

# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **JULY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**25 June – 31 July 2021**

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## COVID-19

While there was further easing of restrictions during June, they did not impact on many of our services, with the exception of gyms and swimming pools reopening for individual training. Numbers permitted at outdoor organised events also increased.

As the public health advice continued to recommend that staff continue to work from home where possible. Staff continued to work remotely where possible while access to County Hall by members of the public is by appointment only, for urgent business.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

### Libraries

All dlr Library spaces re-opened to the public on Monday 10 May, as part of a gradual, responsible resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines.

Services available during this phase include:

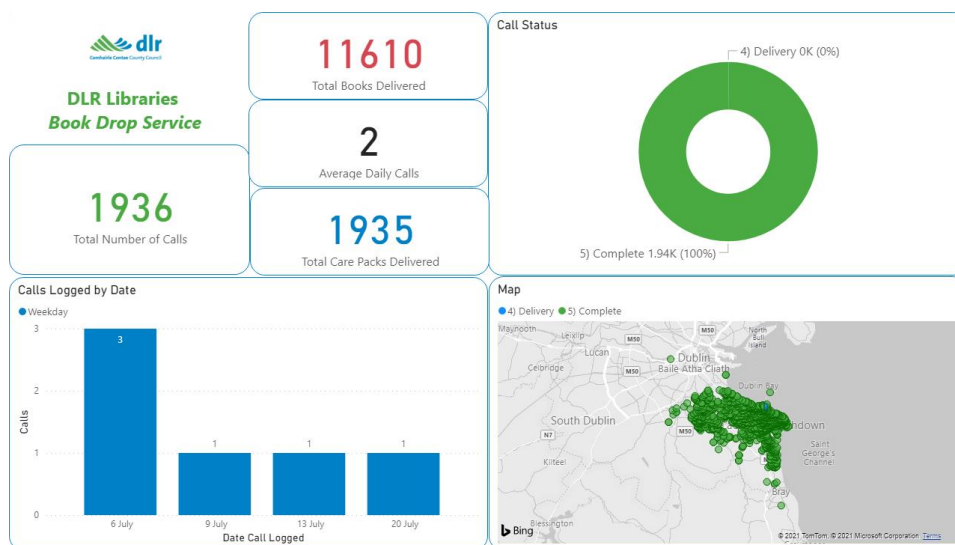
Return and borrowing of items, quick browse visits with restricted numbers in place and a return to usual staffed opening hours with late evenings and Saturday opening.

Printing from home, from a personal device, or from a designated quick-use PC and use of self-service photocopiers is permitted while use of Surfbox postal printing service, for next day delivery, and the availability of all our online services continues. The national reserves system remains operational during this phase as does the national delivery service for inter-county reservations.

However, as per Government guidelines for this phase, we are unable at present to provide any service which involves seating, including access to general seating or study spaces. We are unable at this time to provide full access to Internet PCs/laptops, or to programme live indoor events in our spaces. During this phase, numbers permitted at organised outdoor events = 200 attendees.

### Book Drop Service

Since the re-opening of library spaces, and the continuing roll-out of the national vaccination programme, the number of calls to the Book Drop Service has continued to decline. Over **1,900** calls have been received since April 2020, with over **11,600** books delivered to the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community. Book deliveries, where still required, are made by the dlr Library driver



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

Community Response to COVID-19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 4,479 calls since it commenced on 30 March 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 18 calls were received in July. The majority of the calls relate to requests in relation to the HSE vaccination programme.
- The Community Response Forum is meeting every two months at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.

### **Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:**

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

### **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 Council's website to support the national campaign: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2021>

The promotion of the Keep Well Campaign in DLR continues. 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.

### **Heritage**

Roll out of Covid-safe outdoor Summer of Heritage 2021 programme of free guided outdoor and indoor heritage tours. Two new outdoor tours added – George's St. Past, Present, Future and Dún Laoghaire Street Art Tour.

### **Municipal Services**

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

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

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

The Roads Control continues to grant and manage road opening licenses and permits for essential utility services, including electricity, water, gas and telecommunications as part of the Council's essential services operations implemented as part of COVID-19 restrictions introduced on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

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

Traffic: During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Council carried out several interventions to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. This included the provision of cycle lane protection at several junctions and routes and the provision of wider footpaths using bollards and cones to facilitate physical distancing in towns and villages. In addition, village improvement schemes were carried out at Blackrock, Dundrum, Glasthule and Dalkey. A number of these schemes ran over into Q2 2021 and a total of €5.6m was spent on these projects up to 2020-year end.

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

Beaches/Harbours/Piers: All services have resumed.

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

The Local Enterprise Office continues to offer grant and training supports to businesses impacted by Covid 19. A webpage has been setup for the specialised [LEO Covid supports](#) which contains details of all the government supports for businesses in these difficult times.

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment launched the [Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID](#) (SBASC) in March. The scheme targeted those businesses with operating costs that do not qualify for the COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS) operated by the Revenue Commissioners. Closing date for applications under this phase of the Scheme was April 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 and a total of 147 applications were received. This Scheme has now been extended to to include businesses operating from a non-rateable premises like a home business or yard.

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

The Fáilte Ireland [Outdoor Dining Scheme](#) which was introduced in April 2021 provides funding to individual businesses to introduce or expand their outdoor seating. The Scheme is open for applications until September 30 2021, and replaces the Street Furniture Grant which had been introduced by the Council last year. To date over €100,000 has been provided to support dlr businesses in the hospitality sector.

The coming months will see the roll-out of a major initiative involving lighting up significant buildings. This is made possible by "Destination Towns" funding from Fáilte Ireland.

The Economic Development Unit has been involved in a number of significant initiatives aimed at increasing footfall in the county's towns and villages, including the Dún Laoghaire Anseo street art programme and the Summer Streets initiative.

### **Infrastructure and Climate Change:**

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

- The Directorate continues to respond to environmental, waste and litter pollution incidents, as needed, and such incidents are recorded and managed as usual through the Civic Hub and the CRM system.
- The Council's waste recycling facilities remain open (at Ballyogan, Eden Park and Shanganagh) with social distancing and other HSE recommended protocols in place and the Council-operated Bring Banks continue to be serviced and made available for use by the public. Activity at these sites during Covid 19 has increased compared to the same months last year.
- Property Management continues to offer a full service.
- The Capital Projects Team continue to progress capital projects through design stages. Some delays are encountered with Covid restrictions on the construction sectors and associated services.

### **Forward Planning Infrastructure**

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

### **Architectural Services**

All areas fully operational.

### **Housing**

- The Housing Department, as an essential service, continues to operate although with some additional health and safety restrictions, due to Covid-19. Housing services including Homeless, Allocations, HAP and essential Housing Maintenance works are being progressed with additional supports provided as required to the vulnerable including the Traveller Community. Given the limited access to homes, some services such as standards inspections and minor maintenance calls continue to be suspended. Part V negotiations have continued and applications for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older Persons and People with a Disability continue to be processed.

- Staff continue to engage with home loan borrowers and tenants who have been affected by a loss of or reduced income as a result of the pandemic.

**Finance**

Rates: 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>

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.

