

**Dún Laoghaire-  
Rathdown  
County Council**

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**Annual Report  
2015**





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# FOREWORD 2015

We are pleased to introduce the Council's Annual Report 2015, which outlines the work of the Council in delivering important public services and a range of infrastructural projects during the year, all of which contributed to making Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown a smart, vibrant County which is attractive, inclusive and accessible.

Despite the challenges that Local Government has grappled with since 2008 when the economy went into a deep recession, the Council continues to provide a high level of services in all Departments while maintaining a balanced budget. This was achieved by the efforts of all our staff who have embraced new ways of doing our business while maintaining a high level of service delivery.

During 2015 the Council was in a position to advance a substantial capital programme resulting in the delivery of some vital infrastructural and amenity projects including the completion of Pottery Road and Frascati Road Schemes together with the progression on the Leopardstown Link Road and Burton Hall Road Schemes.

A total of 107 housing applicants were allocated dwellings. This included 12 allocations to dwellings owned by Voluntary Housing Associations, 16 Rental Accommodation Scheme allocations and 79 allocations to Council stock.

A total of 41 persons were recruited onto the Gateway Scheme in 2015 bringing the overall total to 75 persons on the Scheme.

Highlights of 2015 include:-

- The official opening, on 17th April 2015, of dlr Lexlcon, the new Central Library and Cultural Centre. This is the most significant piece of public infrastructure to be built in Dún Laoghaire for over 100 years and the single biggest investment by the Council in a civic amenity. Since opening, it has proven to be extremely popular with visitor numbers of almost 400,000 in 2015.
- The adoption of the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 in April, 2015.
- The Preparation of a new County Development Plan 2016-2022 to draft plan stage following on with publication of the amendments to the draft plan for a period of 4 weeks to 22nd December, 2015.
- The adoption of the DLR Local Economic & Community Plan in December 2015.

A number of significant projects were completed or were on-going during the year such as:-

- The second phase of the significant refurbishment of Rochestown House, which will provide 34 energy efficient units of accommodation for the elderly. Part 8 drawings for a third phase, comprising 14 units, were prepared in 2015.
- Work commenced on the construction of 15 new houses and apartments at Cromlech Close, Kiltarnan.
- 2nd phase of Metals Project advanced with new landscaping along the front of dlr Lexlcon.

- Work continued on the Samuel Beckett Campus as well as several other recreation and amenity schemes.

The Council received a number of Awards in 2015 which include:-

- dlr Lexlcon received a number of awards; the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) Awards 2015, Schueco Excellence Awards 2015, Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) Award for Best Public Building and Grand Prix Awards as well as the Irish Building and Design Architectural Project of the Year 2015 Award.
- In April, 2015 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council was named winner of the 'Urban City Road Safety Award 2015' in the Excellence in Business Awards by the Public Sector Magazine.
- Cois Cairn Estate Management took top place in the main competition in the Housing Estates Category of the IPB Pride of Place Awards 2015.
- The Bi-annual Irish Landscape Institute Awards, (a) commended in the 'Design – Public Realm' category the Raised Promenade adjacent to the People's Park, Dún Laoghaire and (b) highly commended in the 'Landscape Heritage and Conservation' category the Restoration of the People's Park, Dún Laoghaire.

Finally, we want to acknowledge the leadership of all the Elected Members and to pay tribute to and thank the staff of the Council for their work throughout the year.



**Councillor Barry Saul**

An Cathaoirleach



**Philomena Poole**

Chief Executive

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# COUNCILLORS' COMMITTEE

## MEMBERSHIP WITHIN DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee
Bailey, John (F.G.)	✓		✓
Bailey, Maria (F.G.)	✓		
Baker, Marie (F.G)	✓		✓ Chair Jan-June
Boyhan, Victor (IND)	✓		
Brennan, Shay (F.F.)		✓	✓
Cuffe, Jennifer (F.F.)	✓		
Curran, Chris (S.F.)		✓	
Daly, Kevin (IND)		✓	
Devlin, Cormac (F.F.)	✓ Chair Jan-June		
Dockery, Liam (F.F.)		✓	✓
Donnelly, Deirdre (IND)		✓	
Fayne, Mary (F.G.)	✓		✓
Feeney, Kate (F.F.)	✓		✓
Gill, Karl (P.B.P.)	✓		✓
Halpin, Melisa (P.B.P.)	✓		✓
Hanafin, Mary (F.F.)	✓		
Hand, Pat (F.G.)		✓	✓
Horkan, Gerry (F.F.)		✓ Chair Sept-Dec	

Councillor Name	Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee
Humphreys, Dr. Richard (LAB)		✓ Resigned 7th May 2015	✓ Resigned 7th May 2015
Kingston, Deirdre (LAB)	✓		✓ Resigned 25/04/2015
Lewis, Hugh (P.B.P.)	✓		
Madigan, Josepha (F.G.)		✓	
Martin, Catherine (G.P.)		✓	
McCarthy, Lettie (LAB)		✓	
McGovern, Lynsey (IND)		✓	
McKinney, Carron (LAB)		✓ Co-opted 14/09/2015	✓ Co-opted 14/09/2015
Merrigan, Michael (IND)	✓		✓
Murphy, Brian (F.G.)		✓	✓
Murphy, Tom (F.F.)		✓	
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha (S.F.)		✓	✓
O'Brien, Peter (LAB)		✓	✓ 11/05/2015 co-opted
O'Brien, Shane (S.F.)	✓		
O'Callaghan, Denis (LAB)	✓		
O'Neill, Seamas (IND)		✓	✓
Richmond, Neale (F.G.)		✓	
Saul, Barry (F.G.)		✓ Chair Jan-June	✓ Chair June -Dec
Smyth, Carrie (LAB)	✓		
Smyth, Ossian (G.P.)	✓		✓
Stewart, Patricia (F.G.)	✓		
Tallon, Grace (LAB)		✓	✓
Ward, Barry (F.G.)	✓ Chair Sept-Dec		✓







Councillor Name	Joint Policing Committee	Local Authority Members Association	Local Community Development Committee	Local Policing Forum	Local Policing Forum for the Sandycroft/Stepaside Area	Local Policing Forum: R.A.P.I.D. Area of Loughlinstown & Shangnanagh/Rathsalagh	Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee est under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998	Lord Edward Fitzgerald Memorial Fund	Memorials Committee	Mountdown Community Facility	Public Art Steering Committee	Regional Health Forum	Sandycroft Business District Alliance	Southside Partnership DLR	Sutton - Sandycroft S2S
BAILEY John. (F.G)										✓					
BAILEY Maria (F.G)															
BAKER Marie (F.G)															
BOYHAN Victor (IND) (PC)															
BRENNAN, Shay (F.F)	✓														
CUFFE Jennifer (F.F)			✓									✓			
CURRAN Chris (S.F)	✓							✓							
DALY Kevin (IND)															
DEVLIN Cormac (F.F)	✓								✓					✓	
DOCKERY Liam (F.F)	✓							✓							
DONNELLY Deirdre (IND)	✓							✓							✓
FAYNE Mary (F.G)															
FEENEY Kate (F.F)			✓												
GILL Karl (PBP)															
HALPIN Melisa (PBP)								✓							✓
HANAFIN Mary (F.F)	✓							✓		✓					
HAND Pat (F.G)		✓										✓			
HORKAN Gerry (F.F) (PC)												✓			
HUMPHREYS, Richard (LAB) (Resigned 7th May 2015)									✓						
KINGSTON Deirdre (LAB)	✓														✓
LEWIS Hugh (PBP)							✓								
MADIGAN Josepha (F.G)	✓		✓												
MARTIN, Catherine (G.P)								✓		✓					
McCARTHY Lettie (LAB)												✓			
McGOVERN Lynsey (IND)	✓				✓										

Resigned  
2/11/15

Resigned  
7/05/15

Councillor Name	McKINNEY Carron (LAB) (Co-opted 14/09/15)	MERRIGAN Michael (IND)	MURPHY Brian (F.G)	MURPHY Tom (F.F)	NIC CORMAIC Sorcha (S.F)	O'BRIEN Peter (LAB)	O'BRIEN Shane (S.F)	O'CALLAGHAN, Denis (LAB)	O'NEILL, Seamas (IND)	RICHMOND, Neale (F.G)	SAUL Barry (F.G)	SMYTH Carrie (LAB)	SMYTH Ossian (G.P)	STEWART Patricia (F.G)	TALLON Grace (LAB)	WARD Barry (F.G)
Sutton – Sandyford S2S													✓			✓
Southside Partnership DLR													✓			
Sandyford Business District Alliance				✓						✓						
Regional Health Forum							✓						✓			
Public Art Steering Committee												✓				
Mounttown Community Facility													✓			
Memorials Committee	✓										✓ Resigned 11/12/15	✓				✓ Appointed 14/12/15
Lord Edward Fitzgerald Memorial Fund																✓
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee est under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998				✓											✓	
Local Policing Forum: R.A.P.I.D. Area of Loughlinstown & Shanganagh/Rathsallagh												✓				
Local Policing Forum for the Sandyford/Stepaside Area				✓ Appointed 2/11/15												
Local Policing Forum														✓		
Local Community Development Committee																
Local Authority Members Association						✓										
Joint Policing Committee		✓				✓					✓		✓	✓		✓

# STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE (SPC) MEMBERSHIP

\*Table reflects SPC membership in 2015

Councillors	Community Development, Culture & Ageing SPC	Economic Development and Enterprise SPC	Environment, Climate Change and Energy SPC	Planning SPC	Social Housing SPC	Transportation and County Wide Movement SPC
Bailey, John F.					✓ (CHAIR)	✓
Bailey, Maria				✓	✓	
Baker, Marie			✓	✓		
Boyhan, Victor				✓	✓	
Brennan, Shay					✓	✓
Cuffe, Jennifer			✓	✓		
Curran, Chris		✓			✓	
Daly, Kevin		✓		✓		
Devlin, Cormac			✓ (CHAIR)		✓	
Dockery, Liam		✓				✓
Donnelly, Deirdre	✓					✓
Fayne, Mary	✓		✓			
Feeney, Kate		✓			✓	
Gill, Karl	✓			✓		
Halpin, Melisa		✓			✓	
Hanafin, Mary	✓	✓				
Hand, Pat					✓	✓
Horkan, Gerry				✓		✓ (CHAIR)
Humphreys, Richard (Resigned May 2015)			✓	✓		
Kingston, Deirdre					✓	✓

Councillors	Community Development, Culture & Ageing SPC	Economic Development and Enterprise SPC	Environment, Climate Change and Energy SPC	Planning SPC	Social Housing SPC	Transportation and County Wide Movement SPC
Lewis, Hugh			✓			✓
Madigan, Josepha	✓	✓				
Martin, Catherine	✓			✓		
McCarthy, Lettie		✓				✓
McGovern, Lynsey	✓		✓			
McKinney, Carron (co-opted September 2015)			✓	✓ Appointed 14/09/15		
Merrigan, Michael		✓			✓	
Murphy, Brian				✓	✓	
Murphy, Tom		✓		✓		
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha	✓		✓			
O'Brien, Peter		✓			✓	
O'Brien, Shane				✓ (CHAIR)		✓
O'Callaghan, Denis					✓	
O'Neill, Seamas			✓			✓
Richmond, Neale	✓	✓				
Saul, Barry			✓			✓
Smyth, Carrie	✓ (CHAIR)		✓			
Smyth, Ossian			✓			✓
Stewart, Patricia	✓			✓		
Tallon, Grace	✓			✓		
Ward, Barry		✓ (CHAIR)				✓

Sectorial Reps	Community Development, Culture & Ageing SPC	Economic Development and Enterprise SPC	Environment, Climate Change and Energy SPC	Planning SPC	Social Housing SPC	Transportation and County Wide Movement SPC
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Browne, Dr. Josephine		✓				
Byrne, Keith						✓
Callendar, Rosheen		✓				
Clancy, Peter			✓			
Clooney, Elizabeth			✓			
Colgan, Anne					✓	
Colgan, Jim						✓
Colley, Jeff				✓		
Conlon, Tom	✓					
Corish, Terence (appointed Dec 2015)					✓	
Cummins, Fiona (appointed April 2015)	✓					
Delaney, Adele					✓	
Eglington, Aileen		✓				
Ferris, Liz					✓	
Fitzgerald, Kevin				✓		
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Gallagher, Matt				✓		
Goodbody Rob				✓		
Graydon, Geraldine	✓					
Hegarty, Marese			✓			
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O'Donnell, Martin				✓		
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# STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Community Development, Culture & Ageing Strategic Policy Committee

3 meetings were held in 2015.

The following policy matters related to its remit were considered:

- Membership of the Public Arts Steering Group
- Libraries Development Plan and Programme
- 1916 Centenary Commemorations Programme
- Heritage Plan
- Dalkey Island Conservation Plan
- Age Friendly Strategy input and feedback

## Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings were held in 2015.

The following policy matters related to its remit were considered:

- Develop and agree a Socio-Economic Statement for Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County
- Develop and consult on the draft Local Economic and Community Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
- Adopt the Local Economic and Community Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
- Considered and discussed the operation of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) and key supports and achievements during 2015

## Environment, Climate Change and Energy Strategic Policy Committee

3 meetings were held in 2015.

The following is a summary of the issues discussed:

- Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015/2021
- DLR Litter Management Plan 2015-2017
- Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management – CFRAM
- National Parks and Wildlife Services
- Dublin Mountain Partnership
- National Pollinator Initiative
- Low Carbon Materials - Cement
- Reducing Dog Fouling
- Studies Flood Maps

- Parks Bye Laws
- Update on the Dublin Bay Biosphere Designation
- Carrickmines Castle Conservation Plan

## Planning Strategic Policy Committee

3 meetings were held during 2015.

The following is a summary of issues discussed:-

- Supplementary Contributions Schemes
- Green Roofs Guidance Document
- Planning for Place
- Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015
- NTA Strategy 2016 – 2035
- Presentation Housing Task Force – Prospective & Update on Government Policy

## Social Housing Strategic Policy Committee

3 meetings were held in 2015.

The following is a summary of issues discussed:

- Social Housing Policy Framework for the delivery of 800 Social Housing units 2016
- To discuss and examine the scope for actions/potential models/funding sources to make further progress in addressing the waiting list and the extent to which these actions could aim to secure progress over and above the targets set by and funded directly by DECLG
- Modular Housing
- Co-op Housing Ownership
- Promotion of Downsizing
- Report on Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)
- Extending the time period of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2010–2015 - until revised Strategy is adopted by the Council
- Housing workshop took place where the Director responded to questions on various issues

## Transportation and County-Wide Movement Strategic Policy Committee

3 meetings were held in 2015.

The following issues were considered.

- Review of Traffic Warden Scheme with a view to possible expansion

- Update on Cycling Projects in the County
  - Cycling Statistics
  - Review of Parking Policy and the Parking Control Bye-Laws
  - Review of Measures available for Control of Overflow Parking from UCD
  - Correspondence in respect of M50 Demand Management
  - General Procedure for the Removal of an Area from a Residents' Paid Parking Scheme
  - Grouping of Traffic-Controlled Junctions into Low/Medium/High Risk
  - Introduction of 30km/h Special Speed Limit in Residential Estates – Project Update
  - Report further to public consultation on Road Safety Plan 2015-2020
- Introduction of Zebra Crossings near Schools / Shopping Areas instead of the creeping usage of small yellow box markings on raised table ramps for crossings.
- Road Improvement Works at Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road; Rochestown Avenue/Abbey Road (Dún Laoghaire); Shanganagh Road (Shankill)
- Report given by Head of Transportation Development Division of the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding "Dublin Bikes and "Regional Bikes."
- Report on the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)
- Report from the Parking Sub-Committee
- Road Closure Criteria

# COUNCILLORS MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

## 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2015

COUNCILLOR NAME	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Meetings Attended	Total % Rate of Attendance
BAILEY John. (F.G)	51	47	93%
BAILEY Maria (F.G)	46	42	92%
BAKER Marie (F.G)	59	55	94%
BOYHAN Victor (IND) (PC)	47	44	94%
BRENNAN, Shay (F.F)	54	44	82%
CUFFE Jennifer (F.F)	46	41	90%
CURRAN Chris (S.F)	51	45	89%
DALY Kevin (IND)	50	46	92%
DEVLIN Cormac (F.F)	48	47	98%
DOCKERY Liam (F.F)	52	46	89%
DONNELLY Deirdre (IND)	47	44	94%
FAYNE Mary (F.G)	51	48	95%
FEENEY Kate (F.F)	52	44	85%
GILL Karl (PBP)	51	48	95%
HALPIN Melisa (PBP)	52	42	81%
HANAFIN Mary (F.F)	49	39	80%
HAND Pat (F.G)	53	47	89%
HORKAN Gerry (F.F) (PC)	51	51	100%
HUMPHREYS, Richard (LAB)(Resigned 7th May 2015)	18	8	45%
KINGSTON Deirdre (LAB)	49	43	88%
LEWIS Hugh (PBP)	46	39	85%
MADIGAN Josepha (F.G)	48	42	88%
MARTIN, Catherine (G.P)	49	44	90%
McCARTHY Lettie (LAB)	50	47	94%
McGOVERN Lynsey (IND)	50	35	70%
McKINNEY Carron (LAB) (Co-opted 14/09/15)	18	10	56%
MERRIGAN Michael (IND)	53	53	100%
MURPHY Brian (F.G)	53	37	70%
MURPHY Tom (F.F)	50	41	82%
NIC CORMAIC Sorcha (S.F)	53	43	82%
O'BRIEN Peter (LAB)	55	51	93%
O'BRIEN Shane (S.F)	45	44	98%
O'CALLAGHAN, Denis (LAB)	51	50	99%
O'NEILL, Seamas (IND)	53	53	100%
RICHMOND, Neale (F.G)	50	42	84%
SAUL Barry (F.G)	50	43	86%
SMYTH Carrie (LAB)	46	46	100%
SMYTH Ossian (G.P)	52	48	93%
STEWART Patricia (F.G)	47	45	96%
TALLON Grace (LAB)	53	26	50%
WARD Barry (F.G)	53	48	91%

