



# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **APRIL MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**30 March – 28 April 2021**

The country remained under Level 5 restrictions during the month of April, however changes to restrictions will commence from May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Staff continued to work remotely where possible with the Dundrum Area Office and the libraries closed to the public. Access to County Hall by members of the public is by appointment only, for urgent business.

The Council meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> April which was reconvened on the 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 were both held fully remote.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

### **Libraries**

Ireland remains in [Level 5 Lockdown until at least 4 May](#). As a result, all dlr Library spaces remain closed to the public. This includes the My Open Library service at Deansgrange Library, and Sunday opening at dlr LexIcon.

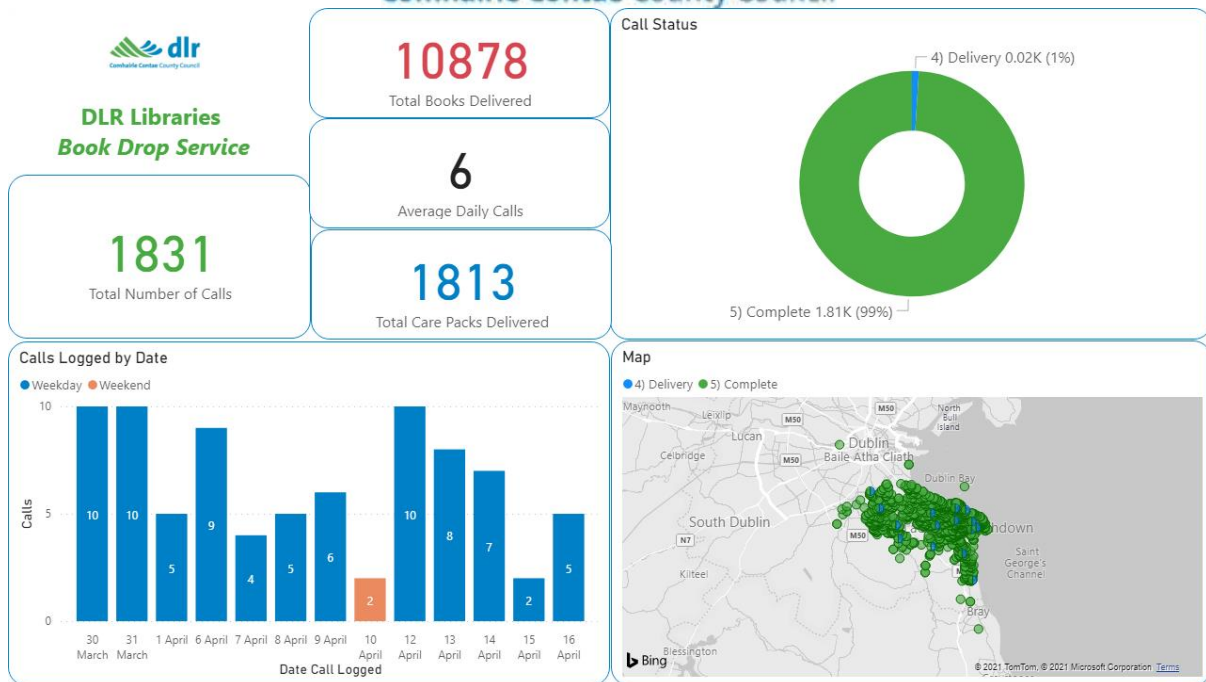
During current restrictions, our Contact & Collect service, online reservations and the national delivery system all cease, with online resources and services and online events continuing. Library staff continue to work remotely with a small number of staff working onsite within guidelines.

### **Community Call**

Staff from Deansgrange and Blackrock Libraries continue taking phone calls and queries 3 days per week as part of the Community Call. Staff from the Community Dept. operate the Community Call helpline/email the remainder of the week. For more information, contact the dlr Community Call phonenumber on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2713199 or email [covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie).

### **Book Drop Service**

Since the Book Drop Service launched on 17 April 2020, **1,831 calls** have been dealt with by library staff, with **10,878 books issued** to cocooners, the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community. Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. You can contact dlr LexIcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie).



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 4,383 calls since it commenced on 30 March 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 38 calls were received in April. The majority of the calls relate to requests for library books. Other issues include information requests on Covid-19 and vaccination services.
- The Community Response Forum is meeting every four weeks 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**

All DLR heritage properties sites closed due to Level 5 and filming ceased. Online County Heritage Plan presentations and consultation. Planning for online/blended approach to much of the 2021 Heritage programme.

### **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 was intended to target 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 was April 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 and a total of 147 applications were received.

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](#).

Fáilte Ireland has introduced a new [Outdoor Dining Scheme](#) which provides funding to individual businesses to introduce or expand their outdoor seating. The grant, which is for a maximum of €4,000, can be used to fund up to seventy-five per cent of the cost of purchases made since April 2020. 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.

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.

Work on *Dún Laoghaire Anseo*, a programme of street art for Dún Laoghaire town, is continuing. The project will be realised from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, and it is hoped that this will boost footfall in the town, subject to public health restrictions in place at the time.

### **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**

In line with Government guidelines most construction has re-commenced. Conservation and Dangerous Buildings services continued.

### **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 Inspections and all but emergency maintenance calls are suspended. Work is continuing on a limited number of social housing sites, which are exempted from the current restrictions on construction activity, and which are due for completion by the end of April. 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 a waiver of commercial rates for the first 6 months of 2021.

This 6 month waiver has modified criteria and accordingly is a separate, standalone waiver scheme. As previously, the waiver is applied automatically to eligible customers accounts.

Rates Revaluation: Due to COVID-19, revaluation of rateable properties in the administrative area will be deferred. The revaluation will now be finalised in September 2022 and become effective for rates purposes from 2023 onwards.

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.

Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid – SBASC: The Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment launched the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 which was intended to target those businesses with operating costs that do not qualify for the COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS) operated by the Revenue Commissioners.

The eligibility criteria for both schemes are similar. The main difference between SBASC and CRSS is the requirement, in the case of CRSS, for the public to have access to a business premises.

SBASC also aligns with recently announced grant schemes for the tourism, arts and entertainment sectors.

The grant, which is available as a contribution towards fixed costs to assist a business to keep operational for an eventual re-opening, is only available to an applicant operating from a rateable property.

The scheme covers the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021. Each eligible applicant will receive a payment of €4,000 with an additional payment of €4,000 from May 2021 to applicants continuing to meet the scheme eligibility criteria.

- The scheme is available to companies, self-employed, sole traders or partnerships, with a minimum turnover of €50,000 and are not owned and operated by a public body. The Scheme is open to firms that currently employ less than 250 and with current turnover of less than €25m.
- The business is not eligible for CRSS or the Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity Scheme.
- The business operates from a building, or similar fixed physical structure on which business rates are payable (mobile premises, or premises which are not permanently fixed in place, do not meet the definition of business premises nor do premises on which no rates are payable).
- The business must have a current eTax Clearance Certificate from the Revenue Commissioners.
- The turnover of the business over the claim period is estimated to be no more than 25% of the average weekly turnover of the business in 2019; or the projected average weekly turnover of the business for 1st January to 31st March 2021, and 30th of June 2021 where applicable, for businesses that commenced after 1st November 2019, and the financial plans as of end of 2019 should be uploaded with the application.
- The business intends to resume trading in full once Government restrictions are eased.
- All eligible applications receive a first payment of €4,000.
- Payments will be dispersed in the same format as rates refunds via bank transfer.

