

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2017

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1. Introduction:

The preparation of an Annual Service Delivery Plan is a requirement of Section 50 of the 2014 Local Government Reform Act; this Plan sets out the principal services which we intend to deliver in 2017.

Our aim is to deliver our services to our residents, businesses and visitors effectively and efficiently, always striving to ensure that such services represent good value for money.

The guiding principles of this Plan are informed by the Council's suite of policy documents, underpinned by the overarching policy as set out in the Local Government Reform Act 2014

- Corporate Plan 2015-2019
- Budget 2017, adopted in November 2016
- Capital Programme
- County Development Plan 2016-2022
- Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 2021

2. Corporate Goals & Objectives

In 2019 following the implementation of our Corporate Goals and Objectives Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County and County Council will be:

- The locality of choice for a thriving business sector with a high quality of life
- A network of confident communities with the best quality of life in the region
- A Council whose residents know they are in receipt of a strategic, dynamic, professional, well managed and future proofed local government service
- A major contributor to the Dublin Region benefitting the Region's and County's social, economic and cultural wellbeing.
- A Council which is recognised for its collaborative approach with Elected Members, Business Sector, Government Departments, State Agencies, the Community and Residents in the development of our County
- The second tier of government supporting all aspects of life in the County

3. Financial Landscape – Budget 2017

The Revenue budget for 2017 provides for expenditure totalling €171.7m. As the wider economy continues to recover, the Council's budget for 2017 includes expanded and additional services to respond to increasing growth and demands. In particular, additional resources are provided for in Housing, including Housing Assistance Payments (HAP), Roads, Surface Water, Planning, Economic Development and Cherrywood SDZ.

2017 also sees a reduction of 15% in the basic rate of Local Property Tax, and a new SME Support Grant, equivalent in value to a 2.5% reduction in commercial rates for SMEs.

CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH



DRIVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL



TRANSFORMING HOW WE WORK



4. Services to be delivered in 2017

4.1 Planning and Organisational Innovation Department Services

Princ	cipal Services	Timetable of Delivery/Service Performance Standard
I.	Development Management – Processing of Planning Applications, Decisions, Objections/Observations, Appeals, Section 5 Exemption Certificates, Part V, Validations, Section 47 Agreements, Pre Planning (Section 247), Pre Planning for Strategic Housing Developments, Compliances, Derelict Sites, Naming and numbering of estates, Section 57, Land disposal queries, Tree felling licence, Event licences (new legislative requirements) and Part 8s.	 All decisions to be made within the statutory timeframe.
II.	 Financial Management:-Application of Development Contribution Schemes under Section 48 and Section 49. a. Making of agreements with developers for timely payment of contributions. b. Issuing of financial compliances. c. As constructed analysis of sites and related contribution reconciliation d. On-going risk minimisation on residential developments through bond compliance. e. Initiation of enforcement action on non-compliant developments. f. Timely reassessment of An Bard Plaapála desisions 	 Assessment of all applications under the Development Contribution Schemes to all relevant decisions will continue along with the pursuit of all outstanding accounts and ensuring compliance of bond conditions.
III.	Bord Pleanála decisions. Active Land Management	 Preparation of Vacant Sites Register and application of levy. Bid for LIHAF funding and follow- up compilation of additional phasing information. Continuing development and upgrading of GIS-based data systems to improve functionality. Continuing information/data flows to Dublin Housing Taskforce and Housing Delivery Office. Regular tracking and monitoring of residential development across dlr and the wider Dublin Metropolitan area.

