

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

JANUARY to MARCH QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

22 December 2022 - 29 March 2023

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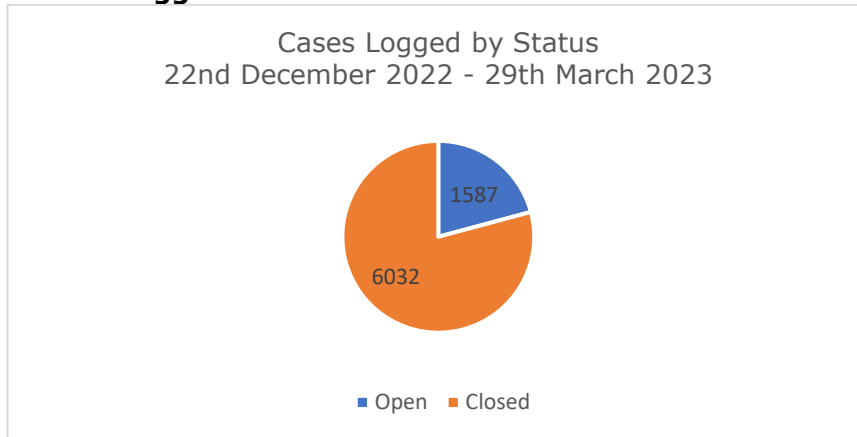
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Corporate Affairs

CRM Statistics

Cases logged



Open	1587
Closed	6032

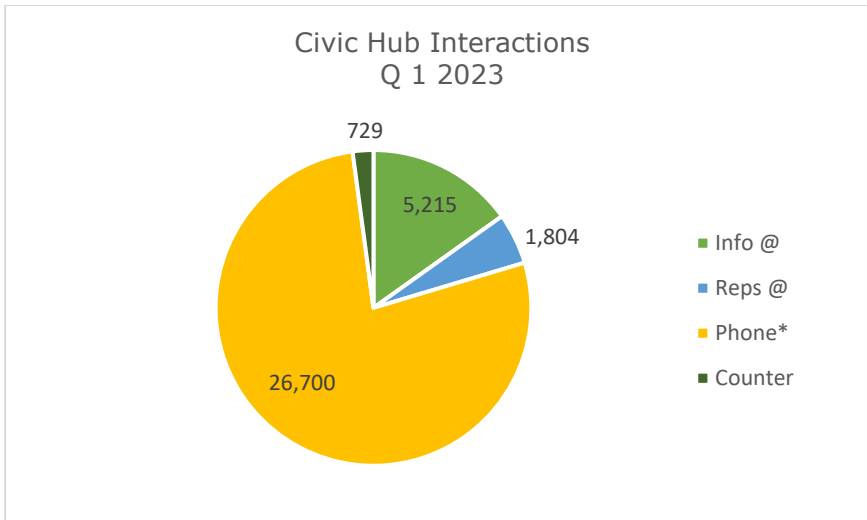
Cases logged by section

Section/Dept	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	3	32	35
Arts	3		3
Ballyogan Depot	1		1
CoCo		1	1
Comms & Civic Hub	45	1158	1203
Community	5	5	10
Corporate Services	15	7	22
DEACTIVATED USERS		2	2
dlrcoco	4	5	9
Enterprise	4	3	7
Environment	140	1294	1434
Finance	54	758	812
Housing	114	363	477
HR	4	1	5
IT	2		2
Libraries	6	2	8
Municipal Services		1	1
Parks	470	664	1134
Planning	6	55	61
Property	26	25	51
Transportation	636	1303	1939
Waste Enforcement	22	256	278
Water Services	11	68	79
Grand Total	1587	6032	7619

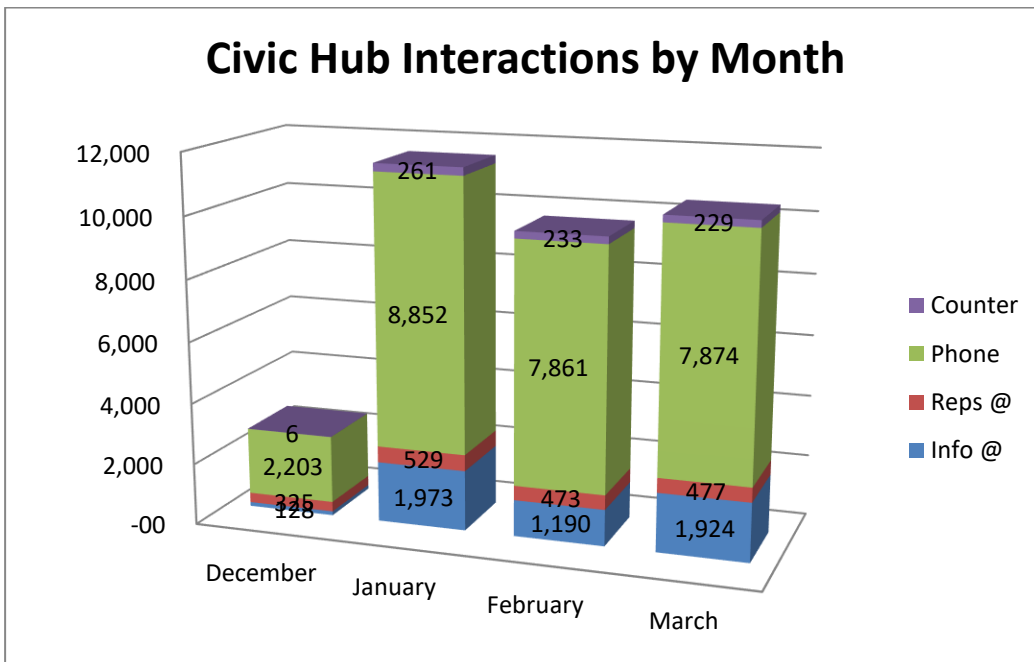
*This does not fully reflect the interaction of the Housing Department as they also directly deal with calls, emails and post.

Dlr Civic Hub:

In Quarter 1 of 2023, the Civic Hub has dealt with over 34,448 customer interactions.



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



Press Queries

There were 61 press queries received during this period.

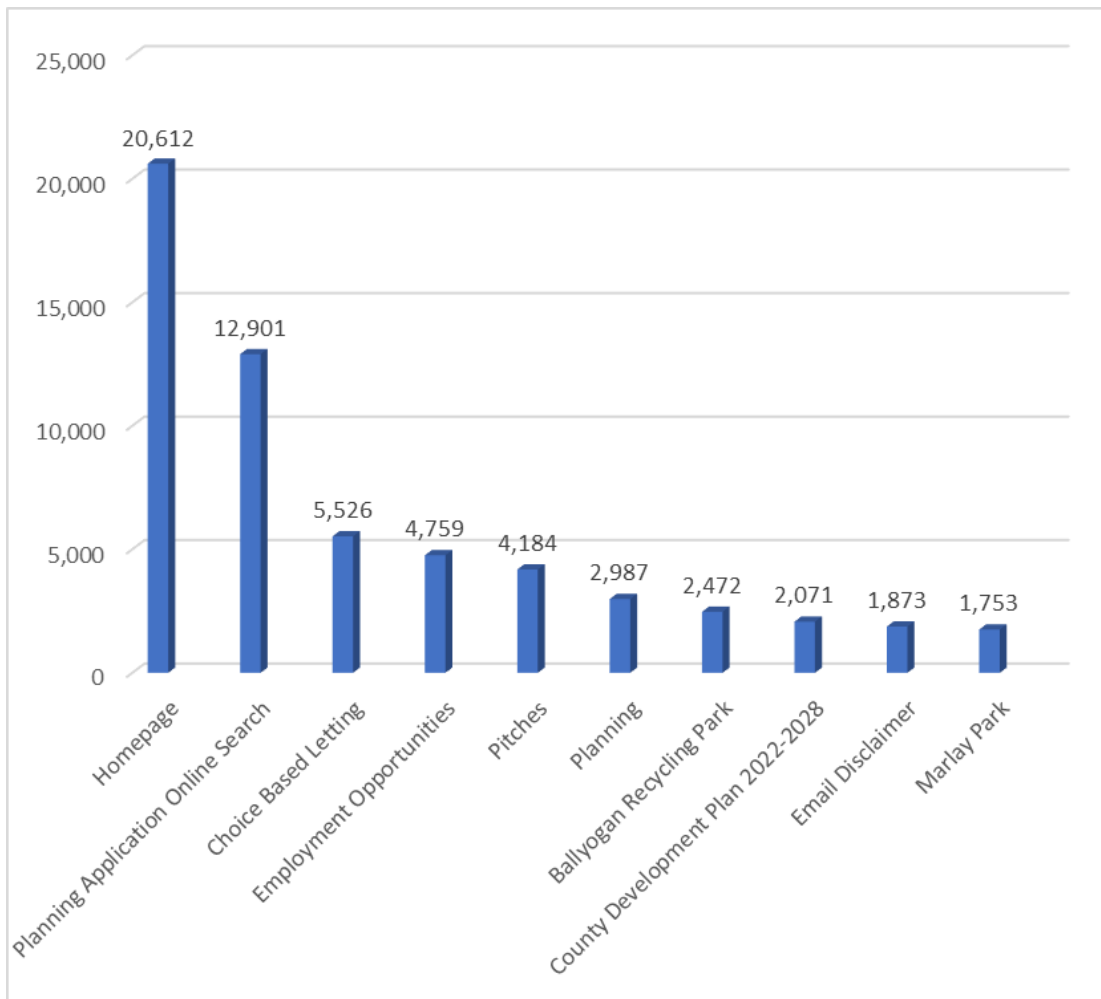
Freedom of Information

There were 34 FOI requests received during this period.










Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoo.ie	157,653
Dlrevents.ie	4,685
dlrLibraries	46,224

Top Pages



Social Media Activity

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 29, 2023	77,998 ↗ 0.4%	315 ↗ 43.2%	886 ↘ 0.9%	1,097,472 ↗ 5.1%	38,020 ↗ 32.5%	3.5% ↗ 26.1%	32,692 ↗ 668.1%
Compare to Jan 31, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	77,673	220	894	1,044,294	28,701	2.7%	4,256
 @DLR_Libraries	8,772	7	42	19,237	407	2.1%	87
 @dlrArts	3,010	6	26	16,205	561	3.5%	266
 @dlrcc	19,634	85	234	365,524	8,448	2.3%	24,284
 @dlrheritevents	3,997	1	7	2,057	113	5.5%	4
 @leo_dlr	5,617	17	60	8,876	174	2%	0
 dlrcoco.ie	6,880	92	203	143,852	1,956	1.4%	2,611
 dlrevents	12,224	-1	0	1,434	28	2%	10
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	14,669	78	218	419,452	20,436	4.9%	4,562
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	3,195	30	96	120,835	5,897	4.9%	868

Finance and Economic Development

Rates

A 4% increase in the rate for 2023 was agreed at the Budget Meeting resulting in an ARV of 0.1801 for 2023. In excess of 5,500 Rates Bills issued to ratepayers and reminders will issue to accounts with outstanding balances in the coming weeks. The second moiety will be due on 1st July 2023 and enforcement action is being escalated in relation to accounts in arrears.

