

Dún Laoghaire-
Rathdown
County Council

Annual Report
2013



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Foreword 2013



We are pleased to introduce the Council's Annual Report 2013, which outlines the work of the Council in delivering important public services and a range of infrastructural projects during the year, all of which contribute to making Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown a more attractive place to work, live and do business in.

Notwithstanding the difficult environment in which the Council operated in 2013 with the ongoing adjustment to public finances it is noteworthy that the Council was in a position to maintain the broad range of services it provides during 2013. 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.

The Council has continued with our extensive capital programme in areas such as transportation, water and waste services, environment, culture and community facilities. A number of significant projects were completed or ongoing during the year such as the newly refurbished Deansgrange Library and the construction of the Central Library and Cultural Centre, the commencement of the upgrading of Pottery Road and the construction of Burton Hall Road. In the area of culture and tourism facilities the refurbishment of Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre was completed in 2013 and the Council opened a Tourism Information Centre in County Hall.

A key area of activity during 2013 was the preparatory work necessary for the implementation of some of the Government's reforms in local government such as the transition to Irish Water, the alignment of local government and local development and the establishment of a Local Enterprise Office.

During the year a total of 16 staff members (in whole time equivalents) left the Council's employment. The overall staffing levels have reduced by 29.5% from its peak level at 3 December 2003.

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.

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Bailey, Cllr. Maria	✓		
Baker, Cllr. Marie	✓		✓
Bhreathnach, Cllr. Niamh	✓		✓
Boyhan, Cllr. Victor	✓		✓
Brennan, Cllr. Aoife		✓	
Devlin, Cllr. Cormac	✓		
Dillon-Byrne, Cllr. Jane	✓		
Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Stephen (Resigned 25 th August 2013)	✓		
Fox, Cllr. Tony		✓	
Halpin, Cllr. Melisa	✓		
Hand, Cllr. Pat		✓	✓
Horkan, Cllr. Gerry		✓	✓
Humphreys, Cllr. Richard		✓	✓
Joyce, Cllr. Tom		✓	✓
Lewis, Cllr. Hugh	✓		✓
Marren, Cllr. Donal	✓		✓
McCarthy, Cllr. Lettie		✓	
Murphy, Cllr. Tom		✓	✓
O'Callaghan, Cllr. Denis	✓		✓
O' Dea, Cllr. Jim		✓	
O'Keeffe, Cllr. Gearóid		✓	
Pierce, Cllr. Donna (Co-opted 9 th September 2013)	✓		
Richmond, Cllr. Neale		✓	
Saul, Cllr. Barry		✓	✓
Smyth, Cllr. Carrie	✓		✓
Stewart, Cllr. Patricia	✓		
Tallon, Cllr. Grace		✓	
Ward, Cllr. Barry	✓		✓

Councillor/Member	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Theatre Company	Eastern River Basin District Advisory Council	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.	Joint Policing Committee	Local Authorities Members Association	Local Authorities Members Committee on Strategic Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area	Local Policing Forum	Local Policing Forum for the Sandymount/Stepaside area	Local Consultative Committee Est. under Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998	Lord Edward Fitzgerald Memorial Fund
Cllr. J. Bailey										
Cllr. M. Bailey										
Cllr. M. Baker				✓						✓
Cllr. N. Bhreathnach				✓		✓				
Cllr. V. Boyhan										
Cllr. A. Brennan				✓						
Cllr. C. Devlin	✓ Resigned 14/1/13			✓						
Cllr. J. Dillon-Byrne	✓	✓		✓						
Cllr. S. Fitzpatrick (Resigned 25th August 2013)										
Cllr. T. Fox										
Cllr. M. Halpin										
Cllr. P. Hand										
Cllr. G. Horkan	✓ Appointed 14/1/13									
Cllr. Dr. R. Humphreys				✓						✓
Cllr. T. Joyce				✓		✓				
Cllr. H. Lewis				✓						
Cllr. D. Marren	✓				✓				✓ Appointed 1/7/13	
Cllr. L. McCarthy				✓				✓		
Cllr. T. Murphy									✓	
Cllr. D. O'Callaghan										
Cllr. J. O'Dea				✓					✓ Resigned 1/7/13	
Cllr. G. O'Keefe										
Cllr. D. Pierce (Co-opted 9th September 2013)										
Cllr. N. Richmond										
Cllr. B. Saul		✓		✓						
Cllr. C. Smyth				✓			✓			
Cllr. P. Stewart				✓						
Cllr. G. Tallon									✓	
Cllr. B. Ward			✓	✓						✓