# LIST OF CONFERENCES/TRAINING DURING 2015

Date	List of Conferences/Training Attended During 2015	Conference or Training	Location	Number of Councillors
21st February 2015	<b>AILG: In Service Training, Arklow</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Co. Wicklow</i>	4
12th -14th March 2015	<b>AILG: 2nd Annual Conference 2015</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Co. Monaghan</i>	6
14th April 2015	<b>AILG: In Service Training, Limerick</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Co. Limerick</i>	1
10th April 2015	<b>LAMA: Spring Seminar Tuam</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Co. Galway</i>	3
16th April 2015	<b>Future of Towns Summit, Dún Laoghaire.</b>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Co. Dublin</i>	6
07th May 2015	<b>AILG Southern Region- Kilkenny</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Co. Kilkenny</i>	1
21st May 2015	<b>AILG In Service Training - Portlaoise</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Portlaoise</i>	2
27th May 2015	<b>Holyhead - Dun Laoghaire Link Organisation Meeting</b>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Holyhead, Wales</i>	1
13th June 2015	<b>AILG In Service Training - Longford</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Longford</i>	3
7th August 2015	<b>Regulation of the Lobbying Act 2015</b>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Co. Cork</i>	1
10th September 2015	<b>Planning Seminar, Maynooth University Campus</b>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Maynooth</i>	1
25th - 27th September 2015	<b>The La Touche Legacy</b>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Greystones</i>	1
1st 2nd October 2015	<b>AILG: 3rd Annual Conference 2015</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Co.Cork</i>	5
6th October 2015	<b>AILG In Service Training</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Tullamore</i>	2
9th - 10th October 2015	<b>LAMA: Autumn Seminar Kilkenny</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Co. Kilkenny</i>	5
17th October 2015	<b>AILG In Service Training</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Co. Cork</i>	3
14th November 2015	<b>AILG In Service Training Red Cow Inn</b>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Dublin</i>	2
20th - 22nd November 2015	<b>Regulation of the Lobbying Act 2015</b>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Co. Louth</i>	1
23rd - 25th November 2015	<b>A Practical Guide to Budget 2015</b>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Co. Cork</i>	1
11th - 13th December	<b>EU Cohesion Fund 2014 -2020</b>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Co Louth</i>	2

# PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS IN 2015

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# PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS IN 2015

Councillor:- 40 Councillors in Total [1. Cllr Resignation 1.Cllr Co - Opted]	Total Mobile Phone Bill 2015 per Councillor	Amount paid by Councillor for 2015 (Max)	Amount of Phone Bill Paid by Council 2015	Amount of Broadband Expense Paid by the Council 2015	Salary / Representational Payment	Gratuity
John Bailey	€411.73	€205.87	€205.86	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Bailey Maria	€886.98	€552.64	€334.34	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Baker Marie	€286.18	€143.09	€143.09	€335.39	€16,565.00	
Boyhan Victor	€393.73	€196.85	€196.85	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Brennan Shay	€1,006.16	€547.18	€458.98	€216.85	€16,565.00	
Cuffe Jennifer	€440.18	€246.57	€193.61	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Curran Chris [June 2014 - Feb 2015]	€384.52	€192.25	€192.27	€257.29	€16,565.00	
Daly Kevin	€263.77	€131.88	€131.89	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Devlin Cormac [SPC Chair]	€826.69	€522.23	€304.46	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Dockery Liam	€266.22	€133.11	€133.11	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Donnelly Deirdre	€372.94	€186.47	€185.97	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Fayne Mary	€900.29	€504.42	€395.87	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Feeney Kate	€285.23	€142.61	€142.62	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Gill Karl	€494.73	€247.36	€247.37	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Halpin Melisa	€335.56	€167.78	€167.78	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Hanafin Mary	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	
Hand Pat	€328.66	€164.33	€164.33	€274.41	€16,565.00	
Horkan Gerry [SPC Chair]	€310.16	€155.08	€155.08	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Humphreys Richards [Resigned 07th May 2015]	€96.92	€48.46	€48.46	€0.00	€6,841.94	
Kingston Deirdre	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Lewis Hugh	€689.68	€360.59	€329.09	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Madigan Josepha [Leas Cathaoirleach 8th June 2015]	€270.04	€135.02	€135.02	€0.00	€16,565.00	

Councillor:- 40 Councillors in Total [1. Cllr Resignation 1.Cllr Co - Opted]	Total Mobile Phone Bill 2015 per Councillor	Amount paid by Councillor for 2015 (Max)	Amount of Phone Bill Paid by Council 2015	Amount of Broadband Expense Paid by the Council 2015	Salary / Representational Payment	Gratuity
Martin Catherine	€274.66	€137.33	€137.33	€0.00	€16,565.00	
McCarthy Lettie	€533.95	€266.97	€266.98	€310.89	€16,565.00	
McGovern Lynsey	€345.99	€172.99	€173.00	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Carron McKinney [Co-opted 14th September 2015]	€69.36	€34.68	€34.68	€0.00	€5,521.68	
Merrigan Michael	€267.60	€133.80	€133.80	€365.88	€16,565.00	
Murphy Brian	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Murphy Tom	€266.36	€133.18	€133.18	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Nic Cormaic Sorcha	€267.16	€133.58	€133.58	€0.00	€16,565.00	
O'Brien Peter	€313.36	€156.68	€156.68	€0.00	€16,565.00	
O'Brien Shane [SPC Chair]	€299.70	€149.85	€149.85	€0.00	€16,565.00	
O'Callaghan Denis	€267.44	€133.72	€133.72	€0.00	€16,565.00	
O'Neill Seamas	€268.10	€134.05	€134.05	€398.21	€16,565.00	
Richmond Neale	€567.99	€283.99	€284.00	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Saul Barry	€267.80	€133.90	€133.90	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Smyth Carrie [SPC Chair]	€272.12	€136.06	€136.06	€370.80	€16,565.00	
Smyth Ossain (Broadband - July 2014 - November 2015)	€432.98	€245.86	€187.12	€485.41	€16,565.00	
Stewart Patricia [Mobile Nov 14 - June 15]	€644.27	€322.13	€322.13	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Tallon Grace	€375.41	€187.70	€187.71	€0.00	€16,565.00	
Ward Barry [SPC Chair] [Payment for Mobile & Broadband incl Nov & Dec 2014 - Paid in 2015]	€561.49	€331.72	€229.78	€274.41	€16,565.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>€15,546.11</b>	<b>€8,211.98</b>	<b>€7,333.60</b>	<b>€3,289.54</b>	<b>€641,833.62</b>	<b>€0.00</b>

Mobile Bills 2015:- As per Circular L05/2015 Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Co.Co. pays half of each of the Councillor's Mobile Phone up to a Maximum of €600.00 euros per annum. The Balance of the Bill is paid by the Councillor e.g. if the Councillor Total Bill is €1,500.00 . The Council will pay €600.00 and the Balance of €900.00 will be paid by the Councillor in question. 37 Councillors availed mobiles provided by the Council; 36 have mobiles currently chosen by the Council. Half the mobile Bill is deducted from the Councillors Meeting payments. 4 Councillors who are currently with different providers submit their own bills and the Council will pay up to a max of €50.00. 3 Councillors did not claim Mobile or Broadband Expenses in [Q1 -> Q4] 33 Councillors avail of Split Billing.

Broadband 2015:- The Councillors can avail of broadband allowance up to maximum of €30.49 to a chosen provider 9 /41 Councillors have availed of this from [Q1 -> Q4]. The Councillors must submit their own bills & recoup half of their broadband bill up to the maximum. 3 Didn't avail of Broadband .

# PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS IN 2015.. CONTINUED

Councillor:- 40 Councillors in Total [1. Cllr Resignation 1.Cllr Co - Opted]	An Cathaoirleach/ An Leas Cathaoirleach & County Board Chair Allowance 2015 Local Govt (Expenses of Local Authority Members Regulations 2015	Travel & Subsistence for attendance at meetings for 2015 (Includes deductions of Mobile Phone Bills) LG 05/15 ( LG 33/06 Pre June 14)	SPC Allowance 2015 for Chairpersons only 2015 LG 05/15( LG 02/10 Pre June 14)	Conferences / Training Fees 2015 as per circular LG 05/4 (LG 02/10 Pre June 2015)	Estimated Travel & Subsistence for attendance at Conference and Training- Not claimed yet. LG 05/2015 / 02/10 (LGo2/10 Pre June 2015)	Total Amount Paid to Councillors 2015
John Bailey		€6,294.18	€5,000.04	€0.00	€0.00	€28,065.08
Bailey Maria		€5,947.40		€0.00	€0.00	€22,846.74
Baker Marie	€13,166.66	€6,356.95		€0.00	€0.00	€36,567.09
Boyhan Victor		€6,303.19		€2,433.67	€0.00	€25,498.71
Brennan Shay		€6,500.04		€0.00	€0.00	€23,740.87
Cuffe Jennifer		€6,253.47		€0.00	€168.05	€23,180.13
Curran Chris [June 2014 - Feb 2015]		€6,500.04		€0.00	€77.14	€23,591.74
Daly Kevin		€6,368.16		€0.00	€1,933.93	€24,998.98
Devlin Cormac [SPC Chair]		€6,195.59	€5,000.04	€0.00	€0.00	€28,065.09
Dockery Liam		€6,366.93		€0.00	€0.00	€23,065.04
Donnelly Deirdre		€6,314.07		€0.00	€0.00	€23,065.04
Fayne Mary		€5,995.62		€808.96	€0.00	€23,765.45
Feeney Kate		€6,357.43		€0.00	€99.00	€23,164.05
Gill Karl		€6,252.68		€0.00	€0.00	€23,065.05
Halpin Melisa		€6,332.26		€0.00	€0.00	€23,065.04
Hanafin Mary		€0.00		€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
Hand Pat		€6,335.71		€3,412.70	€369.25	€27,121.40
Horkan Gerry [SPC Chair]		€6,344.96	€5,000.04		€3,163.92	€31,229.00
Humphreys Richards [Resigned 07th May 2015]		€1,551.95		€0.00	€0.00	€8,442.35
Kingston Deirdre		€6,500.04		€0.00	€0.00	€23,065.04
Lewis Hugh		€5,737.77		€0.00	€0.00	€22,631.86

Councillor:- 40 Councillors in Total [1. Cllr Resignation 1.Cllr Co - Opted]	An Cathaoirleach/ An Leas Cathaoirleach & County Board Chair Allowance 2015 Local Govt (Expenses of Local Authority Members Regulations 2015	Travel & Subsistence for attendance at meetings for 2015 (Includes deductions of Mobile Phone Bills) LG 05/15 ( LG 33/06 Pre June 14)	SPC Allowance 2015 for Chairpersons only 2015 LG 05/15( LG 02/10 Pre June 14)	Conferences / Training Fees 2015 as per circular LG 05/4 (LG 02/10 Pre June 2015)	Estimated Travel & Subsistence for attendance at Conference and Training- Not claimed yet. LG 05/2015 / 02/10 (LGo2/10 Pre June 2015)	Total Amount Paid to Councillors 2015
Madigan Josepha [Leas Cathaoirleach 8th June 2015 ]	€3,383.33	€6,365.02		€0.00	€0.00	€26,448.37
Martin Catherine		€6,362.71		€0.00	€0.00	€23,065.04
McCarthy Lettie		€6,233.07		€95.18	€0.00	€23,471.12
McGovern Lynsey		€4,606.15		€0.00	€0.00	€21,344.15
Carron McKinney [Co-opted 14th September 2015]		€1,769.54			€0.00	€7,325.90
Merrigan Michael		€4,926.78		€110.89	€0.00	€22,102.35
Murphy Brian	€2,633.33	€4,724.51		€0.00	€0.00	€23,922.84
Murphy Tom		€6,366.86		€0.00	€0.00	€23,065.04
Nic Cormaic Sorcha		€6,366.47		€0.00	€0.00	€23,065.05
O'Brien Peter		€6,343.36		€0.00	€0.00	€23,065.04
O'Brien Shane [SPC Chair]		€6,350.19	€5,000.04	€0.00	€0.00	€28,065.08
O'Callaghan Denis		€6,366.32		€0.00	€0.00	€23,065.04
O'Neill Seamas		€4,926.59		€0.00	€0.00	€22,023.85
Richmond Neale		€6,216.05		€771.24	€0.00	€23,836.29
Saul Barry	€16,916.67	€6,366.14		€323.82	€0.00	€40,305.53
Smyth Carrie [SPC Chair]		€6,363.98	€5,000.04	€0.00	€0.00	€28,435.88
Smyth Ossain (Broadband - July 2014 - November 2015)		€6,254.18		€490.93	€0.00	€23,982.64
Stewart Patricia [Mobile Nov 14 - June 15]		€6,500.04		€0.00	€0.00	€23,387.17
Tallon Grace		€4,807.71		€0.00	€0.00	€21,560.42
Ward Barry [SPC Chair] [Payment for Mobile & Broadband incl Nov & Dec 2014 - Paid in 2015]		€6,500.04	€5,000.04	€0.00	€0.00	€28,569.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>€36,099.99</b>	<b>€235,524.15</b>	<b>€30,000.24</b>	<b>€8,447.39</b>	<b>€5,811.29</b>	<b>€968,339.82</b>

## ARCHITECTS' DEPARTMENT

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The Architects' Department provides a broad range of building related services in the following categories:

- (a) Housing
- (b) Urban Design + Public Realm
- (c) Civic Buildings
- (d) Conservation of the Built Heritage
- (e) Dangerous Structures/Places
- (f) Energy Management
- (g) Miscellaneous

### Housing

The Housing Programme, in conjunction with the Housing Department, continued in 2015. A new programme of works included a number of projects on site: 15 new houses and apartments at Cromlech Close, the refurbishment of Glen Druid Housing, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin and temporary Traveller accommodation at Ballyogan.

The second phase of the significant refurbishment of Rochestown House continued on site. It is expected to be complete in early 2016 and will provide 34 energy efficient dwellings as part of a Europhit pilot scheme. Part 8 designs and production drawings for a third phase, comprising 14 units were also undertaken in 2015. When this has been constructed, Rochestown House will have undergone a significant transformation.

In addition, Part 8 planning and production drawings were progressed for 44 dwellings at Rosemount Court, Dundrum, 50 dwellings at Fitzgerald Park, Dún Laoghaire, 4 dwellings at Clontibret in Blackrock and Part 8 planning permission was achieved for 2 infill schemes in Sallynoggin.

The Small Works section completed 30 bathroom upgrades and 6 wheelchair ramps under the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme in 2015. A programme of house refurbishments and extensions also took place.

The Planned Maintenance work programme continued in 2015.

Below: Raised Promenade, Dún Laoghaire





The programme of spot-check visual inspections on private rented accommodation within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown continued. The purpose of this programme is to ensure that private rented accommodation meets the relevant standards set out in statutory regulations.

**Below:** RIAI Awards 2015 - highly commended Blackrock Library



### Urban Design + Public Realm

The Architects' Department continues to provide considerable urban design input and advice on issues pertaining to the public realm and planning across Council activities.

Detailed input was provided on the Chief Executive's County Development Plan 2016-2020 including the Dún Laoghaire Urban Structure Plan. The second phase of the award winning Metals Project was advanced with new landscaping along the front of DLR LexIcon and additional works along Marine Road in Dún Laoghaire were completed to strengthen the links between the Town Centre and the Waterfront. Designs for new landscaping at Monkstown Village were also advanced which will provide an enhanced and high quality public realm.

### Civic Buildings

An advisory service continued on a broad range of civic buildings and a significant number of projects were progressed for Client Departments.

The design for proposed works at Dún Laoghaire Baths was completed in 2015 and the project achieved Part 8 approval in November. Works took place to create a Design & Craft Gallery and workshop at Moran Park House. Tenders were prepared for the Craft Courtyard at Marlay Park.

A number of projects were also carried out for the Community Department, including a proposed new building for Sallynoggin Senior Citizens Centre which achieved Part 8 planning approval.

### Conservation of the Built Heritage

The Conservation Division implements Part IV (Architectural Heritage) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and offers advice to members of the public and their agents on all aspects of the Built Heritage. Architectural conservation input and advice is given across all Council Departments on matters relating to the built heritage.

This involves consideration and writing of reports for planning applications, Section 57 and Section 5 Declarations for all Protected Structures and buildings located within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs), Candidate Architectural Conservation Areas (CACAs), pre-planning consultations and queries in relation to unauthorised development.

The Conservation Division had an on-going input throughout 2015 into the preparation of the new County Development Plan 2016-2020 and the preparation of Blackrock Local Area Plan which was adopted on the 9 March 2015.

### Dangerous Structures and Places

The Department implements the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act in relation to Dangerous Structures and Places. There were a total of 52 Dangerous Buildings cases in 2015.

### Energy Management

The Council's Energy Management Team is led by the County Architect and the attached report outlines actions carried out over the past year to improve energy efficiency in areas under Council responsibility.

**Below:** Proposed Works at Dún Laoghaire Baths



### Miscellaneous

The Architects' Department continued in 2015 to provide an advisory service across a broad range of activities such as quantity surveying, procurement, technical advice, building management and building condition reports, along with advising on arts related activities.

The Department provided funding towards Open House Dublin where members of the public were given the opportunity to visit architect designed private residences, historic buildings and new landmarks for the Open House Weekend in October 2015.

## Energy Management / Awareness

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's main energy users are Public Lighting, dlr Fleet, Traffic Lights, dlr Corporate Buildings (including County Hall, Harbour Square, Ballyogan Operations Centre, Libraries, Community Buildings, etc.) and dlr Leisure Services.

### Actions Undertaken in 2015:

In 2015 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown undertook or participated in a range of initiatives to improve our energy performance, including:

General:

- DLR was selected to participate in SEAI pilot roll-out of Public Sector ISO50001 Energy Management System.
- Attendance of energy team staff at SEAI Public Sector ISO50001 energy management courses and at a range of sustainability courses.
- DLR applied to the SEAI for energy efficiency grants under the 2015 Better Energy Communities (BEC). Unfortunately the application was not shortlisted unlike 2013 and 2014.
- On-going energy audits of Council buildings were undertaken.
- Corporate Buildings list was made more robust to demonstrate building area. This was tied to on-going Display Energy Certificate (DEC) coordination and procurement and review of energy consumption of older buildings.
- Aided facility management tender for larger corporate buildings and sought inclusion of energy efficiencies and ISO50001 as part of this.

- Continued Initiatives – Green Schools Programme. Inclusion of energy efficiency in pre-tenancy programme.
- Continued Sustainable Travel initiatives.

### Corporate Buildings:

- County Hall energy audit was carried out. List of energy saving projects was prepared.
- Renewal of DEC for County Hall, Harbour Square and Dundrum Civic Offices coordinated.

### Community Buildings:

- Shanganagh Community Centre energy audit was carried out. List of energy saving projects was identified.
- Renewal of DEC for Lambscross and Mounttown Community Centres coordinated.

### Libraries:

- Lexlcon - New Central Library and Cultural Centre opened last quarter 2014, Display Energy Certificate sought.
- Deansgrange Library Display Energy Certificate sought.
- Reviewed energy metering of Blackrock Library as tied in with landlord readings.

### Housing:

- Housing Department continued a programme of upgrading houses to achieve improved BERs and higher energy standards resulting in annual energy savings.
- Refurbishment and extension of Rochestown House Phase 2 continued on-site to provide 34 energy efficient units of accommodation for the elderly as part of a EuroPHit pilot



Above: dlr Lexlcon

scheme, due for completion early 2016 (projected annual savings of 838,852 kWh in primary energy savings).

#### IT:

- The Council continued to purchase energy star compliance equipment when replacing older equipment.

#### Public Lighting:

- Public Lighting continued to improve the street lighting in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown using a planned upgrading programme installing the most energy efficient lighting available to replace older, more inefficient and ineffective lighting.
- Continuation of the LED upgrade programme included Dundrum Road, Taney Road, Churchtown Road Upper and Braemore Road.