A 4% increase in the bands of the Ratepayers Support Grant was also agreed at the Budget Meeting. Flyers to make ratepayers aware of the grant issued with the Rates Bills and will also issue with all reminders to further promote the scheme.

Reminders will issue on Twitter, Facebook and on our website reminding rate customers that the deadline for payment of their rates in full, or submitting their Direct Debit Mandate, in order for qualifying businesses to avail of the Ratepayers Support Grant is 1st July 2023.

The Council continues to facilitate businesses who are experiencing difficulty paying their rates and where possible payment plans are entered into which are mutually acceptable to the business and the Council. There has been a continued increase in the number of accounts paying monthly instalments by direct debit.

The vacancy rate for 2023 remains at 35%.

Rates Revaluation

Tailte Éireann, previously known as The Valuation Office, commenced the revaluation of the commercial rate properties in the County in 2022. Proposed Valuation Certificates issued to the majority of our rate customers with an explanatory letter on the 23rd September 2022. Any outstanding Proposed Valuation Certificates will issue before the end of May 2023. The new valuation is effective from 1st January 2024.

Further Walk in Clinics will be organised by Tailte Éireann in the summer and Ratepayers will be urged to attend

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable continue to work to ensure suppliers are paid as quickly as possible to assist with their cash flow requirements. Invoices from 3,500 suppliers, totalling over €270m, were processed during 2022 with a similar volume expected in 2023.

Financial Management

Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely. The 2023 Revenue Budget was adopted by the Members at the annual budget meeting held on 8th November, 2022. The Report on the Capital Programme 2023 – 2025 was considered by the Members at the December Council Meeting.

Overdraft Facility

The Council agreed a resolution at the Council meeting held on 12 September to keep the overdraft facility in place for 2023 with a limit of €10m. Sanction was obtained from the department in November. The facility has not yet been utilised this year.

Sandyford Business Improvement District Scheme Renewal

B.I.D. scheme for Sandyford Business District recommenced for a further period of five years from the 1st January 2022. The Council continues to administer the collection of the

BID levies on its behalf as required under the legislation. In excess of 750 BID Bills issued in March 2023 and reminders will issue to accounts with outstanding balances.

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2023				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 28/02/2023 €
A Total Housing & Building	-19,396,542	2,765,528	-2,540,381	-19,171,395
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-7,132,720	3,853,167	-140,241	-3,419,794
C Total Water Services	-2,106,576	68,960	0	-2,037,616
D Total Development Management	-190,242,443	14,907,165	-1,888,438	-177,223,717
E Total Environmental Services	-2,177,644	0	-80,000	-2,257,644
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-13,296,870	735,213	-2,916	-12,564,573
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,040,386	4,057	0	-4,036,329
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-41,554,458	17,943	-65,510	-41,602,025
Grand Total	-279,947,639	22,352,034	-4,717,487	-262,313,092

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 28/02/23						
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €		Balance at 28/02/2023		Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	25,264,293		118,050,353		94,385,846	23,664,507

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2023
16.67%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	13,268,155	72,721,224	18.25%
B	Road Transport & Safety	5,660,330	35,181,888	16.09%
C	Water Services	2,125,909	12,568,752	16.91%
D	Development Management	6,348,648	28,095,012	22.60%
E	Environmental Services	5,714,586	36,294,420	15.75%
F	Recreation & Amenity	6,044,077	37,496,868	16.12%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	994,126	4,792,800	20.74%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,399,235	9,364,272	14.94%
Total Expenditure		41,555,066	236,515,236	17.57%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	11,132,149	64,175,328	17.35%
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,069,238	13,012,752	15.90%
C	Water Services	1,480,881	8,420,220	17.59%
D	Development Management	3,289,826	6,560,712	50.14%
E	Environmental Services	1,194,821	7,498,392	15.93%
F	Recreation & Amenity	555,983	5,699,244	9.76%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	401,119	3,369,900	11.90%
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,859,305	17,213,376	16.61%
Sub Total		22,983,322	125,949,924	18.25%

LPT	Local Property Tax	16,412,727	97,998,804	16.75%
RA	Rates	2,094,434	12,566,604	16.67%
Total Income		41,490,483	236,515,332	17.54%

Balance as at 28/02/2023		€64,583	Deficit
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Housing

Housing Progress Report Q1/2023

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Overview

In accordance with Guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Council's Corporate Plan, this Report is produced to give an overview of the Housing portfolio at Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The Report covers the provision, maintenance and management of housing stock and the housing supports available for those who need them.

Data included in this Report covers the full year for 2022 and Q1 of 2023. The period covered by Q1 2023 is from 1st January to 24th March 2023 inclusive. Data regarding the activity of the Department prior to this report can be found on our website at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/housing/housing-statistics>

The government's new housing plan, *Housing for All*, was published on 2nd September 2021. The plan can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ef5ec-housing-for-all-a-new-housing-plan-for-ireland/>.

This Report considers the following areas:

Housing Delivery

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

Support

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

2. Housing Delivery

2.1 Overview

The Social Housing Target 2022-2026 for delivery by this Council is 1,994 homes.

Table 1: Homes Delivered per Quarter

	2022 Total	2023 Q1	2023 Target
DLR Build	4	0	364
DLR Part V	65	13	
AHB Build	144	0	
AHB Part V	5	0	
DLR Acquisition	2	0	
AHB Acquisition	13	0	
Total Build & Acquisition	233	13	
DLR Lease	5	144	39
AHB Lease	0	0	
RAS	62	2	
HAP - Standard	106	29	
HAP - Homeless	91	20	
Total RAS & HAP & Leasing	264	195	
Total Delivery - all social housing delivery streams excluding bad relets	497	208	

Table 2: Traveller Specific Accommodation

	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Refurbishment Works and New Sites	10	0
Casual Vacancies/Relets	6	0
Standard Housing	4	0

2.2 Housing Construction

The Housing Department recognises the importance of managing the development process as part of the effort to achieve the targets set by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). To this extent, the schemes are closely monitored from inception through to completion.

DLRCC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2022 – 2026

Includes SHIP, Major Refurbishments and AHB New Build

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

Table 3: Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Rockville Green	13	Being re-tendered		TBC
Ballyogan Square (Phase 1)	67	Construction in progress	Q3 2021	Q2 2023
Coastguard Cottages	4	Construction in progress	Q2 2022	Q2 2023
Park House	4	Construction in progress	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Shanganagh Residential Lands	597 (200 social)	Construction in progress	Q3 2022	Phased delivery from 2024
Moyola Court (infill)	4	Construction in progress	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
5 Corrig Road, Dalkey (Regeneration)	2	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q2 2023
37A Rollins Villas (infill)	1	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Total	692			

Table 4: Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
Ballyogan Rise (Phase 2)	52	To follow on from Ballyogan Square (Phase 1) completion	2023	TBC
St. Laurence's Park	88	Tender closed, submissions received being assessed.	Q2 2023	Q3 2025
Roebuck Road Infill	4	Stage 3 Funding Approval Received March 2023 – tenders due to issue shortly	Q2 2023	Q3 2024

Woodpark TAU	3	Part 8 approved at June 2022 Council Meeting. Tender documents being progressed.	Q2 2023	Q2 2024
Total	147			

Table 5: Schemes at Design/Tender Stage

Site Name	No. Units estimated	Status Detail	On Site Date estimated	Handover estimated
Loughlinstown Wood (AHB)	42 (34 social)	Contract Signed March 2023.	Q1 2023	Q3 2024
Infill Site at Rockville Drive	1	Stage 2 approved. To be progressed under new emergency Planning Legislation.	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
27 Patrick Street Infill (Formerly Cross Avenue)	4	Stage 2 approved. To go back out to Public Consultation under new emergency Planning Legislation.	Q2 2023 (Should this be Q3 2023)	Q4 2024
St Michaels TAU	3	Stage 2 approved. Part 8 Consultation ongoing. Part 8 Approval Received at February 2023 Council Meeting	Q2 2023	Q4 2023
Old Connaught TAU	6	Stage 2 approved. Pre-Part 8.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Blackglen Road Phase 1	125	Stage 1 Approved. Preliminary Design stage.	Q1 2024	Q4 2025
Balally PPP – Bundle 5	50	Being development under S85 Agreement	TBC	
Lambs Cross PPP – Bundle 5	25	Being developed under S85 Agreement	TBC	
Total	256			
OVERALL TOTAL	1095			

3. Housing Support

3.1 Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock

Table 6: Re-Lets and Retrofits

Re-Lets & Retrofits	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Non-Standard Voids	3	0
Relets	152	34
Retrofits - Energy Upgrade Works	82	0

Table 7: Maintenance Requests

Routine Maintenance	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Requests received	6,228	1925
Requests in progress	-	618
Requests completed	6,228	1307

Table 8: Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme

	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Works on hand at beginning	145	173
Works Requests Received	117	31
Works Completed/Closed	89	34
Works on hand at closing	173	170

3.2 Allocations

Table 9: Allocations

Allocations	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Social Housing List	414	60
Transfer List	90	12
Total Allocations	504	72

3.3 Choice Based Letting (CBL)

Table 10: CBL Adverts by Area of Choice

	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Area 1 (South West of M50)	19	7
Area 2 (Between M50 & N11)	29	9
Area 3 (North West of N11)	51	33
Total	99	49

Note: Figures shown are for adverts which may represent multiple properties. Under the new Allocation Scheme there are now three areas of preference as shown above.

3.4 Homeless Services

Table 11: Homeless Services

	2022 Total	2023 Q1
No. of Homeless Families	71	77
No. of Homeless Individuals	155	156
No. of Allocations to homeless individuals/families*	46	15
No. of SHS offers currently accepted by homeless individuals/families	11	7
No. of Housing First Tenancies	13	4

Note: *Figures include those who may have signed for a tenancy but have yet to move out of homeless services/awaiting move-in grant.

3.5 Housing and Disability Steering Group

A meeting of the Steering Group was held on the 8th March 2023. To date, 29% of all housing allocations were made to Disabled People. The steering group are continuing to progress the Local Plan for Disabled People. This Plan can be found [here](#). An update from the steering group was given to the Housing SPC on the 22nd March 2023.