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Membership

*Table reflects SPC membership in 2013

Councillor / Member	Environment, Culture & Community SPC	Water & Waste Services SPC	Housing SPC	Planning SPC	Transportation SPC
Bailey, Cllr. John			✓	✓	
Bailey, Cllr. Maria				✓	✓
Baker, Cllr. Marie		✓			✓
Bhreathnach, Cllr. Niamh				Chair	✓
Boyhan, Cllr. Victor				✓	✓
Brennan, Cllr. Aoife	✓		✓		
Devlin, Cllr. Cormac	✓				✓
Dillon-Byrne, Cllr. Jane		✓	✓		
Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Stephen (Resigned 25th August 2013)	✓	✓			
Fox, Cllr. Tony	✓				✓
Halpin, Cllr. Melisa			✓	✓	
Hand, Cllr. Pat		✓			Chair
Horkan, Cllr. Gerry		Chair			✓
Humphreys, Cllr. Dr. Richard		✓			✓
Joyce, Cllr. Tom			✓	✓	
Lewis, Cllr. Hugh	✓	✓			
Marren, Cllr. Donal	✓		Chair		
McCarthy, Cllr. Lettie			✓	✓	
Murphy, Cllr. Tom		✓		✓	
O'Callaghan, Cllr. Denis	Chair		✓		
O'Dea, Cllr. Jim	✓			✓	
O'Keeffe, Cllr. Gearóid		✓	✓		
Pierce, Cllr. Donna (Co-opted 9th September 2013)	✓	✓			
Richmond, Cllr. Neale		✓	✓		
Saul, Cllr. Barry	✓	✓			
Smyth, Cllr. Carrie	✓				✓
Stewart, Cllr. Patricia	✓			✓	
Tallon, Cllr. Grace			✓	✓	
Ward, Cllr. Barry	✓				✓

SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES	Environment, Culture & Community SPC	Water & Waste Services SPC	Housing SPC	Planning SPC	Transportation SPC
Beck, Margaret			✓		
Carroll, Dara				✓	
Chamber of Commerce Ireland		(Vacant)			(Vacant)
Coleman, Matthew					✓
Crowe, Michael			✓		
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Community Forum	(Vacant)				
Ferris, Liz	✓				
Fitzgerald, Orla				✓	
Fitzsimons, Ken					✓
Fitzsimons, Robert					✓
Gallagher, Matt				✓	
Hargreaves, Bill		✓			
Heywood, Veronica				✓	
Humphreys, Orlaith				✓	
Irish Congress of Trade Unions			(Vacant)		
Keogh, Chris	✓				
Kirker, Roger	✓				
Kivlehan Thomas		✓			
Merrigan, Michael	✓				
Morley, Catherine			✓		
Nolan, Tom					✓
O'Connor, Noel			✓		
O'Callaghan, Paul				✓	
O'Donnell, Martin				✓	
O'Hanlon, John		✓			
O'Neill, Hugh		✓			
O'Neill, Séamas			✓		
O'Shea, Stephen		✓			
O'Sullivan, Damien	✓				

Strategic Policy Committee Reports

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings were held during 2013.