This scheme is now closed for applications. The closing date for applications was 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 at 11.59pm.

We received 147 complete applications up to the closing date.

#### **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.

#### **Corporate Affairs:**

- The monthly April Council meeting took place remotely on 12th April and re-convened on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- Deputations recommenced and continue to be held remotely.
- Group Leaders' meetings are now being 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.
- Covid reps for staff within the organisation continue to hold regular meetings to obtain and discuss information that is provided to staff to keep them informed on COVID related matters. This ensures we continue to provide services in a safe workplace environment.





### **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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**Dlr BETA project**

The dlr BETA project was launched on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The BETA project further expands our public engagement platforms and invites ideas from the public to trial small scale improvements to improve the public realm.

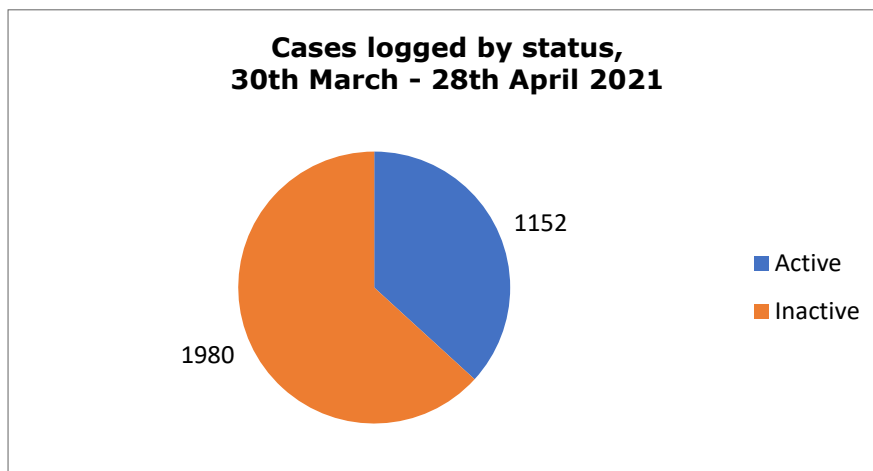
There is a dedicated website, [www.dlrbeta.ie](http://www.dlrbeta.ie) which will be the platform for sourcing good ideas and turning them into small scale test projects. The trials, usually for a period of 3-6 months, will be monitored and assessed for effectiveness. Consideration will then be given to see if it is feasible to develop the project out on a wider basis over time.

There are currently two trial projects to come on board:-

**Parklet, Sallynoggin:-** Public seating and planting has temporarily taken the place of 3 car parking spaces. It will provide room for local people to relax and assist local businesses.

**Bin for Pizza boxes only:-** Provision of a new type of bin that is for the bulky pizza boxes only, to prevent them blocking the ordinary bins. This will be trialled in Blackrock and Dun Laoghaire, starting in May.

**Civic Hub Stats:**

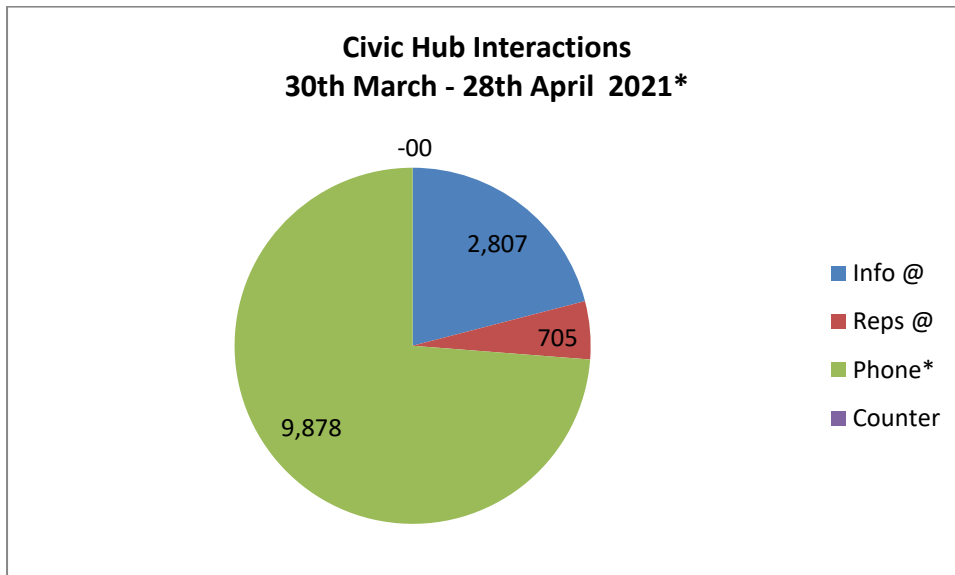


Cases logged from 30<sup>th</sup> March – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Open	1152
Closed	1980

**Cases Logged from 30<sup>th</sup> March – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021, by Section:**

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	4	8	12
Ballyogan Depot	4	1	5
CoCo	5	2	7
Comms & Civic Hub	39	187	226
Community	2	3	5
Corporate Services	6	1	7
DEACTIVATED USERS	1		1
dIrcoco	7		7
Enterprise	1	2	3
Environment	208	493	701
Finance	16	272	288
Housing	85	101	186
Libraries	3		3
Parks	390	337	727
Planning	11	22	33
Property	19	4	23
Transportation	335	457	792
Waste Enforcement	8	64	72
Water Services	8	26	34
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1152</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>3132</b>



\* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

**Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged from 30<sup>th</sup> March – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	6,271	3,607

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,807	705	3,512

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	0	0	0

**Freedom of Information**

There were 17 Freedom of Information requests received during April, bringing the total to 71 for the year to date.

**Social Media Stats:**

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
<b>Reporting Period</b> Mar 30, 2021 – Apr 28, 2021	<b>65,771</b> ↑ 0.9%	<b>464</b> ↑ 13.2%	<b>845</b> ↓ 4.3%	<b>1,668,524</b> ↑ 12%	<b>59,126</b> ↑ 34%	<b>3.5%</b> ↑ 19.7%	<b>14,838</b> ↓ 12.1%
<b>Compare to</b> Feb 28, 2021 – Mar 29, 2021	<b>65,194</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>1,490,116</b>	<b>44,113</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>16,882</b>
<b>dlr Arts Office</b>	2,583	19	64	56,655	924	1.6%	3
<b>dlr Heritage</b>	3,696	41	4	7,365	126	1.7%	0
<b>dlr Libraries</b>	8,283	54	125	230,187	3,687	1.6%	1,952
<b>dlrevents</b>	10,677	-1	-	1,407	5	0.4%	25
<b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	3,570	117	154	107,109	2,358	2.2%	455
<b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	11,931	41	193	291,345	15,592	5.4%	3,159
<b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	16,992	146	214	858,916	31,538	3.7%	8,849
<b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	2,498	40	35	57,545	4,211	7.3%	82
<b>LEO DLR</b>	5,541	7	56	57,995	685	1.2%	313