3.6 Grant Assistance to Older Persons and Disabled People

Table 12: Breakdown of Grant Assistance to Older Persons and Disabled People

Housing Adaptation Grant for Disabled People

Housing Adaptation Grant for Disabled People	2022 Total	2023 Q1
No. of Applications received	191	32
Provisional approvals issued	171	26
Grants paid	155	38
Value of Grants paid	€1,397,338	€395,078

Housing Aid for Older Persons

	2022 Total	2023 Q1
No. of Applications received	54	19
Provisional approvals issued	46	6
Grants paid	50	9
Value of Grants paid	€264,834.30	€35,674

Mobility Aids Grant

	2022 Total	2023 Q1
No. of Applications received	20	6
Provisional approvals issued	19	7
Grants paid	21	3
Value of Grants paid	€104,096	€11,374

2023 Budget

Budget Provision (3 Schemes)	€2,570,004
Budget Spent	€442,126
Budget % Spent	17.20%

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

3.7 Rent Arrears

Table 13: Rents

	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Accrued Rent Arrears	€836,541	€9,307
Rental Income	€16,640,116	€3,715,661

3.8 Private Rented Housing Standards

Table 14: Private Rented Housing Standards

Private Rental Inspections	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Inspections Carried Out	2,156	676
Dwellings Inspected	1,323	625
Dwellings Inspected Compliant with Housing Regulations	254	106
Dwellings Inspected non-Compliant with Regulations (this may include more than one inspection)	1,189	519

Note: Dwellings deemed compliant in a quarter are only deemed compliant with the Housing Standards Regulations at a particular point in time and may on reinspection be deemed non-compliant with the Regulations.

3.9 Tenancy Management and Anti-social Behaviour

Table 15: Estate Management

	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Pre-tenancy courses	3	0

Table 16: Anti-social Behaviour

Anti-social complaints	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Received	150	38
Completed	148	27
Ongoing	2	10
Tenancy Warning	17	4
Tenancy Notification	12	2
Verbal Warning	11	4
Advice Given	76	15
Refer to Other Depts	24	3
Court Case	5	1

Table 17: Tenancy Management Interviews

	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Tenancy Management Interviews	48	18

3.10 Loans

Table 18: Local Authority Home Loan Scheme

Local Authority Home Loans (including Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans)	2022 Total	2023 Q1
Applications received	49	9
Applications approved in principle	21	3
Loan Drawdowns	3	0

Planning

Section 48 and Glenamuck Scheme:

22/12/2022 – 29/3/2023	Invoiced = €4,803,280.50	Received = €11,988,824.64
22/12/2021 – 29/3/2022	Invoiced = €2,727,629.12	Received = € 8,209,147.50
22/12/2020 – 29/3/2021	Invoiced = €6,335,816.58	Received = € 9,997,508.24

Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications:

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions / Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD23A/0052	<p>Viscount Securities.</p> <p>Site at Clay Farm (Phase 2), Ballyogan Road, Dublin 18.</p> <p>Alterations to S.H.D. permitted under ABP Ref 301522-18, as amended under ABP Refs 304212-19, 305172-19, 308563-20 & 310422-21, currently under construction.</p> <p>Provision of additional substation & switchroom, with gross floor area of c. 38 sq.m, associated maintenance access road & set down area;</p> <p>Replacement of 8 no. 3-bed two storey terraced houses, with 7 no. 3-bed two storey semi-detached houses & 1-no. 3 bed two storey detached house;</p> <p>&</p> <p>All associated car parking changes, landscaping & site development works.</p>	31/01/2023	N/A	www.cfphas.e2shdamdts.ie	N/A
LRD23A/0091	<p>KW PRS ICAV acting for and on behalf of its sub-fund KW PRS Fund 10.</p> <p>Lands adjacent to 'The Grange', Brewery Road / Stillorgan Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.</p> <p>The proposed development comprising amendments to permitted SHD (ABP 305345-19) consist of:</p>	16/02/2023	22/03/2023	www.grangelrd.ie	12/04/2023

	<p>1. Block J: Changing the façade material of the lower element of Block J from render to brick.</p> <p>2. Block P: Layout & Elevational amendments to the creche (Block P) resulting in a combined overall increase in area of 20.6 sqm.</p> <p>3. Block N: internal modifications comprising removal of permitted satellite Bin Store from ground floor & addition of 16sqm switch room.</p> <p>4. Minor elevational & layout amendments to overall scheme.</p> <p>There's no change to total number of units as permitted under ABP Ref 305345-19. The already consented SHD (ABP 305345-19), comprises of the demolition of 3 no. existing buildings & the construction of 287 no. apartments in 4 no. blocks, with childcare facility, gym & residential tenant amenity space & site works.</p>				
LRD23A/0126	<p>Viscount Securities. Clay Farm, Phase 2, Ballyogan Road, Dublin 18.</p> <p>Alterations to S.H.D. permitted under ABP Ref 301522-18, as amended under ABP Refs 304212-19, 305172-19, 308563-20 & 310422-21, currently under construction.</p> <p>Provision of additional substation & switchroom, with gross floor area of c. 38 sq.m, associated maintenance access road & set down area;</p> <p>Replacement of 8 no. 3-bed two storey terraced houses, with 7 no. 3-bed two storey semi-detached houses & 1-no. 3 bed two storey detached house; &</p> <p>All associated car parking changes, landscaping & site development works.</p>	27/02/2023	03/04/2023	www.cfphase2shdamdts.ie	21/04/2023
LRD23A/0165	<p>KW Investments ICAV. Former Stillorgan Leisureplex, Old Dublin Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, A94 NY56 & 62 and & 63 St. Laurence's Park, Stillorgan,</p>	15/03/2023	18/04/2023	www.corners tonelrd.ie	09/05/2023

	<p>Co. Dublin.</p> <p>Permission for alterations to S.H.D. permitted under ABP-305176-19, which is currently under construction. The subject site includes 62 & 63 St. Laurence's Park buildings now demolished, & no development is proposed as part of subject development). The proposed alterations comprise revisions to landscape proposals to Lower Kilmacud Road & Old Dublin Road & revisions to elevations.</p> <p>No Alterations are proposed to overall unit numbers (232 no. permitted) or floor area of permitted development.</p>				
LRD23A/0170	<p>Visdon Limited</p> <p>Site of 1.35 Ha at Love Lane (also known as Blind Lane), Upper Dargle Road, Bray, Co. Dublin.</p> <p>The proposal includes demolition of an existing dwelling, & construction of 108 no. apartments (32 no. 1-bed, 53 no. 2-bed and 23 no. 3-bed units) within 3 no. blocks, ranging in height up to 6 storeys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Block 1 will range in height from 4 to 5 storeys & will provide 36 no. apartments. - Block 2 will range in height from 5 to 6 storeys & will provide 44 no. apartments. - Block 3 will range in height from 3 to 5 storeys & will provide 28 no. apartments. <p>Provision of a creche (c.252sqm gross floor area) located on ground floor of Block 3; 132 no. car parking spaces, 148 no. cycle parking spaces & 4 no. motorcycle spaces, located at undercroft & surface level.</p> <p>Vehicular/pedestrian/cyclist access will be provided via Love Lane along with new pedestrian access.</p>	16/03/2023	19/04/2023	www.loveLANelrd.ie	10/05/2023

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/95246>

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Planning Statistics: 22nd December 2022 - 29th March 2023

	Outline Permission	Full Permission
New application Received*	1	344
Decision Deferred	0	80
Decisions to Grant**	0	253
Decision to Refuse**	0	39
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	237
Invalid Applications	0	49

*Includes 44 Applications for Retention.

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

2 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse).

Building Control	22nd December 2022 – 29th March 2023
Fire Safety Certs applications received *	45
Fire Safety Certs Applications Granted *	42
Fire Safety Certs Applications Refused/Invalid	0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	21
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted/Refused **	31/1
Commencement Notices Validated ***	188
7 Day Notices received	20
Completion Certs Validated	39

*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs & Rev Fire Certs

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

*** Includes 7 Day Notices

Taking in Charge

Taking in Charge requests are submitted under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

TIC Applications Received: Glencairn, Murphystown Way, Leopardstown, Dublin 18	Planning References ABP-302580-18 ABP-305174-19 ABP-308958-20
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Customers to Planning Counter: 22nd December 2022 – 29th March 2023	Customers 868
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The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 (Commencement) Order 2021 (SI 714 of 2021), provides that points of detail relating to a grant of permission be agreed between the planning authority and the person carrying out the development and, accordingly— (a) where for that purpose that person has submitted to the planning authority concerned such points of detail, then that authority shall, within 8 weeks of those points being so submitted, or such longer period as may be agreed between them in writing either-

- (i) reach agreement with that person on those points, or
- (ii) where that authority and that person cannot so agree on those points, that authority may—
 - (I) Advise that person accordingly in writing, or
 - (II) refer the matter to the Board for its determination,

This came into effect on 17th December 2022.

The following number of compliance submissions have been received in the last quarter:

Month	No. of submissions
January	70
February	57
March	96

Active Land Management

Housing Task Force

The Housing Supply Coordination Task Force, established by the DHLGH, tracks the quantum of residential development in the four Dublin Local Authorities on a quarterly basis for residential schemes consisting of 10 or more homes. The data has been collected since 2016 and provides detailed insight into planning and construction activity in the residential sector.

Dublin Local Authorities 'Tier 1' Housing Task Force Returns – Q3 2022

The most up-to-date data available for the 4 no. Dublin Local Authorities relates to Q3 2022.

The Table below details the Q3 2022 Returns for the four Dublin Local Authorities as published by the DHLGH. The data comprises residential developments (schemes consisting of 10 or more homes) where a final grant of planning permission has been obtained from the Local Authority or An Bord Pleanála. The data includes schemes that are both commenced and uncommenced but does not include schemes that have been completed.

At the County level, the data indicates comparatively high levels of construction activity in DLR. At Q3 2022, there were 5,725 homes under construction in DLR which comprised c. 31% of all homes under construction across the four Dublin Local Authorities.

	Total Number of Permitted Units		Total Number of Units Built to Date		Total Number of Units Under Construction		Total Permitted but not Commenced	
	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.
DCC	595	28,182	226	1,352	157	5,076	212	21,754

DLR	2,157	15,865	339	637	945	4,780	873*	10,448*
SDCC	4,401	9,388	1,686	758	836	3,971	1,879	4,659
FCC	5,543	9,228	2,609	752	1,321	1,513	1,613	6,963
Total	12,696	62,663	4,860	3,499	3,259	15,340	4,577	43,824

* 2,276 of the 11,321 units in DLR classified as 'Permitted but not Commenced' are currently caught up in Judicial Review proceedings.

DLR Provisional 'Tier 1' Housing Task Force Returns – Q4 2022

The following Table details the provisional Housing Task Force Returns for DLR for Q4 2022.

	Total Number of Permitted Units		Total Number of Units Built to Date		Total Number of Units Under Construction		Total Permitted but not Commenced	
	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.
DLR	2,085	15,010	497	925	725	4,201	863	9,884
Total	17,095		1,422		4,926		10,747*	

* 2,276 of the 10,747 units in DLR classified as 'Permitted but not Commenced' are currently caught up in Judicial Review proceedings

DLR Provisional 'Tier 2A' Housing Task Force Returns – Q4 2022

The following Table details the provisional data relating to sites in DLR which were subject to a 'live' planning application for residential development at Q4 2022. The data relates to sites where: a planning application was lodged with the Planning Authority (Local Authority or ABP); or was within the appeal period of 4 weeks of the date of the decision of the Local Authority; or was the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

At Q4 2022, there were planning applications in the system for 10,896 potential new homes. 5,124 of the units in the planning system are for Build-to-Rent residential schemes. The ratio of houses to apartments for units in the planning system is 1:18.