#### Mechanical / Water:

- Reviewed energy audit of Ballyogan Operations Depot.

#### dlr Leisure Services:

The dlr Leisure Services Company has reported the following:

- Display Energy Certificate (DEC) in all three Leisure Centres, renewal sought.
- Asset Register procured to be aligned with Planned Maintenance to include energy efficiencies.

### Actions Planned for 2016:

In 2016, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council intends to further improve our energy performance by undertaking the following initiatives:

#### General:

- Roll out of ISO50001 Energy Management System.
- Identify Significant Energy Users (SEUs) and produce a List of Opportunities for energy remedial works. From that produce an Action Plan for each of the SEUs for planned energy savings projects for 2016.
- Continue Initiatives such as the Green Schools Programme. Inclusion of energy efficiency in pre-tenancy programme.
- Continue Sustainable Travel initiatives.
- DLR intends to apply to the SEAI for energy efficiency grants under the 2016 Better Energy Communities (BEC).
- On-going energy audits of Council buildings.
- Continue to update list of Corporate Buildings. Tied to on-going Display Energy Certificate (DEC) coordination and procurement. Review of energy consumption of buildings.
- Develop energy efficiency programme for public engagement.
- Renew DEC's where appropriate.

#### Corporate Buildings:

- County Hall is identified as a Significant Energy User as defined under ISO50001 - provide action plan for carrying out energy efficiencies.
- County Hall will form part of BEC2016 application.
- Building on the energy audit carried out in County Hall it is intended to complete a number of the identified energy saving projects including:

Electrical sub-metering to provide a more robust measurement of the energy consumption



Above: public lighting

Review and upgrade of BMS

Upgrade Gas Boilers for Space Heating

New Gas Hot Water Boiler to specifically serve kitchen water.

### Community Buildings:

- Shanganagh Community Centre to carry out a number of energy efficiency projects identified from energy audit.

### Libraries:

- Lexlcon identified as a Significant Energy User as defined under ISO50001 - provide action plan for carrying out energy efficiencies.
- Dundrum Library to upgrade from OFCH to new energy efficient GFCH.
- Cabinteely Library to upgrade from OFCH to new energy efficient GFCH.

### Housing:

- Housing Department will continue a programme of upgrading houses to achieve improved BERs and higher energy standards resulting in annual energy savings.
- Refurbishment and extension of Rochestown House Phase 2 will be completed to provide 34 energy efficient units of accommodation for the elderly in 2016 as part of a Europhit

pilot scheme (projected annual savings of 838,852 kWh in primary energy savings).

### IT:

- The Council will continue to purchase energy star compliance equipment when replacing older equipment.

### Public Lighting:

- Public Lighting will continue to improve the street lighting in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown using a planned upgrading programme installing the most energy efficient lighting available to replace older, more inefficient and ineffective lighting. Public Lighting is identified as a Significant Energy User as defined under ISO50001 - provide action plan for carrying out energy efficiencies.

### Mechanical / Water:

- Review Ballyogan Operations Depot identified as a Significant Energy User as defined under ISO50001 - provide action plan for carrying out energy efficiencies.

### dIrl Leisure Services:

The dIrl Leisure Services Company has reported that it intends to do the following:

- Renewal of Display Energy Certificate (DEC) in all three Leisure Centres.



Above: Deansgrange Library

# CORPORATE, COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNANCE DEPARTMENT

The Corporate Communications and Governance Department is responsible for the provision and management of a very wide range of services, both internal and external to the organisation.

These services include:

- Council Meetings
- Facilities Management
- Higher Education Grants
- Register of Electors
- Dundrum Office
- Communications Office

9 Development Plan meetings

18 meetings of Dundrum Area Committee

19 meetings of Dún Laoghaire Area Committee

20 meetings of Strategic Policy Committees

1 meeting of the Joint Policing Committee

4 meetings of the Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee

## County Council

The Council itself is made up of 40 County Councillors from the following Electoral Areas: Dundrum, Glencullen/Sandyford, Stillorgan, Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire and Killiney/Shankill.

In 2015 the following County Council meetings were held:

17 County Council meetings including the Annual Meeting and the Budget Meeting.

## Deputations

Deputation meetings provide a forum that is open to any association or body to meet with Council officials and Councillors to discuss issues relating to their particular areas.

Deputations are held in County Hall or in the Dundrum Local Office once a month except in July, August and December. The duration of discussion between each deputation and the Council Members and officials is forty-five minutes.

**Below:** Re-Launch of the People's Park. Tom Byrne, Eoin O'Brien, Jim Ellis with Cllr. Marie Baker (An Cathaoirleach June 2014 to June 2015)



A total of 11 formalised deputation meetings were held during the year.

### Facilities Management

The Facilities Management Section is responsible for managing Corporate Buildings (County/Town Hall, Harbour Square, Dundrum Office and Library Road). Value for Money is a priority and savings have been identified in terms of Energy consumption.

Work by the Facilities Management Section includes Administration and Maintenance Services as follows:

- Purchasing / Procurement /Tender Process – Utilisation of the OGP contracts for Security, Advertising, Stationery, Electricity, Gas and the GNPB Frameworks, in conjunction with the Department of Finance, for Mobiles and Fixed Line Services has resulted in considerable savings for the Council. The continued use of a Low Value Purchase Card has also resulted in a reduction of administrative manpower hours.
- The Regional Procurement Group (of which this Council is a part) identifies collaborative tendering opportunities in the Dublin Region.
- Maintenance of Corporate Offices
- Use of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) in the management of contracts
- Information Desk / Porters Desk
- Management of Telephone System / Corporate Mobile Telephones.
- Switchboard Services –Automated system provides fast service delivery for customers by directing callers to main service departments
- Setting up for events in County Hall

**Below:** Refurbished Gate Lodge



- Hire of Halls/Exhibition Space
- Civil Weddings/Ceremonies

### Communications Office

The Communications Office has responsibility for all corporate communications and information management. The office operates as the central contact point for all media relations and has an on-going role in managing the reputation of the Council through strategic communications planning. A primary objective of the team is to ensure that the organisation engages in a clear two-way communication process with both internal and external stakeholders.

#### Key tasks in 2015 included:

- Proactive media relations, including the promotion and explanation of Council services, programmes and initiatives
- Issues Management/Crisis Communications
- Management of press queries (533 in 2015)
- Management of the Office of An Cathaoirleach
- Corporate Event Management
- Production of key Council publications including the dlr times, Annual Report and Corporate Plan
- Co-ordination of Ombudsman requests (14 cases dealt with in 2015)
- Additional responsibilities of the Office include the implementation of the Council’s Irish Language Scheme under the Official Languages Act 2003.
- Management of the Council’s Social Media Profile which includes Twitter and Facebook accounts.

**Below:** 2015 saw the 50th Anniversary of the burying of St Michael’s Church





## New for 2015

### Corporate Plan

The Corporate Plan 2015-2019 was adopted by the Council at the April 2015 Council meeting. A Progress Report on the Corporate Plan was submitted to the Elected Members in December, 2015 and can be viewed at <http://www.dlrcoco.ie/media/media,12703,en.pdf>

**Updating the Web.** Work commenced on the redevelopment of the Council's website with a view to having the new website up and running in 2016. A Website Redevelopment Survey was launched in September, 2015 to help us understand how members of the public currently use our website.

**Citizen Space.** In 2015 the dlr Online Consultation Hub was introduced for Council online consultations and surveys.

**Tweet Day.** The Council took part in "Tweet Day" 2015 on 5th March, 2015, which raised awareness of the services the Council provides in a light and informative way. Over 60 tweets were issued by, or on behalf of the Council on the day and all tweets included the same hash tag - #ourcouncilday

### Higher Education Grants

The 2012/2013 academic year saw the establishment of Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) who took over the processing of new Higher Education Grant applications from the Local Authorities and VEC's.

During this academic year Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council continued to process grants for 107 students who had received a grant from us in the 2013/2014 academic year and were continuing in their studies in 2014/2015. In total, the Council paid out over €429k in support of these students.

### Freedom of Information

The Council received 164 Freedom of Information requests, 9 Data Protection requests, and 3 requests for Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) in 2015.

### Register of Electors

The final Register of Electors for 2015/2016 was published on 1 February 2015 and came into force on 15 February 2015.

The total number of electors on the final Register was 153,386 and the breakdown of the Electoral Areas is as follows:

Electoral Area	No. of Electors	Electoral Area	No. of Electors
Blackrock	22,683	Glencullen Sandyford	22,189
Dún Laoghaire	32,640	Killiney Shankill	26,257
Dundrum	28,158	Stillorgan	21,459

A draft Register of Electors for 2016/2017 was published on 1 November 2015. The total number on the Draft Register increased to 156,347.

### Dundrum Office

The following meetings were held in the Dundrum Office in 2015:

Dundrum Area Committee Meetings	15
SPC Meetings	3
Deputations	3
Other Departmental Meetings	67
Housing	37
Meetings/sign-ups/interviews/RAS	28
Exhibitions/Public Displays	4
Public Information Meetings	4

### School Meals Schemes

10 Primary Schools in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area benefit from the scheme.

### Internal Audit

The primary role of Internal Audit is to provide assurance to the Chief Executive, Senior Management, the Elected Council and the Audit Committee that the various risks facing the Council have been identified and appropriate internal controls are in place to manage those risks. Internal Audit evaluates and reports on the Council's internal control systems and makes recommendations for improvement where necessary. Internal Audit provides an independent review function to management, to assure that services are being provided in an efficient, effective and economic manner, conforming to legal requirements. In 2015 the Internal Audit Section examined three areas and presented their findings to Management and the Audit Committee in 2015/16.

### Audit Committee

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 introduced new requirements and functions for Audit Committees. A total of 5 meetings of the DLR Audit Committee were held in 2015.

### Protected Disclosures Act 2014

No Protected Disclosures were made in 2015

# ECONOMIC, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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## Arts

2015 was a very busy year for the Council's Arts Office.

There were six exhibitions in the first full year of the Municipal Gallery, dlr Lexicon. The programme included an Open Submission exhibition for local artists; the work of five important RHA artists with strong dlr connections was celebrated in Áitiúil; Matisse lithographic prints from the Hayward Gallery, London featured during the summer and the first curated exhibition of the County Collection closed the year. A highlight of the programme was 'Finders and Keepers', an exhibition selected from the State Art Collection by a group of older people from the County working with an artist/curator. Each Exhibition Learning Programme featured a range of talks, panel discussions, tours and workshops. Over 48,000 people visited the Gallery and 3,586 people participated in the Learning Programme.

Two short films from emerging filmmakers were commissioned under the Public Art Programme and premiered in the Mill Theatre in November. Another public art project, 'Sightless Cinema', involved a group of blind and visually impaired people working with a theatre director and a radio programme maker/composer to create a new radio play. This was performed live in the UCD Student Centre Cinema in June. The project was assisted by NCBI Services.

The dlr/HSE Arts and Health Programme engaged with older people from the County through a large scale dance project that



**Above:** Susan Connolly image

**Below:** Frank Browne Exhibition - A Life Through the Lens. Rita Brereton with Joanna and Nora Doorley.





was based across the County in Shankill, Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire. It was researched by Dr. Deirdre Connolly of TCD and mapped the positive impact that dance can have on older people. The programme also saw the development of the Azure Tours in the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon. These tours are especially welcoming to people with dementia and their families and are part of the nationwide Azure network and were nominated for a Dementia Elevator Award.

Visitors to the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts facility grew to over 37,000 in 2015. Canvas, dlr's Youth Arts Committee, organised a battle of the bands that was supported by MCD and the winners played at Longitude 2015 music festival in Marlay Park in July.

Mountains to Sea took place from the 18th to 22nd of March. Over 60 events took place across Dún Laoghaire over the 5 days. Over 6,000 people attended giving tickets sales of over €35,000. Highlights included Paul Durcan, David Lodge and Francesca Simon.

Nineteen Arts Grants were awarded for a variety of arts activities throughout the County including Visual Art exhibitions, theatre productions, a writing festival, the dlr Artists Network and projects in schools as well as supporting the work of individual arts practitioners.

The writer in residence for the academic year 2015-16 is Selina Guinness (author of the Crocodile at the Door). She developed a number of programmes including the Pale Project, a long term psycho-geography project for writers and the Salon Nights which celebrated literary magazines and their contributors.

The musicians in residence programme started in 2015 with Matthew Jacobson, a jazz drummer. The second residency began in late 2015 and continued into 2016 and was awarded to Elizabeth Hilliard and Grainne Mulvey to develop contemporary opera.

Ten emerging artists' bursaries were awarded across a variety of artforms to artists who live in, work in or are originally from the County in order to support the development of their art careers.



Above: Annemaire Connors 'Insight- Drypoint etching "SELFIES"

Below: Battle of the Bands at the Grainstore



## Community Development & Social Inclusion

During 2015, a comprehensive advisory service was provided to over 600 community based organisations to provide support and act as a key point of contact for information and advice for local communities across the County.

### Community Grants

€162,703 was awarded to a diverse range of community groups under the Community Grant Scheme. The Scheme assists groups in addressing local issues by offering financial assistance. 193 Community Grants were awarded to community groups to promote community based initiatives.

€25,000 was awarded in Summer Project Grants to 28 groups to fund supervised programmes of both recreational and education activities for young people during the summer period. The emphasis of Summer Projects was on community involvement and the development of resources and groups within localities.

### Community Employment

The Council, through the Community Section, sponsored 3 Community Employment Schemes with 129 learners involved. This provided much needed support to communities' and helped those involved gain valuable experience to support their career and advancement to full time employment. The average progression into employment or education was 42% for 2015.

### Community Events

The Community Section organised an event in the Mill Theatre in Dundrum as part of the Bealtaine Festival. This event was attended by over 150 senior citizens of the County.

A celebration of volunteers was held in Cabinteely Park in May 2015, to acknowledge the valuable work of volunteers within the County.

The Community Section also assisted in organising and funding the dlr Community 5K, with over 1,050 participating in Kilbogget Park.

### Community Facilities

Support and advice was provided to voluntary boards of management and committees running more than 30 of the Council's community facilities, for a diverse range of community based activities and services throughout the County.

The official re-opening of Park House took place in May 2015 and construction continued on the new Samuel Beckett Civic Campus which will include a state of the art community facility with special provision for community childcare. Part 8 planning for an extension to Sallynoggin Youth and Community Facility was successfully progressed.

### Estate Management

The Council, through the Estate Management programme, continued to work with 12 estate management fora and build capacity locally through training, support and funding.

The Cois Cairn and Sandyford Barna Park Estate Management fora both entered the Pride of Place in 2015 which resulted in Cois Cairn winning a first place in their category.

### Local Community Development Committee

The DLR Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held 7 meetings during 2015. They successfully held a tendering competition and awarded the SICAP tender for a 3 year period,

**Below:** Official Opening of Park House by Cllr. Marie Baker (An Cathaoirleach June 2014 to June 2015) with Noel Vaughan.



from 2015. They worked collaboratively with the Local Enterprise Office to develop a Socio-Economic Statement. The LCDC also worked hard to progress and develop the Local Enterprise and Community Plan (LECP) which is a key six year strategic plan for Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown which identified our priority actions and objectives for supporting local economic and community development and community well-being.

### Joint Policing Committee / Local Policing Forums

Support was provided for the Joint Policing Committee and Local Policing Forums to ensure successful operation throughout 2015. This included regular supports for the 3 Local Policing Fora to help progress their action plans.

### DLR Public Participation Network

Support was provided to the County's Public Participation Network (PPN) who established a Steering Group which met frequently throughout 2015 and the PPN held a number of plenary meetings. The PPN now has key representatives on key Council Strategic Policy Committees (SPC), helping to develop and inform future policy. In December, the PPN held a successful launch event in the Maritime Museum which was well attended.

### Social Development and Inclusion

During 2015, a range of supports for communities and organisations was provided to support and promote a socially inclusive County. The key objective of the collaboration is to raise awareness, develop understanding and enhance engagement and access to services for those who might otherwise be excluded, marginalized or disadvantaged.

### Key actions in 2015 included:

- A renewed focus on social inclusion with a week-long 'Festival of Inclusion'. The festival also became more participative in style with 4 flagship events namely; The Diversity Fashion Show, The Community 5K, The BIG SING and the Mountains to the Sea Down Hill Challenge. The Festival of Inclusion also attracted new business and community partners including; Brady's Shankill, Core Credit Union, Dundrum Town Centre

**Below:** Pride of Place Awarded to Cois Cairn Estate



**Above:** Fiadhnaid Canning at Diversity Fashion Show

- and the Dublin Mountains Partnership. This all provided an opportunity for 60 voluntary groups and organisations to showcase their work and raise awareness about the communities they serve.
- There were over 400 entries to the Primary Schools Together we Are DLR Art Competition
- Support was provided for the DLR Ethnic Minority Forum and the voter awareness leaflet.
- Support was provided for the DLR Traveller Interagency Steering Committee.

### Age Friendly Programme

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is a signatory to the Dublin Declaration for Age Friendly Cities and Counties. As part of this initiative the Council committed to develop an Age Friendly Strategy and Implementation Programme, through collaboration with public and community based service providers. The objective of the strategy is to "Make DLR A Great Place to grow Old In."

The network for Older People was supported by a Community Worker and a C.E. Learner to deliver on the work plan.

During 2015 in association with Age Friendly Ireland and its other key partners, DLR hosted 20 roundtable conversations with older people from around the County. The data from these conversations together with data gathered from the Healthy And Positive Ageing Initiative (HaPAI Survey) was used to develop the Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown Age Friendly Strategy which was approved by the Age Friendly Alliance at its December Meeting.

## Economic Development, Tourism and Local Enterprise Office 2015

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown was established on 15th April, 2014, it is one of 31 Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) established to act as a 'First Stop Shop' for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in our County. The responsibilities of LEO Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown encompass enterprise, economic development and tourism.

Local Enterprise Office Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown enjoyed a successful 2015, its first full year of operation.

### The DLR Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown LECP was developed after extensive engagement with numerous stakeholders. These consultations encompassed written submissions from the public, thematic workshops, dialogue with the business community and interaction with both Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Senior Management and the Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee. The LECP was adopted by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in December 2015 and covers the period 2016-2021.

The adopted LECP identifies goals, objectives and actions that will promote and support the economic and community development of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County over a six-year period starting in 2016.

### Tourism

2015 was a very busy year working with and supporting companies and service providers in the tourism sector through a range of training and networking opportunities.

A new Place Ambassadors Programme was piloted in 2015. These involved providing on street information and advice to tourists in Dún Laoghaire.

Working in collaboration with the other Dublin Local Authorities and Failte Ireland, Dún Laoghaire was part of the "Dublin a breath of fresh air" an international marketing campaign to promote Dublin as a place to visit.

The DLR Tourist Information Office is open every day and handles up to 1,000 walk-in queries per month. The Tourist Information Office manages the website [www.dlrltourism.ie](http://www.dlrltourism.ie) which had

**Below:** Winners of Best Start Up Timothy McElroy, Curtis Moran and Peter Roberts with An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Barry Saul.