IV.	Forward Planning	 Woodbrook-Shanganagh LAP preparation in train. Two further LAPs to commence in 2017 (subject to resources). Inputs to nascent National Planning Framework. Technical Working Group of Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly RSES.
V.	Planning Enforcement	Complaints dealt with expeditiously.
VI.	Building Control	 New Developments: 12–15% inspection rate Taking in Charge: 2-3 developments to be taken in charge if requested and suitable/up to standard.
VII.	ePlanning	Preparation for the introduction of ePlanning applications
/111.	Planning & Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act	 Pre-planning consultations, reports to An Bord Pleanála and any other obligations when enacted
IX.	Corporate Responsibilities	 Council Meetings, Area Committee Meetings, Public Realm Forum, Legislations Updates, CRM System including Councillors CRM, Part 8s, Freedom of Information, Ombudsman queries

4.2 Architects' Department Services

Principal Services		Timetable of Delivery/Service Performance Standard	
I. - -	Project Works Capital Programme - progress programme of refurbishment and new works Housing Programme - progress new and refurbishment social housing projects	 Ongoing, as programmed with Client Departments. Ongoing, as programmed with Housing Departments. 	
II. -	Energy Management Use of Energy Management System as part of a SEAI public sector pilot programme to demonstrate corporate-wide compliance with SI426	 Achieve certification and maintain ISO50001 Energy Management System in 2017 	
-	Works will include confirming compliance with relevant legislation, procurement up-skilling and awareness in design and tendering, considering future energy consumption for Significant Energy Users, as well as the identification of targets and creation of action plans to meet targets set	 Reduction in corporate energy usage. 	
-	Apply for Better Energy Communities Grant and if successful manage programme of works	December 2017	
III. - -	Conservation of the Built Heritage Development Management - planning applications, Section 57 & Section 5 To administer Central Government Grant Schemes for the Built Heritage if provided in 2017	 Compliance with Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) Financial support for owners of protected structures 	
IV. •	Dangerous Buildings Enforcement of Dangerous Structures or Places under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964	 Prompt action on any reported dangerous buildings 	
v.	Participate in Open House Dublin 2017	 Increased public awareness of the value of Architecture 	

4.3 Infrastructure and Climate Change Department Services

Princ	ipal Services	Timetable of Delivery/Service Performance Standard
I. -	Waste Management Implement the Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015 - 2021	Delivery of actions under the plan
-	Green Enterprise Programme – Promote waste prevention and Environmental Best Practice to Businesses and organisations in the county.	 Selected Suppliers have EcoMerit Certification and Sustainability Report. EPA's funding criteria is met. Participate in the Environmental Protection Agency's Local Authority Waste Prevention Programme (LAPN) and deliver a LAPN project subject to funding availability.
-	Honour and recognise organisations who operate in an environmentally sustainable manner	 Collaborate with dlr Chamber in hosting the Excellence in Business Awards
-	Support Enterprises and Producers in their repair reuse recycle initiatives	 Engage with SME's to encourage greening of their local supply chains Collaborate with dlr Chamber in hosting the Excellence in Business Awards
II. - -	Waste Enforcement Monitoring and Enforcement of Waste Regulations Meet inspection targets set out in RMCEI Plan 2016 Work with the EPA, Wicklow County Council and Woodbrook Golf Club (landowner) on minimising any environmental risk from the former Bray Landfill	 Improved compliance with Waste Management Regulations EPA Evaluation report shows targets are met. Measures and actions are identified and agreed with the EPA, Wicklow County Council and Woodbrook Golf club (landowner)
III. -	Recovery, Reuse and Recycling Provide Recovery & Recycling Facilities at Civic Amenity sites and the network of Bring centres	 Monitor tonnages of recyclables (including number of mattresses recycled and kgs of paint and lawnmowers reused. Batteries and packaging recycled)
-	Ensure contracts are operating satisfactorily at Ballyogan, Eden Park and Shanganagh Recycling Centres and at bring banks. Identify sites for bring banks.	 Compliance with contracts and Waste regulations
-	Identify Bring Bank sites in planning applications to serve occupants	Large scale residential and commercial developments include