1. Road Maintenance Management Report - April 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	✓				
6	Ballinlea Road		✓			
7	Corrig Road			✓		
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
9	Saval Park Road			✓		
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		✓			on site in May
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			✓		
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		✓			





6	Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue			Not scheduled yet	Licensed reinstatement works
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## 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)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents nearly completed. The scheme is currently being reviewed by the NTA.
Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents ongoing
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave	✓						The preliminary design is currently being amended following a review by the NTA.
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes	✓						The preliminary design is currently being amended following a review by the NTA.
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)	✓						An engineering consultant is about to be appointed to carry out the design of the scheme.
Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock				✓			A contractor is about to be appointed to carry out the improvements works.
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 currently underway on Castlepark Road and Knaption Road and works on Albert Road and Station Road (Gleneageary Dart Station) with commence in May/June.
Cycle Parking Development					✓		112 stands have been installed in 2021 up to April 26, 2021 (224 cycle parking spaces). New stands to be delivered in May.
Roebuck Road (Fosters Avenue to Goatstown Road)	✓						Report on the cycle track element of the Road maintenance scheme to be

							brought to the Dundrum Area Committee in May 2021
Protected Cycle Facilities	✓						List of locations to be prepared- junctions and routes.
Sandyford to City Centre Cycle Scheme (M50 to Drummartin Link Road)					✓		New Traffic light poles have been installed at M50 Rotary. Estimated completion date of Summer 2021.
New Pedestrian and Cycle entrance to Belfield on N11 at Nova UCD					✓		Estimated completion date of Summer 2021.
Wyattville Road (Phase 2)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents ongoing
Belmont Estate to Kilgobbin Road Greenway						✓	Work has commenced.
<b>Covid 19 and July Stimulus Packed funded schemes – - Contractual Liability.</b>							
Dundrum Village – Main Street						✓	Works complete.
Cruagh Wood Extension						✓	Landscaping works complete.
Shanganagh Road -signalised Pedestrian Crossing adjacent to Abberley/Norwood.					✓		Works substantially Complete
2020 Covid Measures and 2020 July Stimulus Package				✓			Outstanding works from 2020 active travel schemes ongoing.

### Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 2-Lower Kilmacud Road from 100m east of the junction with Upper Kilmacud Road to the access road into Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club, landscape works 80% complete.

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

Road Safety Working Together Group meeting held on April 22nd, 2021.

Details of online AXA road safety show held on April 22nd, 2021 and organised by Mayo County Council was brought to the attention of schools in the County.

All schools in the County were invited to apply for school cycle or scooter parking via the online Public Consultation Hub (private link) and a press release was issued in February 19t 2021 to encourage schools to apply by April 16th, 2021. 31 schools have applied,

and schools will be prioritised for the supply if the scooter and cycle parking. Following a tender process, we are awaiting the delivery of new cycle stands in May.

### **Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)**

There were no meetings in April.

### **Bus Connects**

The Core Bus Corridor (CBC) schemes are progressing to Final Design stage ahead of planning applications being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála with a target date now looking like early summer. CBC Route 15 - Blackrock to Merrion is to be included in the first tranche of planning applications to be submitted. Further engagement with the Local Authority on both CBC routes is anticipated over the coming month as final design is being progressed.

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

Work on the project has commenced with the preparation of the Baseline Assessment report, which will form the basis for the study.

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

Work on this project has 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.

## **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 contract has been awarded for an initial Site Investigation at key sites where alleviation measures may be practicable.

Contractors have been appointed to construct the new screen/flood storage structure in Kilbogget Park. Work is well underway on site with the structure 100% completed. The structure will be clad in granite masonry and then the screen steelwork fitted. Completion of the structure and viewing platform is planned for June 2021.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have 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. Tenders have been received for topographical and CCTV surveys. It is planned to hold an initial public engagement event in May.

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.

### Draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs)

The Flood Risk Management Plans were launched on 3rd May 2018, and these were adopted by the Council at the Council Meeting on the 10th of September.

All three Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area (Deansgrange/Loughlinstown/Shanganagh, Carysfort-Maretimo and Old Connaught Wilford) have been included in the Ten-Year €1 billion Programme of Investment in Flood Relief Measures with Deansgrange/Loughlinstown/Shanganagh included in the first tranche of €257 million in funding for 50 new flood relief schemes to proceed to detailed design.

The OPW have asked DLR to project manage the scheme and have agreed to fund the necessary in-house project management personnel.

## 4.Roads Control Unit March 2021

### Reinstatement works.

The reinstatement repair works on behalf of Irish Water are fully resumed now.

### 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)			on site - 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021		Outstanding Road Marking
2	Mariner's Court			On site May 2021		Full road resurfacing
3	Devitt Villas			Not scheduled yet		Anti-Skid surface treatment to be scheduled.
4	Kilgobbin Road			On site May 2021		Isolated Patching repair works
5	Enniskerry Road			On site May 2021		Isolated Patching repair works
6	Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue			Not scheduled yet		Licenced reinstatement works.

## 5.Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Statistics: September 2020 – April 2021

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	321	410	385	217	196	246
Clean-Ups Assisted	46	49	37	34	29	65
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	14	30	16	28	35	22
Bathing Water Samples Taken	18	18	4	17	9	18
Gullies Cleaned	737	1653	699	462	793	1160
Dumping Incidents Managed	91	69	45	91	69	95
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	16	6	23	8	15	1
Street Bin Collections	5043	4858	4297	4561	4233	5201

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

### **Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Project Updates – April 2021**

- Return to full cleansing operations from 5<sup>th</sup> April with workforce 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 proposal agreed with relevant DLR parties. Contractor engagement progressing with a view to installation in line with bathing season commencement. Arup proposal for longer term remediation measures under review.
- Engagement has recommenced with DLR architects with a view to progressing certain works as part of the 40 Foot accessibility enhancements.
- Annual weeding contract tenders received an award imminent.
- Annual Smart Bin review completed and briefed to Councillors at Municipal Services Area Committees

### **6.Relevant Statistics**

There were 2346 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 30<sup>th</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 a breakdown of which is as follows:

<b>Violation</b>	<b>No. of tickets issued.</b>
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	841
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	325
Parking a vehicle on a footway	299
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	244
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line.	178
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	145
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	55
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay.	54
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	37
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	26
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	23
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop.	21
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	20
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway.	20
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	18
Parking out of the limits of a bay	11
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	10
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	4
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	3
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	2
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Parking a vehicle endangering other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle in a bus lane/street	1
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	1
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	1
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
<b>Total tickets issued between 30th March and 28th April 2021</b>	<b>2346</b>

There were no convictions secured in April 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 Apr 2021:	467
Percentage of lights out at the end of Apr 2021:	0.8%
Pole replacement carried out in Apr 2021:	0
Bracket replacements:	412
Tree trimming:	3
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	27
LED Upgrades	346

### LED Upgrading Program

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

### Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed.	36
Inspections completed.	1

### Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	12
Legal requests:	2

### Road Opening Licences April 2021

Road Opening Licences received from 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 - up to date. via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	218
Applications Granted	193
Applications Withdrawn/Refused	4
Applications being processed	21

### Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations

In April 2021 there were:

- 29 licences issued for Street Furniture (Tables and Chairs)
- 2 applications for film location

## 7.Dún Laoghaire Harbour

### COVID-19 Measures

- Social Distancing reminders have been refreshed at the East and West Piers and the Marina Breakwater.
- Food vendors on the Pier and in the Battery remain open with Social Distancing measures in place.
- Solar bin handles and handrails are being regularly disinfected.