**Below:** Local Economic & Community Plan



22,000 views between April and October 2015. The Tourist Office promotes tourism events and providers including tourism attractions, activities and hospitality providers through social media.

### Local Enterprise Office, Enterprise Supports

LEO DLR participated in a number of national initiatives including: Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur, National Enterprise Awards and the Student Enterprise Awards.

In 2015 LEO DLR also took part in a number of Dublin Regional Enterprise Initiatives including Dublin Food Chain, PLATO Dublin, Microsoft Volunteer Mentoring and Food Academy.

As part of the LEO Business Supports in 2015, Business Advisory Clinics and One-to-One Mentoring Meetings were organized. The LEO also facilitated a number of monthly Business Networks & Business Skills Training Programmes including 'Start Your Own Business' courses and 'Online Marketing and Social Media' courses. Free fortnightly Business Information Sessions were introduced in Q3 of 2015 to inform business startups and owners of the range of government supports for business.

LEO DLR approved access to a number of financial supports to assist micro businesses in the County with a total of €639,042 approved in 2015 under three funding mechanisms.

16 x Feasibility Study Grants, 8 x Priming Grant and 15 x Business Expansion Funding

121 Trading Online Vouchers were approved and 14 Micro Finance Ireland Loan Referrals were approved.

### Overview of Main LEO DLR Achievements in 2015

- Approved financial assistance (feasibility study grants, business priming and business expansion funding) to a total of 39 qualifying businesses, exceeding the calendar year target of 35
- Supported the creation of 17 jobs through our partnership with Microfinance Ireland
- Business mentors were assigned to 139 projects, with an average of four meetings per assignment. This outcome exceeds the target of 100 projects receiving such support.
- Delivered a total of 9 x 8-week evening 'Start Your Own Business' Courses to 125 participants, ahead of the stated target of 8 courses and 120 participants.
- Provided enterprise education supports to 1,815 primary and secondary school students in 42 local schools, surpassing the target of 1,750 students in 40 schools.
- Property Button, a Blackrock-based business, supported by our LEO won the 'Best Start-Up' award at the national finals of the Local Enterprise Offices' prestigious National Enterprise Awards held in Dublin Castle in June.
- Two client businesses, Roberts of Dalkey and Rook, represented the County at the National Finals of the 'Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE)' competition which was held in The Foundry at Google's Dublin HQ in December. We secured 53 entries to the County stage of the competition, ahead of the target of 30.
- Through participation in EU-funded projects, we provided free coaching in the zinno.eu innovation management process to six local business and helped a further six business owners to participate in the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs business exchange initiative.



**Below:** Dearbhla Lawson with Mrs. Sabina Higgins, who officially launched the development of the Public Participation Network and An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Barry Saul.



- In November of 2015, the LEO in conjunction with the Design Council, the Institute Without Boundaries (Toronto) and the Institute of Art Design and Technology, came together to participate in a two day charrette focusing on how the Internet of things could create new opportunities for the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Region.
- The LEO provided a number of sectoral initiatives to assist retail businesses throughout the County in 2015. These included the provision of funding for storefront renovations as part of the Shop Front Improvement scheme; grant assistance against rates paid in qualifying premises under the Vacant Commercial Premises scheme and the organization of specialized training for the owners and managers of small independent retailers. This work was complemented by the promotion of a pop-up shop in Upper George's Street in Dún Laoghaire. In addition, Business Associations throughout the County availed of Business Promotion grants (under the Universal Grant Scheme) to increase business activity and footfall in their own individual locations.

### LEO DLR Communications Strategy

In 2015 our Local Enterprise Office developed a communication strategy which supports effective engagement with its stakeholders. The following channels were used to engage with

people to explain what LEO does, to demonstrate the impact of the work and to showcase the achievements of our client businesses.

- Website ([www.localenterprise.ie/DLR](http://www.localenterprise.ie/DLR))
- Social Media Channels – Twitter, Facebook & LinkedIn
- Publication of monthly e-zine, 'DLR Enterprise News' to c. 4,300 subscribers
- Press Releases issued via Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Communications Office
- Publication of articles in DLR Times and county wide newspapers.
- The organisation of weekly Business Advice Clinics
- The organisation of fortnightly Business Information Sessions
- The hosting of two monthly Business Network event

### Libraries

Library Membership reached 77,890 at end of December 2015 (equivalent to 38% of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown's total population). This is a tremendous result and a strong endorsement of the library service provided in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Library

Below: Mountains to the Sea 2015



issues were also strong, with more than 1.4 million items issued during the year.

Self Service averaged 77% across the branch libraries and there were 2.4 million hits on the library web page. Public internet usage increased by 75% from 73,840 uses in 2014 to 129,402 uses in 2015. There were 62,162 WiFi sessions across all the branch libraries. DLR Libraries has also supported the introduction of the National Library Management System.

dlr LexIcon was officially opened by An Cathaoirleach on 17th April 2015. It attracted almost 400,000 visitors in 2015 and is well used by the local community. Planning approval was granted in 2015 for Cabinteely Library to allow for two small extensions to be constructed during 2016.

The Library Development Plan was developed during 2015 with consultation at key stages with the public, staff and the Strategic Policy Committee to inform the draft plan. This is expected to be adopted in spring 2016.

DLR Libraries engaged in a tender process to appoint facilities management to the branch libraries. Partnerships with other institutions (UCD, IADT, BFEI etc.) are being nurtured and proving beneficial to staff and public alike.

The Annual Culture programme was a great success with many events programmed across the service, celebrating many national initiatives. The four Family Days, Children’s Book Festival, Science Week and the Summer Reading Buzz were particularly well received. High profile exhibitions attracted excellent audiences – such as Pictiúr: Contemporary Children’s Book Illustration from Ireland, Here I Am! Photographic Exhibition in association with Down Syndrome Ireland, Fr Browne: A Life Through the Lens, Modern Wife, Modern Life and PJ Lynch: Pilgrims, Princesses and Beardy Old Men.

The Library Voices Series continues to grow in popularity with Edna O’Brien, Ian Rankin, Margaret Atwood and Richard Dawkins visiting the County. A Graphic Novel project was a huge success and led to a celebration and publication piece.

DLR Libraries also supported the production of Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival in March. The LexIcon Lab Curator was appointed and initiated several experimental learning programmes for adults and children with sessions on coding, 3D printing, programming and electronics, Minecraft and collaborative maker evenings.

Below: Summer Reading Buzz 2015



Below: Culture Night 2015 at LexIcon



Below: Writeaway Dundrum. An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Barry Saul, Beth Nunan and Nita Mishra



# FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Finance & Risk Management Department is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations, both Revenue and Capital, and for facilitating & managing the implementation of a risk management strategy throughout the organisation.

Included among the wide range of services provided by the Department are:

- Financial Control, Cash Flow & Treasury Management
- Preparation of Draft Annual Budget
- Preparation of Annual Financial Statement
- Administration of the General Ledger & Main Financial Systems
- Payroll Administration
- Commercial Rates Billing & Collection
- Environmental Waste Charges Arrears Collection
- Non-Domestic Water Charges Billing & Collection (On Behalf of Irish Water)
- B.I.D. Levy Billing & Collection (on behalf of B.I.D. Company)
- Payment of Accounts
- Insurance and Claims Administration
- Payments Receipting Office
- Administration & Collection of the Non Principal Private Residence Charge Arrears
- Manage & Facilitate Implementation of a Risk Management Strategy Throughout the Organisation

The Department also ensures that statutory and financial accounting principles, which apply to all money, paid by, or to, the Council are complied with.

## Council Budget

The Finance Department prepares the overall Draft Budget in consultation with each department of the Council. The Revenue Budget for the financial year ended 31 December 2015, as adopted by Council, was €164,216,200. The cumulative balances on the Revenue Account for the 5 year period 2010-2014 were as follows:

Year	Revenue Account Balance
2014	€9,699,927 Cr
2013	€9,648,543 Cr
2012	€9,601,934 Cr
2011	€9,550,465 Cr
2010	€9,109,484 Cr

## Rates

Rates are payable on commercial and industrial properties. Following consideration of the Budget each year, the elected Members determine the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) to be levied for the following year. The ARV (Annual Rate on Valuation) for 2015 was €0.1624 representing a 2.5% reduction on the 2014 rate. In the six year period 2010-2015 the Council reduced its ARV in four of those years while in the other two years the rate remained unaltered. The cumulative reduction in the ARV during that period was 8.5% while the estimated increase in the Consumer Price Index was 5.4%.

Collection Statistics			
Year	Total Rates for Collection	Total Rates Collected	% Collected
2015	€91,088,197*	€77,695,710	85.30%
2014	€99,018,707	€76,771,437	77.53%
2013	€100,545,302	€78,101,155	77.68%
2012	€101,483,481	€76,485,950	75.36%
2011	€101,326,260	€77,289,649	76.28%

\*From 2015 onwards the "Total Rates for Collection" figure comprises of the opening arrears plus the rates due for year less actual write offs and also adjusted for vacant property applications pending & accounts in liquidation/receivership/examinership where those accounting adjustments will be made in the following year.

## Environmental Waste Charges

While the Council withdrew from the provision of a direct waste collection service from August 2010 it continues to pursue collection of outstanding arrears and in 2015 €319,000 was collected. In addition the Council also continues to accept and process waiver applications in respect of the charge and in 2015 150 applications were processed with 130 granted and 20 refused.

## Non-Domestic Water Charges Collection

The Water Services (No.2) Act 2013 was signed into law on the 25/12/2013 and provided for the transfer of water services functions and assets from Local Authorities to Irish Water effective from 1/1/2014. In accordance with the Service Level Agreement between the Council & Irish Water the Council, on an agency basis on behalf of Irish Water, continues to issue bills to non-domestic Customers and collect charges payable.



### Non-Principal Private Residence Charge (NPPR)

The Local Government (Charges) Act 2009 introduced a €200 charge for Non-Principal Private Residences. The charge was self-assessed and owners were required to register their property and pay the charge. The charge was abolished effective from the 1/1/2014 by virtue of Section 73 of the LG Reform Act 2014 & the provisions of the LG Reform Act 2014 (Commencement of Certain Provisions) Order 2014. Section 74 of the Act set 31st of August, 2014 as the latest date for persons/bodies who may have a liability for the charge to contact their local authority to pay the charge or enter into an agreement for payment in order to minimise the effect of late payment fees. The amount collected in 2015 in respect of the charge, including late payment fees, was €1.06m



Above: Family Day at the LexIcon

### Local Property Tax

The Local Property Tax (LPT) is an annual self-assessed tax charged on the market value of residential properties effective from 1 July 2013 and is administered by the Revenue Commissioners. A half-year payment was due in 2013, with a full-year payment due in 2014. Since 1 January 2014 the Minister for Finance pays into the Local Government Fund an amount equivalent to the Local Property Tax collected. Disbursements from the Local Government Fund to individual local authorities are determined by the Department of Environment Community and Local Government.

Under Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended by Section 5 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013, a Local Authority may, as a reserved function, decide to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its administrative area to a maximum of plus or minus 15% of the basic rate. At the meeting of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council held to consider this matter on the 14th of September, 2015 Members agreed to vary the basic rate of the local property tax within the County by minus 15%. As provided for in Article 8 of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 the varied rate of Local Property Tax applies for a period of one year from the next local property tax liability date i.e. from 1/11/2015 to 30/10/2016 after which time the rate of LPT reverts back to the initial (basic) rate as defined in the 2012 Act unless a further decision has been made by the Council, as a reserved function, in the following year to retain the variation or apply an alternative variation, which would then be effective from the next liability date i.e. from 1/11/2016 to 31/10/2017.

Compliance rates in respect of the Local Property Tax in this County are among the highest in the State.

### Dún Laoghaire Business Improvement District Scheme

The Council at its meeting held on the 10th March 2014 adopted a resolution to establish a Business Improvement District within the Dun Laoghaire Town Area, as outlined on map number PL-13-384 which was tabled at that meeting. The Council approved implementation of the Business Improvement District Scheme submitted by the Dun Laoghaire Bid Company Limited within that area, which will operate for a period of five years from 1st April 2014 and which will be financed in the main from BID contribution levies. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006 the Council calculates and collects the Bid levy payable by businesses within the Bid Scheme area and forwards the income to the B.I.D Company in accordance with the provisions of the legislation as it constitutes B.I.D. Company income.

### Financial Management

Financial management reporting in the Council is robust and thorough. A rigorous system of monthly financial monitoring ensures that any significant budget variances are identified at an early stage and appropriate actions are taken to minimise any possible adverse financial impacts. These controls include regular financial reviews, monthly and quarterly financial reports which indicate financial performance measured against budgets on both expenditure and income and variance analysis evaluation.

### Quarterly Financial Reports to Department of Environment Community & Local Government

Quarterly data is provided to the Department by all local authorities within 60 days of the quarter end. The reports required are:

Revenue Report which gives details of the revenue account expenditure and income for the year to each quarter end against the year's budget.

Capital Report which gives details of the capital account opening balances, expenditure and income and closing balances for the year to each quarter end.



**Above:** Family Day at the Lexicon

Debtors Report which gives details of movements for each category of debtor for the year to each quarter end.

Loan Report which gives a detailed forecast of interest and principal repayments on all existing and approved borrowings.

Payroll/Superannuation Report which gives details of payroll and pension related payments for the specified period.

These reports were all submitted to the Department within the specified timeframes for the 4 quarters of 2015.

### Payment of Accounts

Payment to suppliers is made subject to presentation of valid tax documentation. The majority of payments are made by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), through which payments are made directly into suppliers' bank accounts, with occasional cheque payments where EFT is not practicable. Staff and Councillors are also paid by EFT.

The Council's Treasurer is: Bank of Ireland, 101 Upper George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

### Risk Management

Risk Management is a planned and systematic approach to identifying, evaluating and responding to risks and providing assurances that those responses are effective. Effective risk

management and internal control mechanisms are important to organisations achieving their desired business outcomes.

The creation and maintaining of Risk Registers forms an integral and essential part of an effective risk management system. Risk Registers provide a mechanism for establishing and maintaining a robust organisation wide approach to managing risks. Risk Registers record details of all the risks faced by an organisation which may inhibit it from achieving its business objectives. Following the adoption of the Corporate Plan in 2015 the Corporate & some Departmental Risk Registers were updated in 2015 and the remaining departmental registers will be updated in 2016. The updated registers will reflect the effectiveness of existing mitigation measures in respect of existing risks and include new risks with accompanying mitigation measures not previously included in the registers.

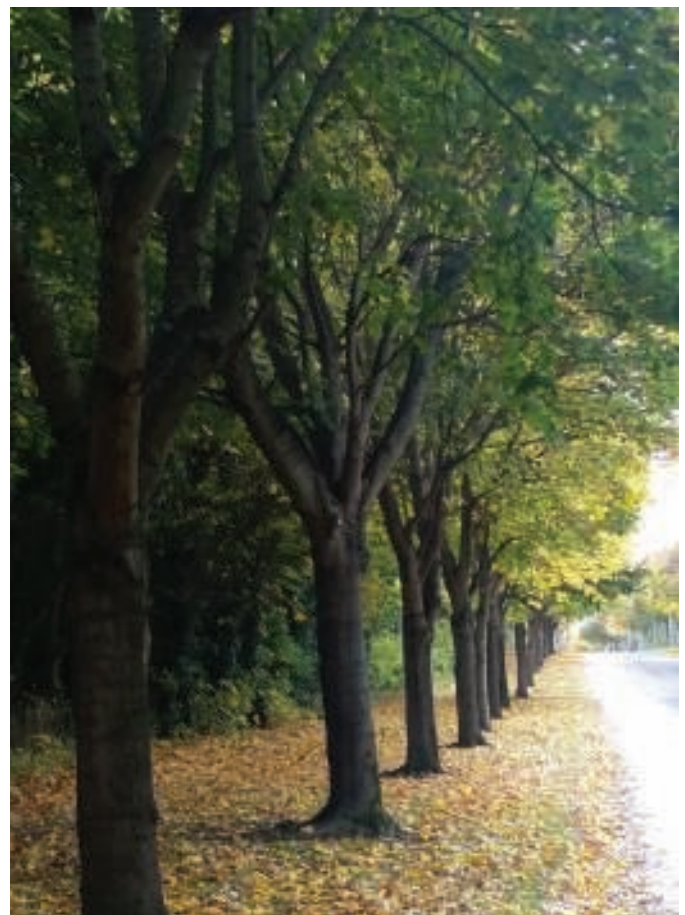
### Insurances

The main areas of activity are Public Liability, Employers Liability, Fire (Housing Stock), Fire (General Properties) and Motor Insurance. Full cover is provided.

### Annual Financial Statement

The Annual Financial Statement 2014, completed in 2015, was prepared on an accrual accounting basis and included a full Balance Sheet showing assets owned and liabilities owed by the Council and was completed within the statutory time period. The accounts are audited by the Local Government Auditor who reports to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.

**Below:** Matured Tree Planting



# HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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Housing Department manages approximately 4,466 Council owned properties. It is responsible for implementing National Housing Policy and its functions include the allocation, maintenance, refurbishment and sale of dwellings, rent assessment and collection, the making of house purchase loans and certain grants, and the provision of accommodation for homeless households.

The Department is responsible for the enforcement of standards and upkeep of rent books in private rented accommodation and the administration of the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS). The Department is also responsible for acquiring properties for social housing through leasing of private properties, the management and maintenance of Group Housing Schemes and

Halting Sites and the implementation of the Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme.

## Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Tenant Purchase Scheme ceased in December 2012. A new incremental purchase type scheme is due to be launched in 2016.

**Below:** Social Housing Development at Cromlech Close



### Social Housing Leasing Initiative

In 2015 a number of enquiries were received under this initiative and 1 application was completed resulting in 1 unit.

### Refurbishments

Works commenced on the refurbishment and extension of Rochestown House Phase 2 which will provide 34 energy efficient units of accommodation for the elderly in 2016.

30 bathroom alterations, 12 Stair lifts, 6 ramps and a number of other minor alterations were completed to Council rented dwellings for tenants with a disability.

### Construction of new Housing Schemes

Work commenced on the construction of 15 new units at Cromlech Close, Kilternan, Dublin 18 and will be completed in 2016

### Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability

126 applications for Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability were received.

107 provisional approvals were issued in the sum of €938,355.

### Mobility Aids Housing Grants

43 applications for Mobility Aids Housing Grant were received.

37 provisional approvals were issued in the sum of €165,139.48.

### Housing Aid for Older People

15 applications for Housing Aid for Older People were received.

8 provisional approvals were issued in the sum of €41,558.

### Homeless Pilot Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme

Under the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government's Action Plan to address homelessness announced in December 2014, it was agreed that the HAP scheme would be extended as a pilot aimed at homeless households in the Dublin region.

In October 2015 the Homeless HAP pilot scheme limits were increased by 50% over rent supplement limits. For instance, a homeless family in need of a 3-bed in Dublin will now be able to find accommodation to the value of €1,500 per month.