		the provision of Bring Banks as a condition of planning permissions.
-	Hosting a hazardous waste event as per the DOELG Department promotion Arrange the event in conjunction with hazard waste service providers and	 Event hosted and a record is kept of the types and weights of waste collected
	creating publicity for it.	
-	Provide Christmas tree recycling	 Number of Christmas trees recycling.
IV.	Litter Warden Service	
-	Implement Litter Pollution Acts	 Compliance with legislation
-	Litter Wardens investigating	resulting in reduced levels of
	complaints and carrying out	littering/dumping ensuring a
	inspections and issuing fines	cleaner environment.
ν.	Control of Dogs -Dog Warden &	
v.	Pound Service	
-	Implement Control of Dogs Acts and	Compliance with legislation
	Regulations	regarding control and licencing of
-	Dog Warden Service investigating	dogs resulting in reduced number
	complaints /collecting stray dogs,	of stray dogs and increase in dog
	carrying out licence inspections and	licences.
	issuing dog licences.	
VI.	Control of Horses- Horse Seizure	
	and Pound Service	
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IX. - - -	Property Management Ensure the good management and protection of Council owned Property Regular monitoring of properties Invite Expressions of Interest for the reuse of the former Carnegie Library in Dún Laoghaire	 Properties are in active use or available for use Expressions of interest is advertised for Carnegie Building in accordance with the principles of the dlr Framework for reuse of Council buildings
X. - -	Derelict Sites Continue to monitor derelict sites. Provide the Derelict Sites register Carry out inspections across the county. Initiate follow up actions as required.	Reduce the number of Derelict Sites
XI. - -	Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO's) Acquire lands as required to meet the Corporate Objectives of DLR Follow the appropriate legislation and procedures for CPO's	 Procedures for CPO's are complied with
XII. - -	dir Capital Programme A Capital Programme is prepared that is aligned to the Corporate Objectives of dlr The Capital Programme to be presented to the Elected Members for their consideration Continue to progress the committed Projects on the Capital Programme	 Adoption of an agreed Capital Programme by the members in February 2017 Projects are progressing through the various project lifecycle stages.
XIII. -	Cherrywood SDZ Development of Cherrywood Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone Planning Scheme	 Ensure compliance with the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme Advance a funding strategy to include a Cherrywood Development Levy Contribution Scheme and LIHAF Deliver the Town Centre – Urban Form Development Framework for Cherrywood Continue collaborative working with all Stakeholders Preparation of Scheme Amendments as appropriate

4.4 ECONOMIC, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Pr	incipal Services	Timetable of Delivery/Service Performance Standard
I.	Economic Development and tourism development initiatives including	
-	Support the promotion of local business areas including Shop Front Improvement and Vacant Commercial Premises incentive schemes and introduction of an add-on incentive to the latter making a grant covering qualifying interior refurbishment available;	 On-going Administration of Business Promotion Grants ongoing Enhanced Vacant Commercial Premises Grant approved by May 2017
-	Tourism marketing and development including management of Tourist Information Centre (TIC), development of a dlr Tourism Strategy and tourism promotion support, relocation of TIC to new location on The Metals, development of local area Tourism Maps;	 On-going Tourist Strategy and Marketing Plan finalised by May 2017 New Tourist Information Kiosk by end June 2017 Tourism Development and Promotional activities on-going
-	Co-ordinate economic development initiatives at local and regional level Implementing actions from the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) including undertaking economic baseline report and dlr Diaspora Engagement Report	 Local Economic and Community Plan quarterly progress reports and annual plan Economic Baseline report end November 2017
-	Support for footfall initiatives that support and promote dlr's local economic development including Enterprise Week in March	 Promotion of dlr for Investment and Business on-going Enterprise Week 6-12th Mar 2017
-	Support business expansion and promote new investment in the County including the 'Growth Opportunity areas' such as Creative, Digital and Knowledge based industry.	 Quarterly meetings with Business network On-going support and liaison with business to support business growth and development of hubs
-	Support Implementation of key actions in the Dublin Regional Action Plan for Jobs and Dublin Enterprise Strategy	 On-going support and focus to progress implementation with quarterly progress reports