**Planning:**

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

- The Planning counter is operating on an appointment only basis for the viewing of live applications. Customers continue to be encouraged to use our online services.

**Corporate Affairs:**

- The AGM took place remotely, with the new Cathaoirleach, being present in the Council Chamber.
- Deputations continued to be held remotely.
- Group Leaders' meetings continue to be held on a monthly basis.
- The Communications Unit continue to provide information in relation to our services during Covid and continue to be active on all our media platforms.

**Circulars and Relevant Documents**

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

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV\\_0rE8rLp5\\_kgxBuCa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV_0rE8rLp5_kgxBuCa?dl=0)



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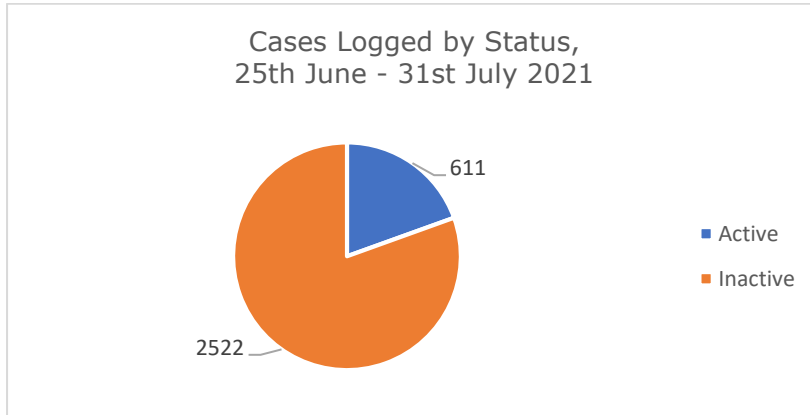
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**Civic Hub Stats:**

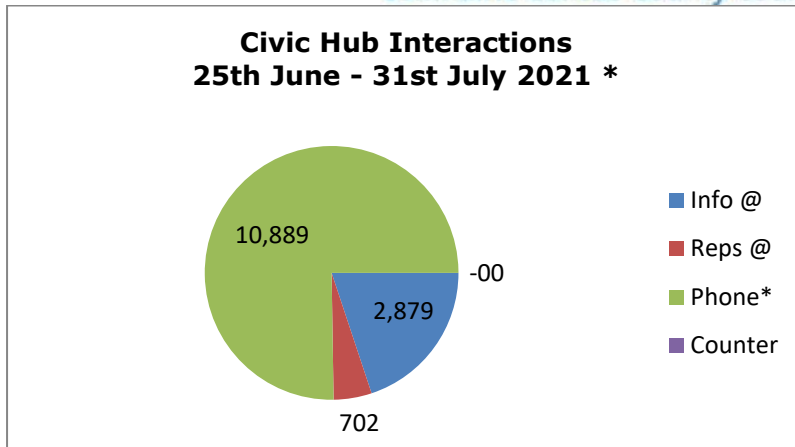


Cases logged from 25<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Open	611
Closed	2522

**Cases Logged from 25<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021, by Section:**

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	3	15	18
CoCo	2	3	5
Comms & Civic Hub	20	164	184
Community	3	2	5
Corporate Services	3		3
DEACTIVATED USERS	2		2
dlrcoco	7	3	10
Enterprise		13	13
Environment	110	541	651
Finance	6	399	405
Housing	21	145	166
IT		1	1
Libraries	1	3	4
Parks	177	430	607
Planning	5	26	31
Property	14	7	21
Transportation	234	647	881
Waste Enforcement	3	84	87
Water Services		39	39
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>2522</b>	<b>3133</b>



\* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

**Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged from 25<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

<b>Phone Statistics</b>	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow	
	9,408	1,481	

<b>Emails received</b>	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,879	702	3,581










  

<b>Counter Interactions</b>	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	0	0	0

## Social Media and Website Activity – July 2021

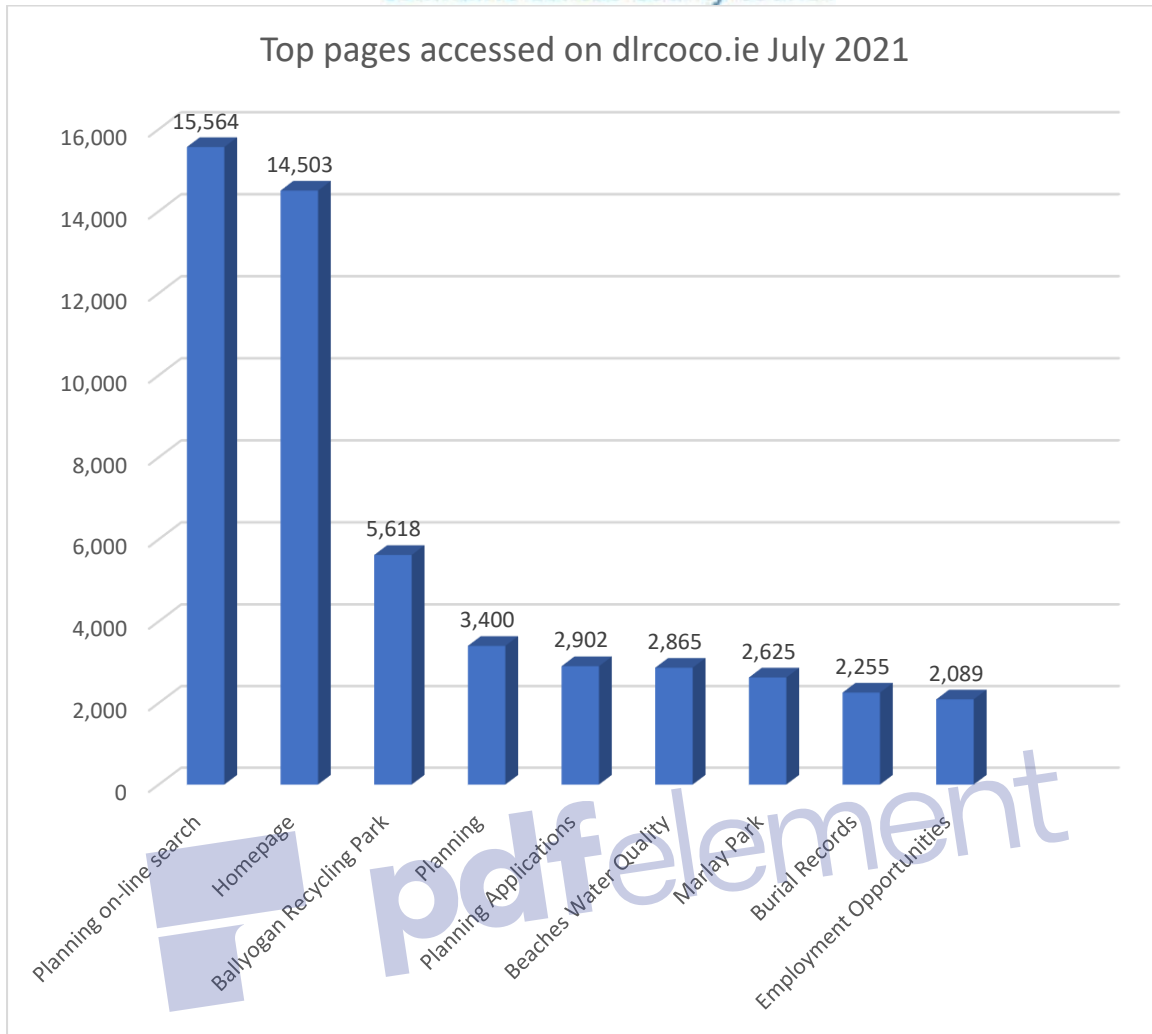
### Profiles

Review your aggregate profile and page metrics from the reporting period.