### Harbour Activities:

- The Marina has restricted opening with pontoon access only.



- The Yacht Clubs have lifted their boats into the Harbour but remain largely closed due to the level 5 restrictions.
- A UK registered fishing vessel with engine problems was towed into Dun Laoghaire Harbour earlier this month and detained by Port State Control pending engine repairs which are ongoing. It is expected to depart in early May following repairs and a full inspection.
- A number of Survey Vessels have visited the Harbour in the past few weeks in connection with the proposed Wind Farms in Dublin Bay.

### **Water Patrol Boat**

There have been a series of incidents with Personal Motorised watercraft, and an increase in the number of kayakers and Paddleboarders using the Harbour in recent weeks.

In response, a trial Water Patrol boat was instigated for a weekend. This was very well received, and we are investigating its continuance for the summer months.

### **Filming**

Some tentative enquiries have been received from Film Companies recently, and filming is permitted to continue in Level 5, however few of the enquiries are translating into actual bookings.

### **Drive-in Covid Test Centre**

Radox 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. Radox have agreed a further 3-month licence to 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

### **Projects**

#### **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 is going to tender on 3<sup>rd</sup> May to confirm the actual project cost.

#### **Berth 4 Fenders**

A project to repair and re-secure the berthing fenders on Berth 4, St. Michael's Pier has been given approval to proceed. This project has now been completed.

#### **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. This survey, along with an existing survey of the East Pier will dictate the most urgent infrastructure repairs required on both piers. Marine contractors have removed the marine growth from the seawalls to allow an accurate visual inspection. A dive survey inspection has completed below water level. A visual inspection above the waterline and a sample bore hole investigation in the Roundhead will be conducted in May.

#### **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 postponed with the INSS on renewal of their lease due to the COVID-19 situation.

### **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 preparing a draft of the Economic Plan document.

### **Social Media Platforms**

Twitter – 4,618 followers

Facebook – 2,592 followers

**Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

<b>Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date</b>		
	Total approved Jan-April 2021	Enterprise Ireland target April 2021
Feasibility Study	9	5
Business Priming	4	4
Business Expansion	5	3
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	5	3
Trading Online Vouchers	131	50
Microfinance Ireland	5	3
<b>Total Approvals</b>	<b>159</b>	

<b>Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance</b>	
	April 2021
No of jobs created	13.5

**Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2021**

	<b>Total Jan-April 2021</b>
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	157
Clients attending Networking Events	380
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1,122
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	81
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	155
<b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>	<b>1,895</b>

**DLR Economic Development Supports**

	<b>Total Jan-April 2021</b>
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	3
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	14
Business Promotion Grants	3
Outdoor Dining Scheme <sup>1</sup>	15

Note 1: The Outdoor Dining Scheme was introduced on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 and replaces the Council's Street Furniture Grant.

**Enterprise Promotion activities in April 2021**

<b>DLR Enterprise News</b>	<a href="#">Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid</a> (sent 14/04/21) Open rate 51.1%, 2502 recipients  <a href="#">LEO DLR - Enterprise News May 2021</a> (sent 27/04/21) Open rate 25.5%, 2512 recipients  Open rate Industry average 11%
<b>One-to-One Business Advice Sessions</b>	Remote Sessions throughout April
<b>Online Marketing &amp; Social Media course</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Link Network</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Enterprising Women Network</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Visual Merchandising for Retail</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> April

**Tourism Development**

**DLR Tourism Information Kiosk**

The DLR Tourist Kiosk is currently closed during Level 5 restrictions and will reopen as soon as it is safe to do so.

**Fáilte Ireland Funding announced for new Water Sports 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.

**URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities Network**

A meeting the Tourism Friendly Cities Network took place on April 22nd on the topic of "Future of events and festivals and impact on tourism strategies of cities". A meeting of the DLR project committee took place on April 29th exploring opportunities for Sustainable Tourism in DLR. Due to Covid these were a series of online meetings.

**Fáilte Ireland's new Outdoor Dining Enhancement Investment Scheme**

On April 12th Fáilte Ireland launched its new Outdoor Dining Enhancement Investment Scheme, in partnership with Local Authorities. The Scheme aims to facilitate greater capacity in outdoor dining by supporting Local Authorities and hospitality businesses to upgrade and enhance streets and public spaces, and by implementing 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 on our outdoor assets and re-imagine our urban spaces.

**Destination Towns Fund "Dun Laoghaire"**

Final design concepts for the new Harbour Trail have been developed in collaboration with the Heritage Officer and a procurement process will start soon.

### Tourism Promotion

New Video Content has been developed for use on social media. All social media campaigns in April were focused on "Explore safely within your 5K" and "Leave No Trace" promoting responsible tourism.

### DLR Tourism Social Media analysis

Social Media Analysis: April 2021				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	6,111	109	16	70,685
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	3,224	29	29	29,800

### DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2021

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2021 €
<b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	-13,013,648	22,036,954	-19,452,859	-10,429,554
<b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	-6,890,505	3,326,189	-1,791,801	-5,356,117
<b>C Total Water Services</b>	-2,309,719	115,144	264,785	-1,929,790
<b>D Total Development Management</b>	-116,460,990	310,383	-1,756,441	-117,907,047
<b>E Total Environmental Services</b>	-1,537,685	21,812	-121,174	-1,637,047
<b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	-13,255,266	1,789,206	-1,545,367	-13,011,427
<b>G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&amp;Safety</b>	-4,738,072	3,794	-192,225	-4,926,503
<b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	-24,870,872	1,179,833	-1,667,758	-25,358,797
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-183,076,756</b>	<b>28,783,314</b>	<b>-26,262,840</b>	<b>-180,556,281</b>

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2021**

25.00%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	12,351,710	52,266,816	23.63%
B	Road Transport & Safety	8,745,542	33,534,636	26.08%
C	Water Services	2,982,455	12,722,256	23.44%
D	Development Management	6,998,934	28,826,328	24.28%
E	Environmental Services	7,872,701	32,172,192	24.47%
F	Recreation & Amenity	8,106,114	33,995,580	23.84%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,273,960	4,376,928	29.11%
H	Miscellaneous Services	3,277,183	13,454,724	24.36%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>51,608,599</b>	<b>211,349,460</b>	<b>24.42%</b>

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	10,726,678	45,772,836	23.43%
B	Road Transport & Safety	4,020,070	14,718,996	27.31%
C	Water Services	2,017,769	8,750,916	23.06%
D	Development Management	2,777,000	11,073,324	25.08%
E	Environmental Services	1,388,455	5,576,688	24.90%
F	Recreation & Amenity	967,055	4,916,316	19.67%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	655,120	3,026,004	21.65%
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,416,898	7,297,488	33.12%
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>24,969,045</b>	<b>101,132,568</b>	<b>24.69%</b>