 II. dlr Local Enterprise Office 'First Stop Service for local Businesses' Business information and advisory services including enterprise support services- advice, training, mentoring and funding and promotional activity and promotion of enterprise and entrepreneurship in schools and third level colleges and online enterprise information and marketing; Enhanced public accessibility with office move to County Hall - dedicated, branded, Waiting Area accessible from the Concourse; Up-to-date website (localenterprise.ie/dlr) enabling access to information on all LEO services, including registration and payment facilities and access to application forms and linked to dlrcoco.ie 	 LEO Development Plan approved by end March 2017 LEO Business supports and engagement on going LEO Business Survey by end November 2017 Monthly Evaluation and Approvals Committee 2017 Regional Hosts for National Women's Enterprise Day – October 2017 Ongoing
 III. Local Community Development programmes and funding support, co-ordination and implementation Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) and Rural Development Programme(LEADER) Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) support and development Support the implementation of key actions from the Local Economic and Community Plan to deliver an integrated community and economic development approach 	 Compliance with legislative and funding requirements Roll out of the Dublin Rural Development Programme Compliance with legislative and funding requirements Implementation of LECP objectives and quarterly reporting of progress Support for the Advisory Implementation Group (AIG)
 IV. Support community engagement, participation, including volunteerism and active citizenship Support development of the dlr Public Participation Network (PPN) Support and encourage Volunteerism and capacity building Support the development of a Volunteer Corps for dlr Implementation, review and refresh of Age Friendly Strategy Progress Age Friendly Towns/ Villages Pilot Facilitate and co-ordinate Comhairle na n'Og 	 Annual PPN Work programme by end March with quarterly progress updates MOU to pilot Volunteer Corps for dlr by end March 2017 Implementation ongoing Pilot's underway by end May 2017 Annual work programme agreed end March and quarterly progress

 Support and Develop the Joint Policing Committee Progress implementation of 5 year Local Policing Committee Plan & Annual Plan 	 Regular Local Policing Committee and Local Policing Fora meetings across dlr Ongoing
 V. Support delivery of appropriate local services and activities in the Council's network of Community Facilities Mapping local community facilities and services Locally identified needs met through delivery of appropriate services and activities in Community Facilities Review Community Facilities needs where relevant Progress improvement / extension plans for the 3 community facilities (Ballybrack Project Centre, Sallynoggin Youth and Community Facility and Shanganagh Park House) 	 Report by end October 2017 Ongoing Ongoing By end November 2017
 VI. Effective management and administration of the Community Employment Schemes with continued high progression levels and contribution to operation of the community facilities Support for 3 Community Employment Schemes sponsored by the Council and develop to support service needs as relevant VII. Provision of financial assistance to support Community Facilities, 	• Ongoing
 services and Community Development initiatives Provide and administer financial assistance to support delivery of locally organised activities and services, through the Universal Grant Scheme Delivery of programme of community grant information sessions Review effectiveness and opportunities to enhance community grant scheme VIII. Support Estate Management Programme and build capacity through training, support and funding 	 Ongoing By end May 2017 By end November 2017
 Collaboration with Estate Management Fora to support delivery of implementation of Service Plans to help to improve local environmental conditions 	 Ongoing Service Plans in place by end March 2017

- Strengthening of Estate Management Fora with increased volunteer recruitment and retention levels and increased capacity within the estate management groups	Ongoing
 IX. Promote and support social inclusion and cultural diversity within dlr Engagement with existing and new communities with increased volunteerism and active citizenship Build capacity and engagement through piloting Volunteer Corps Hold dlr wide Festival of inclusion and support the development of more community based events throughout the year 	 Support and promote Volunteer Centre and PPN MOU to pilot Volunteer Corps for dlr by end March 2017 By end October 2017 and on- going
X. Continue to develop Library and Arts service and ensure that it responds to the needs of the community including:	
 Manage dlr LexIcon and 8 branch libraries, the Municipal Gallery and the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility Manage the dlr Book fund of €643,600 agreed for 2017 Supports for Pavilion Theatre, Mill Theatre and Dance Theatre of Ireland and management of dlr Grainstore providing support for Arts across dlr XI. Continue to deliver on goals of the 'Library Development Plan' 2016 - 2020 and in particular 	 Build on existing library service and explore new means of service delivery during 2017. Launch a Membership Drive at end of Q1 2017. Evaluate Facilities Management by end of Q3 2017 Cultural programme published and updated regularly during 2017. Go to tender for M2S Director in Q1 2017
 2016 - 2020 and in particular Enhancing public access and opening hours and developing the potential for the LexIcon and Lab Continue to rollout the National Library Management System 	 Promote the Virtual Library and explore opportunities to support Digital initiatives and learning
XII. Develop and deliver cultural programming to support community development	 On-going
- Establish a Culture Team and progress the development of a Culture & Creativity Plan	 Team in place by February 2017 Plan developed by May 2017
- Implement Countywide Cultural and Arts Development Programme	 Implementation on-going with progress updates end June and