The Scheme is targeted specifically at homeless households who are registered with and regarded as homeless by any one of the four Dublin local authorities, Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin Councils within the meaning of section 2 of the Housing Act 1988 (No. 28 of 1988)

A dedicated Homeless HAP Unit has been established in the Dublin Region Homeless Executive office to assist with the implementation and roll-out of the pilot across homeless services, by working closely with the four Dublin Local Authorities and providers of Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) and Temporary Emergency Accommodation (TEA).

Dublin Place Finders was set up in 2015 and supports homeless households in finding a tenancy using HAP.

### Homelessness

The Council's services in the area of homelessness are undertaken in accordance with the Dublin Statutory Framework Homeless Action Plan 2014 to 2016, which was adopted by the Council in November 2013.

The Council continued its arrangements with Dublin City Council in relation to the provision of emergency accommodation for homeless persons. As a result of an increase in the numbers of individuals and families presenting as homeless, there were consequential increases in provision of temporary and supported accommodation in 2015 and increased budget provisions made for 2015 and in the 2016 Budget.

In 2015, the Council housed 40 homeless households in social housing as follows:

Approved Housing Bodies:	4
Rental Accommodation Scheme:	2
LA accommodation:	26
Long Term Leased:	8

In addition a further 12 homeless households progressed to long-term supported accommodation in Dublin City.

16 households were assisted in accessing accommodation in the private rented sector.

### Ministerial Direction

In response to the increase in numbers of individuals and families presenting as homeless, the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government issued a Ministerial Direction on 27/01/2015 regarding the operation of the housing allocation scheme, instructing that each of the Dublin local authorities must ensure at least 50% of dwellings available for allocation under Section 22 of the 2009 Act be allocated to households that are qualified for social housing support and were deemed by the authority to have one or more of the following needs:

- i. was in an institution, emergency accommodation or a hostel (i.e. a homeless household within the meaning of Section 2 of the Housing Act 1988);
- ii. has an accommodation requirement arising from an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment (i.e. households where one of its members has a disability and as such is deemed to be a vulnerable household); and
- iii. was in accommodation that was unsuitable for the household's adequate housing on exceptional medical or compassionate grounds (i.e. including households the subject of domestic violence and young people leaving State care and as such deemed to be a vulnerable household).

A further direction was issued on the 7th August 2015 to be applied from that date until 31st January 2016 and the Council complied with the Directions during 2015.

### Homeless Support Services

In 2015 SLI (Support to Live Independently) Scheme, which is operated by SIMON, provided support to 30 new households who have moved out of homeless accommodation.

The HAIL Visiting Support Service provided support to 8 households in 2015.

The Tenancy Sustainment Service, which is provided by Focus Ireland, commenced in February 2012. The service is provided mainly to Social Housing households who have difficulties with their tenancies.

The Safe Home Pilot Project continued to be carried out and evaluated throughout 2015. The aim of the pilot is to provide safe and secure crisis residential accommodation for women and children in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area, who have had to leave home due to domestic violence. Four units of accommodation were provided by the Council for the pilot and Sonas Domestic Violence Charity managed the service on behalf of the Council. A full evaluation of the project was undertaken and Sonas provided Tusla Child and Family Agency with the full report.

### Anti-Social Behaviour in Council Estates

The Council continued its policy of dealing comprehensively with instances of anti-social behaviour in its estates during 2015.

During the year a total of 73 cases of anti-social behaviour were investigated and completed. This is a decrease of 31% in anti-social behaviour cases reported in comparison to 2014.

Legal Action was taken where appropriate and 1 Notice to Quit was served and 4 excluding orders were obtained from the District Court.

2 dwellings were surrendered in lieu of legal action.

13 warning letters and 16 verbal warnings issued.

890 pre-tenancy assessments (background checks) were carried out.

56 housing applicants with a history of anti-social behaviour were interviewed and 33 were approved for housing and 23 were deferred / refused.

6 schools presentations were completed.

**Below:** Rochestown House Phase 2 Works



A further 17 reports of nuisance/breach of tenancy were investigated by Allocations Section relating to senior citizens in 2015. All complaints were resolved.

### Pre-Tenancy Training Courses

17 Tenants participated in an Information session for new tenants in 2015.

### Housing and Transfer Lists

At 31 December 2015, 5,692 applicants were assessed as being in need of social housing support. A total of 107 housing applicants were allocated dwellings. This included 12 allocations to dwellings owned by Voluntary Housing Associations, 16 Rental Accommodation Scheme allocations, and 79 allocations to Council stock. 81 tenants were allocated transfers to alternative accommodation. This included 4 transfers from the RAS Fixed Transfer List, 29 RAS to RAS transfers, and 4 transfers to dwellings owned or managed by Voluntary Housing Associations.

### Housing Rents

Under the Council's Differential Rent Schemes, rents are calculated on the basis of current household income. Average weekly rents for Council properties increased to €62.75 at the end

of 2015, an increase of almost 3% on the previous year. While the increase in average rents replicates to some extent the upturn in the economy, it is also due to the increase in the numbers of adult children living at home. Currently 20% of Council properties include households with three or more adults residing - up from 11% in 2008.

The Council's housing rental income increased by over 3% from €12.8m in 2014 to €13.2m in 2015.

### Affordable Housing / Rent to Buy Schemes

Despite the on-going problems in the housing market, sales of fifty affordable dwellings were achieved during 2015. These properties were sold under the Rent to Buy Scheme which was introduced in November 2011 and gives occupiers the opportunity to rent for a period of up to three years and an option to acquire the property, under the Affordable Housing Scheme at a discounted price less 80% of the rent paid.

Eight of the remaining unsold housing properties are occupied under the Rent to Buy Scheme with the majority of occupiers expressing an interest in purchasing their property. They must make a mortgage application in the first instance to private lending institutions approved to advance mortgages for the purchase of affordable housing. In the event their application to private lending institutions is refused they may apply for

**Below:** Refurbished Traveller Accommodation Units at Glendruid Court



the Council's House Purchase Loan. In 2015 four rent to buy properties were surrendered to the Council and transferred to Social Housing.

### Part V – Housing Strategy

The enactment and commencement of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 introduced amendments to the operation of Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

The revisions to Part V took effect from 1st September 2015 and included the following changes:

- Reduction from 20% Social and Affordable to 10% Social requirement
- Emphasis on direct transfer of completed Social Housing units
- Introduction of long term leasing as an alternative to acquisition
- Removal of the cash-in-lieu of housing option

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2015/act/33/enacted/en/html>

A total of 9 agreements in accordance with Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 were made, resulting in financial contributions of €1,636,000 and the acquisition of 5 units. Negotiations progressed on other schemes which were due to deliver a further 9 units. In addition to these, a further 132 units will be delivered on completion of the developments in Honey Park and Belmont.

### House Purchase Loan Scheme

The Council offers a House Purchase Loan Scheme whereby eligible applicants can qualify for mortgage funding for up to 97% of the cost of the property to a maximum sum of €200,000. In 2015 fourteen House Purchase loans were approved for the purchase of properties leased under the Rent to Buy Scheme.

### Voluntary Housing Schemes

Funding was provided during 2015 through the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) Programme 2015 for the provision of 17 units of accommodation for people with specific categories of housing need (homeless, elderly and disabled).

### Housing and Disability Steering Group

The Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Housing and Disability Group was established and the inaugural meeting was held on 26th February 2015. The Steering Group agreed a draft five-year Strategic Plan for Housing Persons with Disabilities, which was submitted to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on 9th June 2015. The Steering Group, comprising of representatives from the Housing Department, the HSE, four disability sectors and approved housing bodies, held five meetings in 2015 and their work is continuing in 2016.

### Accommodation of the Traveller Community 2015

On 10th October, 2015 a fire occurred on the Council's temporary halting site at Glenamuck Road, Carrickmines, which resulted in the tragic loss of life of 10 members of the extended Connors and Lynch families.

The Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) met on five occasions during 2015.

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018, which included an assessment of needs, was adopted by Council in January 2014, following a period of public consultation.

Five units at Glendruoid Court, Shankill were refurbished and re-let. This included the conversion of two of the units into one to cater for a large family. Two new units of accommodation were provided for residents in the West Pier temporary halting site and one new unit was provided for a resident in the Booterstown Park Halting site.

A temporary emergency site was created adjoining Ballyogan Operations Centre. Works included the provision of 5 mobile homes, connection of utilities to the site, water and sewerage connections, boundary treatment, security and the provision of 5 service units including laundry facilities.

Seven casual vacancies in Traveller specific housing stock were filled during 2015.

A programme of minor planned maintenance works was carried out on Traveller Specific housing.

### Maintenance of Local Authority Housing Stock

A total of 5,257 requests for maintenance were received in 2015.

The condition of the Council's housing stock is continuing to improve mainly due to the fact that a large number of units were constructed/refurbished in the past 5/10 years and also due to our planned maintenance programme, which is on-going. A number of frameworks with approved specialised contractors are now in place, which in addition to the on-going re-organisation of the Council's direct labour unit, ensures best value for money is continuously being achieved.

### Rental Accommodation Scheme

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) commenced in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in August 2006. The number of tenants of private landlords, transferred to the Scheme at 31 December 2015 was 393 and the number of Voluntary tenants transferred to the Scheme at 31 December 2015 was 174.

### Enforcement of the minimum standards in private rented housing properties under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 and Amendment Regulations 2009

The statistics for 2015 are as follows:

- 174 dwellings were inspected with 416 inspections carried out in total during 2015
- Out of the 416 inspections conducted, it was found that 220 did not meet the requirements and 3 were found to meet the requirements on first inspection
- Enforcement Notices served – 320 informal repairs notices were issued in 2015
- Now compliant – 130 properties were found to meet the requirements in 2015 after follow up.
- 4 Improvement Notices were served in 2015.

- No Prohibition Notices were served
- No Legal Action was taken

### Procurement

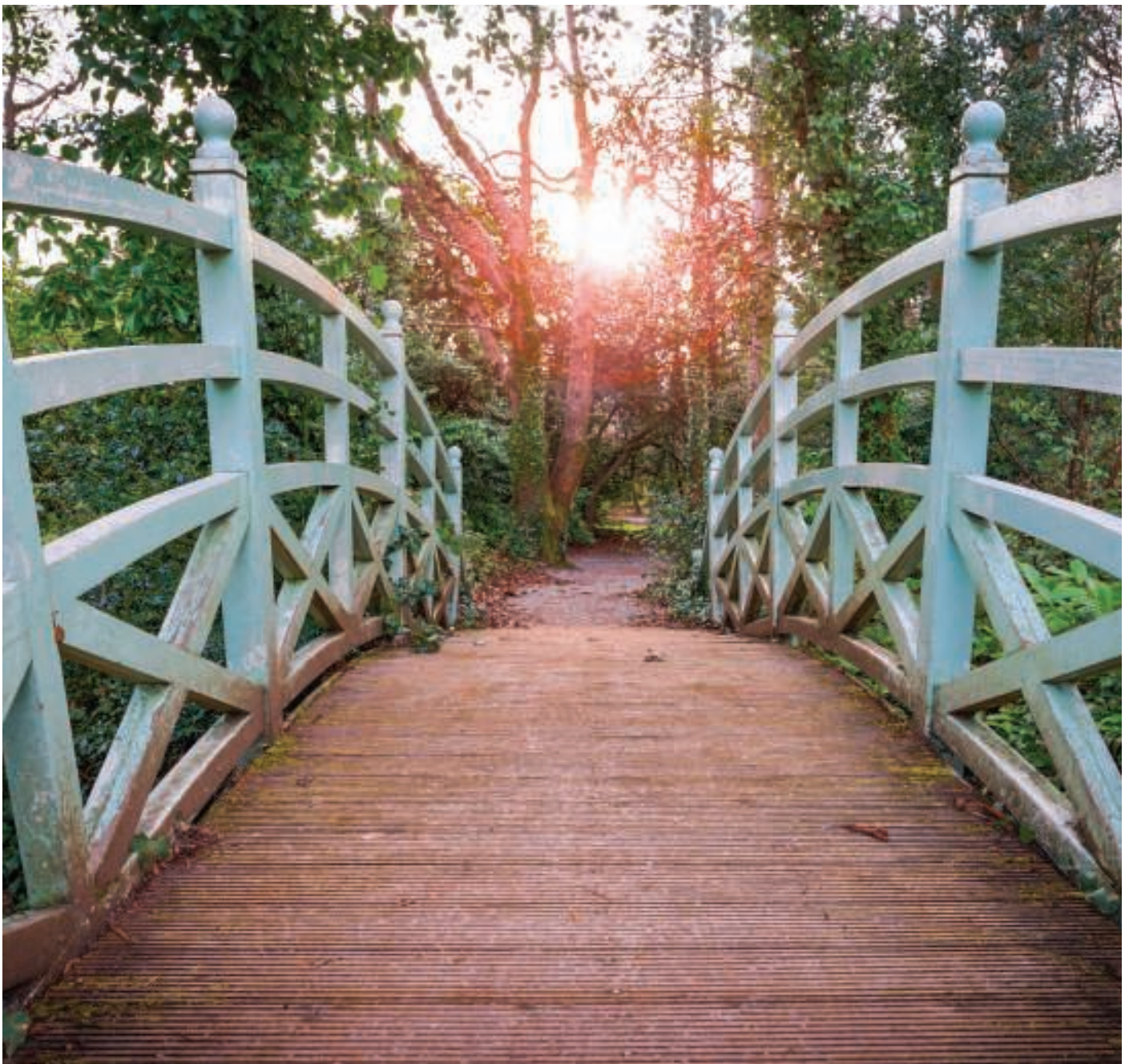
Construction procurement in relation to the Housing Department requirements and the implementation of the new government forms of contract is on-going. Value of projects ranging from €0.1 million up to €3.5 million have been procured for. Sample of frameworks include:

- Heating & Plumbing Installations
- Electrical Installations
- Planned External Maintenance Works
- Energy Upgrade Work
- Roofing Maintenance

The net result of implementing these frameworks for the Council is as follows:

- Value for money for the Council
- Completion of projects on programme and within budget constraints.
- Open and transparent tender process.

Below: Marlay Park





# INFRASTRUCTURE AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

The Directorate of Infrastructure and Climate Change incorporates a wide range of services for citizens and visitors which are designed to provide a high quality environment and a high quality public realm

The core services are:

## Environment

In 2015 the Council adopted its Litter Management Plan for the 3 year period 2015 – 2017. The plan outlines targets and objectives for tackling the problem of litter pollution and also sets out to achieve quantifiable improvements in the prevention of litter. During 2015 the Council's Litter Wardens continued to enforce the relevant legislation including the Litter Bye-Laws. 330 litter fines were issued during the year.

Following on from a successful trial in 2014, the Council, in order to address the on-going problem of dog fouling, erected Anti Dog Fouling Audio devices in 2015 at Seapoint Walkway, Killiney Hill Park, Marlay Park and Cabinteely Park for the summer months. During the operation period of these audio devices an average



reduction of 67% of dog fouling incidences was recorded.

The Council's Dog Warden continued to enforce the Control of Dogs legislation during the year. A total of 125 dogs were taken in at the Council's dog pound in 2015.

An on-going programme of graffiti removal continued during 2015 with 7,400 m2 of graffiti removed during the year.

The Annual Tidy Districts competition had a total of 34 Residents Groups, Tidy Towns Committees and Estate Management Groups participating in 2015. The overall winner was Broadford.

**Below:** Winners of Tidy Towns - Broadford, Máirín de Brun and Mary Scott with An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Barry Saul



**Below:** Winners of Tidy Schools Competition - St. Gerard's Junior School, Jack Egan and Phoebe Ferguson



The Tidy Schools competition had 27 schools involved in 2015. The Environmental Awareness Officer also managed the Green Schools programme, with 93 schools having green flags.

## Property Management

The Property Management Section manages Council owned lands and properties, and develops and administers the Property Interest Register and archive. The Section has responsibility for ensuring the procedural integrity of the acquisition, disposal, compulsory purchase order, letter of consent and leasing processes. The Section enacts Council responsibilities under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and provides official responses to internal and public land ownership queries.

Below: Pottery Road



Below: Pottery Road



Below: Leopardstown Link Road



Below: Leopardstown Link Road



The Section currently operates 21 temporary lettings/commercial leases, from which the Council received €213,487 in income in 2015.

As part of the Council's responsibilities under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, the Council maintains a Derelict Sites Register, coordinates official site inspections, issues notices and levy charges against sites deemed to be derelict. In 2015 the Council received €25,298 in income from derelict sites levy charges. In 2015 there were 17 properties on the Derelict Sites Register, all of which were domestic properties.

## Capital Projects Office

The following are the major transportation capital schemes under design/construction or recently completed by the Council and funded by the Department of Transport and through Development Levies

### Schemes under construction / completed:

- Pottery Road (completed May 2015)
- Leopardstown Link Road and Roundabout Reconfiguration

### Schemes at Detailed Design Stage:

- ESB Link Road
- Foxrock Village Car Park

### Schemes at Design Stage:

- Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road
- Bracken Road to Drummartin Link Road

- N11- Druid's Glen Road
- Brides Glen to Shankill Cycleway and Footpath
- Brennanstown Road Traffic Management Scheme
- Shanganagh Road

## Transportation Planning Section

The Transportation Planning Section carried out the following work in 2015

- Reported on 780 planning applications
- Reported on 8 Part 8 applications
- Reported on 10 Bord Pleanála appeals and 1 Strategic Infrastructure application
- Over 210 pre-planning and compliance consultations were carried out with architects, engineers and planners in order to facilitate the progression of planning applications and development
- Transportation input to the Draft County Development Plan, Stillorgan Urban Framework Plan and Part 8 pre-applications.

## Waste Management

### Enforcement Unit

The Enforcement Unit monitors and enforces compliance with Regulations on (a) waste management (b) air pollution and (c) noise pollution.

Priority action areas for 2015 included:

- Distributors and sellers of solid fuels;
- Producers and collectors of food waste;
- Unauthorised waste collectors (man-with-a-van).

#### SCHEDULE 1 - 2015

<b>Facilities Registered/Permits Issued</b>	
Waste Enforcement	424
<b>Inspections</b>	
Waste Enforcement	861
<b>Complaints Received</b>	
Waste Enforcement	229
Surface Water Pollution	27
	92
<b>Enforcement Actions</b>	
Waste Enforcement	99

#### Civil Defence and Fire Service

The Civil Defence for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is provided by Dublin City Council. Dún Laoghaire Rathdown's share of the cost in 2015 was € 86,915.00. The Fire Service in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is also provided by Dublin City Council pursuant to an agreement under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 1955.

#### EnviroCom Awards 2015

Now in its ninth year, the Awards, co-hosted by the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, are renowned for showcasing environmental excellence and innovation in organisations operating in the County, irrespective of their size or sector.

The Green Business Officer represented the Council on the judging panel for the Awards. Finalists this year were from sectors as diverse as hospitality, energy provision, banking, haulage, waste management, sports clubs, sole traders and consultancies. Apart from the Council other category sponsors included WEEE Ireland, Amgen, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and the Environmental Protection Agency. ESB Ecars and the Royal Marine Hotel were reception sponsors. The Dublin People Group of Newspapers was the media partner.