Profile ▲	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
<b>Reporting Period</b>	<b>67,982</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>2,854,598</b>	<b>93,751</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>43,708</b>
Jul 1, 2021 - Jul 31, 2021	↑ 1.2%	↓ 5.6%	↑ 16.6%	↑ 3.3%	↓ 9.2%	↓ 12%	↑ 1.7%
<b>Compare to</b>	<b>67,195</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>2,764,294</b>	<b>103,219</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>42,962</b>
Jun 1, 2021 - Jun 30, 2021							
 @DLR_Libraries	8,355	18	54	99,416	1,744	1.8%	135
 @dlrArts	2,657	39	83	65,951	1,123	1.7%	151
 @dlrcc	17,620	158	335	1,436,250	35,206	2.5%	15,910
 @dlrheritevents	3,802	35	83	102,113	2,458	2.4%	3,885
 @leo_dlr	5,545	7	56	33,499	429	1.3%	23
 dlrcoco.ie	4,437	381	227	239,573	4,914	2.1%	6,695
 dlrevents	10,625	0	0	838	8	1%	22
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	12,337	65	295	823,392	45,869	5.6%	16,765
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	2,604	17	46	53,566	2,000	3.7%	122

### Website Activity – page views

dlrcoco.ie 152,218  
 dlrevents.ie 6,764  
 dlrlibraries.ie 34,163



### Press Queries

There were 17 press queries received in July.

### Freedom of Information

There were 19 FOI requests received in July.

### 1. Road Maintenance Management Report - July 2021

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
<b>RRP Major</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works</b>					
1	Ballinteer Avenue			✓		
2	Meadowmount Estate		✓			
3	Roebuck Road		✓			
4	The Park Estate Cabinteely	✓				
5	Claremont Road			✓		on site in July
6	Ballinclea Road		✓			
7	Corrig Road			✓		substantially complete
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
9	Saval Park Road			✓		substantially complete
10	Glenageary Road Upper	✓				
11	Barnhill Road	✓				
<b>RRP Minor</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')</b>					
1	Stillorgan Road (old N11)		✓			
2	Upper Kilmacud Road				✓	
3	Ticknock Road Edges		✓			
4	Ballyedmunduff Road Edges			✓		
5	Heidelberg				✓	
6	Sandyford Village	✓				
7	Wyckham By-pass Roundabout		✓			
8	Georges Place		✓			
9	Patricks Square				✓	
10	Monkstown Farm		✓			
11	Georges Street Lower		✓			
12	Barnaslingan Lane	✓				
13	Shanganagh Terrace		✓			

14	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)			✓		
15	Rochestown Avenue			✓		substantially complete
16	Proby Square (North, into Lindenvale)				✓	
<b>FP</b>	<b>Footpath Upgrade Programme</b>					
1	Pine Valley				✓	
2	Sandyford Business District	✓				
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				
4	Cabinteely Close				✓	
5	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road			✓		
6	The Park, Cabinteely	✓				
7	Sweetbriar Lane				✓	
8	St Lukes Milltown			✓		
9	Dún Laoghaire Town		✓			
10	Blackrock Town		✓			
11	Dalkey Village			✓		
12	Ashlawn Park (Part of)	✓				
13	Wynberg Park (Part of)				✓	
14	Watsons Estate	✓				
15	Glenavon Park	✓				
16	Eaton Brae				✓	
<b>BSP</b>	<b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b>					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair				✓	
2	Glenalua Wall Repair				✓	
<b>DGRP</b>	<b>Drainage / Gully Repair Programme</b>					
1	End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely				✓	
2	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh	✓				
3	Woodside Road	✓				
4	Beech Lawn, Dundrum	✓				
5	N11 at The Rise & Trees Road Lower	✓				
6	Clonkeen Road (At South Park)			✓		
7	Woodbine Park		✓			
8	Seafield Road Killiney				✓	

9	Ruby Hall	✓				
10	Quinns Road	✓				
11	Stillorgan Park Road				✓	
12	Ulverton Road	✓				
13	Carysfort Ave/Convent Rd	✓				
<b>NRP</b>	<b>National Roads Programme</b>					
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme		✓			
<b>AWP</b>	<b>Accessibility Works Programme</b>					
1	Loreto Park			✓		
2	Mulvey Park (Part of)	✓				
3	Mt Albany Estate	✓				
4	Cloister Estate				✓	
5	Glenageary Park	✓				
<b>CMP</b>	<b>Cycleway Maintenance Programme</b>					
1	Brehonfield Road				✓	
2	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)				✓	
3	Baker's Corner's junction				✓	
4	Rochestown Avenue				✓	
<b>EMP</b>	<b>Estate Management Programme</b>					
1	Kilcross Estate		✓			
2	Rathsallagh Estate	✓				
<b>TICP</b>	<b>Taking in Charge Programme*</b>					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
<p><i>Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.</i></p>						

RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Proby Square (South)					Completed
2	Mariner's Court			On site July 2021		Full road resurfacing
3	Devitt Villas			On site July 2021		Anti-Skid surface treatment to be scheduled
4	Kilgobbin Road					Completed
5	Enniskerry Road					Completed
6	Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue					Completed

## 2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
<b>NTA STMG Schemes 2021 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic &amp; Road Safety Section</b>							
Brewery Road Junction (Brewery Road/St Brigid's, Church Road)			✓				The scheme is currently on hold in the context of the Bus Connects proposals
Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents being finalised
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave	✓						Public consultation on the scheme took place between May 26 and July 8 and a report will be brought to the September Area Committee meeting.
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes	✓						The preliminary design was presented to the Dundrum Area committee on June 9 and went to go to public consultation soon.
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)	✓						An engineering consultant has been appointed to carry out the design of the scheme.
Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock				✓			A contractor has been appointed to carry out the improvements works on Newtownpark Avenue approaching the N11
Leopardstown Road Cycle Lane Improvements	✓						Tender documents for the engagement of Consultants to be prepared.
Nutgrove Avenue - Phase 3	✓						Tender documents for the engagement of Consultants to be prepared.