	end November 2017 Mountains to Sea 22–26 th March 2017 6 Exhibitions in Municipal Gallery Writer in residence insitu from June 2017
XIII. Continue to implement goals and ambitions of the Arts Development Policy 2016 – 2020 in particular	
- support the on-going development of the Baths for Artists' Studios,	 New Arts project in Ballyogan by end March 2017
 create a new Music Development Programme to facilitate professional and community musicians across dlr 	 Create a Music Development Programme by end July 2017
- support and deliver creative classrooms	• Artists in 6 primary classrooms
 management of dlr Grainstore and undertake dlr Film commission 	• By end July 2017
 Project development with partners 	Ongoing

4.5 Housing Department Services

-	implemented Monitor content on the website and update as necessary	Ongoing
ν.	Comply with Corporate	
	Governance	
-	Update information for customers and staff from any new legislation, regulations and circulars	Ongoing
-	Provide monthly/quarterly reports on housing business to the elected members Work in partnership with the Housing and	• Bi monthly
	Disability Steering Group to implement the dlr Strategy pursuant to national guidelines	Ongoing

4.6 Finance & Risk Management Services

Principal Services		Timetable of Delivery/Service Performance Standard
I.	To maximise income collections while achieving national targets set for Council, thereby maximising resources available to Service Departments for infrastructural and service provision and to ensure the efficient and effective use of those resources.	Ongoing
11.	The continuous achievement of a balanced budget and adherence to the highest standards of accountability and financial probity	Ongoing
III.	To ensure, within the resources available, compliance with the Department's statutory obligations with particular reference to the preparation of annual budget, annual financial statement, returns to Revenue and other state bodies/agencies.	• Annually
IV.	Participation in the National Payroll Shared Services Project and participation in other sector initiatives aimed at reducing costs and improving efficiencies.	• Ongoing
v.	To manage and facilitate the implementation of a risk management strategy throughout the organisation.	Ongoing

4.7 Municipal Services

Principal Services	Timetable of Delivery/Service Performance Standard
 Co Co Markets To manage and develop the Co Co Markets 	 Development and implementation of Council's Markets Marketing Strategy Roll-out of Events Programme to further increase footfall at Council Markets
 II. Village Renewal To roll-out and administer Free Wi-Fi Hotspots within the County To maximise potential of smart bins 	 Rollout of additional locations for Wi-Fi Explore potential of smart bins (data capture)
 III. Pay & Display Parking Control To continue to operate and develop the Pay & Display Parking System within the county 	 Continued administration and development of Pay & Display Parking Control Operations within the County Continued roll-out of Pay & Display meters with credit card facilities
 IV. Traffic Management To maintain and Improve Traffic Management within the County 	 Continued roll-out of NTA funded sustainable transport measures Maintenance and improvement of junctions, and cycling and pedestrian facilities within the county On-going delivery of Traffic Management Schemes Maintenance and upgrading of Traffic Management Systems; traffic signals and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Improvement of facilities for mobility impaired and disabled road users. Promotion of sustainable travel
 V. Road Safety To continue roll-out of Road Safety Program 	 Accident Investigation Prevention Programme 2016 - 2020 Delivery of Road Safety Programme Operation of school warden service
 VI. Cleansing Section To maintain all roads, laneways, footpaths, cycle lanes and gullies To strive to maintain IBAL Ranking 	 All roads, footpaths, beaches and parks within the county maintained in a clean condition Efficient response to flooding incidents Weed Spraying Programme Maintain IBAL Rankings
 VII. Roads Maintenance To provide and maintain a quality road, footpath and bridge network. 	 Continuation of the 2016-2018 Roads Programme