LPT	Local Property Tax	4,658,424	18,633,696	25.00%
RA	Rates	23,008,551	91,583,004	25.12%
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>52,636,020</b>	<b>211,349,268</b>	<b>24.90%</b>

**Surplus as 31/03/2021** -€1,027,421

30<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Planning Applications – monthly statistics**

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	162	163
Decision Deferred	0	42	42
Decision to Grant**	0	110	110
Decision to Refuse**	0	17	17
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	99	99
Invalid Applications	0	22	22

\*Includes 12 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 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

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

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP 30982821	Ironborn Real Estate Limited 445 no. Build to Rent apartments Sector 3, Aiken's Village, Townland of Woodside and Kilgobbin, Stepside, Dublin 18	29/03/2021	04-May-2021	<a href="http://www.ironbornshd2.com">www.ironbornshd2.com</a>	19/07/2021
ABP 30984621	Adroit Operations Limited 203 no. residential units (109 no. houses, 94 no. apartments) Bishop's Gate housing development, Townland of Kiltiernan Domain, Enniskerry Road, Kiltiernan, Dublin 18	30/03/2021	04/05/2021	<a href="http://www.enniserryroads.com">www.enniserryroads.com</a>	19/07/2021
ABP 30996521	Blathus Property Limited Demolition of existing dwelling on site, construction of 143 no. apartments Lambs Cross/Crohamhurst, Sandyford Road, Dublin 18	16/04/2021	20/05/2021	<a href="http://www.fitzsimonswood.com">www.fitzsimonswood.com</a>	05/08/2021
ABP 309807	Demolition of 4 no. dwellings construction of 255 no. residential units (7 no. houses and 248 no. apartments) Lands consisting of Kylemore, Rockwinds, Smallacre and Woodlawn off Church Road, No. 43 Watson Road and No. 66 Watson Drive, Killiney, Co. Dublin	25/03/2021	28/04/2021	<a href="http://www.kylemoreshd2.ie">www.kylemoreshd2.ie</a>	14/07/2021

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



**Planning Counter Figures 30<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Customers Served	12
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*\*Planning counter is by appointment only from Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> September.*

**Building Control**

Fire Safety Certs applications received	9
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	8
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	18
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused	15/0
Commencement Notices Validated	109
7 Day Notices received	6
Completion Certs Validated	7

*\*Granted Fire Cert, 7 Day, Reg Cert & Rev Cert*



Comhairle Contae County Council

## Infrastructure and Climate Change

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

Complaints received 46

Complaints closed 46

### Litter and Waste Fines

<b>April 2021</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	52	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	1	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	14	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	214	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	229	Litter Section

**Energy & Emissions**

A Senior Executive Architect presented a Deep Energy Retrofit project at the online '2nZEB & Beyond: Achieving nZEB with Lower Embodied Carbon' conference on 21 April 2021.

**Open House Dublin**

The 2020 'Site Specific' short film about the dlr Architects who designed and delivered Rosemount Court was broadcast on RTE 2 television on 28 April.

Support will continue in 2021 for Open House Dublin, the annual architectural festival organised by the Irish Architecture Foundation on 15-17 October 2021. Subject to Covid restrictions there will be building tours as well as outdoor walking and cycling tours and events. A free energy seminar/ webinar on 17 October about 'Home Energy Upgrades' will be included in the programme to encourage residential 'Energy & Buildings' Climate Change Action.

**Draft County Development Plan**

A large volume of submissions were received before the deadline of 16 April, 2021 relating to the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028; so far 145 or 11% of the total no. of submissions relate to Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas. These 145 submissions are currently being examined by our Conservation team and will form part of the Chief Executive's Report. This report when completed will be presented to the Elected members and will be considered in the autumn of 2021.

**Dangerous Buildings: 30<sup>th</sup> March –28th April**

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	1
Total	4

## Community and Cultural Development

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

Comhairle na nÓg continue to meet on a monthly basis in an online format. Consultations with decision makers during April include consultation workshops with Libraries on the dlr Library Development Plan 2021 – 2021 and with Parks on the dlr Trees & Urban Forestry Strategy 2021 – 2031. DLR Comhairle were also represented on an 'In-Depth Climate Conversations', one of the three strands of the National Dialogue on Climate Action with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

### **Men's Sheds**

Community Section staff are currently undertaking a digital audit with all local Men's Sheds in relation to online access, connectivity and engagement. The results of this audit will provide a basis to roll out online initiatives to combat social isolation and promote wellbeing among members. Works are also progressing to enhance usage of the outdoor areas attached to the Sheds. This includes outdoor seating and covered areas to allow for social distancing and a return to activities for the members in-line with restriction guidelines.

### **Community Facility Network**

The Community Facilities Network met on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. Community Facilities Network meeting in April continued with the development of relevant policies and procedures and also focused on supporting members of the community accessing online platforms. Plans were formulated to focus supports on the elderly in the community on a one to one basis when the centres are permitted to open.

### **Food Poverty Initiative**

Belarmine Community Centre delivered 92 food parcels to families in need during April. The initiative funded through the Covid 19 fund and the resilience fund has been a welcome help to families who found themselves struggling to provide food to their families with increased energy bills.

### **Ballyogan Area**

Due to the recent anti-social behaviour issues in this area the Community Development team has engaged with local stakeholders. An interagency group has been established and will be led by the Gardaí to look at programmes for supporting and engaging youth.

DLR Community Team have engaged closely with service providers in other areas to ensure a cohesive response to supporting youth during current restrictions.

### **Estate Management Programme**

Subsidy grants in the amount of €160,000 were allocated to the 12 Estate Management areas

### **UCD Access and Life Long Learning**

The Community Department met with UCD REFOHCUS project team. The REFOHCUS Project is funded by the Science Foundation of Ireland and will use co-created workshops with disadvantaged communities and invited experts that will involve deliberation, debate and proposals around key scientific questions arising from the experience of community members during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Community Department will support this project through promotion and identification of target groups and areas.

**Meetings Attended this month:**

Ongoing Comhairle na nÓg meetings  
County Child Care Committee  
Ongoing Board Meetings with Facilities and CMU re maintenance issues in facilities  
Creative Ireland

**Community Grants**

Round 2 of the 2021 Community Grants scheme opened for applications on 15 March 2021 and closed on 23 April. 100 applications were received.

**Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

There were no LCDC meetings held in April.  
The next meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**PPN**

The dlr PPN, in conjunction with DLRCC, provided an additional 4 free online digital skills training sessions aimed at complete beginners. Training included how to use zoom, Facebook, twitter and how to take photos and videos using your mobile phone.

**Local Policing Fora**

The Sandyford/Stepaside Local Policing Forum meeting took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> April and the Dún Laoghaire Local Policing Forum meeting took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. Both meetings were held online on MS Teams.

A briefing took place on 26<sup>th</sup> April in relation to the proposed establishment of a Local Policing Forum in the Dundrum/Stillorgan area. In attendance were the Chair of the DLR JPC, elected representatives of the area, members of An Garda Síochána and Council officials.

**Age Friendly**

The first Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme workshop took place with participants from 20 businesses across the County.

