings and cost estimates to better inform the design. Dlr have issued a preliminary report to the Department in February 2021 indicating the best estimate of the additional funding required to complete the Cherrywood LIHAF infrastructure. An updated preliminary programme of infrastructure delivery was also included noting a requirement for an extension of the grant agreement until end 2024 based on current estimates (noting ongoing Judicial Review and associated uncertainty on Phase 2 delivery at this stage).

Dlr continues to work closely with all relevant landowners who may be impacted by the LIHAF infrastructure delivery.

Cherrywood URDF Infrastructure

The URDF 2018 (first call) was established to support more compact and sustainable development, through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Ireland's five cities and other large towns, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework and National Development Plan (NDP). This is to enable a greater proportion of residential and mixed-

use development to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of our cities and towns and to ensure that more parts of our urban areas can become attractive and vibrant places in which people choose to live and work, as well as to invest and to visit.

DLR was successful in obtaining funding under the URDF in respect of the Category A Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project, the total cost of which is estimated at €17.8M and for which formal approval of the total project was received in June 2020. Funding is by way of 75% direct government funding and 25% funded by the separate Section 48 Cherrywood Development Contributions. The Department has undertaken to recompense local authorities in respect of 100% expenditure under the Fund as a temporary measure to the end of June 2021, to assist with alleviating any cash flow issues being experienced by local authorities in progressing the projects.

This will see the development of 4 distinct sub-projects comprising the Linear Park, surface water attenuation ponds 2a and 5a and completion of Tully Park Phase 2. Recent Government correspondence has reaffirmed the DHLGH's objective to maintain the continuity and momentum of the URDF supported programme. Construction activity has recommenced nationally due to the lifting of Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions, however the availability of construction materials has been identified as a possible impediment to infrastructure delivery. At present it is not possible to say how this may impact on developer timelines, if at all.

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

Linear Park – at Preliminary Design Stage

The consultant was appointed following a competitive tendering process to develop the preliminary design for the supporting greenway infrastructure to include the Linear Park within the SDZ area. The preliminary design is now complete and circulated to Departments for comments. The proposed scheme was also presented to the Elected Members on 9th June 2021. DLR Department comments on Preliminary Part 8 are under review. This project is being advanced in collaboration with the NTA.

Pond 2a – Planning Stage

Statutory Part 8 submission stage is now complete. Two submissions were received and these and the replies from inter-departmental referrals are being reviewed, for inclusion in the CE Report to go to the July Council meeting. Should the Part 8 proposal be approved, it is intended to proceed to detailed design and tender.

Pond 5a – at Detailed Design Stage

Following a competitive tendering process, a consultant has been appointed to undertake costings, contractor procurement and construction supervision. Construction is due to commence at the end of 2021. Land transfers are progressing well. Dlr appointed consultants now progressing with final surveys to inform the contract documents.

Tully Park Phase 2 – at Construction Appointment Stage

Construction on the Park was due to commence early in Q1 2021, however, this was deferred due to the Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions. Land transfers/licences to construct are nearing completion. The Commencement Notice has lodged and Contractor mobilisation has commenced.

URDF Call 2

A second call for proposals under the URDF 2020 was advertised in January 2020 Dlr submitted 5 applications for consideration under this Call 2 process on 29th May 2020.

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

These 5 applications are listed in their ranked order as follows:

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

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

On the 5th March 2021, dlr was notified by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that two of the applications submitted by the Council for funding, under Call 2, were successful and a breakdown of what was approved for dlr in brief below. The Department will issue formal letters of approval in principle and set out the arrangements and conditions attached to the URDF funding.

A total of €44,361,115 has been provisionally allocated to dlr for the following projects:

Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity **€40,361,115**

The infrastructure being provided under 'Call 2' consists of the following:

- Castle Street Link – completion of Cherrywood's bus priority route to connect it to the existing Park & Ride facility at Carrickmines Luas stop.
- Ticknick Park - Ballycorus Access – development of cycle, pedestrian and vehicle access to Ticknick Park.
- Town Centre Pedestrian & Cycle Link – development of an elevated pedestrian and cycle bridge within the Cherrywood Town Centre.
- 3 Public Parks – creation of centrally located, multi-functional spaces providing a focal area for each of the associated village communities.
- Smart Parking Study – research and application of measures to create efficiencies in Cherrywood's required parking provision.
- Beckett Link (& Barrington Rd Connection) – development of pedestrian, cycle and vehicle link from the Kiltarnan Link to the Cherrywood Town Centre, to include the uncompleted portion of Barrington's Road.