	Houses	Apartments	Total
DLR Q4 2022	573	10,323	10,896
(% mix)	(5.3%)	(94.7%)	(100%)

Based on the provisional Q4 2022 Housing Task Force Returns for DLR, the following is noted:

- There were over 1,000 residential units completed in DLR in Q4 2022. A total of 7 residential schemes were recorded as fully completed in Q4 2022. There were residential completions recorded in 10 other schemes currently under construction.
- Compared to the year previous, there has been a 5.8% decrease in the number of sites with planning permission from 121 in Q4 2021 to 114 in Q4 2022. In terms of the total number of units with planning permission, this represents a 3.9% decrease from 17,795 in Q4 2021 to 17,095 units in Q4 2022. These decreases reflect both high levels of residential completions in DLR in 2022 (a total of 17 no. schemes were fully completed and removed from monitoring) and an increasing backlog of planning applications pending decision with An Bord Pleanála (see chart below).
- Compared to the year previous, there has been a 21.7% decrease in the number of active sites from 60 sites in Q4 2021 to 47 sites in Q4 2022 and an 11.1% decrease in the number of units under construction from 5,543 in Q4 2021 to 4,926 in Q4 2022.

These decreases reflect both high levels of residential completions in DLR in 2022 and a moderation in residential commencement levels (see chart below).

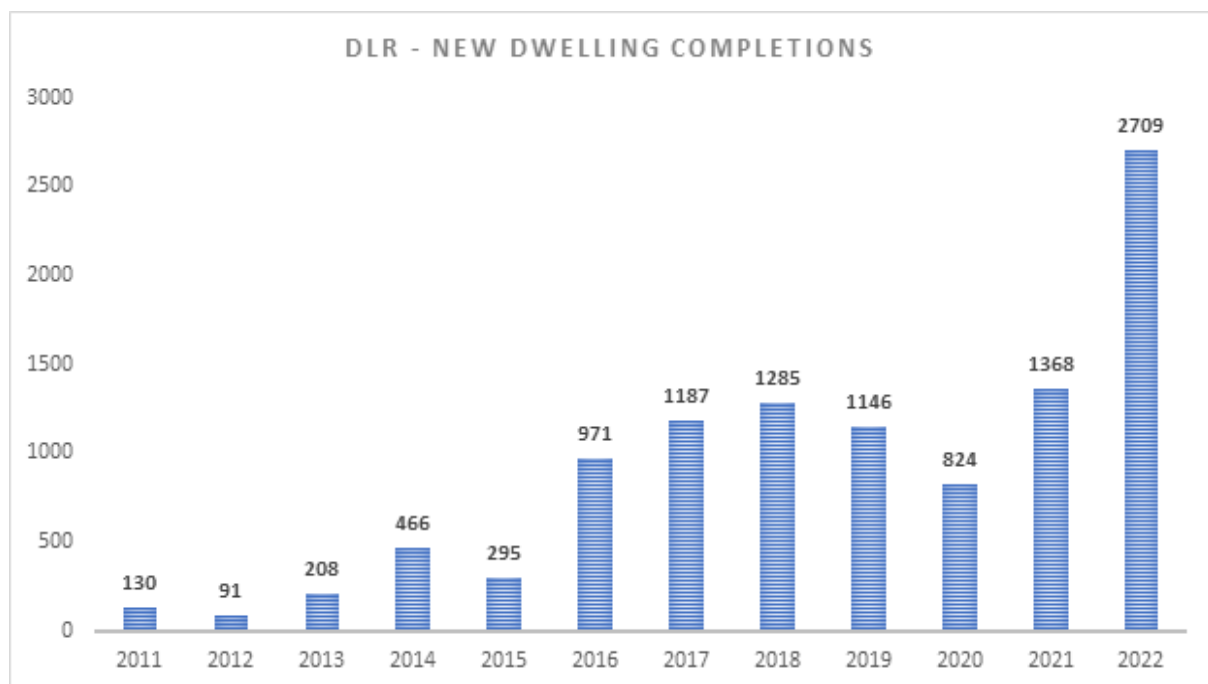
- There are c. 8,500 homes that have the benefit of planning permission in DLR which are uncommenced and can be progressed to implementation stage. This figure excludes residential schemes subject to Judicial Review proceedings.
- At Q4 2022, there were planning applications in the system for over 10,896 potential new homes. This represents a 77.5% increase from the 6,137 units that were in the system at Q4 2021. The increasing quantum of planning applications in the system pending decision reflects an increasing backlog of cases with An Bord Pleanála.
- In terms of housing mix, the ratio of houses to apartments for permitted units at Q4 2022 was approximately 1:7. The ratio of houses to apartments for units in the planning system was 1:18.

Housing Trends

The following section illustrates housing trends in DLR using data from a range of data sources. Each source is referenced and is based on its own methodology.

Residential Completions in DLR

The following Figure details new housing completions in DLR for the period 2011 to 2022. The data is sourced from the CSOs 'New Dwelling Completions' database. As illustrated, over 2,700 new homes were completed in DLR in 2022 which represents a significant increase on previous years and the highest level recorded in well over a decade.

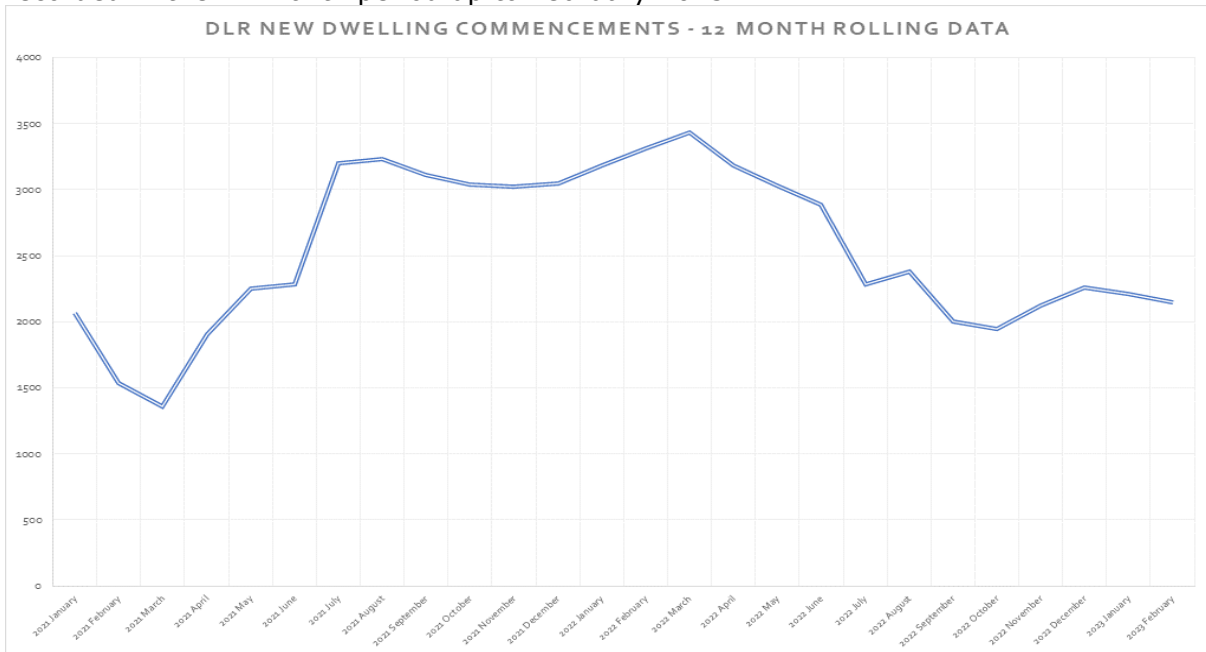


Source: CSO New Dwelling Completion data

Residential Commencements

The following data comes from the Building Control Management System and is based on Commencement Notices recorded on a rolling 12 month average basis.

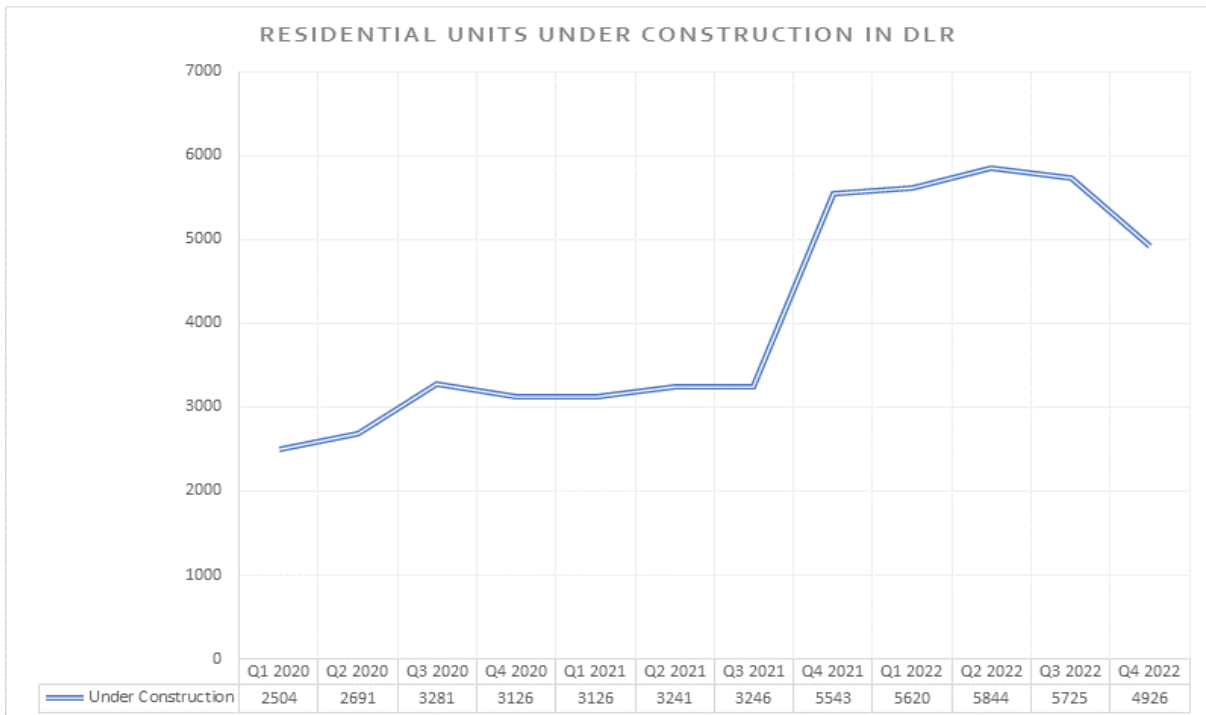
The chart illustrates an increase in commencement levels in DLR post pandemic with a high of over 3,400 commencements recorded in the 12 month period up to March 2022. More recently, the level of commencements has moderated with c. 2,150 commencements recorded in the 12 month period up to February 2023.