#### The €coMerit Programme

was launched in 2008 and is designed to help businesses (predominantly SME's) to save on their energy, waste and water costs while becoming 'greener' in the process. It is delivered by a partnership of four Local Authorities (including DLR County Council), €concertive and the Environmental Protection Agency. Participants achieve recognition for their environmental achievements through the award of an €coMerit certification which is reviewed annually to ensure continuous environmental improvement takes place.

To date, 121 companies have received €coMerit support and they are saving €778,000 per year, on the basis of implementing their 'Year 1' improvement plans alone. During 2015, sixteen new €coMerit certificates were issued and nine certifications lapsed.



The newly certified companies will save on average €10,360 per year. Carbon emissions for the five available reporting years (to 2014) show overall year-on-year improvements of 9.3%. €coMerit companies in 2015 have also used their membership to access €304,857 of SEAI grant funding for energy-saving improvements.

#### LAPN (Local Authority Prevention Network) Funded Project 2015

In a six month trial period in 2014, Rediscover Paint collected 4,180kgs of emulsion paint from Ballyogan Recycling Park for reuse through its community membership programme which is operated from its facility in Ballymun. This EPA funded project was to identify a method of distributing this reusable paint in the DLR area by having a regular presence at the Marlay Park market over a four month period promoted by an active PR and social media campaign. The outcome of the project was that people were very interested in the idea of the reused paint and open to its use as a new product alternative but this did not translate to purchasing any product at the markets. However based on face to face queries, web and social media interaction there is an appetite and interest in reuse and resource efficiency. The majority of people were not aware that emulsion paint could be reused or that it was being collected for reuse at Ballyogan Recycling Park. To reach a wider audience and increase awareness of the option to reuse paint direct contact will be made with community groups, housing agencies, sports clubs, schools, etc. that operate in the DLR area to propose a free trial of Rediscover Paint's reused paint product.

Below: Recycling in Eden Park



## Recycling Centres

### Ballyogan Recycling Park

The tonnage of recyclable material brought to Ballyogan Recycling Park in 2015 was 7,319 tonnes.

### Eden Park Recycling Centre

407 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Eden Park Recycling Centre in 2015.

### Shanganagh Recycling Centre

211 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Shanganagh Recycling Centre in 2015.

Below: Bulding 11, Cherrywood Business Park



## Bring Bank Centres

The Council provides 37 centres. A total of 2,166 tonnes of recyclables were brought to the centres during the year.

## Cherrywood SDZ

Cherrywood is the single largest undeveloped land bank in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and is approximately 360 hectares in size. The County, in recognising the area's strategic importance, applied to the Government for Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) status and the Government designated it as an SDZ on 25th May 2010.

The approved Planning Scheme can be found by accessing

<http://www.dlrco.ie/aboutus/councildepartments/planning/findit/cherrywoodstrategicdevelopmentzonesdz>

In recognising the importance of Cherrywood, a dedicated team, the Development Agency within dlr was set up in 2015.

All development must comply with the approved Planning Scheme and all planning applications are assessed by the Development Agency in the context of the Scheme and are subject to statutory determination by the Planning Authority.

Furthermore, the Development Agency will actively promote the implementation of the objectives of the approved Planning Scheme through collaboration and engagement with all relevant stakeholders.

## Climate Change

The Council is commencing its work in developing Climate Change strategies and policies to help formulate Mitigation Plans and Adaption Frameworks.

# LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

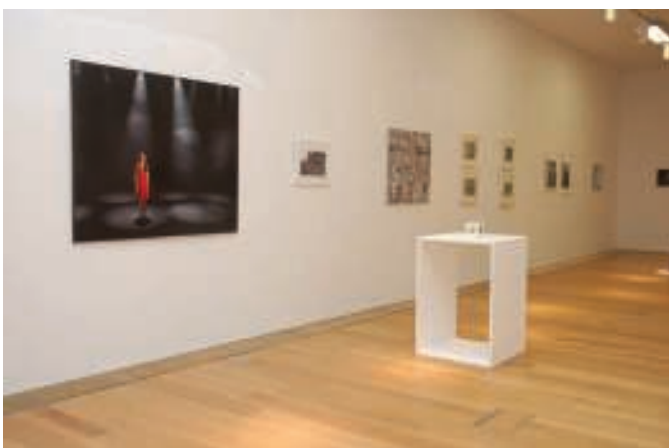
The Legal Services Department, as an in-house service department, provides an active and essential legal service to the Council, all Council Departments and Council Affiliates. The Department has considerable expertise in all areas of Local Government Law, practice and administration.

The services provided by the Legal Services Department cover such areas as:

- Code Enforcement and the Management of Litigation and issues arising
- Transactional and Conveyancing
- Legal advices to the Council and Management
- Judicial Review
- Public Enquiries
- Corporate Governance and related issues
- Compulsory Purchase, Arbitrations and Negotiations
- Local Government Governance

The work of the Department requires staff to maintain close links with client Departments and to work as part of teams with officials of those Departments on the development of policy, protocols and projects of concern to the Council. Staff in the Department also engage on behalf of the client with Government Departments, the Courts Service, the Property Registration Authority and with numerous solicitors, barristers and other consultants.

**Below:** Home Open Submission 2015



Files are processed and managed using the latest technologies.

Vocational, professional and personal development training is undertaken by staff by reference to the objectives of the Council's Corporate Plan and the Department's PMDS Team Plan.

The Legal Services Department manages all its cases effectively and provides an efficient, progressive and cost effective legal service.

**Below:** Bike Week 2015



**Below:** Xmas Decoration Awards 2015 Tadhg and Tori Timmins with An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Barry Saul



# MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Water Services Section

Water Services Section is responsible for the management of the Surface Water Network in the County. Surface water is collected and discharged to either adjacent rivers or the sea. Water Services Section also advances flood alleviation schemes in conjunction with the OPW, who are the body with the primary responsibility for fluvial flooding.

During 2015 completed Flood Risk Management projects included:

- Loreto Park Screen Upgrade
- Belarmine Screen Upgrade
- Nutgrove Avenue Alleviation Works
- Ballinclea Heights Alleviation Works
- Allen Park Road Alleviation Works
- Commons Road Flood Gate Installation
- Avoca Park Screen Upgrade
- Oakton Park Alleviation Works

Water Services worked closely with the Planning Department in the preparation of Flood Zone Maps that are now incorporated into the County Development Plan 2016 -2022. In addition Water Services were instrumental in the preparation of the County Development Plan's Green Roof Guidance Document

Water Services also worked closely with the OPW in the preparation of the ECFRAM draft flood maps.

Flood Risk Management Schemes planned in 2016/2017 include the following:

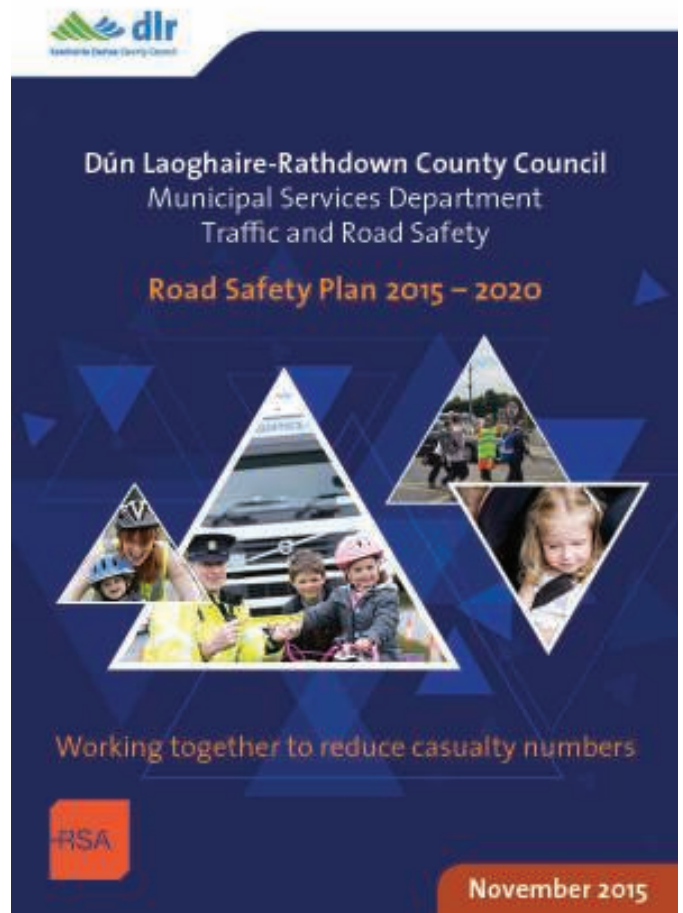
- Ulster Terrace Screen Upgrade
- Dargle View Screen
- Old Dublin Road Screen Upgrade
- Kilbogget Park Flood Storage
- Glenavon Park Flood Storage
- Screen Camera Installations
- Marlay Park Flood Storage Feasibility Study

Water Services Section manages and maintains the public water and foul drainage systems in the County under a Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

## Transportation Services Section

**The principal activities of the Traffic and Road Safety Section include:**

- Design, construction and upgrading the Council's road network, improvement of junctions and traffic management
- Management of the traffic signals system (SCATS)



Above: Road Safety Plan

- The provision of Statutory Signing & Lining
- The provision and upgrade of pedestrian and cycling facilities Countywide and the improvement of facilities for mobility impaired and disabled road users
- Assessment of planning applications at local level and preparatory involvement in both Local and National plans e.g. County Development Plan and Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy
- The promotion of cycling and sustainable travel
- Road Safety and Accident Investigation Prevention (AIP) measures
- Road Safety Education & operation of the School Warden Service
- The provision of Bus Priority measures/Bus Stops/Real Time Passenger Information

These activities would not be possible without engagement with all our Stakeholders, which include Public Representatives, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Bus, National Transport Authority, Dún Laoghaire Harbour Board, the Emergency Services, Businesses and Communities.

## Under the National Transport Authority's (NTA) investment framework in the area of Sustainable Transport measures in the delivery of Cycling and Walking

### The following schemes were completed:

- Cycle Parking Countywide and within UCD
- Frascati Road/Temple Hill Pedestrian / Cycle Route Improvement
- Bus Stop Upgrade on N11 inbound at Booterstown Avenue
- Glenamuck Road, south of roundabout at Carrickmines to serve residential estates
- Carmanhall Road, at junction with Ballymoss Road, new crossing to serve LUAS users
- Stillorgan Park at Stillorgan Grove, new Toucan Crossing to serve nearby residential areas.

### The following schemes were advanced:

- Wyattville Dual Carriageway Scheme - Preliminary design of Junction Upgrade, pedestrian and cycle facilities
- Johnstown Road / N11 - Junction Upgrade – Design and Tender
- N11/Stillorgan Road City Centre Cycle Scheme (Brewery Road to Foxrock including White's Cross and Galloping Green preliminary design)
- N11/Stillorgan Road Cycle Lane Corridor Improvements (Belfield to Stillorgan Park )
- Stillorgan Park to Brewery Road Pedestrian/ Cycle Route Improvement Scheme – Detailed Design
- White's Cross / N11 - Junction Upgrade – Design

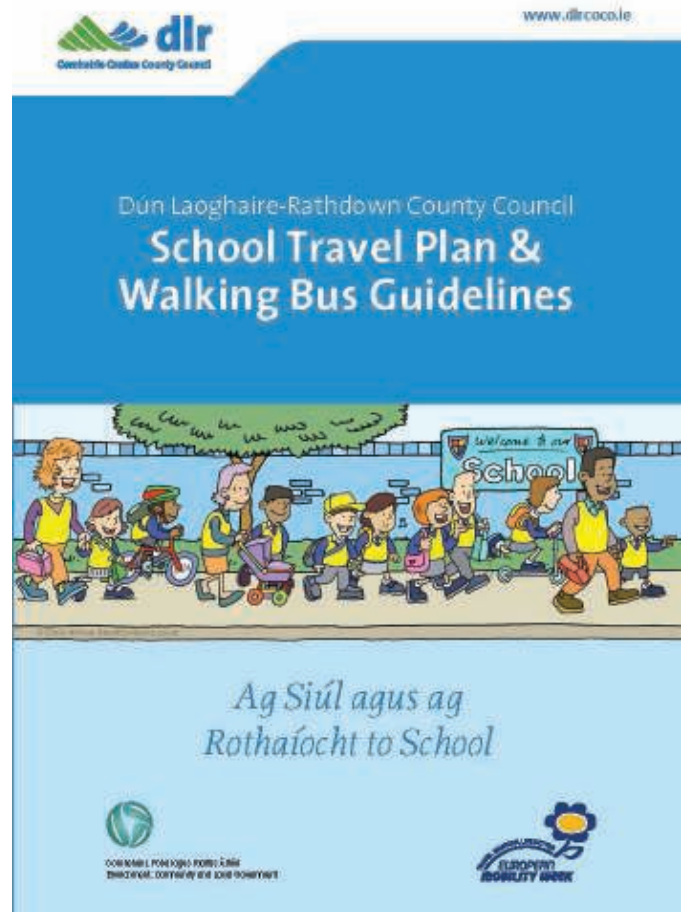
## Junction Upgrade Programme

### The following junctions were upgraded:

- Milltown Bridge: Provide signing and lining to warn road users of locations of junctions
- Nutgrove Avenue: Installation of Pedestrian Crossing
- Dundrum Road: Upgrade of Junction
- Ballinteer Avenue: To Brehon Field Road Roundabout – Improve Route and accessibility
- St. Luke's Crescent: Installation of Pedestrian Crossing
- Glenageary Road Lower: Installation of Pedestrian Crossing
- Commons Road / Shanganagh Road: Signalised Junction Upgrade
- Crinken Lane/Dublin Rd: Junction and Footpath Improvements

### Road Safety and Public Realm Schemes progressed include :

- Killiney Road / Ballinclea AIP Scheme - Public Consultation



- Loughlinstown Drive - AIP Scheme Design and Public Consultation
- Cross Avenue, Booterstown AIP Scheme at School - Complete
- Monkstown Village Scheme - Scheme design progressed
- Rochestown Avenue Footpath and Bus Stop - Design progressed
- Convent Road Footpath , Blackrock - Part 8
- Ferndale Road Footpath Rathmichael - Preliminary Survey and Design
- Cross Avenue, Dún Laoghaire - Road Safety and Public Realm Scheme - preliminary Design and Public Consultation
- Workshop with Councillors and presentation to Area Committee

## Traffic Signals & Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

### SCATS, the adaptive traffic control system currently controls 141 junctions Countywide

- Annually, the Traffic & ITS Section upgrade 20 pedestrian crossings
- Maintenance of 330 no. signalised traffic junctions & pedestrian crossings
- 70% of all traffic signals Countywide are now on the SCATS system and automatically report faults to our Fault Management System.

- The ITS Section manage 57 kms of Fibre Optic Network
  - The Traffic Signals Section also maintains and manages the advanced School Warning Signs as well as the Speed Alert Signage Countywide, totalling 138 in number.

### Road Safety

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in conjunction with our key Stakeholders is committed to ensuring that all road users develop appropriate attitudes and safe behaviours.

The Road Safety Team actively imparts this knowledge through a number of initiatives:

- The provision of the School Warden Service
- The on-site cycle training of approx. 2000 students annually
- DLR/AXA Roadsafe Show for Transition Year Students
- Road Safety focused open days
- On site road safety talks and demonstrations in schools Countywide

### Road Safety Engineering included:

- 6 no. School safety improvement schemes

Below: PSM Awards 2015



### Pay & Display Parking Control Section

The Council operates a Pay & Display Parking Control Scheme on a number of public roads/car parks within its administrative area. The Scheme is operated under the Council's Parking Control By-Laws, 2007 to 2011.

In 2015 the Pay and Display Parking Control Scheme was extended to:

- Rockford Terrace, Blackrock
- Dean's Grange Road Retail Area
- St. Helen's Road, Booterstown

32,739 fines were issued for parking and road traffic related offences in 2015.

24,621 valid parking fines were paid in 2015.

1,027 convictions were secured through the District Court for the non-payment of parking fines during 2015.

The parking enforcement contract is operated on behalf of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council by ParkRite t/a DLR Parking Services.

### Strategic Priorities:

Improvements provided during 2015 included:

Continued rollout of Pay & Display parking meters with credit card payment facilities.

The introduction of an online Residents Parking Permit facility.

Continued evaluation of services to drive cost savings and efficiencies and communicate more effectively with users.

## Road Maintenance Service

### Road Restoration Programme

There was a change to this Programme in 2015. The Programme was funded by grant allocations from the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport until 2014. With effect from the 1st January, 2015, these grants were replaced by funding from Local Property Tax.

A sum of €2,672,000.00 replaced the Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance Grants.

A total of 18 roads were re-constructed and/or re-surfaced with these funds in 2015 as follows :-

- Corbawn Lane, Shankill (in two phases)
- Waltham Terrace, Blackrock
- St. Peter's Terrace, Glasthule
- Convent Road, Blackrock
- Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock – (from Convent Rd junction to Frascati Road)
- Merville Road, Stillorgan
- Thornhill Road, Mount Merrion
- Carysfort Avenue at Rose Hill, Blackrock
- Woodlawn Park, Churchtown – (Part of)
- Beech Drive, Dundrum
- Green Route Cycle Tracks
- Ballinteer Avenue – Re-texturing of 3 sections
- Redesdale Road, Mount Merrion
- Churchview Road, Killiney (Part of)
- Loughlinstown Village to Jim Rock Motors - re-surface section of access road
- Kill Abbey Estate – re-surface section of road adjacent to Kill Lane
- Monkstown Pool & Fitness Centre – re-surfacing of access road
- Balally Estate, Dundrum – jointing & overbanding.



### Other works carried out in 2015

In addition to the roads listed above, the following works were also undertaken using the Council's own resources:-

- Dodder River Retaining Wall – Engineering works carried out to rectify undermining of wall by Dodder River.
- Emergency works on Barnaslingan Lane – diversion of damaged culvert from private property to public road. Remediation works carried out to damaged property.
- Vico Road, Dalkey – repairs carried out to old random rubble wall
- Road condition surveys were carried out to determine the PSCI (Pavement Surface Condition Index) Ratings on the complete road network in the County.

### Footpath Restoration Programme

Contract Works were carried out at 14 locations in 2015 with funding of € 580,000.00 from the Council's own resources.

Locations of Footpaths renewed in 2015 are as follows:

- Grove Avenue, Blackrock
- Stillorgan Grove, Stillorgan
- Avondale Court and Avondale Lawn
- Corbawn Lane, Shankill
- St. Thomas' Road, Mount Merrion
- Mather Road North, Mount Merrion
- Lower Kilmacud Road (part of)
- Fairyhill, off Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock
- Balally Estate, Dundrum
- Taney Avenue, Dundrum
- Lynwood Estate, Ballinteer
- Clonard Estate, Ballinteer
- Marley Grange Estate, Rathfarnham
- Broadford Estate, Ballinteer

### Direct Labour Workforce

In addition to the Contract works set out above, the Road Maintenance Direct Labour work force carried out a variety of important functions including the following :-

- Winter Maintenance service
- Repairs to potholes in roads
- Footpath repairs
- Signage – erection of new signs and maintenance of existing signage
- Hedge cutting
- Carrying out works to address flooding/ponding on roads and footpaths
- Footpath Dishings

## Road Control Section

The Roadmap on-line application system is now being used by the ESB, Gas Networks Ireland and Communication Companies (Open Eir, UPC/Virgin Media and BT).