Adoption of 2017 Eastnoth Drogramme
 Adoption of 2017 Footpath Programme Maintenance and upgrade of Roads using the Patching Programme and own resources Operation of emergency response service to deal with ice, snow and floods specifically
 Maintenance and upgrading of Public Lighting Network Continued roll-out Energy Efficient Lantern Replacement Programme to reduce energy consumption
 All open spaces to managed in accordance with the Open Space Strategy 2012 – 2015 Maintenance and improvement of playground and pitches. East County and West County Special Works Programme Progress Asset Management, Easy Tree Survey and Fleet Management
 Implementation of the Heritage Plan 2013 – 2019 Maintenance of Heritage Properties Administer Heritage Grants Continue with provision of the Spring, Summer Heritage, and Biodiversity Events
 Delivery of dlr Events Programme Financial support for local festivals and events
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 Maintenance of quality presentation of Shanganagh and Deansgrange Cemeteries Delivery of automated Cemetery Management System
 Maintain water quality standards, and administer beach cleaning operations. Provision of seasonal Life Guards service.
 Development and delivery of the Sports Development Programme Support local Sports Access and

Event Grants - To develop Usage Policy on Park's Open	Sporting Event Initiatives.Adoption of Usage Policy on Park's
Spaces	Open Spaces
 XV. Sports Partnership To organise & develop a wide range of physical activity programmes/ events based on the County Sports Participation Strategy 2013-17 To foster stakeholder participation 	 Delivery of programmes/ events Promotion of physical activity in particular among those with a disability and other target groups Administer Volunteer Training Programme Develop dlr Sports Forum
XVI. Water & Drainage - To maintain Surface Water Network	 Surface Water Infrastructure maintained Following approval of the Flood Risk Management Plans by the Minister and adoption by the Council, to work in conjunction with the OPW to develop a construction programme
 XVII. Water & Drainage To work to maintain or attain good ecological status for all water bodies in the county in accordance with the Water Framework Directive 	 To implement the activities identified in dlr's Water RMCEI 2017 Plan
 XVIII. Water & Drainage SLA To deliver Water Services Infrastructure through SLA Agreement with Irish Water 	 Water services delivered under the SLA with Irish Water are not included on this plan

4.8 Corporate, Communications and Governance

Principa	Services	Timetable of Delivery/Service Performance Standard
I.	New Council Intranet	To be delivered by Autumn 2017
11.	Communications	 Implement the recommendations in the Communications Plan 2016 – 2020.
111.	Customer Service	 Implement the recommendations in the Customer Service Action Plan and Charter 2017 – 2020
IV.	Annual Service Delivery Plan	Annually
v .	Annual Report	Annually
VI.	Service Indicators	Annually
VII.	dlr Times	• To be published 5 times per year
VIII.	dlr Universal Grant Scheme	Grant applications evaluated annually
IX.	Register of Electors	 Compiled annually and Register published within Statutory timeframe
х.	Voter.ie	 Continue to develop with I.T. and D.C.C. and complete testing by end Q4 2017
XI.	Meetings	 Service Monthly Council and Area Committee Meetings, Quarterly SPC Meetings, Deputations Meetings
XII.	Support Elected Members in their representational role	 Support services, communications and information
XIII.	Customer Service Engagement Centre	 Part 8 public consultation Feb/March 2017
XIV.	Develop an Internal Audit Plan	Annually
XV.	Support the Audit Committee	Ongoing