Selected Green Schools Walkability Audits Infrastructure				✓		Works are completed on Knapton Road and Albert Road. Works are nearly complete on Castlepark Road and works on Station Road (Glenageary Dart Station) commenced in July/August.
Cycle Parking Development					✓	108 stands have been installed in 2021 so far. Cycle and scooter parking to be delivered to schools when the stands are delivered
Roebuck Road (Fosters Avenue to Goatstown Road)	✓					Works on junctions due to commence in September 2021
Protected Cycle Facilities	✓					List of locations to be prepared-junctions and routes.
Sandyford to City Centre Cycle Scheme (M50 to Drummartin Link Road)					✓	Scheme 99% complete. Snagging items raised by Stage 3 Road Safety Audit. Estimated completion: September 2021
New Pedestrian and Cycle entrance to Belfield on N11 at Nova UCD					✓	Scheme 98% complete. Waiting on installation of granite cladding and new gates at Nova UCD. Estimated completion October 2021.
Wyattville Road (Phase 2)			✓			Detailed design and preparation of tender documents ongoing
<b>Covid 19 and July Stimulus Packed funded schemes -- Contractual Liability.</b>						
2020 Covid Measures and 2020 July Stimulus Package				✓		Outstanding works from 2020 active travel schemes ongoing.

### Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club to the N11. Design works are ongoing with a new road layout being examined to provide additional public realm benefits.

### Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

Sports clubs in the County have been invited to apply for cycle parking via the online Public Consultation Hub and a press release was issued on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to encourage clubs to apply by September 2021.

<https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/cycle-scooter-parking-for-sports-clubs/>

A public consultation process seeking locations for Cargo Bike parking will commence on July 1 with submissions due by August 6, 2021.

<https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/transportation/cargo-bike-parking/>

### Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

There were no TAG meetings held remotely in July 2021.

### Bus Connects

The Core Bus Corridor (CBC) schemes are progressing through Final Design stage and planning applications are being prepared. A Preliminary Business Case for the overall BusConnects Dublin programme has been submitted to the Department of Transport for its review and for Government decision in accordance with the Public Spending Code governing capital projects. Assuming a positive determination of the Preliminary Business Case, the NTA intends to submit planning applications for approval to An Bord Pleanála as quickly as is feasible thereafter, most likely during October/November of this year. This

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

#### **Dundrum ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment**

Work on this project is progressing and the ABTA Stage 1- Baseline Assessment, which will form the basis for the study has been completed. Work on the ABTA Stage 2 – Setting the Policy Context and identifying potential transport interventions is now underway.

#### **Dundrum – Bus Interchange Project**

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

#### **Dun Laoghaire - Bus Interchange Project**

Similar to the Dundrum Bus Interchange Project, the NTA have commenced discussions with DLRCC to address the need for improvements to bus facilities in Dun Laoghaire to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects New Dublin Area Bus Network. Meetings/workshops are ongoing to progress this work and a multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist.

#### **Old Conna ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment**

Work on this project had been put on hold pending further engagement with the NTA regarding the review of the Transport Strategy for the GDA and the transport infrastructural requirements to support new development areas in the southeast of the county. It is now anticipated that work on this project will recommence in September 2021

### **3. Water & Drainage**

#### **Drainage and Flood Alleviation**

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in Dec 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints study, Hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Initial Public Consultation is now complete. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders are underway. A Ground Investigation has commenced at key sites where alleviation measures may be practicable.

Work is now substantially complete on the Deansgrange stream advance contract, namely the Kilbogget Park Flood Storage Structure. The new screen will be taken back under the control of Drainage Operations at the end of July.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey commenced on site in February and is now complete. The topographical survey has been completed and CCTV surveys are

underway. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost: beneficial scheme is achievable. It is planned to hold an initial public engagement event later in the year.

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

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is underway. Initial data gathering work has commenced and a topographical survey contract has commenced.

#### 4. Roads Control Unit July 2021

##### Reinstatement works

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out permanent reinstatements on behalf of Water Services Section as agreed under the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

##### Restoration works

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
<b>RCRP</b>	<b>Roads Control Restoration Programme 2021</b>					
1	Proby Square (South)			Completed		
2	Mariner's Court			On site		
3	Devitt Villas			Anti-Skid surface treatment not yet scheduled		
4	Kilgobbin Road			Completed		Certified
5	Enniskerry Road			Completed		Certified
6	Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue			Completed		Certified

#### 5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics: July 2021

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	217	196	246	229	347	364
Clean-Ups Assisted	34	29	65	65	67	50
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	28	35	22	13	20	40
Bathing Water Samples Taken	17	9	18	17	18	41
Gullies Cleaned	462	793	1160	1037	1487	1440
Dumping Incidents Managed	91	69	95	78	53	32

Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	8	15	1	0	11	0
Street Bin Collections	4561	4233	5201	5707	6285	6709

\* Statistics available up to the end of June 2021.

### Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – July 2021

- Workforce have continued operating on staggered roster arrangements to maintain social distancing requirements
- DLR's Cleansing & Road Maintenance Sections are leading on critical enhancement works at Killiney Beach. Works recommenced in March 2021 and are ongoing.
- Coliemore Harbour southern pier temporary access gangway installed in June. Arup are progressing planning & design for longer term remediation measures. Arup are also progressing plans to remove the failed segment of bedrock from the Harbour
- Annual weeding contract ongoing via Redlough Landscapes
- Additional cleansing resources deployed to George's Street to facilitate pedestrianisation including additional power washing, bins and enhanced litter clearance related activities
- Temporary barrel and 1100L wheelie bins remain insitu at litter hotspot locations to meet challenges of increased demand on the street bin service
- Lifeguard service ongoing at Seapoint, Sandycove and Killiney in line with Bathing Season and Blue Flags flying at Killiney and Seapoint.
- New temporary toilet facilities now operational and open to the public at Newtownsmith

## 6. Relevant Statistics

There were 3983 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 25th June and 31st July a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	no. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1240
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	694
Parking a vehicle on a footway	584
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	357
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	308
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	271
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	130
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	91
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	84
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	38

Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	28
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	24
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	24
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	21
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	13
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	11
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	10
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	10
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	9
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	7
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	5
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	5
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	4
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	4
Parking out of the limits of a bay	3
Parking a vehicle endangering other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle in a bus lane/street	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
<b>Total no. of tickets issued between 25th June and 31st July 2021</b>	<b>3983</b>

There were no convictions secured in July 2021, as the District Court is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions in place.

### Public Lighting

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

### Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in July 2021:	529
Percentage of lights out at the end of July 2021:	0.7%
Pole replacement carried out in July 2021:	6
Bracket replacements:	334
Tree trimming:	21
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	2
LED Upgrades	386

### LED Upgrading Program

A list of these can be found on [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie)

## Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed.	42
Inspections completed.	1

## Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	4
Alterations:	6
Legal requests:	2

## Road Opening Licences July 2021

Road Opening Licences received from 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021 via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Licence Applications Submitted	267
Licence Applications Granted	257
Applications Withdrawn/Refused	10

## Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In July 2021 there were:

- 2 Applications for Roads closures
- **13** licences issued for Street Furniture (Tables and Chairs)
- 3 applications for film location

## 7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

### COVID-19 Measures

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

### Harbour Safety Patrol Boat

This initiative is progressing well and has been broadly welcomed by all water users.

### Filming

Filming activity is beginning to increase as the national Covid-19 restrictions reduce, and some firm bookings are now being made. A US series production is licencing offices for 2-3 months June -Aug.