The introduction of a system to take in all applications for Licences to excavate public roads and footpaths is being rolled out by the RMO (Road Management Office) countrywide in conjunction with the development of an updated "Online Roadworks Control" system known as "MRL – (Map Road Licencing)".

### Gas Networks Ireland

Gas Networks Ireland works continued with the installation of reinforcements (Additional new Gas Mains) on their system along with one-off connections to individual dwellings. There was a considerable increase in the number of applications for these one-off connections in 2015

Gas Networks Ireland also carried out a programme of works to identify the location of any cast iron mains that may be left on their system following their renewals programme. Work was also carried out on a number of existing District Regulating Stations.

### UPC-NTL (Now Virgin Media)

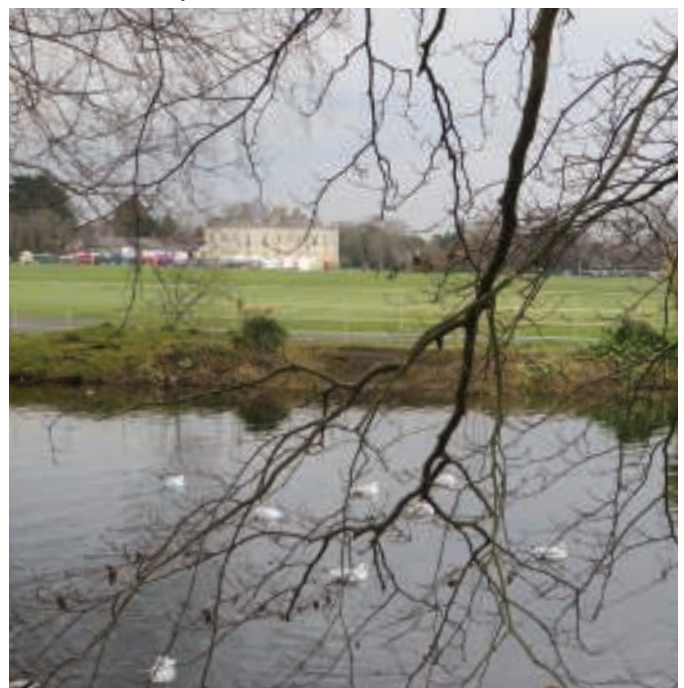
The renewals programme involving 28 "Rings" has been completed. UPC continued with customer connections and on-going maintenance of their network in 2015.

### Open Eir Ltd.

Open Eir Ltd. commenced a Programme of upgrading their network in the County in 2013 and this work continued into 2015. This involves the installation of Cabinets along with an associated power source for each cabinet (ESB micro pillar) throughout the County in order to improve their Broadband capability.

A total of 1,109 licences were granted to the Statutory Utility Companies in 2015.

**Below:** Pond at Marlay Park



Below: Blue Flag Beach - Killiney



## Waste & Water Services

In accordance with arrangements agreed with Irish Water, a sum of €533,000.00 was spent on carrying out permanent reinstatement of openings for repairs to the water supply and drainage networks.

## Public Lighting Section

There are over 23,500 lights in the County maintained by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The numbers continue to grow with the taking in charge of estates and roads. Alongside the day to day maintenance, there is an upgrading program of columns, brackets, networks and de-coupling of direct feed networks.

The Public Lighting Section, through its energy reduction program, is committed to environmentally friendly lighting. This program is focused on the installation of energy efficient LED lanterns which use white light, electronic ballasts and dimming capabilities. The program aims to meet the 33% public lighting energy reduction by the year 2020.

The Public Lighting Section is involved in the public lighting design of new schemes such as the Leopardstown Roundabout and the Sandyford Link Road. Also design support for projects such as Pottery Road, upgrading of N11 and projects throughout the County. The Section reviews public lighting planning applications for new estates, developments and roads.

Further integration took place between the GIS computerised public lighting Asset Management System and the maintenance contractors to manage the activities of Public Lighting maintenance from fault reporting through to final invoicing.

Investigation and review continues on the use of the public lighting infrastructure to facilitate implementation of SMART city systems.

A total number of 1,374 lanterns were replaced with high efficiency LED lanterns.

## Environment Section

Environment incorporates a wide range of services for citizens and visitors which are designed to provide and maintain high quality amenities, maintain a good quality of public realm and facilitate a diversity of cultural activities.

The core services are:

### Parks & Landscaping Service

A wide variety of local landscape improvements were undertaken in open spaces throughout the County, including new seating, footpaths, tree/shrub/bulb and flower planting, vegetation clearance/tidy-up, re-instatement of grass areas, recreational facilities and street tree planting within housing estates.

The Parks Service continued to support and develop other attractions within our parks such as the CoCo Markets.

### New Developments included:

- Completion of new pedestrian entrance to Rockfield Park from Castlebyrne Estate.
- New path network at Rathsallagh Park
- New path at Soldiers & Sailors Field
- Upgrade of footpath network at Kilbogget Park
- New boundary wall at Springhill Park
- Commencement of Orchard Project – Shanganagh Park
- Path at Clarinda Park
- Bridge repairs at Clonkeen Park
- Path reinstatement at Marlay Park
- New toilets at Cabinteely Park
- Tree Survey completed at Deer Park
- Initial tree survey completed at Fernhill
- Path network completed at Ballawley Park and Loreto Park
- Improvement works at the allotment site Goatstown

Parks Department continued to work closely with local communities; attending meetings, sharing information and assisting and advising on estate improvements in Council estates.

Development of local work plans identifying local problems and agreeing on the necessary works to address these issues.

Planting and Landscape schemes (re-instatement of grass areas, tree/shrub planting, bulbs, flowers).

Street Tree Planting within housing estates.

### Cemeteries Service

598 interments were carried out in Deansgrange Cemetery and 525 in Shanganagh Cemetery.

23 graves were sold in Deansgrange Cemetery and 185 in Shanganagh Cemetery in 2015.

Automation of the cemetery records continued in 2015 and testing of the new Cemetery Management System also continued. It is anticipated that both cemeteries will be fully automated by mid-2016.

### Dlr Events

Dlr Events continued its programme of Free Events in 2015 with popular events like the Cabinteely Carnival, Movies in the Park and the very successful Samhain.

2015 saw the introduction of a new event – Atmosphere in Newtownsmith This was a great success and it is hoped to continue to host this event in 2016.

Marlay Park hosted more concerts in 2015 including names such as Avicii, Paulo Nutini, Imelda May and Hozier.

### Sports Development in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

In 2015 the Sports Development Office continued to deliver and develop its County Wide Sports Development Programme, which incorporated the Sports Access Scheme and event grants. This also included specific provision for Access Programmes for Women in Sport, Youth at risk & Older Adults.

The Sports Development Office continued to grow its collaborative programme of work with the FAI, dlr Leisure Services, Leinster Rugby, UCD and the development of the Community Cricket programme in association with Leinster Cricket.

A sample of the success stories of 2015:

- Approximately 1,450 people took part in the Bay 10k Road race
- DLR Little & Mini Waves soccer programme with 3 locations around the County - an average of 75 boys & girls aged between 3-9yrs participate per week.
- DLR Mini Movers was delivered to over 700 boys & girls aged between 3-9yrs in community childcare facilities throughout the County.
- DRAFTS Programme (Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown after School Fun through Sports) with 12 schools taking part in weekly activities from Archery to Sailing.
- The Community sports programme facilitated over 38 sports programmes across the County. Some of the sports taking place included archery, volleyball, hockey, soccer, sailing, rugby, basketball and more.

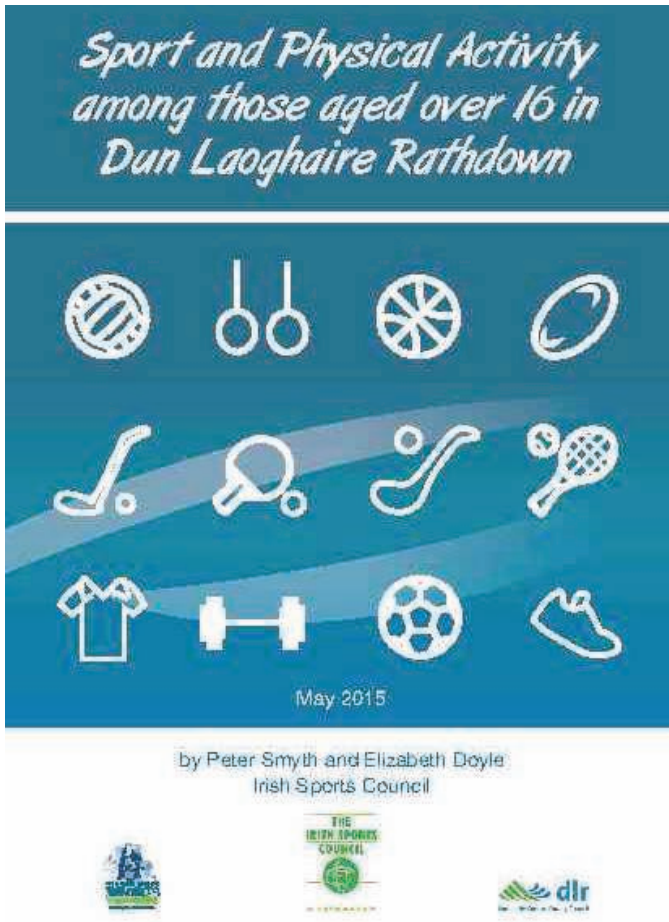
### Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership

In 2015 the Sports Partnership organised and delivered a wide range of training courses, workshops and targeted physical activity programmes for all ages, levels of ability and sporting types. The Sports Partnership also launched a report on participation rates



**Above:** An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Barry Saul, with Students Ella O'Connell and Sophia Metchette from Our Lady's Girls N.S. and Mt. Anville Montessori Junior School at Tree Planting 2015.

Below: Launch of Sport & Physical Activity Report



in the County and acts as a point of contact for those looking to get active.

### Participation Programmes & Events – Total of 3,300 Participants

- dlr Community 5K – 1,200 participants of all ages & abilities.
- Operation Transformation – walk held in Cabinteely Park walk with 310 participants, Couch 2 5K in Marlay Park
- Active Dance – Transition Year dance programme in 8 schools
- Older Adults Activity – taster days for 180 participants in two events
- Primary Schools Tasters – 265 children from 10 local schools
- Family Fun Cycle – around Blackrock & UCD (6km) with 250 people
- Walking Programmes – held in Dún Laoghaire, Cabinteely & Marlay
- Workplace Challenge – activity initiative for 55 Council staff in May
- Go For Life Games – dlr team of 16 were taken to a National event

### Volunteer Training & Development – Total of 700 Volunteers

- Sports Forum – 3 meetings organised in 2015 (Participation, Child Protection, Tackling Bullying)

Below: Cabinteely Park Walking Programme



- Primary Schools Seminar – focused on engaging non-active children
- Child Protection in Sport – 370 sports coaches/volunteers trained
- Disability Inclusion Training – 24 club coaches/volunteers trained
- Community Coaching Programme – upskilling 11 jobseekers
- Sports First Aid – 40 volunteers trained
- Walk Leader Training – parents in 9 schools trained to take groups
- Networking Seminar for Sports Development Officers in the County

### Disability Sport - Total of 600 Participants

- NRH Spinal Championships – joint organiser of this National event
- School Sports Hall Athletics – held in 2 Special Schools (40 children)
- MDI Sports Day – for children with Muscular Dystrophy
- Active Energise – activity taster day for 38 adults with disabilities
- Inclusive Cycling – training for 25 children with physical disabilities
- Wheelchair Basketball – development of a new club in the County



**Above:** Launch of Summer of Heritage 2015 - Rob Goodbody, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Barry Saul, Tim Carey and Jimmy O'Sullivan.

- Enjoy Tennis – new initiative for those with an intellectual disability
- On-going Programmes – including Access Sailing, Bocchia, Powerchair Football, Special Needs Tag.

### Heritage Service

- Summer of Heritage programme attracted over 12,000 visitors
- Biodiversity Events attended by over 1,200 people
- Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Project Continued
- Heritage Lecture Series held at Marlay House
- Consultation and grants programme for DLR 1916-2016. Launch of DLR 1916-2016 Event Programme.
- Launch of Deansgrange Cemetery Book
- Grants to several community heritage projects
- Maintenance of the Council's Heritage buildings
- Gateway staff maintain Carrickbrennan and Kill Abbey closed burial grounds
- Carrickmines Castle Conservation Plan - draft and consultation completed

### Cleansing Services

The Cleansing Section employs over 50 staff and the fleet consists of road-sweepers, mini-sweepers, side-loaders, pick-ups, a green machine and three gully trucks.

As part of a constant review of current operations, the road-sweeping schedule is continuously reviewed to provide a monthly service to the majority of the residential areas in the

County. In 2015, the Council continued with a working rota for street cleaning and litterbin emptying in the major town areas, which provides a service on a 7 day week basis from 7.00 am to 6.30 pm each day and 7:00am to 7:30pm on Fridays. This new schedule allows for town centres to be visited daily and the main roads to be swept fortnightly.

The Cleansing Section has 3 gully cleaning trucks which constantly clean approximately 22,000 gullies throughout the County and respond to any flooding alerts.

During the spring / summer months the cleansing section commence our weed control programme throughout the County.

The upgrade of the litter bins was completed in 2015, which increased the capacity of the system from approximately 45,000 litres to over 250,000 litres. Using the web based application to monitor real-time levels of waste in the new units; the number of litter bins visited during a working day has reduced by over 85%.

In 2015 dlr came second in the IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter) Awards out of 40 towns and cities surveyed across the Country.

All community clean-ups are supported by the Council supplying litter pickers, gloves and bags. All material collected by the groups are removed and disposed of by the Cleansing Section.

### Beaches

The beaches throughout the County are maintained 7 days a week. Seapoint and Killiney were awarded Blue Flags again in 2015.

Three beaches, Killiney, Sandycove and Seapoint are patrolled seven days a week during the bathing season from 1st June to early September.

# PLANNING & ORGANISATIONAL INNOVATION DEPARTMENT

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## Planning

Planning is responsible for implementing the provisions of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended), the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and Building Control legislation.

This involves reviewing the existing County Development Plan and the making of a new Development Plan every six years, making and implementing Local Area Plans, consideration of applications for planning permission, the control of ongoing development, the enforcement of planning legislation and providing advice on planning related matters together with enforcement of the Building Control legislation.

### Development Control Service Indicators

1,342 planning applications were received in 2015 which represents an increase of 1% on the 2014 figure.

1,252 valid planning applications determined.

Out of a total of 177 decisions issued by An Bord Pleanála in 2015 in relation to appeals, 138 (78%) upheld/varied the decision of the Planning Authority, while 39 (22%) reversed the decision of the Planning Authority.

### Enforcement

A total of 332 new files were opened during 2015.

352 Warning letters issued.

13 Enforcement Notices issued.

4 prosecutions were initiated.

### Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000

151 applications for a Declaration or Referral, under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), were received in 2015. 6 applications were referred to An Bord Pleanála for review.

### County Development Plan

The Development Plan consists of a Written Statement and a set of 14 Maps which cover the entire County. The Written



Above: Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Statement sets out the general policy of the Council for the future development of the County, over a six year period 2016-2022. It includes detailed standards influencing the control of development and specific objectives for different areas and different issues.

The Maps indicate graphically the overall land use zoning provisions of the Plan, the major road programmes and a whole raft of other objectives - including the preservation of trees, Protected Structures, EU-designated environmental areas, rights-of-way and structures of archaeological interest. The Plan seeks to provide for the future well-being of the residents of the County through promoting the continued growth of employment and commerce (i) by ensuring an adequate supply of zoned lands for anticipated needs (ii) by continuing to protect the special qualities of the County's environment and habitats and (iii) by ensuring the timely provision of necessary infrastructure and community services.

The preparation of the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan commenced in March 2014. Special Council Meetings to consider the Draft Development Plan were held following which the Draft Plan went on public display for a ten week period commencing in early March through to mid-May 2015. This public consultation process generated over 700 submissions from the general public, various interest groups, representative business organisations and other stakeholders.

Subsequent Amendments to the Draft Plan were put on a further public display for a four week period between 24th November and 22nd December 2015. A further almost 400 submissions were generated by this second round of public consultation. By

way of Resolution the Members of the Council finally adopted the County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 on 17th February 2016.

Largely on foot of continuing refinements and changes to European and National legislation and Directives, the 2016-2022 Development Plan contains 'new' material not previously included in earlier such Plans. A detailed Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the entire County is now incorporated into the Plan. Other new or expanded material includes a comprehensive Green Infrastructure Strategy, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation measures, Green Roofs Guidance and an increased focus on the Tourism and Recreation potential of Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown.

### Variations

During 2015, there were no Variations proposed to the County Development Plan 2010-2016.

### Local Area Plans [LAPs]

The Blackrock Local Area Plan was adopted by the Council in March, 2015.

### Development Contribution Scheme (Section 48 of Planning and Development Act, 2000)

The Council on 14 December 2015 adopted the Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2016 – 2020. The new Scheme was adopted following an extensive examination of projects underway in all departments having regard to expenditure to date and future expenditure and related funding to 2020. This was followed by a period of public consultation with

Below: Main Street, Blackrock



all stakeholders culminating in the Chief Executive's report to Council.

The new Scheme contains several measures that will encourage development in the County including:

- Freezing of existing development contribution rates up to the end of 2017.
- Change of use of an existing premises is exempt which will assist in optimising the potential of existing development.
- Car parking in commercial developments which provides for basement car parking within the footprint of the commercial development is exempt.

An additional contribution in the Sandyford Urban Framework Plan Area has been provided for to ensure that infrastructural requirements are met in this case.

The requirement for a review of the Scheme as it relates to the Cherrywood Planning Scheme Area was acknowledged within the new Scheme and this will be accommodated at a future date.

Water infrastructural requirements are no longer the remit of this contribution scheme as this function has been transferred to Irish Water since 2014.

During 2015 a total of €13.45 million was collected in respect of Section 48 Development Contributions. This represented a 17.7% increase on 2014.

### Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme (Section 49 of Planning and Development Act, 2000-2006)

A total of €4.05 million was collected in respect of the Luas Line B1 and the Glenamuck District Distributor Road Scheme and the Surface Water Attenuation Scheme during 2015. This represented an 83.6% increase on the 2014 collection.