The issues considered were:

- Draft Cemeteries Bye-Laws 2013
- Draft Public Libraries Strategy 2013-2017
- County Sports Participation Strategy 2013-2017
- Dalkey Island Conservation Plan 2013-2023
- Arts Office Business Plan
- Requirement feasibility for a code of practice vis-à-vis busking
- Inter-Local Authority Awareness Campaign on Dog Fouling
- Gum Litter Task Force
- IBAL (Irish Businesses Against Litter) Survey
- Bratacha Festival 2013

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings were held during 2013.

The following is a summary of issues discussed:

- Site visit to Auburn Lodge, Killiney - a residential development acquired by NABCO followed by a presentation from NABCO
- “Homegrownhome” Initiative: presentation by Niall Martin on a proposal to assist people with a housing need to build their own homes.
- New Homeless Policy Statement - presentation from Cathal Morgan, Director of Dublin Region Homeless Executive.
- Presentation on the Preparation, Adoption & Implementation of Local Authority Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018.
- Presentation on Draft Statutory Framework Homeless Action Plan 2014-2016
- Update on Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.
- Update on Statutory Framework Homeless Action Plan 2014-2016.

Planning Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings were held during 2013.

The following is a summary of issues discussed:-

- Cherrywood S.D.Z. - Progress Report
- Presentation on “overview of 2013 Action Plan for Jobs and Role of Local Authorities”.

- Report on Development Contributions (Guidelines for Planning Authorities).
- Presentation and discussion on Draft Blackrock Local Area Plan.
- Citizen Development House - Providing privately owned affordable housing - Presentation.
- Local Area Plans Guidelines for Planning Authorities - Presentation.
- Review of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 - Submission on review of Part V to the DECLG
- Planning Policy County Development Plan 13.5.2 - Policy E122: Overhead Cable.

Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings were held in 2013.

The Committee considered the following items:

- Draft Noise Report 2013-2018 - update on new plan (draft plan submitted to EPA on 1 March 2013)
- Cycling Statistics Report 2013
- Annual Safety Plan Evaluation
- N11 Safety Review Report
- DLR Public Bike Hire Scheme Study
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Parking Bye-Laws
- National Transport Authority – Five Year Investment Framework 2013-2017 for Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council
- M50 Demand Management Study
- Bike Week Events: 15-23 June 2013
- Traffic Modelling in the Urban Environment - Case Studies - Blackrock LAP and Sandyford Business Park
- Dublin Agglomeration Environmental Noise Action Plan (December 2013 – November 2018)
- Road Safety Annual Evaluation Report 2012
- Report on motion referred from County Council meeting on Cyclists Right of Way at Junctions
- Policy on the Implementation of Statutory Signing and Lining Measures re. the implementation of single yellow lines in residential areas
- Traffic and Road Safety Section - Annual Report 2012, Overview of Works Programme 2013
- Cycling Update
- School Travel Plan Guidance.

Water & Waste Strategic Policy Committee

4 meetings were held in 2013.

The following issues were considered:

- Update on Irish Water - New procedure governing Private Drains under Section 70 of the Water Services Act 2007
- Update on Misconnection Surveys - Update on Water Services (Amendment) Act 2012 (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems) - Fluoridation of Water Supply
- Food Waste Regulations - Irish Water Transition Update
- Irish Water Transition

Councillors Attendance at Meetings in 2013

COUNCILLOR NAME	Total No of Meetings that Councillor Could have Attended	No of Meetings Attended by Councillor	% Rate of Attendance
John Bailey	38	37	98%
Maria Bailey	38	35	93%
Marie Baker	45	41	92%
Niamh Bhreathnach	45	38	85%
Victor Boyhan	43	41	96%
Aoife Brennan	44	19	44%
Cormac Devlin	40	37	93%
Jane Dillon Byrne	39	34	88%
Stephen Fitzpatrick (Resigned 25th August 2013)	23	21	92%
Tony Fox	42	38	91%
Melisa Halpin	38	34	90%
Pat Hand	46	44	96%
Gerry Horkan	43	43	100%
Richard Humphreys	45	30	67%
Tom Joyce	49	36	74%
Hugh Lewis	44	32	73%
Donal Marren	42	39	93%
Lettie McCarthy	43	40	94%
Tom Murphy	45	38	85%
Denis O'Callaghan	42	42	100%
Jim O'Dea	44	39	89%
Gearóid O'Keeffe	39	9	24%
Donna Pierce (Co-opted 9th September 2013)	13	11	85%
Neale Richmond	41	35	86%
Barry Saul	45	33	74%
Carrie Smyth	46	46	100%
Patricia Stewart	40	35	88%
Grace Tallon	42	29	70%
Barry Ward	45	30	67%