**Community Response to Covid 19:**

- Helpline and email address set up and being promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with over 4,383 calls since it commenced on 30 March 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation.
- 38 calls were received in April. The majority of the calls relate to requests for library books. Other issues include information requests on Covid-19 and vaccination services.
- The Community Response Forum is meeting every four weeks 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.
- 1 Stakeholder Forum Multi Agency meeting was held in April.

## Cultural Development

### Arts

#### **Online Gallery Learning Programme for 2021**

The online Gallery Learning Programme continues this April to make sure that everyone can still access lots of opportunities to get creative at home. Our popular Dementia Inclusive Gallery Tours are back online and in April, St. Joseph's Shankill Virtual Day Service, Nursing homes and people living at home with Dementia have enjoyed these online tours of dlr's County Art Collection. 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 Spring 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>

#### **Exploring & Thinking Bursary Awards 2021**

The four Dublin Local Authorities – Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council, and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council are delighted to announce this year's recipients of the Exploring & Thinking Bursary. The Awards will support individual professional artists to develop their artistic practice working with and/or producing work for early childhood arts. Early childhood arts include a wide range of different arts practices and creative experiences with / for children aged 0 –5 years in different contexts. Congratulations to the awarded 2020/2021 artists: Clare Breen, David Beattie, Mark Joyce, Clíodhna Noonan, Diane Crotty, Helen Barry, Helen Keenan, Angelica Santander, Mary O'Donnell, Liam McCarthy and Mark Ball.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/early-years-arts/exploring-and-thinking-bursary-awards>

#### **Municipal Gallery Programme**

The exhibition UNFOLDING – an exhibition of contemporary Irish craft, continued online. It is curated by Angela O'Kelly and features the work of 9 Irish designer-makers, focuses on revealing the design and making process. The designer-makers all have a connection to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County. It is also supported by Design & Crafts Council Ireland (DCCI).

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/unfolding-exhibition-contemporary-irish-craft>

#### **Musicians in Residence**

Submissions were received for the Musicians in Residence scheme 2021. There are three opportunities in 2021: two for established musicians/groups and one for an emerging musician/group. The aim of the Musicians-in-Residence Scheme is to provide opportunities to develop and showcase new work. It 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/musicians-residence-scheme-2021>

#### **dlr Arts Grants**

The dlr Arts grants scheme was live for applications and included general Arts grants, community small arts grants, Emerging Artist Bursaries and arts access grants for older persons. Online grant clinics were held to support individuals and organisations in making applications. The closing date was the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/funding-opportunities/arts-grants>

### **MART at The Grainstore:**

Following an open call, the Arts Office is delighted to announce a new partnership with MART at The Grainstore in Cabinteely Park. From this summer MART will operate the building and offer creative studios to individuals, groups and organisations in the area to provide the opportunity to create, showcase and develop new and existing work. MART will work alongside established and emerging practitioners of all disciplines to provide safe and professional workspace and exhibition opportunities. MART is operating the building on a break-even basis, where all money generated from the rental of studios goes directly to the operating, insurance, management, maintenance and rental costs of the building. [www.mart.ie](http://www.mart.ie)

### **Call for Poet in Residence**

A call was made for a poet in residence for the period September 2021 to June 2022. The residency is envisaged as a part-time residency which will allow time for the poet's own work in addition to engagement and interaction with both the general public and, more specifically, with those with an interest in writing poetry themselves. The closing date is 8<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon

Read More: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/call-writer-residence>

### **Libraries**

Ireland remains in **Level 5 Lockdown until at least 4 May**. As a result, all dlr Library spaces remain closed to the public. This includes the My Open Library service at Deansgrange Library, and Sunday opening at dlr LexIcon.

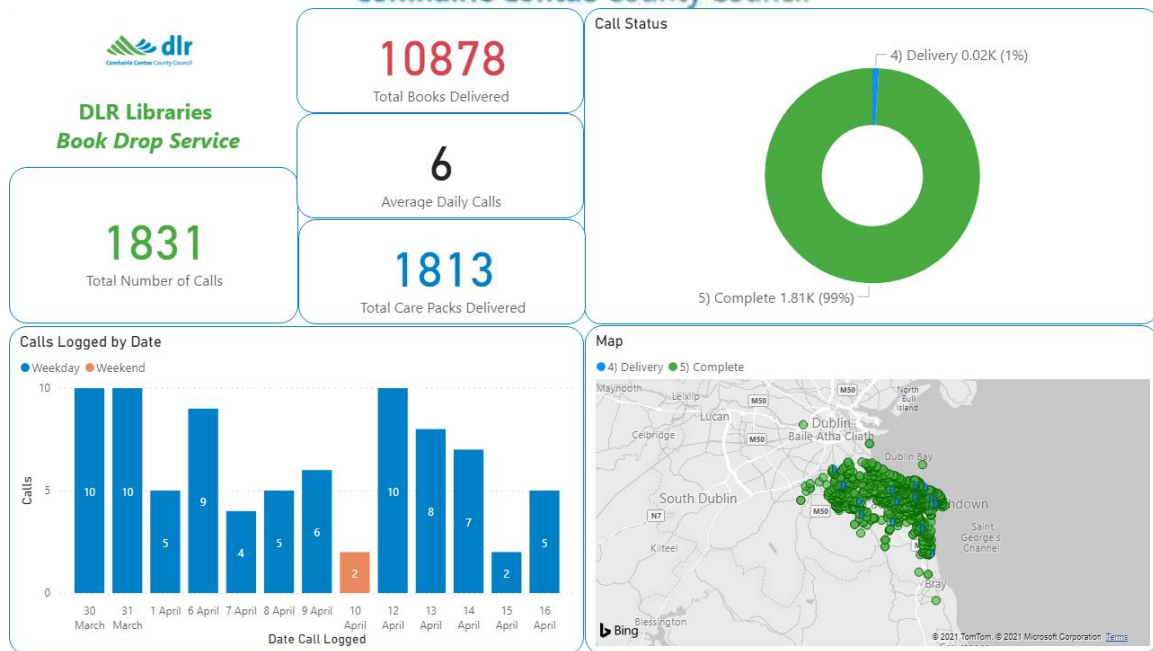
During current restrictions, our Contact & Collect service, online reservations and the national delivery system all cease, with online resources and services and online events continuing. Library staff continue to work remotely with a small number of staff working onsite within guidelines.

### **Community Call**

Staff from Deansgrange and Blackrock Libraries continue taking phone calls and queries 3 days per week as part of the Community Call. Staff from the Community Dept. operate the Community Call helpline/email the remainder of the week. For more information, contact the dlr Community Call phonenumber on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2713199 or email [covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie).

### **Book Drop Service**

Since the Book Drop Service launched on 17 April 2020, **1,831 calls** have been dealt with by library staff, with **10,878 books issued** to cocooners, the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community. Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. You can contact dlr LexIcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie).



### dlr Libraries Online

We continue to adapt our usual events programme to an online environment for our users. This includes social media posts promoting local and national well-being initiatives, including the national Keep Well campaign and keeping our users abreast of updated public health advice. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2021>

All our online services/resources are available in Levels 1-5. You need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!