### Drive-in Covid Test Centre

Randex Travel Health Care have opened a temporary drive-in COVID-19 test centre in the HSS compound on a trial basis for 3 months. The tests can be booked on-line for those requiring them for work or essential travel. The centre opened for business on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Randex have agreed a further 3-month licence to 22<sup>nd</sup> August. This is likely to be extended to year end with the opening up of foreign travel in July.

### Projects:

#### National Watersports Campus

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principal for Stream 1 grant funding for the development of a National

Watersports Campus. We are working with the Infrastructure & Climate Change Department to respond to requests for additional information from the grant funders in order to secure the grant for the project.

### **Berth 2 Fenders**

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to design / tender stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project was tendered and we are awaiting the full tender report to return to the Project Governance Board for approval to proceed to construction.

### **West Pier Survey**

Malachy Walshe & Partners have been appointed to carry out a full condition survey of the West Pier and to report on the prioritisation of any repair works deemed necessary. The Roundhead survey element has concluded, with the final report to issue in the coming weeks.

### **St. Michaels Pier Sheet Pile Wall Survey**

Doran Consulting have been appointed to carry out a full condition survey of the metal sheet pile wall that contains the infilled HSS vehicle compound area. This wall has never been surveyed previously, and the survey report will be important in determining the level of corrosion and future maintenance requirements of the wall. This survey is now completed and we are awaiting the report.

### **Real Estate Negotiations**

- The 1st Floor of Block 2, Harbour Square is vacant and advertised for lease. There has been some interest in recent weeks.
- The DMYC lease was presented to the Elected Members in February and is now awaiting signature to complete.
- Negotiations have been recommenced with the INSS on renewal of their lease, having been delayed by Covid-19.

### **Ferry Terminal**

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

A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2020. This matter will be brought to Area Committees and Full Council in the coming months for disposal pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

### **Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies**

Work is underway on developing the Economic Plans for Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Dún Laoghaire Town. The Stakeholder Engagement Campaign underpins both plans that will generate new ideas for the sustainable regeneration of the Town and the Harbour. The stakeholder engagement in respect of the Harbour Plan was completed on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021. Indecon consultants are now finalising their plan for issue in the coming months.

### **Cruise Ship Business**

Due in part to Brexit, and additional space required for customs checks, Dublin Port has reached capacity. They have therefore reallocated their main Cruise Ship berth to a freight shipping company. This has resulted in an increase in Cruise Ship Tender bookings for Dun Laoghaire Harbour in 2022. We are currently formulating plans for how to receive and welcome these Tender calls throughout next year.

## Finance and Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

<b>Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date</b>		
	Total approved Jan-July 2021	Enterprise Ireland target July 2021
Feasibility Study	20	9
Business Priming	8	7
Business Expansion	8	6
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	7	6
Trading Online Vouchers	187	88
Microfinance Ireland	6	14
<b>Total Approvals</b>	<b>236</b>	

<b>Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance</b>	
	July 2021
No of jobs created	27.5

<b>Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2021</b>	<b>Total Jan-July 2021</b>
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	232
Clients attending Networking Events	514
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1,385
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	142
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	222
Clients participating in Leadership Management Programmes <sup>1</sup>	55
<b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>	<b>2,550</b>

Note 1: No new programmes commenced in July/August

<b>DLR Economic Development Supports</b>	<b>Total Jan-July 2021</b>
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	5
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	27
Business Promotion Grants	3
Outdoor Dining Scheme <sup>2</sup>	51

Note 2: The Outdoor Dining Scheme was introduced on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 and replaced the Council's Street Furniture Grant.

### Enterprise Promotion activities in July 2021

<b>DLR Enterprise News</b>	<a href="#">LEO DLR – Enterprise News July 2021</a> (sent 24/06/21) Open rate 27.5%, 2548 recipients
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	<a href="#">Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid</a> (sent 14/07/21) Open rate 46.9%, 2558 recipients
<b>One-to-One Business Advice Sessions</b>	Remote Sessions throughout July
<b>Cyber Security Workshop</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Link Network Meeting</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Start Your Own Business (8 week course)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Trading Online Voucher Information Seminar</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Enterprising Women Network Meeting</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>LIFT Ireland Information Seminar</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>How to maximise your Website</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> July

## Tourism Development

### DLR Tourism Information Kiosk

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

### Tourism Friendly Cities (URBACT)

After hosting a number of learning webinars on various sustainable tourism topics, on July 8<sup>th</sup> a meeting of the Local Group took place to start the process of developing the action plan for coastal communities. This event was held outside at the National Yacht Club. An online meeting of all the network partners was held on July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Water Sports Facilities at Killiney Beach

As part of the compliance phase of the project, Fáilte Ireland conducted a site visit to the proposed location of the project. This project has progressed to phase 2 compliance and it is hoped to appoint a design team in September in preparation of a planning application.

### DLR Tourism Press Trip

On June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> six journalists were escorted around a number of the county's visitor experiences, including The Brian Broú (boat) Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Glencullen Adventure Park and Zipit Forest Park. The outcome of this was some very positive write ups in travel publications and a full page in the Munster Express.

### Centenary of the publication of Ulysses

Published in February 1922, Ulysses will be 100 years old next February 2202. We are working with the Friends of Joyce Tower to develop a programme of events to mark this occasion.

### Tourism Promotion

Our social media campaign is having a positive impact with a significant number of Impressions. We are also conducting a review of our website to ensure our search engine optimisation is fit for purpose.

<b>Social Media Analysis: July 2021</b>				
<b>Facebook</b>	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>No of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
dlr Tourism	6,342	203	15	426,126
<b>Twitter</b>	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>No of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
dlr Tourism	3,413	114	14	15,700

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2021**

<b>SERVICE DIVISION</b>	<b>Balance at 01/01/2021 €</b>	<b>Expenditure YTD €</b>	<b>Income YTD €</b>	<b>Balance at 30/06/2021 €</b>
<b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	-13,013,648	28,606,252	-27,701,392	-12,108,788
<b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	-6,890,505	13,618,128	-13,257,003	-6,529,380
<b>C Total Water Services</b>	-2,309,719	323,810	-38,701	-2,024,609
<b>D Total Development Management</b>	-116,460,990	2,442,047	-10,840,607	-124,859,549
<b>E Total Environmental Services</b>	-1,537,685	20,618	-226,348	-1,743,414
<b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	-13,255,266	3,851,202	-2,702,433	-12,106,497
<b>G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&amp;Safety</b>	-4,738,072	7,772	-392,222	-5,122,522
<b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	-24,870,872	1,477,401	-1,961,772	-25,355,243
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-183,076,756</b>	<b>50,347,231</b>	<b>-57,120,477</b>	<b>-189,850,002</b>

**SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/06/21**

	<b>Balance at 01/01/2021 €</b>	<b>Balance at 30/06/21 €</b>	<b>Current year debit €</b>	<b>Arrears &gt;1 year</b>
<b>RATES</b>	<b>19,133,314</b>	<b>63,729,805</b>	<b>58,869,873</b>	<b>4,859,932</b>