Source: Building Control Management System Commencement Notices

Residential Construction Activity

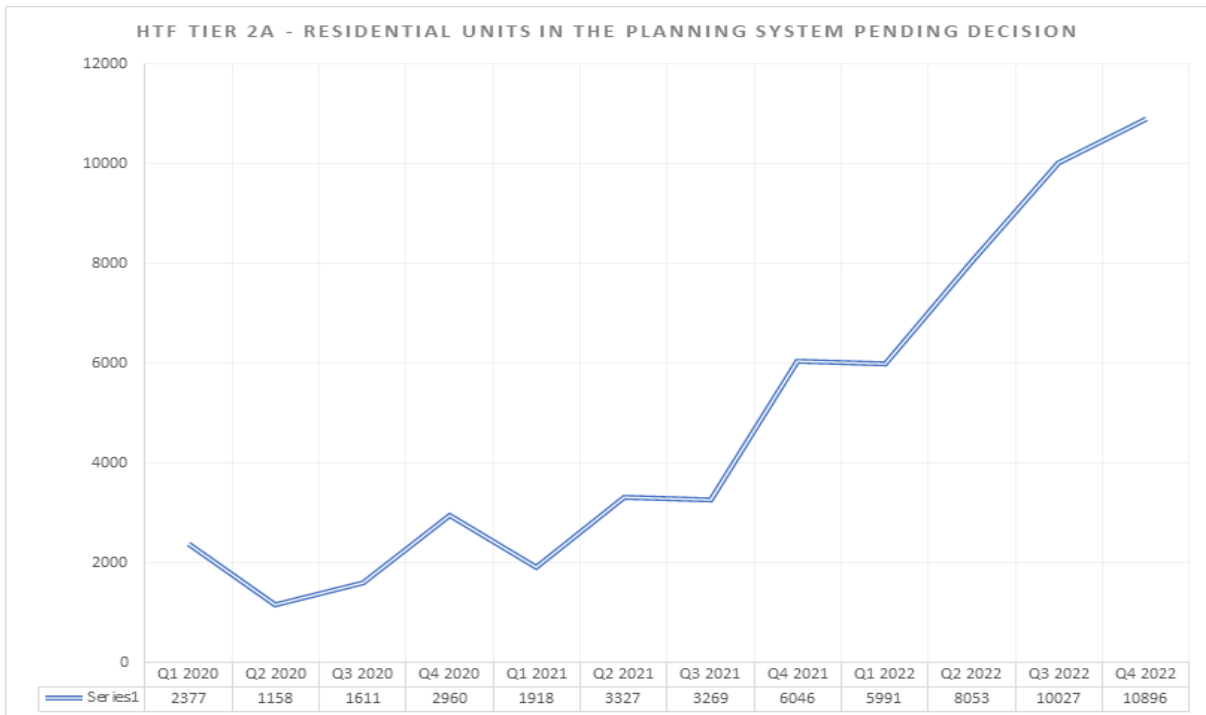
The data in the following chart is taken from DLR’s Housing Task Force Returns and illustrates the number of homes under construction in the County at each Quarter. The graph illustrates an upward trend in the number of homes under construction in DLR from 2020 to present. At Q4 2022, c. 4,900 homes were under construction in DLR. The number of units under construction in DLR decreased by c. 800 units between Q4 and Q3 2022 and correlates with the c. 1,000 residential completions recorded in the same quarter.



Source: DLR Housing Task Force Returns

Planning Applications in the System Pending Decision

The data in the following chart is taken from DLR's Housing Task Force Returns and illustrates the number of residential units in the planning system pending decision at Q4 2022 (HTF Tier 2A). The graph indicates a sharp increase in the number of units in the planning system with c. 11,000 units awaiting decision at Q4 2022. This trend reflects both the high number of planning applications submitted before the ending of the SHD process - and also a significant backlog of cases awaiting decision with An Bord Pleanála. At Q4 2022, there were SHD planning applications for c. 7,000 homes with An Bord Pleanála. While the Board has a statutory objective to try to decide cases within 18 weeks, all SHD planning applications in DLR currently with ABP have exceeded this timeframe.



Source: DLR Housing Task Force Returns

Residential Zoned Land Tax

Under the Finance Act 2021 the Planning Authority have a new statutory requirement to prepare a map identifying lands that will be subject to the new residential zoned land tax. The Draft Map has been completed and was placed on display from 1st November 2022, with the deadline for submissions being 1st January 2023. A total of 82 valid submission were made. The Planning Authority is required to make a determination on the submissions received by 1st April 2023. A Supplemental Map will then be placed on display from 1 May 2023.

Forward Planning Infrastructure

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

LIHAF

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

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

As previously advised to the Members, there is 1 remaining active LIHAF project in DLR, an overview of which is as follows;

Project Name	Detail of Infrastructure	Total LIHAF allocation €M	Amount to be funded by DHLGH €M (75%)	Amount to be funded by DLR (S48 Cherrywood specific dev contributions) €M (25%)
Cherrywood	Druid's Glen Road (road only); Druid's Glen bridge - (short bridge structure traversing valley); New N11 junction 'Q' at Druid Glen Road; Druid's Glen Road (bridge feature)	€15.19	€11.39	€3.80

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

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

A status of the Cherrywood LIHAF project is as follows:

➤ **Phase 1 – Complete**

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

➤ **Phase 2 – (P* - P3) – at Contractor Award Approval Stage**

The next section of road, **comprising of circa 315m of road and a 40m short bridge spanning the Cabinteely Stream was paused at detailed design stage following the legal challenges to the planning permissions which included the housing development. Following settlement by the developer, the two High Court Judicial reviews were struck out on 1st March 2022.**

The tender evaluation is complete and the project is now at Contractor Award approval stage. The requisite land transfers are being progressed.

Dlr received confirmation from the Department on the 31st January 2023, that the existing grant funding availability has been extended until Q3 of 2023. However, landowner commitment to LIHAF is required before Department approval of the tender. Engagement with the landowners with respect to this is ongoing.

➤ **Phase 3 – at Preliminary Design Stage**

The final section of the road comprises c. 55m of road and a 120m significant bridge feature. Dlr DAPT cost management team have completed an update of the additional funding request as part of the 2022 mid-year review, taking into account the current construction price inflation with a view to securing the necessary funding to complete the Cherrywood LIHAF project.

Dlr have engaged a consultant for advice in relation to developing a brief to advance the project to statutory approval stage (planning and land acquisition). This is ongoing.

It is understood that the Department's LIHAF Management Committee met on the 29th November 2022 in relation to the additional funding request and DLR await updates arising from this.

Dlr continues to work closely with all relevant landowners who may be impacted by the LIHAF infrastructure delivery and a landowner meeting has been offered to provide updates in relation to the LIHAF infrastructure delivery. This will be held in Q2 2023.

DLR will deliver and administer an Affordable Housing scheme to the value of the LIHAF funding amount provided by the DHLGH and in accordance with the provisions of the Affordable Housing Act 2021 and relevant regulations made thereunder. Forward Planning Infrastructure and Housing Departments are working together in preparation for the Cherrywood LIHAF site.

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

Within Cherrywood SDZ, grants of planning, further information stage, commencements and residential completion stats are all highlighted in the Planning update below.

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

Cherrywood URDF Infrastructure

The URDF 2018 (first call) was established to support more compact and sustainable development, through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Ireland's five cities and other large towns, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework and National Development Plan (NDP). This is to enable a greater proportion of residential and mixed-use development to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of our cities and towns and to ensure that more parts of our urban areas can become attractive and vibrant places in which people choose to live and work, as well as to invest and to visit.

DLR was successful in obtaining funding under the URDF in respect of the Category A Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project, the total cost of which is estimated at €17.8M and for which formal approval of the total project was received in June 2020. Funding is by way of 75% direct government funding and 25% funded by the separate Section 48 Cherrywood Development Contributions.

This will see the development of 4 distinct sub-projects comprising the Linear Park, surface water attenuation ponds 2a and 5a and completion of Tully Park Phase 2.

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

➤ **Linear Park – Part 8 Planning secured**

The statutory Part 8 was approved by the Elected Members on the 13th of June 2022. Tender documentation underway to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team to advance. This project is being delivered in collaboration with the NTA.

➤ **Pond 2a – at Detailed Design and Tender**

Statutory Part 8 stage is complete. Site clearance for ground investigations, ground penetrating radar and topographical surveys complete. The Contractor has completed phase 2 site investigations. Findings will inform the detailed design and tender documents. Tender documents to issue in Q2 2023.

➤ **Pond 5a – at Detailed Design and Tender**

Ground penetrating radar and topographical surveys are complete. Phase 1 of the site investigations are complete and draft tender documents are prepared. ESB diversion details are agreed with the ESB. Phase 2 site investigations contractor to complete site investigations in Q4 2022. Tender documents to issue in Q2 2023.

➤ **Tully Park Phase 2 – Project substantially complete**

Construction commenced on site on the 24th June 2021. Dlr received additional funding approval from the Department on 1 Nov 2021 to address the project shortfall following the completion of the construction tender competition. Works on site are at the closing stages with some recent delays due to issues with supply chain / procurement of materials. Snagging has commenced. Project to be completed in Q4 2022 with final account agreed in Q1 2023.

Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF) Call 2

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

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

1. Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity
2. Dundrum – Civic & Community Centre

3. Dún Laoghaire Greening Project
4. Sandyford Green Infrastructure
5. Shanganagh Park

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

On the 5 March 2021, dlr was notified by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that two of the applications submitted by the Council for funding, under Call 2, were successful. The Department formally confirmed preliminary approval of the

€44,361,115 funding on the 25 of August 2021 for the Dundrum and Cherrywood projects for the inclusion in the URDF supported capital programme and approval to move to the next stage of the project lifecycle, the preliminary business case stage.

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

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

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

- Castle Street Link – completion of Cherrywood's bus priority route to connect it to the existing Park & Ride facility at Carrickmines Luas stop.
- Ticknick Park - Ballycorus Access – development of cycle, pedestrian and vehicle access to Ticknick Park.
- Town Centre Pedestrian & Cycle Link – development of an elevated pedestrian and cycle bridge within the Cherrywood Town Centre.
- 3 Public Parks – creation of centrally located, multi-functional spaces providing a focal area for each of the associated village communities.
- Smart Parking Study – research and application of measures to create efficiencies in Cherrywood's required parking provision.
- Beckett Link (& Barrington Rd Connection) – development of pedestrian, cycle and vehicle link from the Kilternan Link to the Cherrywood Town Centre, to include the uncompleted portion of Barrington's Road. Phase 1 of this project secured planning on 14/11/22 and is currently at the detailed design stage.