Borrowbox & Overdrive - download eBooks and eAudiobooks

PressReader - read newspapers

RBDigital – 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 for Adults

#### Keep Well Campaign

This national campaign aims to support people and communities to mind their physical and mental health over the coming months. The campaign is organised around 5 main pillars: Keeping Active, Staying Connected, Switching Off & Being Creative, Eating Well and Minding Your Mood.

#### Mental health & well-being

**Reveal & reset** 6-week series of workshops with Mentor and wellness Champion Lisa Quish helping participants develop skills to summon resilience and calm when needed. #StayingActive #SwitchingOff

#### Autism Awareness month

April is designated autism awareness month. During the month we continued with Tanja Thomas' Yoga sessions which included *Yoga for children with autism* as well as sessions of *Yoga and relaxation for parents of children with additional needs*.



### **Shenanigans series for autism**

Paul Timoney and Kyle Riley brought us their series of storytelling and craft sessions “Shenanigans” which were specially tailored for those with sensory needs.

### **Pets & Wildlife**

Given the amount of people who have added a pet to their family during Lockdown, we invited animal husbandry expert Hannah Flew to give a couple of talks on dog care. Eric Dempsey also hosted 2 very popular online workshops on **The magic of spring and summer birds**.

### **One Dublin, One Book**

On 19 April, we held an online **Poetry at the LexIcon: One Dublin, One Book** event with poet Rosamund Taylor, which was recorded in the Studio, dlr LexIcon.

### **Poetry Break**

To help us switch off, we posted short *Poetry Tea Break* videos at lunchtime each Friday, for people to take time out and listen to a poem over a cuppa.

For more on Keeping Well initiatives across dlr visit:  
<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2021>

### **Remote Learning Supports**

We’ve put together a list of handy links and supports to help our communities continue to learn and look after our mental health while we all continue to stay home.

See the list here as part of the Switch Off and Be Creative strand:

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign/switching-and-being-creative>

### **Regular events for adults**

We’re continuing with our online quizzes, arts and crafts posts, book-related 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.

### **Online Quizzes**

We continued with our Tuesday quizzes in April, along with the ever-popular Family Quiz each Friday and Quiz for Adults each Saturday night. The average number participants over the weekend is +1,000, including families in different locations connecting to play with, or against each other! In April, we made things a little bit harder by reducing the amount of time allotted to lock in your answers. We included an Anzac Day Quiz on 25<sup>th</sup> April, following a request from the Australian Embassy in Dublin to collaborate with them as part of their national day of remembrance.

### **Online Book Clubs**

Our popular online monthly book club with Mary Burnham takes place on the last Wednesday of April at 7.30pm with a Zoom discussion of *Confession with Blue Horses* by Sophie Hardach. The club continues to attract new members each month. While library spaces remain closed, members can download the chosen titles from our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox. Blackrock Library online book club and the **dlr Staff Online Book Club** continue to meet monthly to *#StayConnected*.

### **Exhibition Programme**

We were delighted to welcome 21 award-winning images from the Press Photographers Association of Ireland (PPAI) **Press Photographer of the Year Awards 2021** as part of an outdoor exhibition at Moran Park, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire. The images, which are mounted on the walls in the grounds of dlr LexIcon, were officially launched by

Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Cllr. Úna Power, on Friday 16 April 2021 and will be on display until early June.

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

## Events for Children

### Spring into Storytime

Spring into Storytime is one of the four initiatives of the national Right to Read Literacy Campaign. It takes place every year in April and the aim is to encourage group reading through storytime sessions. Events programmed included live online Puppet storytimes with Julie-Rose McCormick, recorded storytime videos with library staff, some that included ISL (Irish Sign Language), stories as Gaeilge and story-related craft sessions. Former dlr Writer in Residence Sadhbh Devlin also hosted an online session on the joy of Irish language books. Author and illustrator Alan Nolan also treated us to a couple of live draw-alongs. We also catered for young teenagers with our **It's Lit** writing workshop hosted by Fighting Words. We worked with our colleagues in Music Generation dlr to present a 3-part **Music Makers** series of stories and music.

### Junior Online Book Club

Join library staff online via Zoom at 4.30pm on the last Wednesday of each month for our book club especially for younger readers.

### LexIcon Lab afterschool club

**This ongoing STEAM initiative** sees weekly **online** workshops exploring subjects such as **Biodiversity, including a workshop on Bees, and learning about creative waste.**

### Further info:

Keep up with what's happening in dlr Libraries by signing up for our fortnightly ebulletin: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/dlr-libraries-ebulletin> and by following us on social media.

## Statistics

### Social media (March 2021)

Facebook	6,996 followers
Twitter	8,261 followers
Instagram	2,834 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	7,529 subscribers

### Online resources

Resource	Description	Checkouts 1-22 April 2021
Overdrive	eAudio	1,460
Overdrive	eBook	2,108
Borrowbox	eAudio	4,968
Borrowbox	eBook	2,949
RB Digital	Comics	42
RB Digital	Magazines	3,503
Press Reader	Newspapers	14,448

Freegal NEW	Music Downloads & Streaming	717
<b>Total:</b>		<b>30,195</b>

## Parks

### Parks & Landscape Services:

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Direct labour and contract tree works ongoing staff back full time middle of month
- Due to the large volumes of people in parks there is a significant increase in litter to be picked up and bins to be emptied.
- Re-doing COVID signage where required ongoing
- Tree Planting completed
- Loughlinstown linear park NTA Shared surface project works phase 3 on going on site
- Widening and resurfacing of Paths completed at meadow park ave, meadow grove, lawns wood, path and seating at Roe green.
- Pitch aeration improvement works on going pitches west county
- Lawn aeration improvement works Peoples Park
- Hard surface and fencing of goal post storage area Hudson Park
- Gate installation Eden Terrace Park
- Wheelchair swing installed Cabinteely Playground.

### Biodiversity:

- Biodiversity Events – April Online Event – Dalkey Island Terns on April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Helping Hedgehogs Campaign launched in April
- DLR Volunteers - Gardening for Biodiversity Phase II
- Dalkey Island Tern monitoring continues.
- Dalkey Island signs for protecting ground nesting birds.
- DLR County Townland Boundary Hedgerow survey awarded.
- Giant Hogweed treatment commenced on Carrickmines catchment.
- Dodder invasive species meeting with SDCC, DCC, Irish Water and NPWS.
- County Badger Study commenced.
- Nature Network Recovery workshops
- Biosphere Conservation Actions meeting

### Heritage

- Assessment of public submissions on County Heritage Plan
- Internal consultation and formulation of Draft County Heritage Plan
- Presentation of draft Heritage Plan to County Heritage Forum
- Tender spec and procurement of Historian in Residence to develop Decade of Centenaries programme for roll out in Q4
- Spec for and meetings about Community Archaeologist to focus on uplands archaeology and implementation of Dublin Mountains Archaeology Trail (in collaboration with SDCC and Dublin Mountains Partnership)
- Provided support/advice to community groups making applications to Heritage Council's 2021 Community Heritage Grant
- Managing of dlr Heritage Grant scheme Round 2; webinar, submission assessment
- Progression of plans for historic buildings condition audits/artefacts management
- Progression of work with cemeteries team on Kilgobbin Graveyard and Deansgrange
- Progression of Dún Laoghaire Historic trail with Tourism Officer
- Input to Coliemore Harbour remediation project
- Review of Heritage Team roles

### CoCo Markets

During the month of April, we received 6 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 1 Permanent Application for Marlay Park for Saturday and Sunday
- 2 Permanent Application for Dún Laoghaire Saturday (Non-Food/Other)
- 1 Permanent Applications for Marlay Saturday (Non-Food/Other)
- 1 Permanent Applications for Marlay Saturday (Craft)
- 1 Permanent Application for Dún Laoghaire (Hot food)

The markets are currently closed, and all market applications are on hold due to Covid. However, the Market Managers are keeping the applications on file.