List of Conferences/Training Attended During 2013

Date	Conference Details	Location	Number of dlr Councillors that Attended
1st - 2nd February 2013	The Finance (Local Property Tax) Bill 2012	Galway	1
1st - 3rd February 2013	Cumann Merriman Winter School 2013	Mayo	1
15th - 16th February 2013	A.M.A.I. Spring Seminar 2013	Wexford	2
22nd - 24th February 2013	Public Health Seminar on HSE Tobacco Control Policy	Cork	1
7th - 8th March 2013	Association of County and City Councils Annual Conference: "Wonderful Waterford"	Waterford	6
7th - 10th March 2013	La Rencontre de Fingal: Culture and Sustainable Development	Dublin	1
13th March 2013	Public Affairs Ireland Conference: A New Future for Local Government in Ireland	Dublin	2
22nd - 24th March 2013	Freedom of Information (FOI): Training Seminar for Councillors	Limerick	2
5th - 6th April 2013	LAMA Spring Seminar 2013	Wexford	4
18th - 19th April 2013	"Opening Doors: My Life, My Home"	Cork	1
18th - 20th April 2013	11th National Tourism Conference: The Gathering - bringing our diaspora back home	Carlow	1
14th - 15th May 2013	Global Diaspora Forum: European Strand	Dublin	5
7th - 9th June 2013	The Development Plan and the Elected Member	Donegal	1
14th - 15th June 2013	Elected Member's Training Seminar: Supporting Enterprise, Local Development and Economic Growth	Galway	4
19th June 2013	Regional Assemblies Joint Annual Conference: "Contribution of Cohesion and Urban Policy to Economic Recovery"	Dublin	1
28th - 30th June 2013	European Movement Ireland	Cork	2
12th - 14th July 2013	Seminar on Drug and Alcohol Abuse for Local Authorities	Louth	1
12th - 13th July 2013	Training Seminar for Councillors: Local Elections 2014	Cork	1
28th July – 2nd August 2013	33rd Annual MacGill Summer School: "Looking to 2016 – How Stands The Republic?"	Donegal	1
16th - 18th August 2013	Benefits of Job Creation - Tax Entitlements Seminar	Louth	2
6th - 8th September 2013	VECs/Town Councils – Fetac - Fás: "The New Agenda"	Kerry	1

Date	Conference Details	Location	Number of dlr Councillors that Attended
12th - 14th September 2013	A.M.A.I 101st Annual Conference	Cork	3
18th - 21st September 2013	Les Rencontres - European Campus of Local and Regional Authorities for Culture 2013: "Culture and Social Innovation"	Finland	1
11th - 12th October 2013	LAMA Spring Seminar 2013: Local Authorities Driving Economic Development	Clare	7
25th - 26th October 2013	Putting People First - Update on its Implementation to date	Clare	1
1st - 2nd November 2013	Local Government Budget 2014	Donegal	1
1st - 2nd November 2013	Electoral, Local Governments & Planning & Development Acts 2013	Mayo	1
1st - 3rd November 2013	Council Budgets: Preparation/Adoption & Amendments	Kerry	2
6th November 2013	Volunteer Ireland: National Volunteer management Conference 2013	Dublin	1
8th - 9th November 2013	Local Authority Rates and Diminishing Returns	Galway	1
8th - 10th November 2013	A Practical Guide to Budget 2014	Louth	1
15th - 17th November 2013	The Effects of Budget 2014 on the Irish Economy	Tipperary	1
22nd - 24th November 2013	Debt Solutions: The New Personal Insolvency Legislation	Cork	4
27th November 2013	Focus Ireland: 'New Solutions to Finding Homes'	Dublin	1
29th - 30th November 2013	Local Government Bill 2013	Wexford	1
6th - 7th December 2013	Contemporary Overview of Immigration into Ireland	Clare	1
6th - 8th December 2013	Local Authority Employment - Law, Practice and Procedure	Tipperary	1
13th - 14th December 2013	Training Seminar for Councillors: Creating and Sustaining Employment at Local & Community Level	Wexford	2
13th - 14th December 2013	Putting People First: Update on Local Government Reform to Date	Clare	1
13th - 14th December 2013	Elected Member's Training Seminar: Housing Grants and Schemes	Galway	1
13th - 15th December 2013	Tourism Technology & Competitive Strategies for 2014	Cork	2
20th - 21st December 2013	Improving Road Safety - Traffic Management	Mayo	1