Dundrum Community Cultural & Civic Hub **€ 4,000,000**

This URDF funding will support:

- Enhanced public realm improvement works to North end of Dundrum (Library/bridge area)
- A renewed masterplan strategy (Design/feasibility) for all of Dundrum. It will include a review of the location/integrated design for a community hub project (based on a revised wider strategic plan called the Community, Cultural and Civic Action Plan). The Community, Cultural and Civic Action Plan is funded under 'Call 1' of the URDF.

Information in relation to the national announcement may be found via the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/56ef8-urban-regeneration-and-development-fund-urdf/>

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme

Notice to Treat CPO documents were served on owners, occupiers and lessees on 31st August 2020 and ongoing discussions are taking place with residents, business owners and their Valuers, and other parties associated with the scheme. There have been a few claims for compensation received by Property Management. These are currently with the DCC Valuers for negotiations. These negotiations have been affected by Covid Level 5 restrictions.

Tenders for the construction contract were received at the end of February 2021. These were assessed by RPS who are the Consulting Engineers for the project. A Tender Assessment Board was appointed by CEO. The Board have made their recommendation on selecting the 'MEAT' Tender. The project was assessed at the June PGB and approval was given to proceed to advance to *Contract Award* stage subject to additional funding from the NTA. The NTA have given a grant of €3M for 2021.

Approval from the NTA is required before the construction contract is awarded. The NTA have indicated that they are favourably considering the additional grant requested. Discussions are ongoing with the NTA over governance and reporting procedures for the overall management of the construction contract.

Subject to the necessary approvals, construction is programmed to commence on site in Q3 2021.

Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS)

Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS) consisting of GDDR (Glenamuck District Distributor Road) and GLDR (Glenamuck Local Distributor Road). Approval of the scheme and confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order was received from An Bórd Pleanála on 18/12/19. Notice of the confirmation of the CPO was advertised on the 7th of February 2020.

The CPO 'Notice to Treat' was served to the affected landowners on 11th of May 2021. The detailed design of the scheme is nearing completion, and tender documents are being prepared, and it is intended to progress to tender stage in Q3 2021.

Bray Woodbrook Landfill Remediation Project

The rock fill is continuing to be delivered to site and work is progressing. The Biodiversity Officer is assisting with advice on protecting the Sand Martin colony nesting in the cliff face. The archaeologist is on standby to monitor any dig operation on the foreshore. The main rock structure works on the beach are due to commence in July 2021 at the northern end.

Dún Laoghaire Baths

Progress on the project is significantly behind programme and has been further impacted by the site closure caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic. The project is now scheduled by the Contractor to be complete by January 2022.

DLR LexIcon Environs

Construction on this project along with greening projects along George's Street is now complete; the overall outcome has been to upgrade the streetscape by using high quality hard and soft landscaping and street furniture to match the works completed by DLR along Marine Road, Queen's Road and the Metals. Works at the entrance to the dlr LexIcon and the Pavilion Carpark have also been undertaken creating a safer pedestrian environment.

Climate Action

The dlr Staff Climate Action talks series has continued with the following haven taken place in this period:

- Thursday 29th April: Transport
- Thursday 27th May: Flood Resilience
- Thursday 24th June: Nature Based Solutions

Staff across the organisation continue to engage with the national Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASTNG) climate action training programme, with specific training haven taken place for Planners and members of the Council’s cross-departmental Climate Action Team.

In accordance with Action 165 of the national Climate Action Plan 2019, the Council submitted its Position Paper to the Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications, in relation to developing and identifying a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) in the County. This included input from across Council departments, Codema – Dublin’s Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO). A briefing also took place for Elected Members on Wednesday 14th April 2021.

Staff from the Climate Action Section also supported the dlr Public Participation Network (PPN) in the delivery of two public workshops in the national Climate Conversations dialogue. These online workshops took place on Monday 12th and Thursday 15th April and involved 19 groups across the County.