Dlr met with the Department on the 16 of September 2022 as part of dlr's LIHAF & URDF project review meeting and site visit. Updated Budget estimates were presented for each project.

Following a tender competition in conjunction with the Office of Government Procurement dlr appointed a specialist consultant to undertake the preliminary business case in accordance with the Public Spending Code. The preliminary business case was issued to the Department on the 8th of June 2022. On the 14th of March 2023, Dlr received confirmation from the Department that 5 URDF Call 2 projects are approved to proceed to decision gate 2 of the Public Spending Code, with the final URDF 2 project 'Beckett Link' determined to now require a standalone Preliminary Business Case given the scale of the project which DLR will progress.

Cherrywood SDZ – Progress Report.

The **current Main Work Streams** include:

- Cherrywood LIHAF - as reported above;
- URDF Call 1 Projects (2018) - Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation – as reported above;
- URDF Call 2 Project (2020) – Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity application submitted to DHLGH on 29 May 2020 which received funding approval in the order of c.€40M - as reported above;
- The Cherrywood Steering Group, comprising the Chief Executive and Directors of Services in key service departments met 18 times since it was established in 2017. The Steering Group has been convened to provide oversight in all key aspects of the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ that cover multi – disciplinary themes;
- Progressing the required Common Infrastructure Agreement for the provision of the common infrastructure in the build out of Cherrywood;
- DLRC as the Development Agency submitted the Proposed Amendment No. 8: Building Height and Density Changes to An Bord Pleanála on 1 June 2021. The Proposed Amendment underwent the 2-no. statutory public consultation processes in accordance with Section 169 of the 2000 Act (as amended). with the second consultation period concluding on 5th February 2023. It is intended to bring the proposed Amendment No. 8 to a Special Council Meeting on 27th April 2023 for the consideration of the Elected Members. It is also intended that the Executive will facilitate a briefing to the Elected Members in advance of this;
- The DAPT has established a cycling review group to draw from the expertise of the NTA and the dlr Sustainable Mobility Group to scope out enhancements to what has been provided in the area and explore new experiences in cycling (including technology). It is intended to bring a Report on findings and recommendations of this group to a future meeting.

Planning Applications – FOR NOTING

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

The Status of other applications from 8th December 2022 to 27th March 2023 inclusive is as follows:

- DZ22A/0820 - Amendment application to DZ20A/0552 (Change in unit type, No change to the number of units already permitted) - Decision to Grant issued 12/12/2022
- DZ22A/0846 - Amendment application to DZ17A/0862 (removal of permitted viewing platform) - Decision to Grant issued 22/12/2022
- DZ22A/0623 - 49 Residential units, Cherrywood – Decision to Grant issued 18/01/2023
- DZ22A/0550 - Lehaunstown Park Open Space, Cherrywood – Request for Clarification of Further information issued 24/01/2023
- DZ22A/0952 - Tower Ireland, Cherrywood – Decision to Refuse issued 01/02/2023
- DZ22A/0964 - Old Glebe House, Brides Glen Road – Request for Further Information issued 08/02/2023.
- DZ22A/1019 - Old Glebe House, Brides Glen Road – Decision to Refuse issued 22/02/2023
- DZ22A/1021 - 283 Residential units, Cherrywood – Request for Further Information issued 22/02/2023

- DZ22A/1025 - 44 Residential units, Cherrywood – Request for further Information issued 23/02/2023
- DZ23A/0005 - 89 Residential units, Cherrywood – Request for Further Information issued 28/02/2023
- D23A/0025 - The Glen, Golf Lane, Glenamuck Road – Decision to Grant issued 09/03/2023
- DZ23A/0028 - 56 Residential Units, Cherrywood – Request for Further Information issued 09/03/2023
- DZ22A/0728 - Extended use of Temporary Car Park – Decision to Grant issued 14/03/2023
- DZ22A/0770 – 71 residential units and mixed-use scheme – Decision to Grant issued 23/03/2023

There are currently 6 live SDZ applications for which reports are being prepared.

To date, the total no. of residential units permitted is 3,879 (this figure includes the application that was previously subject to Judicial Review which is now resolved). An additional 1,017 units are at Further Information Stage. There are 1,891 homes under construction. The Tully primary school is well advanced on site also.

The total amount of non-residential development permitted is circa 113,418 sq.m of Town Centre Mixed use (retail/non-retail/commercial including HIE) and circa 36,561 sq.m of High Intensity Employment (HIE).

Stakeholder Engagement

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

With Government's focus on the housing crisis the DHLGH has taken specific interest in progressing the Cherrywood Planning Scheme and has designated it 1 of 23 key strategic national Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites (MUHDS). Meetings with all key stakeholders are on-going with the DAPT facilitating progress meetings on key issues, as they arise, that require a coordinated approach from a number of state agencies and service providers including high-level engagement with the DHLGH on the main issues. Dlr facilitated a site visit with the DHLGH on the 10th of March 2023 with a further site visit planned in Q2 2023 as part of the URDF and LIHAF project review process.

Funding

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

The internal common infrastructure elements include for a road network in the order of 10km, storm water infrastructure in the order of 3.8ha and the delivery of amenity open space – Class 1, new parks, neighbourhood plazas, natural greenspace and greenways (as per Appendix III Cherrywood Planning Scheme Projects List of the

Cherrywood Planning

Scheme Development Contribution Scheme (DCS) 2017-2020. The current order of magnitude cost (OMC) exercise is guiding that the cost of providing the common infrastructure to open up land for development to support the development of Cherrywood is in the order of €260M for construction.

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

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

dlr is progressing the review of the current Schemes as stated in both Development Contribution Schemes and it is intended to bring the Schemes to the statutory consultations stage under Section 48 of the 2000 Act (as amended) in early Q2 2023.

In addition to the DCS, government funding, Local Property Tax Income, LIHAF and URDF (Call 1 and Call 2) has been secured and contributes to the funding of internal common infrastructure. However there still remains a funding gap in relation to the provision of the entire common infrastructure (i.e. the projects that are not LIHAF and URDF funded). The Report indicating the Programme of Capital Projects 2023 – 2025 presented at the December 2022 Council Meeting provides further detail.

The application for Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Access under the URDF Call 2 on 29th May 2020 relating to seven sub-projects that align with the requirements of the Fund for submission. The Department formally confirmed preliminary approval of six of the seven sub-projects covered in the application in March 2021. Formal preliminary approval of the funding issued on the 25th of August 2021 for these projects to be included in the URDF supported capital programme and DLR submitted the Preliminary Business Case to the Department in June 2022 as part of the next stage of the funding approval process.

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

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Capital Projects

Blackglen Road/ Grange Road Improvement Scheme- works progressing on site. Current completion date July 2023.

M50 Junction 14 Link Road – Part 8 and CPO (Compulsory Purchase Order) in place. Consultant Procurement review design and prepare tender documents for procurement of contractor, pending Project Governance Board approvals etc. has been completed and about to be awarded. Draft submission for NTA (National Transport Authority) additional funding in place.

Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade (Golden Ball). Tender issued with Glenamuck District Roads Scheme tender. Tenders have been returned and Tender Assessment due to be completed shortly. Contractor to commence construction mid-2023.

Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS) - Tenders have been returned and Tender Assessment due to be completed shortly. Subject to land acquisitions completed, budgetary approval and staff being available, it is intended to commence construction mid-2023. Estimated construction period approximately 2 years.

Druids Glen Road P*-P3 - Judicial Review is now resolved and detailed design completed. Tenders have been returned for the construction and subject to land transfers, agreements, and funding approval it is planned to award contract May 2023 with the Contractor commencing June 2023. Estimated construction period approximately 1 year.

Dublin Bay Trail / S2S - The scheme now focuses on the link between Blackrock Park and Blackrock Dart station (Blackrock Link). Surveys have been completed and route options been developed. Multi-criteria analysis has been carried out and preferred design to be put forward for environmental assessments and planning.

Samuel Beckett Phase 2 – Delivery of the fitout of the library in the current Gym space is being prioritised. Library Services held public consultations on the proposals, feedback was very positive, and the project went out to tender on 17 December 2022. Tenders have been returned and are currently being assessed.

Bray Woodbrook Landfill Remediation Project - Contractor has 90% of Revetment Structure Complete. The North Beach Access Ramp is complete, the Southern Beach Access ramp has commenced. The scope for the Landfill Capping needs reviewing as the Landfill in its present state is unsuitable for public use. Additional funding is being sought to complete the area as a public amenity. Project is delayed until a decision is made on the future use of the area.

Dundrum Community, Cultural and Civic Hub (DCCCH) - An Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) Call 2 project application was provisionally allocated funding support (up to max of 75% of eligible costs) for advance Public Realm works. Architects Department are developing a project brief. Feasibility of emerging preferred site is under investigation. Indecon Consultants have completed the Strategic Assessment Review (SAR). Business Case to follow.

Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Development update
Bride's Glen (Cherrywood-Shankill Bridge)	Pedestrian and cycle connection from Bride's Glen Luas Stop via St Colmcille's Hospital grounds and the old viaduct to the footbridge over the N11 north of the Loughlinstown roundabout.	Active Travel to bring a report back to the May Area Committee on the process involved in undertaking a CPO.
East Coast Trail - Merrion Gates to Seapoint Cycle Scheme	Development of the East Coast Trail cycle route from Merrion Gates to Seapoint and toward Dún Laoghaire	Rock Road construction commenced.
Clonskeagh Road Cycle Improvement Scheme (UCD to Ashtons)	Development of a cycle route between Sandyford and Dublin city centre, proposed in the GDA Cycle Network Plan. This includes the provision of cycle facilities on Clonskeagh Road from UCD to Clonskeagh Bridge.	Construction underway and currently programmed for completion in April.
Rochestown Avenue Multi-modal Transport Improvement Scheme	Design of walking and cycling facilities and bus routes along Rochestown Avenue.	Part 8 documents being prepared and expected to be presented to area committee in April.
DLR Connector	Design and implementation of walking and cycling facilities east / west across the County	Environmental Impact Assessment Report 75% completed. Reporting to the NTA ongoing. Prelim design ongoing.
Dun Laoghaire to N11 (Mounttown Road and Kill Avenue)	Design and implementation of walking and cycling facilities on Kill Avenue, Mounttown Road Upper / Lower, Glenageary Road Upper.	Detailed design ongoing.
Wyattville Road (Phase 2)	Design and implementation of walking and cycling facilities along Wyattville Road.	Construction ongoing programmed for completion towards the middle of the year.
Taney Road to Stillorgan Road	Design and implementation of walking and cycling facilities on Taney Road, Mount Anville Road and Fosters Avenue.	Detailed design ongoing.
Cherrywood-Sandyford greenway	Design and implementation of a cycle route between Leopardstown Road and Ballyogan / Cabinteely area.	Options report received and being reviewed