Audit of Councillors' Motions Agreed at Council Meetings 2013

No.	Date	Minute No.	Motions
1	14/01/2013	C/27/13	That the Council hereby adopts the Draft Standing Orders 2013 as Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Standing Orders 2013 as amended in accordance with Schedule 10 (16) of the Local Government Act 2001 - Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys, seconded by Councillor V. Boyhan
2	14/01/2013	C/42/13	That this Council welcomes the reduction in rates in Budget 2013 but also, in the interest of alleviating the continuing burden on struggling businesses, calls on the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to change the legislation with regard to commercial rates, allowing for a differential rating system to be implemented and further commits to write to other local Councils looking for support for this call - Proposed by Councillor M. Halpin and seconded by Councillor V. Boyhan
3	11/02/2013	C/80/13	That this Council agrees to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the following motion: That this Council recognises the loss of the bus service after 8.20 p.m. serving over 5000 residents of the County and calls on Dublin Bus and relevant parties to invest all possible resources to find a sustainable solution and return an evening public transport service to the affected residents as a matter of urgency - Proposed by Councillor H. Lewis and seconded by Councillor M. Halpin and Councillor V. Boyhan:
4	11/02/2013	C/81/13	That this Council would agree to write to the Garda Commissioner requesting him to meet with the Forward Development and Planning Department thus allow him to be fully briefed on potential and planned development within the County which would be beneficial to decision making on the future of Garda structuring - Proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy and seconded by An Cathaoirleach, Councillor T. Joyce
5	11/02/2013	C/90/13	That the Council write to the Minister for Finance to ask him to consider a rating system to allow start-up business a reduced rate for the first year - Proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor A. Brennan
6	11/02/2013	C/91/13	That this Council congratulates all the staff of the Social Inclusion Unit for the many events and activities that were run during Social Inclusion Week 2012 and thanks all of the volunteers, participants and outside organisations for taking part - Proposed by Councillor C. Devlin and seconded by Councillor G. Horkan
7	11/02/2013	C/95/13	That this Council calls on the Manager to prepare a detailed briefing note for the Council on the likely revenue budget cost implications of the proposal to increase the number of Elected Members from 28 to 40 following the next local elections as well any implications for the Council's capital budget and the physical Council Chamber - Proposed by Councillor B. Ward and seconded by Councillor M. Baker and P. Stewart
8	11/02/2013	C/96/13	That this Council writes to the Minister for Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht welcoming the proposed designation of the Rockabill to Dalkey island area as a Special Area of Conservation - Proposed by Councillor M. Halpin and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis
9	11/03/13	C/173/13	That the Council's Memorial Committee erect memorials to Robert Mallet, Founder of Science of Seismology, Michael Davit, Founder of The Land League and Architect Sir Edward Lovett Pearce - Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor B. Ward
10	11/03/13	C/185/13	That this Council request the Manager to sympathetically consider not passing on the Property Tax bill for the Council housing stock to Council tenants on the basis that these tenants are not the owners of the houses in which they live - Proposed by Councillor C. Smyth and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy:
11	13/05/13	C/430/13	"That the proposal be modified to reflect the amendments made to the Section 48 Scheme" proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor G. Tallon.