## **Sports Development**

### **dlr Leisure:**

#### Programmes

Following on from meetings held in April the following programmes are set up starting 1<sup>st</sup> week in May:

- Boylan Centre youth service
- Sallynoggin youth group
- Balally youth service - 2 groups
- Shankill youth group
- Carmona services - 2 groups

Meeting Ballybrack and Dún Laoghaire youth service the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April to confirm provisional programmes arranged starting in May. I will update in May report.

- In the process of establishing a network with resident's committees to arrange summer activities.
- Assisting dlr Sports Partnership with Hola Summer fitness classes.

### **Leinster Rugby:**

#### **Clubs**

- Return to Play:
  - The IRFU hosted webinars on Return to Play for clubs. These included information on touch rugby, updating Covid safety plans and "ready for rugby" support webinars. Webinars were also hosted for Leinster Rugby staff.
  - Email sent to all key members in dlr clubs outlining the guidelines for training within the new restrictions come the 26<sup>th</sup> of April.
- DLR Clubs dates for their Return to Play:
  - Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC – Thursday the 29th of April & Sunday the 2nd of May 2021, extending to the end of June.
  - Old Wesley RFC – Sunday the 2nd of May 2021, extending to the end of June.
  - Blackrock College RFC – Sunday the 2nd of May 2021, extending until the middle of July 2-week break & starting their season in August for 2021/22
  - Seapoint RC – Sunday the 2nd of May 2021, extending to the end of June.
  - De La Salle Palmerston FC – Sunday the 2nd of May 2021, extending to the middle of July 3-week break during July/August & starting their season in August for 2021/22.
  - St Brigid's RFC – Saturday the 1st of May, extending to the end of June.
- Jerseys that were collected from all our clubs & schools and displayed at the PRO14 final in the RDS against Munster & for the play-off game in the European Cup against Toulon have been signed by the Leinster Rugby players before being returned to the clubs.
- BOI Summer camp – 3 clubs in DLR have been confirmed (DLSP FC, Seapoint RC & BCRFC), the summer camps are still to be confirmed if they can proceed by the government & no information has been released to the public.

## **Meetings & project ideas (All meetings are virtual)**

- Community Rugby Department meetings have been hosted on current & future projects:
  - Monitoring tools for club & school activities to support an increase in participation.
  - Creation of a 5-year plan for development of community rugby.
  - 4 areas of development have been identified, Club/School Coach Development Sessions, Player Development Days – Club link, Development Schools Competition – Division 3A & Division 4, County Council Cup.
- Leinster Rugby community staff are hosting & attending multiple CPD events to support our development during the current restrictions.
- BOI Summer camp – 2 clubs in DLR have been confirmed (DLSP FC & BCRFC), bookings for these went live and both have been sold out.

### **Schools – Emily Mck**

- Secondary, 2 schools – 145 girls (TY Coaching Course)
- Primary, 2 schools – 64 boys, 161 girls (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class)

### **FAI:**

- Safeguarding 1 – One Course delivered in March, 20 coaches completed the course.
- Presented a Club Development Workshop to all DLR Clubs. The objective is to have a regular communication around FAI/DLR Programmes.
- Presented a Return to Play Workshop to Region 2 clubs, including DLR clubs.
- Club Mark – Granada FC submitted the required paperwork for the Club Mark Award. Ongoing.
- Coach Education – Currently planning with clubs for May. Attended a PDP 3 Coach Ed tutor workshop before delivering to clubs.
- 2021 Planning – Providing further plans for programmes in 2021 to Regional Manager.
- Summer Soccer Schools – Continue to plan for the summer camps, assigning coaches, checking Garda Vetting and coaching qualifications.
- Attending Weekly meeting with FAI Regional Manager to discuss plans and reporting on FAI programmes.
- Promoted the FAI Homeskills Programme, an online coaching resource for young players on return to play.
- Began Club Visits on Return to Play from Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Leinster Cricket:**

- Keeping in contact with schools about return to coaching for 2021, we currently have 4 new schools plus 3 schools already receiving coaching with 300 children in 4 schools received coaching last week.
- Working with dlr Cricket Club to develop junior section and to improve playing facilities through meetings with dlr Parks section.
- Working with local clubs to ensure all appropriate documentation are in place i.e. safeguarding, Garda vetting etc. and providing online courses to facilitate this.
- Distribution of COVID-19 signage and hygiene packs to clubs has commenced and is being provided FOC to clubs.
- Working with DLRCC to assure their continued participation in Leinster Cricket competitions this season and to develop their facilities at Shanganagh Park.

### **Sports Partnership:**

- **Stepping Out Together** – launched a new walking/activity/social initiative that is targeting older adults who were previously cocooning and inactive (50 participants).
- **Older Adult Activity Classes** - currently delivering a range of online classes for older adults including Zumba Gold, Yoga, Mobility & Stretch, Strength & Balance (125 participants).

- **Couch To 3K** – delivering another 6-week walking to jogging programme for adults looking to return to activity (126 participants).
- **Primary Schools** – 16 schools signed up skipping programme. Also delivering basketball and a new TikTok dance programme with Ballyogan Hub schools.
- **Deis Secondary Schools** – delivering dance, rowing and basketball programmes in various schools.
- **Active Dublin** – seeking derogation to recruit a Grade 6 to lead on this project. Starting work on a unified brand and message for the 8 Active City areas (Sport Ireland funding).
- **Disability Summer Camps** – organising 4 weeks of activities on the water in June/July for children with a disability with each week having a different focus.
- **Wheelchair Swing** – now installed in Cabinteely Park playground for wheelchair users with launch on the 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Inclusive Family Activity Classes** – completed this 4-week inclusive online activity sessions for children with a disability and their families.
- **Carmona Services** – continuing delivery of this weekly online fun activity class to residents of the residential unit.
- **Cycling for People with Disabilities** – two Tri-shaws purchased to add to the inclusive bikes fleet. Working with the Infrastructure Dept. and local social enterprise to set up a user-friendly booking/hire system in Dún Laoghaire. Also delivering training for people to teach children with a disability to cycle (40 registered).
- **Xcessible Award** – the Sports Partnership has started the application process for the Bronze Award for inclusion of people with disabilities in sport through CARA.
- **Ballyogan Sports & Activity Hub** – continuing to liaise with local partners as well as developing potential initiatives that can be rolled out from 26<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Child Safeguarding in Sport** – delivered 2 online workshops (30 volunteers).
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – processing final 10% payments to the 36 clubs. A second round of this grants scheme to be run in Quarter 2.
- **Staffing** – still awaiting derogation from Department for a new Community Sports Development Officer and Marketing Officer position (funded through Sport Ireland).