Leopardstown Cycle Improvements	Road Lane	Design and implementation of enhanced walking and cycling facilities along Leopardstown Road (N11 to Sandyford).	Options report submitted to the NTA.
Park to Park and Mountains to Metals Routes		Active School Travel Route commencing in Loughlinstown and ending in Blackrock via Loughlinstown Linear Park - Kilbogget Park - Clonkeen Park - Deansgrange - Rockville Park.	Deansgrange Part 8 completed. All other works completed
Seafield Safe and Quiet Streets		Traffic calming and public realm enhancement scheme developed in conjunction with residents.	Preliminary design underway.
Rapid Deployment Active Travel Measures		Introduction of various forms of cycle protection on roads around the County.	Active Travel Section to progress a scheme on Abbey Road and Stradbrogue Road.
Love our Laneways		Upgrade of the existing laneways in Sallynoggin.	Preliminary design completed.
Cabinteely Greenway	Park	Cornelscourt Road to Cherrywood.	Review of previous Part 8 underway.
Safe Routes to Schools		Carysfort NS, Holy Family, Holy Cross, St. Kevin's, St. Patricks, The Harold, Sion Hill	Lot 1 consultation completed and progressing to detailed design. Lot 2 design underway.
Living Streets: Dun Laoghaire		Pathfinder project	Information video released.
Living Streets: Blackrock		Permanent scheme for the village.	Part 8 pack being prepared
Living Streets: Coastal Mobility Route		Permanent scheme	Currently considering the recommendations of the TU Dublin report.
Deerpark Entrance Improvements		Accessibility improvements to the entrance off North Ave	Construction due to commence in coming weeks.
Carrickbrennan Road		Scheme to connect Coastal Mobility Route to DLR Central and Connector	At concept stage.
Other:		Hosted a visit of Queens University, Belfast	Provided a presentation on the activities of local authorities and specifically the active travel section. Undertook a site cycle.
		Visited Newpark School, Newtownpark Ave	Provided a presentation on the activities of local authorities and specifically the active travel section.

Climate action

- The Annual Progress Report 2022 for the Council's Climate Change Action Plan was published following the full January Council meeting on Monday 9th January 2023. The report provides a detailed update on all 144 CCAP (Climate Change Action Plans) actions, across the theme areas of Energy & Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature Based Solutions and Resource Management.
- On Tuesday, 21st February 2023, the Council launched the Línte na Farraige creative climate art installation at the Martello Tower, Blackrock Park, and an associated outdoor exhibition at Moran Park, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire. Línte na Farraige (Lines of the Sea) connects the public visually and tangibly to the risks from future sea levels, through a series of light installations across Irish coastal locations and heritage sites, designed by Finnish artists, Pekka Niittyvirta and Timo Aho. The project is a recipient of the inaugural Creative Climate Action fund, an initiative from the Creative Ireland Programme, in collaboration with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications that supports creative, cultural and artistic projects that build awareness around climate change and empower citizens to make meaningful behavioural transformations.
- As a requirement of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, each local authority will prepare a Climate Action Plan in 2023/2024, addressing both climate mitigation and adaptation. The Council has been participating in national level workshops and meetings with the other Dublin local authorities, Dublin CARO (Climate Action Regional Office) and Codema, on the preparation of the new Plan. The Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications issued a request to all local authorities on Friday, 24th February 2023, to prepare and approve the new Climate Action Plan, within a twelve (12) month period. The Plan will be subject to public consultation. It will require approval by resolution with or without amendments by the Elected Members. The Minister also launched Climate Action Plan Guidelines for the local authority sector in Waterford on Monday, 6th March, 2023.
- A Climate Action Briefing for Councillors was held on Tuesday, 7th March, 2023. The briefing addressed the new local authority Climate Action Plan process and the national Climate Action Plan – Strand 1 Building Low Carbon Communities.
- On Thursday, 2nd February 2023, the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications launched Strand 1 of the national Climate Action Fund – Building Low Carbon Communities. This fund will allow the Council to work in partnership with local groups to build low carbon communities in a considered and structured way, focusing on the theme areas of home / energy, travel, food and waste, shopping and recycling and local climate and environmental action. This will be funded directly from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. The Council will launch the fund once a Community Climate Action Officer has been recruited to manage the fund. The Department is funding this temporary post for all local authorities to administer the fund locally.
- The Council is taking part in a new national Working Group on Climate Action Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). This Group is chaired by Paul Kennedy, Director of Infrastructure and Climate Change and the Council's Climate Action Co-ordinator also sits on the Group. This Group has developed a set of national KPIs that will be used by each local authority in the country to measure and report on progress in delivering effective climate action at local authority level. The KPIs will also be used to track the

overall progress of the sector at a national level. The proposed KPI's were submitted to the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) CATCEN (Climate Action, Transport and Circular Economy Network) and will be piloted by local authorities in Q2 2023.

Environmental Awareness

- Community Clean Ups January 1st – March 27th: 186
- 27 projects have been funded under the 2023 Environment and Climate Action Grant.
- The Relove Fashion Competition final successfully took place on March 23rd in collaboration with 10 other local authorities and the Rediscovery Centre.
- 'Sorted' How to manage your school waste videos successfully launched in partnership with Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council and VOICE.
- 44 clean ups registered with National Spring Clean to date.
- Dublin Community Clean Up Day opened for registrations.

Property Management

- **Former Carnegie Library and ground floor Carnegie Offices, Library Road, Dún Laoghaire:** Final enabling works to the fire and disability certification to facilitate the IADT (Institute of Art, Design and Technology) (Institute of Art, Design and Technology) nearing completion.
- **9 Georges Place, Dún Laoghaire:** Yard to the rear of No. 9 Georges Place let as a site compound for the contractor supporting the Myrtle Square project in Dún Laoghaire. The basement of No. 9 Georges Place is being utilised as associated temporary office space. Property is subject to active investigation for future use.
- **Wash House, Kelly's Avenue, Dún Laoghaire:** Electrical, insulation and security alarm upgrade works nearing completion which will enable the building, a Protected Structure, to be utilised.
- **Shanganagh Castle, Shankill:** Assessment of the Castle House (**Building 'A'**), a Protected Structure, by CORA Consulting Engineers as well as measures to stabilize and secure the structure on-going;

Building 'B' former education college and subsequently young offenders' dormitory, together with **Building 'C'** an associated former sports and classroom facility for offenders, both vacated in 2002 have been offered and subsequently reviewed by Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth (DCEDIY), the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH), for temporary emergency Ukrainian refugee accommodation. The proposal, as well as meeting urgent humanitarian obligations, will potentially bring in much needed investment to upgrade both buildings for future intended uses.

- Investigation of privately-owned sites/buildings in administrative area and liaison with Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth (DCEDIY), the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH), for temporary emergency Ukrainian refugee accommodation.
- **Dún Laoghaire Baths:** On-going assistance and liaison with Architects and Arts Office being provided to get Café and the Artists' studios operational on site as soon as possible.
- **Disposal of the Council's interest in a plot of land at:**
- **Woodbrook DART Station:** Disposal of the Council's interest in a plot of land at Woodbrook, Shanganagh, Co. Dublin to Iarnród Éireann approved at January 2023 Council Meeting in accordance with the provisions set out in Section 183, Local Government Act, 2001 and the provisions set out in Section 211, Planning and Development Act. Currently with Legal Services. Station completion scheduled for Qtr. 1, 2025* (*Source: Iarnród Éireann).

- **Greening Composting, Sandyford:** Renewal of 4 year 11-month lease APPROVED at Council Meeting, February 2023.
- **Dom Marmion Society:** Offer of renewed lease terms and conditions issued to Dom Marmion, March 2023 and awaiting response.
- **Glenamuck Road CPO:** Negotiations on-going between plot holders and our Valuers and negotiations are nearing agreement.
- **Boylan Centre, Sussex Street, Dún Laoghaire:** Terms and conditions negotiated for acquisition of centre. Awaiting confirmation of vacant possession of building. Property Management liaising with Legal Services and Housing in this regard.

Derelict sites January 2023- March 2023:

Number on register:	Number added:	Number removed:	Section 11's served:	Levies served:	Levies received:
13	1 DS 1668	1 DS 1539	3 DS 1681 DS 1648 DS 1664	0	2 DS 1479 DS 1471

Note: €122,000 collected in Derelict Sites levies by Property Management in Q1 2023.

- ***Letters of consent January 2023 – March 2023:**
16 Letters of consent issued
- ***Sandyford Commercial consents January 2023 – March 2023:**
3 applications received

**The Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2020 (Schedule 3, Prescribed Notices, Form No. 2, p426) specifically states that "If you are not the legal owner, please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation."*

Environmental Enforcement Section

In February, the section issued the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) with two reports, namely the Recommendation of the European Parliament and the Council Providing for the Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) Inspection and Compliance plan for 2023.

This document provides a commitment of Environmental Enforcement and Water Services staff to the annual Inspection & Compliance Plan as it is an important aid in identifying issues to mitigate impacts on climate change, the environment and to improve our environmental efficiency at operational level.

The second report submitted to the EPA was the 2022 National Environmental Priorities Progress report. This document detailed the progress that the section made against the targets of last year's Inspection and Compliance plan.

In regard to Noise, round 4 mapping has been completed to satisfy the Environmental Noise Directive and a presentation was delivered to the Environment and Climate Action SPC on 16 March, providing the maps and outlining the progress made against actions in the Noise Action Plan.

Routine Enforcement Section Inspections	Number completed
Air Incident/complaint related inspections	1
Ambient Air Monitoring Programme	1
Article 27 Inspections	5
Construction & Demolition handling at development sites	23
Commercial Food Waste	1
Deco Paints Regulations – Vehicle Refinishers	1
Hazardous waste (e.g., garages, mini-labs, C&D sites, industrial, healthcare & others)	39
Inspections (environmental) in advance of grant/refusal of planning permission	1
Inspections (environmental) of existing planning permissions	1
Mercury inspections	7
Noise / Vibration Incident/complaint related inspections	9
Solid fuel regulations	3
Solvents Regulations (e.g., Dry cleaners, surface cleaning etc.)	2
Tyres and End of Life Tyres	3
Vehicle Checkpoints	2

Dog Statistics: Period 22nd Dec- 28th Mar	
No. of dogs on hand on 1 st Jan 23	3
No. of dogs entering the shelter	26
No. of dogs rehomed	4
No. of dogs reclaimed	8
No. of dogs sent to rescue	10
No. of dogs put to sleep	0
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 28th March	7
Dog attacks in this period	7

Between 22nd December 2022 and 28th March 2023, the enforcement section handled:

Complaints received 57
Complaints closed 58

Litter and Waste Fines

December 22nd, 2022, to March 28th, 2023	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws)	90	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines	3	
Legal proceedings initiated.	12	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	381	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	374	Litter Section

Waste Inspections Q1: Inspection Type	Number completed
Air Incident/complaint related inspections	1
Ambient Air Monitoring Programme	1
Article 27 Inspections	5
Construction & Demolition handling at development sites	23
Commercial Food Waste	1
Deco Paints Regulations – Vehicle Refinishers	1
Hazardous waste (e.g., garages, mini-labs, C&D sites, industrial, healthcare & others)	39
Inspections (environmental) in advance of grant/refusal of planning permission	1
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Architects

Energy

Following the completion of a 3-day recertification audit in December, dlr received a Certificate of Compliance for ISO 50001 from Certification Europe in January. In February, Andrée Dargan, dlr's County Architect and Energy Performance Officer, presented at the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Public Sector conference held in Dublin City University (DCU). As one of the top performing local authorities in the country, Andrée spoke about dlr leadership on energy-related initiatives and emissions reductions, embedding ISO 50001 within the organisation and the challenging 2030 and 2050 targets.