No.	Date	Minute No.	Motions
12	13/05/13	C/436/13	“That this Council would write to congratulate the following local athletes who took part in, and won medals for Team Ireland in the Winter Special Olympics held in South Korea in February 2013, the Olympians are: Gary Burton from Sallynoggin who won gold for the Intermediate Giant Slalom event. Katherine Daly from Dalkey who won two silver medals in the Novice Super G and the Novice Slalom events. We should also write to the Kiltiernan Karvers Special Olympics Club, Bray Lakers Special Olympics Club and the Tivoli Tigers recognising their achievements to date. Proposed by Councillor C. Devlin and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy
13	13/05/13	C/448/13	“That this Council writes to the Insurance Federation of Ireland deploring the increases in premiums for home insurance for people whose homes were flooded in the October 2011 extreme rainfall event. We also deplore the widespread refusal to insure those homes against future flooding despite remedial measures having been taken by householders and/or this Council and send a copy of this letter to Mr. Brian Hayes, T.D. Minister of State with special responsibility for Public Service Reform and the Office of Public Works.” Proposed by Councillor P. Stewart and seconded by Councillor M. Baker
14	13/05/2013	C/449/13	“That this Council welcomes the decision by Providence Resources surrendering the Foreshore Licence to carry out well site surveys and the drilling of an exploration well in the Kish Bank off Dalkey and writes to the Minister for State at the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government welcoming the decision and asking that the Minister keep the Councillors and Council informed of any new applications for foreshore licences or leases for this or similar projects.” proposed by Councillor D. O’Callaghan and seconded by Councillor C. Smyth.
15	13/05/2013	C/451/13	“That this Council agrees to call on the Minister for Local Government to close the loophole whereby members of Dail & Seanad Éireann do not pay rates on their constituency offices.” proposed by Councillor J. Bailey and seconded by Councillor M. Bailey.
16	10/06/2013	C/509/13	“That this committee supports the S2S (Sutton to Sandycove) project and requests that the Manager seeks a solution to the environmental issues that are currently preventing it from going ahead.” proposed by Councillor M. Baker and seconded by Councillor B. Ward:
17	10/06/2013	C/509/13	“That this Council supports the Sutton to Sandycove off road cycle and pedestrian route and calls on the Manager to ensure its construction and completion in the soonest possible time.” proposed by Councillor G. Horkan and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy:
18	01/07/2013	C/551/13	“That the Manager contact the Department of Natural Resources to request to be kept informed of any notice from Providence Resources to commence exploration under their exploration licence off the Dublin coastline?” proposed by Councillor M. Halpin and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis:
19	01/07/2013	C/552/13	“That the Manager would correct the many road signs that are facing the wrong direction across the County, possibly caused by high wind, and ensure all future signs will be fastened securely to prevent this happening.” proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy and seconded by Councillor R. Humphreys:
20	01/07/2013	C/555/13	“That the Council adopt a policy, after the current stock of traffic signs has been exhausted, whereby only signs in the minimum statutory or regulatory dimensions are purchased or erected.” proposed by Councillor B. Ward and seconded by Councillor C. Devlin:
21	01/07/2013	C/560/13	“That the Manager in conjunction with Dublin Bus, Gardaí and local policing committees put in place procedures in the event of bus services having to be restricted or withdrawn from any routes in the County.” proposed by Councillor D. O’Callaghan and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy:
22	01/07/2013	C/562/13	That this Council expresses concern about the long term sustainability of the current Local Property Tax model that is based on market values, acknowledges that any system based on market values has a more significant impact upon urban householders and particularly householders in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council more than anywhere else in the state and calls on the Government to examine other ways in which the revenues projected from the Local Property Tax can be raised.” proposed by Councillor D. O’Callaghan and seconded by Councillor C. Smyth:

No.	Date	Minute No.	Motions
23	14/10/2013	C/717/13	<p>“That the Manager write to the Minister for Finance seeking his agreement to a review of the licence (Sandycove Bathers Association) with a view to putting in place equal facilities for women and men, by agreement, involving this County Council and the Sandycove Bathers Association.” Proposed by Councillor J. Dillon Byrne and seconded by Councillors N. Bhreathnach, D. Pierce and R. Humphreys</A148></p> <p><A149></p>
24	14/10/2013	C/719/13	<p>“That this Council recognises the need for flexibility in dealing with local parking solutions in the County and calls on Council management to provide for flexibility to the greatest possible extent, to work with local councillors on these issues, and to dispense with the designation of residential parking areas as parking revenue generators in order that sensible solutions can be implemented to deal with residents’ legitimate concerns about the amenity of their areas.” Proposed by Councillor B. Ward and seconded by Councillor M. Halpin:</p>
25	14/10/2013	C/720/13	<p>“That Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council supports the campaign of the Restaurants Association of Ireland to keep the VAT rate for tourism and hospitality at 9% into 2014 and beyond.” Proposed by Councillor J. O’Dea and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy:</p>
26	11/11/2013	C/759/13	<p>“That the Manager write to the Minister and asks him to consider changing local property tax from market value to Site Value Tax.” Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillors G. Tallon, B. Saul and M. Bailey:</p>
27	9/12/2013	C/798/13	<p>“May I now propose that No. 2 – the recommendation of the Arts Office be approved by the Council.</p> <p>Recommendation No. 2</p> <p>Return Gateway to Michael Warren in exchange for another work; for example a work in wood. The new work could be sited in Moran Park as part of the landscaping of the new Central Library and Cultural Centre (CLCC), in a selected interior within the CLCC or along the Metals.” Proposed by Councillor J. Dillon Byrne and seconded by Councillor N. Bhreathnach:</p>
28	9/12/2013	C/803/13	<p>“That this Council calls on the Minister Joan Burton to keep under review the cuts to electricity/gas allowance, fuel allowance, telephone allowance and the heating period which have been implemented since she became Minister for Social Protection.” Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor J. Bailey:</p>
29	9/12/2013	C/805/13	<p>“That the Manager would please make every effort to prevent further unauthorised road signs advertising a second hand car market and remove all signs that are dangerously erected at motorway slip-roads?” Proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy and seconded by Councillor B. Ward:</p>
30	9/12/2013	C/805/13	<p>“That the Manager confirm that all illegal posters which are advertising waste collection, car sales and public meetings in the Council area have been approved by the Council or what action are we proposing to take to have same removed” Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor J. Bailey and Councillor B. Saul:</p>
31	9/12/2013	C/806/13	<p>“That this Council agrees that a “Dublin Bikes” type scheme based in Dún Laoghaire town only is not acceptable and that any scheme must ultimately incorporate a county wide approach focusing initially on those areas where the highest number of trip generators is likely?” Proposed by Councillor R. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor N. Bhreathnach</p>

Payments to Councillors in 2013

***DIVISION OF TOTAL MOBILE PHONE PAYMENTS (Columns in orange are not included in TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO COUNCILLOR 2013)**