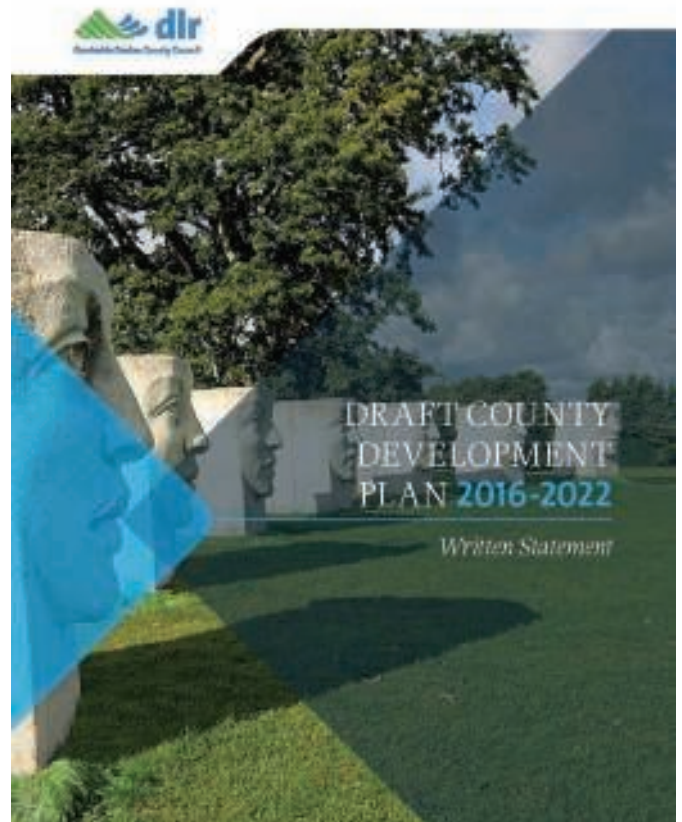
## Building Control Section

The Building Control Section is responsible for monitoring the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007 and the Regulations made under the Acts.

The Building Control Section monitors approximately 15% of all new building works commenced in the County annually for compliance with the Building Regulations, however, the primary responsibility for compliance rests with the owners and builders. Building Control monitor new buildings to ensure that the building has a BER before it is occupied. A new residential or commercial building, or an existing building which is to be let or sold, requires a BER before it is occupied.

### Taking in Charge

The Building Control Section co-ordinates the statutory taking in charge process in new developments. The process includes monitoring the completion of roads, services, public lighting and open spaces in new developments when the development works are in progress. On the completion of the development further inspections are carried out to ensure that site works comply with the Council's taking in charge standards set out in "Development Works Guidance Document". There were no estates taken in charge in 2015.



The Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014 require certificates of compliance for works to buildings. The building owner is ultimately responsible for ensuring that buildings and building works are carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Building Regulations. The Building Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015 provided that the owner of works involving the construction of a new single dwelling, on a single unit development, or of a domestic extension, may opt out of the requirement to obtain statutory certificates of compliance signed by a registered construction professional. Notifications, applications and compliance certificates are submitted on line.

### National Survey on On-going Housing Developments

A report by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and the Housing Agency in July 2012, "Resolving Unfinished Housing Developments" outlines the real progress that is being made and must continue to be made, which is particularly focused on addressing the needs of residents living in such developments.

No significant issues with regard to the public utility works (i.e. roads, lighting, water and drainage, etc.) or public safety were identified on any of these sites within the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area.

At the beginning of 2015 there were a total of 13 unfinished estates in the County. During the year 6 of these developments were classified as complete and consequently removed from the DECLG list, leaving a new total of 7.

Building Control continues to monitor the estates in our jurisdiction and is having ongoing discussions with the respective developers or their agents to ensure that these estates are satisfactorily maintained.



### Continuous Evaluation and Improvements of Services.

Planning also continues to encourage increased public participation in our processes, particularly statutory processes, by the provision of widely published public information sessions and the use of the Council website to facilitate the making of on line submissions.

During the public consultation part of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan 2016 – 2022 over 700 submissions were received.

Such measures, as well as improving communication with, and involvement by the public, enhances local democracy and involvement by the public in major decision making processes.

### Human Resources

Human Resources is involved in the general administration of statutory employment provisions, the policies, procedures and schemes adopted by management. The Department also has responsibility for Accessibility and Workplace Partnership.

### Staff of the County Council

The workforce of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at the end of 2015 was 931 including clerical/administrative, professional, technical and depot-based staff comprising craft and general workers.

Below: Culture Night at the Lexicon



### Recruitment, Administration & Industrial Relations

The Human Resources Department provides an advisory service to local management, ensuring equality and consistency throughout the organisation.

Staff welfare is promoted through the operation of schemes that aspire to a work life balance i.e. flexi time, term time, work-sharing.

The Staff Support Counsellor identifies and responds to transitory crises or personal difficulties experienced by staff at work or at home and provides a confidential counselling, referral and information service.

### Equality

Equality is a core value in the culture of the Council. This is reflected in the policies, practices and procedures when engaging with both citizens and each other. Diversity management is integrated into the customer care training programme which has supported the development of appropriate responses to a wide range of enquiries, concerns and requirements.

### Accessibility

The 3% target for the employment of people with disabilities referred to in the Disability Act 2005 was exceeded again in 2015 (4%).

Below: Clock Tower



### Staff Development and Training

During the year, the training programme delivered in-house training to 951 staff including the following areas:

Health and Safety, Personal Development, Procurement Training Customer Care, Lone Worker Training, Effective Conflict Management Training, IT Training.

Training was also delivered to 42 Gateway staff.

4 staff members have undertaken the Certificate in Local Government Studies in 2015.

32 staff members were approved under the Scheme of Assistance for courses of further education.

### Gateway Scheme

The Gateway Scheme is a local authority work placement scheme designed to provide short-term working opportunities for unemployed people. A total of 41 persons were recruited onto the scheme in 2015 bringing the overall total to 75 persons on the scheme.

The categories of work are those defined by Sharepoint /Pobal.

The 41 participants were assigned as follows:-

- 4 – clerical and administration

- 32 – environmental services such as roads, horticultural, parks and cemetery services.
- 5 – staffing and support of: arts, cultural, tourism, heritage activities and centres

### Workplace Partnership:

The Partnership Committee held a number of meetings during the year. Partnership Action groups continued to advance several objectives / activities, some of which are outlined below: -

### Staff Development:

Seeking to continue to assist Staff in a helpful way, lunch-time talks were also organized in the Council Chamber, where up to 170 staff attended.

### Return to Learning:

Two return to learning groups were established. This initiative is run by the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board, formally the VEC.

### Annual Staff Commemoration Event:

Deceased staff members were remembered in both the Town Hall and the Ballyogan Operations Centre on 30th October.



Above: Dundrum Arts Festival - Reuzgom from Belgium on 26 June 2015 with An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Barry Saul

### Health and Wellbeing Action Group:

The Health and Wellbeing Action Group continued promoting health and wellbeing activities during the year with 257 staff members availing of health checks which were run in County Hall and Ballyogan Operations Centre.

### Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council 2016 Calendar:

A calendar was produced, which contained photos/images of staff detailing the wide variety of services provided by the Council.

### Long Service Recognition:

In November 2015, the Long Service Action Group ran a function for staff to celebrate 25 years' service.

## Information Technology

The role of the Information Technology Section is

- To provide for the reliable provision of existing IT services throughout the Council.
- To provide for the efficient introduction of new IT services via projects.
- To drive and enable IT related innovation.
- To engage with and support national IT projects and initiatives.

The IT section has adopted the ITIL framework to ensure best practise and efficiency in the delivery of existing services. Project management methodologies (PMM) are used to ensure that projects are aligned with the Council's Corporate Plan and the Annual Service Delivery Plan and also to ensure that projects are delivered in a timely and cost effective manner.

### Some Highlights in 2015:

- The launch of events.dlrccoco.ie, a central repository for events organised by all Council departments.
- A major refresh of infrastructure (SAN and UPS) in the Council's data centre, providing increased capacity, resilience and reliability.
- Upgrade of desktop Office software for all users and on-going upgrade of desktop hardware.
- An upgrade of software and hardware for high end CAD users.
- Implementation of new Audit and Risk systems.
- Continued rollout of CRM (Customer Relationship Management).
- Our Service Desk dealt with 2,120 individual incidents and requests for services.

Below: People's Park





# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015 €	2014 €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	1		
Operational		1,329,838,700	1,314,129,049
Infrastructural		1,774,812,188	1,780,034,270
Community		57,695,652	58,202,375
Non-Operational		102,065,024	102,065,024
		<b>3,264,411,565</b>	<b>3,254,430,719</b>
<b>Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses</b>	2	<b>27,874,888</b>	<b>53,004,774</b>
<b>Long Term Debtors</b>	3	<b>118,193,412</b>	<b>129,747,211</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock	4	774,937	752,134
Trade Debtors and Prepayments	5	20,434,271	20,447,000
Bank Investments		136,157,143	126,153,099
Cash at Bank		102,605	550,899
Cash in Transit		365,696	742,072
		<b>157,834,652</b>	<b>148,645,204</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	60,257,075	54,154,907
Finance Leases		-	-
		<b>60,257,075</b>	<b>54,154,907</b>
<b>Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)</b>		<b>97,577,577</b>	<b>94,490,297</b>
<b>Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)</b>			
Loans Payable	7	137,541,877	150,679,876
Finance Leases		-	-
Refundable Deposits	8	17,163,653	8,647,342
Other		36,215,040	45,177,575
		<b>190,920,570</b>	<b>204,504,793</b>
<b>Net Assets / (Liabilities)</b>		<b>3,317,136,872</b>	<b>3,327,168,207</b>
<b>Represented By</b>			
Capitalisation	9	3,264,411,565	3,254,430,719
Income WIP	2	11,044,190	17,188,538
Specific Revenue Reserve		18,452,967	18,452,967
General Revenue Reserve		9,721,176	9,699,927
Other Balances	10	13,506,974	27,396,055
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>3,317,136,872</b>	<b>3,327,168,205</b>

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT) FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2015

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure.

It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

		Gross Expenditure 2015	Income 2015	Net Expenditure 2015	Net Expenditure 2014
Expenditure by Division	Note	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building		30,019,490	29,757,130	262,360	1,441,868
Roads, Transport & Safety		26,675,774	12,099,477	14,576,297	15,431,028
Water Services		12,306,318	9,254,380	3,051,938	2,678,821
Development Management		13,037,593	4,084,874	8,952,719	8,464,941
Environmental Services		26,932,094	6,559,914	20,372,180	20,158,122
Recreation and Amenity		25,542,937	4,781,712	20,761,225	19,780,995
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		796,383	457,174	339,209	496,990
Miscellaneous Services		12,501,129	2,002,946	10,498,183	11,717,548
<b>Total Expenditure/Income</b>	15	<b>147,811,717</b>	<b>68,997,606</b>		
Net Cost of Division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax				78,814,111	80,170,313
Rates				82,201,617	83,497,572
Local Property Tax				8,288,659	5,597,049
Pension Related Deduction				2,381,175	2,546,340
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer</b>	16			<b>14,057,340</b>	<b>11,470,648</b>
<b>Transfers from/(to) Reserves</b>	14			(14,036,091)	(11,419,265)
<b>Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>				<b>21,250</b>	<b>51,383</b>
<b>General Reserve at 1st January</b>				9,699,927	9,648,544
<b>General Reserve at 31st December</b>				<b>9,721,176</b>	<b>9,699,927</b>

# PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2015

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Performance Indicators 01/01/15 - 31/12/15

### C: Corporate

#### Corporate: C1 & C2 & C4

Wholetime equivalent staffing number as year end	930.90
Percentage of working days lost due to sickness absence through medically certified leave	2.80 %
Percentage of working days lost due to sickness absence through self-certified leave	0.47 %
Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave	7828 day
Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave	1045 day
Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave	1901 day
Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave	44 day
All ICT Expenditure in the period 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015 divided by the WTE no.	€3482.21
Total revenue expenditure on Account Elements	€3241586.06

#### Corporate: C3

Total page views of the LA website in 2015	3694043
Total number of social media users at 31/12/2015 following the LA on social media sites	26254
The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the LA during 2015	3694043
Total no. of social media users who, at 31/12/2015, were following the LA on any social media sites	26254

### E: Environmental & Waste

#### Waste: E1

No. households in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2015, (2016 census)	35079
% households within the LA that the number A represents	46.29 %



**Environmental Pollution: E2**

Total number of pollution complaint cases	2430
Number of pollution cases not investigated or finalised	2436
Number of pollution cases not finalised	16
Number of pollution cases in respect of complaint during 2015	2430
Number of pollution cases closed during 2015	2436
Total number of cases at hand at 31/12/2015	16

**Litter Pollution: E3**

Percentage of area unpolluted by litter	57%
Percentage of area slightly polluted by litter	22 %
Percentage of area moderately polluted by litter	17 %
Percentage of area significantly polluted by litter	4 %
Percentage of area grossly polluted by litter	0 %

**F: Fire Service****Fire Service: F1**

AFS Programme E expenditure divided by the census 2016 population served by the Fire Service	
AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service & E12 Fire Prevention	N/A

**Fire Service: F2 & F3**

<b>A.</b> Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of Fire	
<b>B.</b> Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations in respect of Fire	N/A
<b>C.</b> Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of other accidents	N/A
<b>D.</b> Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations in respect of other accidents	N/A
<b>A.</b> % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 mins	
<b>B.</b> % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	
<b>C.</b> % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is after 20 mins	
<b>D.</b> % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is within 10 mins	
<b>E.</b> % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	
<b>F.</b> % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is after 20 mins	N/A

Total no. of call-outs in respect of fires from 01/01/2015 - 31/12/2015	N/A
No. of fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	N/A
No. of fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	N/A
No. of fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 mins	N/A
Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents from 01/01/2015 - 31/12/2015	N/A
No. of non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 mins	N/A
No. of non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	N/A
No. of non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 mins	N/A

## H: Housing

### Housing: H1, H2 & H4

A. Overall total number of dwellings provided by the LA in the period 1/1/2015 to 31/12/2015	52
B. Number of dwellings directly provided	16
B1. Number of dwellings constructed	0
B2. Number of dwellings purchased	16
C. Number of units provided under RAS	35
D. Number of units provided under the HAP Scheme	0
E. Number of units provided under the SHLI	1
F. The overall total number of social housing dwellings in the LA at 31/12/2015	4937
G. The total number of dwellings directly provided (constructed or purchased) by the LA	4400
H. Total number of units provided under the RAS	397
I. Total number of units provided under the HAP if operated	0
J. Total number of units provided under the SHLI	140
A. Percentage of the number of dwellings at H1G that were vacant on 31/12/2015	0.66 %
The number of dwelling units within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2015	29
A. Expenditure in 2015 on repair & maintenance of housing bought or built by the LA divided by H1G	€ 2,127.25
Expenditure on repair and maintenance of LA stock compiled on a continuous basis during 2015	€8898313.57

**Housing: H3 & H5**

A. Average time taken from date of vacation of dwelling to date when a new tenancy had commenced	12.11 wk
B. Average cost expended on getting the units re-tenanted ready for re-letting	€8983.12
No of units that were re-tenanted on any date in 2015 (excl. those vacant for estate refurbishment)	120
No. of weeks from when previous tenant vacated dwelling up to date new tenant's first rent debit	1453.71 wk
Total expenditure on repairs necessary to enable re-letting of the units included above	€1077974.43
A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area	15785
B. Number of inspections carried out	416

**Housing: H6**

A. No. of adults in emergency accom. long-term as a % of the total number of homeless adults	N/A
No. of adults classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on night of the 31/12/2015	0
No. of adults on that date who had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously	0

**J: Economic Development****Economic Development: J1**

Number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the year	21.00
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**L: Library Service****Library Service: L1**

Number of library visits during the year	999000
Number of items borrowed during the year	1502259
A. Number of library visits per head of population	4.60
B. Number of items issued to borrowers during the year	1502259

**Library Service: L2**

The Annual Financial Statement Programme F data / by the population of the LA area 2016 per census	€35.63
AFS Programme Fo2 Cost of Library Service	€7742109

## M: Finance

### Finance: M1 & M2

Cumulative balance at 31/12/2011 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€9550465
Cumulative balance at 31/12/2012 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€9601934
Cumulative balance at 31/12/2013 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€9648543
Cumulative balance at 31/12/2014 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€9699927
Cumulative balance at 31/12/2015 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€9721176
Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2015 as a percentage of Total Income from the AFS statement	6.01 %
Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2011	76.0 %
Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2012	75.0 %
Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2013	78.0 %
Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	78.0 %
Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	85 %
Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2011	80.0 %
Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2012	79.0 %
Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2013	77.0 %
Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	80.0 %
Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	79 %
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2011	73.0 %
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2012	64.0 %
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2011	64.0 %
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	57.00%
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	62 %
The 2015 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€161869057

## P: Planning

### Planning: P1

Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	19.17 %
Total no. of new buildings notified to the local authority	673
No. of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2015 subject of at least one inspection	129

### Planning: P2 & P3

A. Number of planning decisions subject of appeal to An Bord Pleanála determined by board in 2015	163
B. % of the determinations which confirmed (with or without variations) the decision made by the LA	76.07 %
Number of determinations confirming the LA's decision with or without variation	124

A. Number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the LA during 2015 that were investigated	356
B. Number of cases that were closed during 2015	281
C. % cases at B dismissed re Section 15(2) or closed because statute barred or exempted development	31.32 %
D. % of cases at B that were resolved to the LA's sanctification through negotiations	24.91 %
E. % Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	43.77 %
F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2015	243

Number of cases at 'B' that were dismissed under section 15(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	88
Number of cases at 'B' that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	70
Number of cases at 'B' that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	123

### Planning: P4

AFS Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area	€33.36
AFS Programme D consisting of Do1, Do2, Do3 (inclusive of the central management charge)	€7247291

## R: Roads

### Roads: R1 & R2

% Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating	98.00 %
% Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating	96.00 %
% Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating	95.00 %
% Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating	79.00 %
% Regional roads that received a PSCI rating during 2015	100.00 %
% Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	7.00 %
% Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	24.00 %
% Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	15.00 %
% Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	52.00 %
% Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	10.00 %
% Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	37.00 %
% Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	12.00 %
% Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	37.00 %
% Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	10.00 %
% Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	39.00 %
% Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	11.00 %
% Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	35.00 %
% Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	3.00 %
% Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	27.00 %
% Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	18.00 %
% Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	31.00 %
<b>A1.</b> Kilometres of regional roads strengthened using Road Improvement grants	0.5 km
<b>A2.</b> Regional road Improvement Grant amount	€252629.00
<b>B1.</b> Number of kilometres of regional roads resealed using Road Maintenance grants	0.0 km
<b>B2.</b> Regional road Maintenance Grant amount	0

### Motor Tax: R3

% of motor tax transactions online	N/A
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**W: Water****Water: W1**

% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements	100%
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**Y: Youth and Community****Youth and Community: Y1 & Y2**

Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	0%
Total number of secondary schools in the LA area at 31/12/2015	31
No. second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the Comhairle na nÓg AGM	0
No. organisations in the County Register and proportion who opted in to the Social Inclusion College	29.69
No. organisations in the County Register for the local authority area	192
Total number of registered organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College	57



Above: "What a Beautiful View"