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2021**  
50.00%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	24,902,424	52,266,800	47.64%
B Road Transport & Safety	16,200,005	33,534,600	48.31%
C Water Services	5,851,322	12,722,200	45.99%
D Development Management	13,200,819	28,826,300	45.79%
E Environmental Services	15,887,573	32,172,200	49.38%
F Recreation & Amenity	16,334,760	33,995,500	48.05%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,516,150	4,376,900	57.49%
H Miscellaneous Services	23,496,290	13,454,700	174.63%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>118,389,343</b>	<b>211,349,200</b>	<b>56.02%</b>

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	21,303,806	45,772,800	46.54%
B Road Transport & Safety	7,310,085	14,719,000	49.66%
C Water Services	3,779,022	8,750,900	43.18%
D Development Management	5,249,268	11,073,300	47.40%
E Environmental Services	2,805,246	5,576,700	50.30%
F Recreation & Amenity	2,003,923	4,916,300	40.76%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,479,073	3,026,000	48.88%
H Miscellaneous Services	20,202,641	7,297,500	276.84%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>64,133,064</b>	<b>101,132,500</b>	<b>63.41%</b>

LPT	Local Property Tax	9,316,848	18,633,700	50.00%
RA	Rates	46,017,103	91,583,000	50.25%
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>119,467,015</b>	<b>211,349,200</b>	<b>56.53%</b>

**Surplus as 30/06/2021** -€1,077,671

**Planning Applications – monthly statistics: 25th June – 31<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	195	196
Decision Deferred	0	48	48
Decision to Grant**	0	141	141
Decision to Refuse**	1	25	26
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	1	118	119
Invalid Applications	0	45	45

\*Includes 23 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)

**Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:**

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP31088221	Green Urban Living N11 Limited St. Laurence College, Wyattville Park, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin 256 no. Build to Rent apartments, creche	20/07/2021	23/08/2021	www.n11wyattvilleparkbtrshd.com	08/11/2021

<https://www.pleanala.ie/getattachment/7e5978f6-673a-47ea-8cb3-772fbbd926fb/Current-Applications-26-08-2021.pdf?lang=en-IE>

**Planning Counter Figures**

**25th June - 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.**

Customers Served	4
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**1<sup>st</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021**

Customers Served	46
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\*Planning counter is by appointment only from Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

**Building Control**

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	32
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	26
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn *	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	18
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	18/0
Commencement Notices Validated	84
7 Day Notices received	18
Completion Certs Validated	19

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

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

## Infrastructure and Climate Change

### Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 57  
 Complaints closed 48

#### Litter and Waste Fines

July 2021	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	56	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	1	
Legal proceedings initiated.	17	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	121	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	128	Litter Section

### Architects

#### Energy

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has improved its energy performance by 51% in 2020 (the public sector target for 2020 was 33%) compared to the baseline year of 2009. The new 50% carbon reduction target to 2030 and shift in the baseline from 2009 to an average of between 2016-2018 sets a more challenging target for the local authority over this decade. DLR is currently at 44% reduction on this basis. The biggest challenge will be reaching the BER B for buildings owned by DLR. Significant resources are required to meet this government requirement.

#### Conservation

Planning Applications	28
Section 5 Declarations	3
Section 57 Declarations	0
BHIS Grant Scheme	Ongoing monitoring of projects

#### Dangerous Buildings: 25<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July

Dangerous	2
Potentially Dangerous	3
Not Dangerous	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

## Community and Cultural Development

### Age Friendly

2 consultations in relation to the review of the Age Friendly Strategy were held with internal and external stakeholders.

The High Security Lock Scheme for older people was launched on 23 July with an application deadline of 20 August.

### Grants

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2021 closed on 16<sup>th</sup> July. The key theme of this year's CEP programme is supporting groups as they re-open facilities which have been closed due to COVID-19. 42 applications were received. The LCDC will consider these at its meeting in September.

### Community Clean Up Days

Armed with bags, gloves, litter pickers and a strong sense of purpose, local residents, Crosscare and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Community Development team got to work cleaning Ballyogan's green spaces and streets as part of a local initiative by Ballyogan Estate Management to clean up their area. The extremely successful event took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> July and resulted in over 30 bags of rubbish being collected.

Following on from this successful day Furry Hill was the next estate where the community came out in force and rolled up their sleeves and made a huge difference to their area in Partnership with South Side Partnership, LBS Mens Shed, Crosscare and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> July. By the end of the sunny day not a weed was a visible on the curbs and each bin area was scrubbed out. Over 25 bags of rubbish was collected.

### Festival in a Van

On the 6<sup>th</sup> July Someone's Karl Flood joined us to travel the highways and byways of Glenageary, Sallynoggin and Glasthule with a medley of favourites from Frank Sinatra to Abba to Dean Martin. Of course, there was dancing. Oh, and ice creams too...

On the 7<sup>th</sup> July Karl Flood sang sultry songs in the summer sunshine to the communities in Loreto Court, Kilcross and Simpsons Hospital enjoyed by all while munching on ice cream.

### Community Response to COVID-19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 4,479 calls since it commenced on 30 March 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 18 calls were received in July. The majority of the calls relate to requests in relation to the HSE vaccination programme.
- The Community Response Forum is meeting every two months at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.

## Cultural Development

### Arts

#### **dlr Choice - Local Live Performance Programming Scheme**

dlr Choice is a Season of Summer Shows under the Local Live Performance Scheme funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. A call out for dlr based musicians and performers was widely advertised, and the season is programmed and curated by Scheweppe Curtis Nunn.

It will feature more than 50 performing acts: from children's entertainers to jazz quartets; comedians to singer songwriters; classical music to electronica; and opera to trad. bringing the thrill and joy of live performance back to public outdoor spaces at the Walled Garden in Marlay Park, Moran Park at dlr LexIcon Library, Myrtle Square off George's Street, the garden at Dundrum Library and Blackrock Park.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/dlr-choice-season-summer-shows>

#### **Musicians in Residence**

Traditional flute player Iarlaith Mac Gabhann continued his Emerging Musician-in-Residency throughout July. For his fourth and final online video update he put together a selection of two reels which serve as an example of the type of music he intends to showcase as part of the Residency's final performance later in the year. The Scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and is managed by Music Network.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/music/emerging-musician-residence-2021-iarlaith-macgabhann>

#### **Youth Creative Engagement Programme update from Ballyogan**

The Ballyogan Build project was carried out between December 2020 and July 2021 with The Youth Creative Engagement Worker Rosi Leonard. The aim was to engage young people in the Ballyogan area to create a new outdoor hangout space for themselves and their friends at the Ballyogan Youth Project

Three preliminary workshops with young people and many weeks of outreach and planning resulted in an action packed week long build with 21 young people from 12 to 17 taking part! Young people were encouraged to get involved in all aspects of creating the build- from cutting and assembling all the wood joints, to designing and building furniture and assembling the structure together. The young people did an incredible job and we hope they are really proud of what they've achieved!