On Wednesday 16th June, the Council launched Dublin Climate Action Week 2021, in partnership with South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, Codema – Dublin’s Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO). Dublin Climate Action Week 2021 will comprise of a range of online and in-person events, in compliance with COVID-19 measures in place at that time. In August 2021, the full programme of events will be available for registration on the DCAW21 website, at www.dublincclimateactionweek.ie.

In partnership with IADT and the Dublin CARO, the Climate Action Section also made a submission to the Creative Ireland – Creative Climate Action funding call, for a project proposal titled, ‘My dlr, My Story, My Climate Future’.

The Council also made a submission to Eirgrid’s ‘Shaping our Electricity Future’ public consultation process.

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 120
 Complaints closed 115

Litter and Waste Fines

Q2 – 30 March – 24 June 2021	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	139	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	4	
Legal proceedings initiated.	23	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	513	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	542	Litter Section

Architects

DLR 'C-19 Response

'Placemaking - Mobility - Liveability' initiatives in Blackrock, Glasthule, Dalkey, Dundrum & the Coastal Mobility Route have been shortlisted in the 2021 Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland awards. From 144 entries a Shortlist of 39 projects was selected by the Jury.

Energy & Emissions

dlr Leisure signed an Energy Performance Contract (EPC) with Noel Lawlor - Green Energy Solutions Ltd for 3 Leisure Centres: Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook and Monkstown. The EPC will deliver energy savings, reduce carbon footprint, improve facilities management of these buildings and cost savings.

Dangerous Buildings: 30th March– 24th June 2021	
Dangerous	6
Potentially Dangerous	6
Not Dangerous	1
Total	13

Community and Cultural Development

Capital Projects

Parks

Parks Capital Projects – Q2 2021 Progress							Comment
On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete		
					✓	Complete	
					✓	Application for Sports Capital Grant made for the changing pavilion	
					✓	Complete and operational in Nov 2020	
					✓	Complete	
					✓		
					✓	Complete	
				✓		Masterplan adopted at the Oct 2020 Council meeting. Works on-going under NTA scheme.	
				✓		Due for completion in September 2021	
				✓		Surveys complete – performance testing on-going	
			✓	✓		Works and procurements on-going	
			✓			Legal contracts to be finalised prior to awarding contract.	
			✓			Tenders further invited	
			✓			Phase 1 tenders invited.	
			✓			Tenders being assessed.	
		✓				Part B approved at Jan 2021 meeting. Enabling works are on-going and design team has been appointed.	
		✓				Part B approved at Feb 2021 meeting.	
		✓				Part B for approval at July 2021 meeting.	
		✓				Value engineering being progressed.	
		✓				Considering options for progressing phase 1.	
	✓					Feasibility report complete	
	✓					Considering options following expressions of interest process.	
✓						Delay due to Dept. of Education review	
✓						No funding available.	

July Stimulus Package (NTA) – Parks Projects							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Blackrock Park – Phase 1						✓	1.25km of pedestrian and cycle paths.
Shanganagh Park						✓	0.9km of shared surface
Kilbogget Park						✓	1.9km of shared surface paths
Clonkeen Park						✓	1.8km of shared surface paths and new bridge
Eden Park						✓	Re-surfacing works and paths
St. Helens Wood						✓	Surfacing of existing stone paths
Marjay Park Cycle Way						✓	Re-surfacing
Slang Greenway						✓	Re-surfacing
Blackthorn Park						✓	Perimeter paths
Fernhill Park & Gardens						✓	Paths in rear fields with extensive links
Loughlinstown Linear Park					✓		1.3km of shared surface
Parks Entrances					✓		Barriers being removed where appropriate
Marjay Park Pedestrian Entrance					✓		For completion in April 2021
Killiney Hill - Pedestrian Entrance					✓		For completion in May/June 2021

Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- The LCDC held 1 meeting in this quarter - 19th May
- New LCDC members, Louise Kinlen representing Southside Partnership and Cllr Marie Baker attended their first LCDC meeting on 19th May.
- The meeting included a presentation by Conor Hickey, CEO of Crosscare
- The 2021 Community Enhancement Programme was announced in May with funding of €142,108 allocated to dlr. A call for applications was announced with a closing date of the 16th of July.
- There was a JPC meeting on the 26th May. This was an online meeting on MS Teams. The meeting included a presentation by Fiona Neary (Neary and Associates) on the Study Commissioned by DLRCC into Assessment of Need for Provision of Domestic Violence Refuge in the DLR Area.
- There were 2 Sandyford Stepside Local Policing Fora meetings in this quarter- 13th April and 22nd June. The Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill Local Policing Forum meeting took place on the 2nd June and the Dun Laoghaire Local Policing Forum meeting took place on 19th April. These meetings were held online via MS Teams.
- A Rural Task Force Meeting was held on 11th May
- DLR is an Age Friendly County, and work is ongoing to implement DLR's Age Friendly Strategy 2016-20 working with dlr's Age Friendly Alliance Partners. The Alliance held a meeting on 9th June. A consultant was appointed in June to develop the revised Age Friendly Strategy

In April and May the dlr PPN in conjunction with DLRCC provided free online digital skills training sessions aimed at complete beginners. Training included how to use Zoom, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and how to take photos and videos using your mobile phone.

Cultural Development

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

- DLR Libraries Library Development Plan 2016-2020
<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/files/using-your-library/Library%20Development%20Plan%20English%20version%20Final.pdf>
- DLR Arts Development Plan 2016 -22
https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/arts_development_plan_eng_.pdf
- DLR Cultural and Creative Strategy 2018 – 22
<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/dun-laoghaire-rathdown>
- What's On Guide (Oct-Dec) and (Jan-Mar) provides information on events and services from dlr Libraries. <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/event-calendar>
https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/whatson_janmar2020_web_friendly_pdf_0.pdf
- [My Open Library Deansgrange](#) marked its first anniversary with 1700 members having signed up for the service. The most frequent users are second-level students, many returning as third level the following year and a steady cohort of Internet users. Figures peaked during June Bank Holiday-before Leaving Certificate exams at 514 on Monday, 460 on Sunday, 429 on Saturday. Reservation pick-up and Sunday newspapers now available during MOL hours. There are increasing number of parents and children coming in on Sundays and older regular newspaper readers also. It opened over Christmas 2019 with 31 unique users on Christmas Eve, 9 on Christmas Day and 17 on Stephen's Day.

MOL emails received contained the following comments:

'Peaceful'

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

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

COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

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

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operated 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm. Responded to over 4,000 calls since establishment in March 2020.
- Issues range from transport, shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation

- A stakeholder forum was established providing a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.
- 2 stakeholder meetings held
- Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:
 - Against the background of the Covid Restrictions, a range of initiatives have been developed to support health and wellbeing in our communities. The priority is to encourage communities to keep fit and active, stay connected and support them in looking after their mental health.
 - Initiatives were rolled out across Libraries, Sports and Physical Fitness, Arts, Heritage and Biodiversity.
 - The Council also partnered with Making Connections, that primarily looks after the elderly, in delivering a range of individual initiatives, in the community to help isolated individuals to connect with their neighbours.
- To view dlr's health and wellbeing initiatives page under the 'Keep Well' Campaign see <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2020>

Keep Well Campaign 2021

The Keep Well campaign is a national campaign which the government is promoting to help people stay well through the winter months. The Campaign is focused on 5 themes: Staying Connected, Switching Off and Being Creative, Managing your Mood, Keeping Active and Eating Well.

A dedicated Keep Well page is set up on the Councils website to support the national campaign. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2021>

The promotion of the Keep Well Campaign in DLR began on 11th January. The 5 themes of the campaign are being promoted on social media. Each week focuses on a different theme with initiatives from the respective theme promoted.

As part of the Keep Well Campaign funding has been allocated by Creative Ireland and the Department of Health, through the Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) to Local Authorities for a new initiative called the "Community Resilience Fund" to support the Keep Well Campaign. An application was submitted to Pobal to deliver actions under the headings 1) Your County 2) Switching Off and Being Creative and 3) Staying Connected in December 2020 and a programme of actions is being rolled out to support Health and Wellbeing.

Activities include expansion of Making Connections programme, Paperchain project, Festival in a Van events, Mobile Music Network, Creative writing programme, Care packs for vulnerable children.