The cross-departmental dlr 'Reduce Your Use' working group organised a Step-Up Day as the last staff awareness-raising activity before the campaign concluded at the end of March. The target set by government for public sector bodies was 5-10% reduction in consumption across the organisation and 15% across buildings specifically, covering the period of October to March. The group has undertaken multiple initiatives to raise awareness and support energy reductions across the organisation and within the wider community, including social media posts, presentations, and operational changes in dlr buildings. When all the relevant data has been received, a final report on the dlr 'Reduce Your Use' campaign will be produced.

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	12
Not Dangerous	1
Total	14

Community and Cultural Development

Community Response Forum

The Community Response Forum met 7 times in relation to the Ukraine crisis. The focus of the Forum is on co-ordinating the response to the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in the County. The wide range of stakeholders in the Forum remains in place.

A range of supports and activities were in place, including English language classes and employment support classes. These are available to all displaced Ukrainians within the County.

Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

The LCDC held 2 meetings in this quarter – 25th January 2023 and 22nd February 2023.

A Joint Policing Committee (JPC) hybrid meeting took place on the 23rd February 2023. There were 5 Local Policing Fora committee meetings and 1 public meeting held in this quarter. The meetings took place on the following dates:

- Ballybrack/Loughlinstown/Shankill- 17th January 2023
- Central Dún Laoghaire – 8th February 2023
- Sandyford/Stepaside – 21st February 2023
- Dundrum/Stillorgan – 28th February 2023
- Ballybrack/Loughlinstown/Shankill 21st March 2023
- Central Dún Laoghaire (Public meeting)- 29th March 2023

Community Support Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme

This DRCD grant fund closed for application in February with 70 applications received for funding support. €296,010 is available to community groups across three categories – capital projects, operating costs and ringfenced women's shed funding.

Comhairle na nÓg

dlr Comhairle currently has 30 members ranging in age from 12- to 17-years and includes an increase in numbers of males on the previous two years. Dlr Comhairle formed their new 2023 committee at their January meeting. A workshop was delivered to Comhairle members which focused on committee roles, functions and responsibilities. The new work topic decided on by the Young People at the AGM was substance abuse and more specifically Vaping. Comhairle members plan on developing an educational campaign, targeted at young people. on the negative effects of vaping.

Age-Friendly & Social Inclusion Program

The **free dlr Age-Friendly Magazine 2023** was launched in January and 12,000 copies were printed and distributed across dlr. The free 84-page full colour magazine is full of information on services, activities and supports for older people provided by dlr County Council and Age-Friendly groups and organisations operating across the county as well as creative writing, puzzles and recipes.

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

The **dlr Age-Friendly Strategy, 2022-2026** was launched by Mary Butler TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health and Older People in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire on Wednesday 22nd March. The Strategy can be viewed [here](#)

The **Cuairt agus Cultúir programme 2022/2023** took place in 11 Nursing Homes and Day Care Centres across the county from Dec 2022-March 2023 with 6 artists and well-being facilitators providing workshops and activities for residents, day care service users and staff. The programme was organised and funded by dlrc Arts Office, Libraries and dlr Age-Friendly Programme.

The **dlr Older People's Council (OPC)** met during February & March and the dlr OPC will be providing Transport Grants and Small Grants in 2023 for events during Bealtaine & dlr Festival of Inclusion to age-friendly groups registered with the dlr Older People's Council. The dlr OPC are also holding their AGM on Tuesday 18th April in the Boylan Centre, Sussex St., Dún Laoghaire from 7p.m and all active retirement and age-friendly groups that are members of the dlr OPC are invited to attend the AGM.

The **Garda Older Person's Association (GOPA) Safety & Security Seminar** took place on Friday 3rd March from 11a.m – 2p.m in the Stillorgan Talbot Hotel supported by the Age-Friendly Programme. Due to unprecedented demand, a second similar seminar is to take place on Wednesday 3rd May, 11a.m-2p.m in the Assembly Hall, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire.

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

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

The dlr Integration Forum held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 1st March in the New Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire.

The dlr Integration Forum will meet again on Tuesday 25th April from 7p.m in Mounttown Community Centre and members from migrant and minority communities in dlr are very welcome to attend – dlrintegrationforum@gmail.com

Holi, the Festival of Colour celebrations took place during the month organised by UTSAV Community Group and Clayfarm Residents in Cuala GAA grounds in Hyde Park, Dalkey and Clayfarm, Leopardstown, supported by the Social Inclusion Unit.

Hello Dún Laoghaire - How R U? Mental Health Ireland Awareness campaign event took place on Thursday morning 30th March from 10 – 1p.m with a walk on the East Pier.

Cultural Development Capital Programme:

Ballyogan Library (Phase 2A) went to tender on 16 December 2022.

Stillorgan Library, as part of the St Laurence's development, also went to tender on 16 December.

Dormant Accounts Funding

dlr Libraries successfully received funding of €28,000 to progress 4 projects under Dormant Accounts Funding, provided by Department of Rural and Community Development.

- Event programming for Ukrainian families in the County
- Accessible Services – events and talks for those with additional needs and their families
- Sensory Equipment – including signage, sensory toys
- Literacy supports – LOTE (Languages other than English)

Creative Ireland Funding

2022 saw the completion of 50+ projects under the Creative Ireland Programme, with over an audience of 11,500 across the year.

Funding in the amount of €394,061 has been claimed by DLRCC in 2022 under the various funding strands including Creativity in Older Age, Social Prescribing, Cruinniú na nÓg and Economic Action Fund.

dlr Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023-2027

Draft document approved for the next 5 years of Creative Ireland.

Callout for event facilitators 2023-2025

68 successful applicants from 75 received.

Dún Laoghaire Baths Artists' Studios

Following the extensive redevelopment of Dún Laoghaire Baths, the Arts Office has advertised opportunities for artists to apply for new workspaces. Six awards are currently available to support local artists with rent free, purpose-built artist workspaces and project funding. Two studios are available to assist local artists to develop their practice in Dún Laoghaire. A Public Art commission will fund a studio and the creation of new work in response to the theme of Home. A fourth opportunity will allow artists to engage in a series of 3-month residencies in a new large workshop space that invites the public into the Baths to engage with the creative process. The studios are provided rent free with additional funding support to assist with the purchase of materials, the making of new work or the presentation of workshops, talks and performances.

These opportunities are funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office, the Arts Council, Creative Ireland and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/d%C3%BAAn-laoghaire-baths-studios>

Libraries

My Open Library (MOL) – energy upgrades

With funding from DRCD, upgrade works to both Deansgrange and Dalkey My Open Library services took place. A fire door was installed allowing the large multipurpose meeting room in Deansgrange Library to be divided into a sensory room and a separate community meeting room. We have also acquired sensory panels for accessibility, and some new meeting room and event technology such as smart screen and AV equipment.

Energy works

The Library Delivery Van was upgraded to an electric vehicle to help reduce our carbon emissions but also to model behavioural change.

Completion of Shankill Library windows

Conservation works on several windows at Shankill Library also took place, aided by a grant from the Historic Structures Fund.

Laptop lending

We have reintroduced the lending of brand new, faster laptops onsite in all branches, to complement the range of available Internet and accessible PCs.

Hublet lending

We have also upgraded the 'Hublets' - tablets for loan and developed their available suite of apps for both adults and children, for use in the Library.

Creative Ireland Programme

The dlr Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023-2027 was launched on 23 February in Farmleigh, in tandem with those from all other local authorities. These strategy documents cover the next 5 years of the national Creative Ireland Programme. Members of the cross-departmental dlr Culture Team have shortlisted the projects and proposals that will receive core Creative Ireland funding in 2023. They include Bursaries for artists and cultural organisations, projects with the Traveller community, Men's Sheds and IADT; age-friendly initiatives, oral storytelling, CPD for early years educators and Irish language initiatives.

Parks Capital Projects – Q1 2023 Progress							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Greenways in Holly Park/Springhill/Rockfield						✓	Complete
Blackrock Park – Booterstown Entrance						✓	Complete
Rosemont School Pitches						✓	Complete in June 2022.
Killiney Hill Accessible Entrance						✓	Minor finishing works in April 2023.
Corke Abbey/Woodbrook Glen Improvements						✓	Playground to be opened in early May 2023.
Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening					✓		Works commenced in mid Sep 2022 for completion in Sep 2023.
Grass Pitch Refurbishments					✓		Contracts awarded for 6 grass pitches and running track at Kilbogget – to commence April 2023
Meadowbrook Pitches, Padel Courts & Teenage Play					✓		Contract awarded – to commence April 2023
Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 3					✓	✓	Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-leash area complete. Sports pavilion works on-going.
Blackrock Park - Phase 2			✓	✓	✓		Design and procurements on-going. Play space to commence in mid 2023.
Marlay Golf Redevelopment				✓			Stage 1 tender complete.
Oatlands All Weather Pitch			✓				Part 8 to commence mid April 2023. Tender docs are complete.
Mounttown Boxing Facility			✓				Detail design is on-going and economic study is nearing completion.
Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1			✓				New Part 8 to commence in early April 2023.
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2		✓					Tenders for Architect led design team invited in March 2023
Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion)			✓				
Hyde Park Multi-Use Building			✓				Part 8 approved at the July 2021 meeting. Being managed by the clubs.
Pavement Improvement Programme				✓	✓		Works and procurements on-going.

Jamestown Park Masterplan		✓						Masterplan considerations on-going.
Parks Depots		✓						Initial stakeholder engagement is taking place.
Shanganagh Castle Sports Facilities	✓							Recent structural and renewable energy studies complete. Uncertainty on short term use – on hold.
Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch	✓							Delay due to Dept. of Education review. On hold
Cabinteely Park Projects	✓							No progress
Dalkey Island (Upgrade Tower & Gun Battery)	✓							No progress
Marlay Park Masterplan	✓							No progress. Recent pedestrian entrance constructed and putting green with Pdraig Harrington.
Finsbury Park	✓							Awaiting the completion of the play policy.
Play Space Development (East & West)	✓							Awaiting the completion of the play policy.
Wetlands & Attenuation (East & West)	✓							Recent work on Cabinteely pond. Other projects being identified.
Sandyford Urban Open Space	✓							Acquisition is being progressed.
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	✓							No funding available. On hold.
Shanganagh Crematorium	✓							No funding available. On hold.
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms	✓							No funding available. On hold.