The Programme is funded by UBU Your Place Your Space Scheme from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth with funding from The National Lottery.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/children-and-young-people/youth-creative-engagement-programme>

#### **Municipal Gallery Programme**

**On Returning, New Work by Gary Coyle**, the dlr Visual Art Commission for 2021, opened in July. Gary Coyle is an Irish artist whose work has always displayed a great connection to his hometown of Dún Laoghaire. He is a graduate of NCAD Dublin and The RCA London and was elected a member of the RHA in 2007 and Aosdána in 2009. The exhibition features a series of coloured drawings – a new departure for Coyle - based on his regular DART journey between the City Centre and Dún Laoghaire.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/returning-gary-coyle-exhibition>

### Online Gallery Learning Programme for 2021

The online Gallery Learning Programme continues this July to make sure that everyone can still access lots of opportunities to get creative at home. The programme is packed with talks, conversations, demonstrations and art making workshops. From Meet the Artist in the Studio Conversations, workshops for children, adults and families ranging from seasonal art making to colour mixing, a range of online workshops is available through the Summer weeks.

The What's On section of the Arts Office website is updated on a weekly basis and bookings are via Eventbrite: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/whats-latest-news>

### Libraries

All dlr Library spaces re-opened to the public on Monday 10 May, as part of a gradual, responsible resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines.

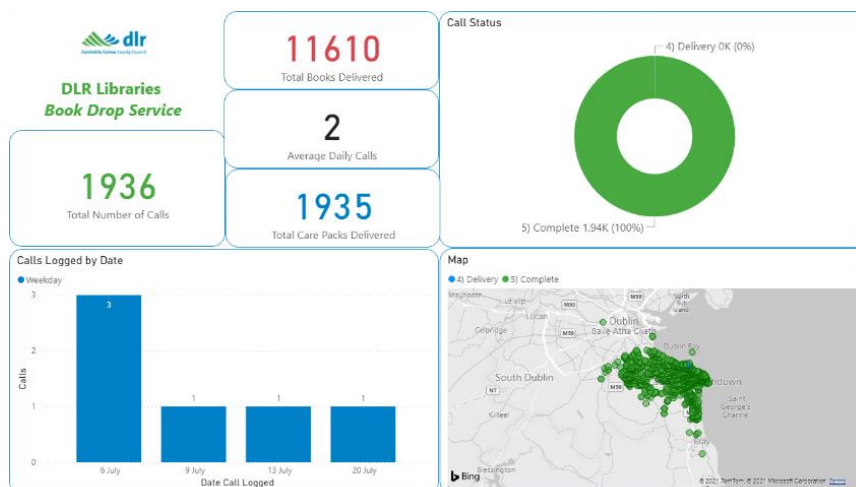
Services available during this phase include:

Return and borrowing of items, quick browse visits with restricted numbers in place and a return to usual staffed opening hours with late evenings and Saturday opening. Printing from home, from a personal device, or from a designated quick-use PC and use of self-service photocopiers is permitted while use of Surfbox postal printing service, for next day delivery, and the availability of all our online services continues. The national reserves system remains operational during this phase as does the national delivery service for inter-county reservations.

However, as per Government guidelines for this phase, we are unable at present to provide any service which involves seating, including access to general seating or study spaces. We are unable at this time to provide full access to Internet PCs/laptops, or to programme live indoor events in our spaces. During this phase, numbers permitted at organised outdoor events = 200 attendees.

### Book Drop Service

Since the re-opening of library spaces, and the continuing roll-out of the national vaccination programme, the number of calls to the Book Drop Service has continued to decline. Over **1,900** calls have been received since April 2020, with over **11,600** books delivered to the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community. Book deliveries, where still required, are made by the dlr Library driver





## **dlr Libraries Online**

While in this phase, we continue with our events programme in an online environment in the main. Small organised outdoor events are permitted in line with public health guidelines.

All our online services/resources remain available. You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!

Tumble Books – Online collection of ebooks for children

Borrowbox & Overdrive - download eBooks and eAudiobooks

PressReader - read newspapers

Overdrive– read magazines & comics

Transparent Language Online – learn a language

Universal Class – take a course

Freegal – stream or download music

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

## **Events**

All our events remain primarily online during this phase.

Online, we're continuing with our arts and crafts posts, literary and popular culture discussions and nature and local history posts, to encourage our users to continue to engage with us and to stimulate memories and discussion via our social media platforms.

## **Regular events for adults**

### **Online Book Club**

Our popular online monthly book club with Mary Burnham took place on the last Wednesday of July at 7.30pm with a Zoom discussion of *Regeneration Trilogy, Book 1* by Pat Barker. The club continues to attract new members each month. With library spaces now open again, members can call in to collect the chosen titles or continue to download them from our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox. Blackrock Library book club for adults also met online in July.

## **Exhibition Programme**

### **James Joyce's Dublin Houses**

#### **dlr LexIcon, Level 3 & outdoors Moran Park**

**1 June - 31 July 2021**

dlr Libraries have partnered with the Friends of Joyce Tower Society to present an exhibition of paintings by Charles Hulgraine depicting the many Dublin houses inhabited by the Joyce family. The exhibition will be on display on Level 3 dlr LexIcon until 31 July where copies of Vivien Igoe's publication ***James Joyce's Dublin Houses*** will also be available. A selection of Hulgraine's paintings of these houses have been enlarged for display outdoors in Moran Park from 10 June.

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

## STEAM events

In July, as part of our LexIcon Lab STEAM programme, we held a series of online Coding workshops for children and Arduino workshops for adults.

## Events for Children

### Summer Stars 2021

Summer Stars is the national annual reading incentive programme run in all public libraries across Ireland, from the middle of June until the end of August. It encourages children to keep reading during the school holidays, as it's been shown that reading ability takes a dip during the summer break. All children are invited to take part by registering at their local library. Every child taking part gets a Summer Stars Reading card and is challenged to read 8 books. Stamps are awarded for every book read, and there are some great fun incentives for those who complete a Reading Card. All cards are entered into our grand Prize Draw where prizes include a family pass for Airfield, multi-sport camp and family swim tickets from dlr Leisure, and vouchers for Nimble Fingers.

In July we programmed drawing workshops online with author Mags Suggs and Biodiversity workshops with The Rediscovery Centre. We also programmed a Harry Potter-themed craft workshop. Library staff also continued to host online storytime sessions and post book recommendations on our social media platforms.

**As part of our Summer Stars programme 2021, we continued to promote our 2 new Seal Trails, in Cabinteely Library Garden and in Dundrum Library Garden, and the books that inspired them - *The Vanishing Lake* and *Spidey*.**

**Over 900 children had registered with dlr Libraries for the Summer Stars Programme by the end of July. The initiative runs until the end of August 2021.**

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/summer-stars-2021>

## Statistics

### Social media (July 2021)

Facebook	7,129 followers
Twitter	8,364 followers
Instagram	2,926 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	7,479 subscribers

## Digital library issues

July 2021

Resource	Description	Checkouts Preliminary July 2021
Overdrive	e Audio	1245
Overdrive	e Book	1677
Overdrive	Comics	14
Overdrive	Magazines	2882
Borrowbox	e Audio	5012
Borrowbox	e Book	2620
Freegal	Streaming + Download	1008
Press Reader	Newspapers	4722
Tumblebooks		106
<b>Total</b>		<b>19268</b>



## Parks

### Biodiversity:

- Have Your Say - Public consultation for the draft DLR Biodiversity Action Plan July – Aug 2021
- Presentation of the draft DLR Biodiversity Action Plan to Cherrywood team
- Biosphere webinars for July including DLR Gardening for Biodiversity Volunteers talk
- Application to EU Interreg with EMRA for PROGRESS Pilot Action Proposal - Green Infrastructure Decision Support for Ecosystem Services
- Approval of 2nd NBAP government biodiversity grant for Invasive Alien Species
- Mapping of known Brent Geese sites in the Dublin region with Biosphere Partners
- DLR County Hedgerow survey continues
- DLR County Badger study continues
- DLR Important birds study commences
- DLR Marine habitats and species meeting to determine priority surveys
- DLR Green Infrastructure meeting with SDCC

### Heritage

- New Oral History programme - *People's History of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown* launched in partnership with UCD's National Folklore collection – 45 participants signed up to date for pilot programme, interviews and transcriptions underway. Second call out planned for Autumn and expansion of programme in 2022 likely to include follow on exhibition/book.
- 16 no. Covid-friendly guided walks/tours run for Summer of Heritage 2021. Two new tours added – George's St. Past, Present, Future and Dún Laoghaire Street Art tour. All tours booked out.
- County Heritage Plan SEA and AA Screening and Irish translation completed
- Collaboration with dlr Tourism Officer/Friends of James Joyce Tower on Ulysses centenary programme Feb 2022
- Progression of projects at Carrickbrennan cemetery and Williamstown Tower
- Progression of 2021 Decade of Centenaries programme with dlr Historian in Residence

- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens and community groups
- Distribution of Gardening for Biodiversity books and colouring books to community groups.

### **CoCo Markets July:**

During the month of July, we received 9 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 2 Permanent applications for Marlay Park Sunday both (Other food)
- 3 Permanent for Dun Laoghaire (Craft)
- 1 Permanent for Marlay Saturday, Sunday and People's Park Sunday
- 3 seasonal applications (Other food x1, Craft x2)

### **Sports Development**

#### **dlr Leisure:**

Set up and completed the following activities in July.

#### **Youth group programmes taking place in July.**

1. Boylan Centre mixed group (12 –15 years)
2. Boylan centre girls group (15-17 years)
3. Shankill boys group (10-14 years)
4. Shankill girls group (10-14 years)
5. Shankill girls (17-19 years)
6. Carmona Services (3 groups)
7. Balally family resource centre 2 groups covering the following ages (10-12) and (13-14 years) this was a mixed group
8. Ballybrack boys group (15-17 years)

The above programmes included multi-sport sessions, gym session and archery.

#### **Residents committee**

- Worked with Ashlawn Ballybrack residents committee on the summer camp covering the following 2 groups 10-14 years and 15-17 years.
- Worked with Crosscare Whitehouse and Ballyogan residents committee on their open day.

#### **Held meetings and have booked in the following groups for August**

- Sandyford girls' group (10 – 12 years)
- Sandyford girls (14+ age)
- Furry hill residents (14+ years)
- Kilcross residents (10 -12 years)
- Kilcross (13 –14 years)
- Rosemount (10-14 years)
- Cois cairn (10-14 years)

#### **Leinster Rugby:**

26<sup>th</sup> of June till the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2021

**Emily McKeown was on annual leave from the 12<sup>th</sup> of July till the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2021**

#### **Leinster Rugby Summer Camps**

Blackrock RFC (JS & EMcK) – 169 players – 164 boys & 5 girls

### **County Council Summer Camps**

DLR Multisport camp, Balally family recreation centre – 22 children – 14 boys & 8 girls (EMcK)

DLR Multisport camp, Balally family recreation centre – 22 children – 15 boys & 7 girls (JS)

### **DLR Rugby Clubs**

Blackrock College RFC U9s tackle training – 20 players in 2 groups

Two clubs in DLRCC are running the IRFU program “Give It A Try” for girls:

Old Wesley – 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2021

Blackrock – 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2021

Jonathan & Emily are working in Leinster Rugby Summer Camps across the months of July & August 2021 (BOI & SOE). There are two BOI camps being hosted in DLR, BCRFC & DLSP FC

### **FAI:**

- No Report

### **Leinster Cricket:**

- At the end of June, the DLR u13 squad took part in the district cup with two matches being played in Shanganagh Park, the team had a successful competition, winning two matches and finished top of the table. Five members of the squad have been selected to play for Leinster u13 in the upcoming Interpros.
- At the end of July, it was the turn of the DLR u11 team, with similar results winning two and losing one match for a share of the cup. Three members of the squad have been selected to play for Leinster u11 in a 4-match series against the Northern Cricket Union.
- Big thanks to DLRCC for organising the increased grass cutting at Shanganagh Park’s for the district cup series, ground is looking good!

### **Sports Partnership:**

- **Disability Summer Camps** – delivered 5 weeks of inclusive camps on the water in Dun Laoghaire from 21<sup>st</sup> June to end July. Each week catering for a different disability type with focus on children who would not otherwise access a camp (65 children).
- **Inclusive Bike Fleet** – new free hire service for bikes suitable for older adults and people with disabilities in Dun Laoghaire. Collaboration with Infrastructure & Climate Change Dept., The Bike Hub and Cycling Without Age (over 70 bookings/trips in July).
- **Woodlands For Health** – latest programme with Cluain Mhuire. Weekly forest walks started this month for adults dealing with serious mental health difficulties.
- **Swimming Pool Access** – purchasing an accessible hoist (Poolpod) for the pool in Monkstown using DLRCC and Dormant Accounts funding.
- **Swimability Programme** – collaboration with dlr Leisure to introduce quite swim hours for children with additional needs in each of their 3 swimming pools.
- **Urban Outdoor Adventure Project** – working with Open Spectrum to organise a series of outdoor adventure activities for teenagers with Autism.
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – Round 2 was opened for applications from 12<sup>th</sup> July to the 9<sup>th</sup> August to support clubs in return to sport.
- **Outdoors Yoga** – delivering a new beginners programme for adults that is taking place beside the harbour (29 participants).
- **Walking For Health** – new 4-week walking programme started on the 27<sup>th</sup> July in Marlay Park (22 participants).
- **Active Dublin** - National Lead Officer role has been filled (Limerick LSP). Some projects being promoted under Active Dublin to start delivery.

- **Ballyogan Sports & Activity Hub**
  - Steering Group meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July
  - Working with local partners to identify opportunities now activities can resume.
  - Delivered an activity element to the community cleanup day (25 children)
  - Delivery of a 4-week Kickboxing programme
  - Looking to secure location for a basketball/soccer play area including purchasing the capital equipment for this.
- **Map My Park** – currently updating the maps for 4 other parks to include information to aid in accessibility and awareness. Distance marker posts also to be installed.
- **Child Safeguarding in Sport** – 2 workshops delivered in July (25 attendees).
- **Staffing** – still awaiting derogation from Department Local Gov. for 3 new positions with funding already secured through Sport Ireland.
- **Sports First Aid** – have organised 2 training courses for later in the year that are already fully booked.
- **Sports Partnership Board** – undergoing a Skills Audit and Board Effectiveness Review. On target to meet the Sport Ireland requirement of full compliance with The Governance Code by end of 2021