2013 COUNCILLOR PAYMENTS (29 Cllr payments in total) €	Total Mobile Phone Bill for 2013 per Councillor	Amount of Phone Bill paid by Councillor for 2013 (See Mobile Phone Bills 2013 explanation below)	Amount of Mobile Phone Bill paid by Council for 2013
John Bailey	€ 409.68	€ 204.84	€ 204.84
Bailey Maria [Broadband Allowance for Nov - Dec 2012 & for June - Sep 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€ 397.76	€ 198.88	€ 198.88
Baker Marie [Broadband Allowance for Jan - Dec 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€ 227.15	€ 113.57	€ 113.58
Bhreathnach Niamh [SPC Chair Allowance]	€ 256.52	€ 128.26	€ 128.26
Boyhan Victor	€ 289.03	€ 144.51	€ 144.52
Brennan Aoife	€ 543.58	€ 271.79	€ 271.79
Devlin Cormac	€ 510.52	€ 255.26	€ 255.26
Dillon Byrne Jane [Broadband Allowance for 1st Jan - 13th November 2013. Split billing ceased on 14/11/2013] [Cllr will submit own bills from now]	€ 353.22	€ 176.61	€ 176.61
Fitzpatrick Stephen *An Leas Chathaoirleach* June 2012 - June 2013 (Paid from 1st Jan - 13th June 2013) [Resigned 25th Aug 2013]	€ 88.56	€ 44.28	€ 44.28
Fox Tony [Broadband Allowance for Aug 2012 - March 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€ 249.84	€ 124.92	€ 124.92
Halpin Melisa	€ 400.46	€ 200.23	€ 200.23
Hand Pat [SPC Chair Allowance] [Broadband Allowance for Sep 2012 - Aug 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€ 265.93	€ 132.96	€ 132.97
Horkan Gerry [SPC Chair Allowance]	€ 143.97	€ 71.98	€ 71.99
Humphreys Richard	€ 328.73	€ 164.36	€ 164.37
Joyce Tom *An Cathaoirleach* June 2012 - June 2013 (Paid from 1st Jan - 13th June 2013)	€ 223.87	€ 111.93	€ 111.94
Lewis Hugh	€ 205.83	€ 102.91	€ 102.92
Marren Donal [SPC Chair Allowance] [Chair County Development Board - Jan - Dec 2013] [Broadband Allowance for 1st Jan - 15th November 2013. Split billing ceased on 16/11/2013] [Cllr will submit own bills from now]	€ 212.95	€ 106.47	€ 106.48

Explanations Below:

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Broadband Payments 2013 - The Councillors can avail of broadband split-billing with the Council, whereby the Council pay up to a max. of €30.49 per month to a chosen provider. 9 Councillors currently avail of split-billing. 12 Councillors availed of split-billing in 2013. 3 out of the 12 Cllrs are no longer on split-billing and so must submit their own broadband bills now. 13 Cllrs are currently with different broadband providers - 6 out of the 13 Cllrs did not submit their broadband bills and were paid up to a maximum of €30.49 per month. 6 Councillors do not receive any payment towards their broadband expenses.

Payments to Councillors in 2013 - contd.

2013 COUNCILLOR PAYMENTS (29 Cllr payments in total) €	Travel & Subsistence for attendance at Meetings for 2013 as per Circular LG 33/06 (Includes deductions of Mobile Phone Bills) (See Mobile Phone Bills 2013 explanation below)	Salary 2013 - As per circular LG 26/09	Development Board Chair Allowances 2013	An Cathaoirleach/ An Leas Chathaoirleach & County Development Board Chair Allowances 2013	An Cathaoirleach Car Allowance for 2013	Travel & Subsistence for attendance at Conferences for 2013 - As per circular LG 33/06 and LG 02/10
John Bailey	€6,246.53	€16,644.54				
Bailey Maria [Broadband Allowance for Nov - Dec 2012 & for June - Sep 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€6,151.02	€16,644.54				€2,775.28
Baker Marie [Broadband Allowance for Jan - Dec 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€6,286.82	€16,644.54				
Bhreathnach Niamh [SPC Chair Allowance]	€6,175.82	€16,644.54				€0.00
Boyhan Victor	€6,203.40	€16,644.54				€2,307.47
Brennan Aoife	€4,022.53	€16,644.54				
Devlin Cormac	€6,101.32	€16,644.54				
Dillon Byrne Jane [Broadband Allowance for 1st Jan - 13th November 2013. Split billing ceased on 14/11/2013] [Cllr will submit own bills from now]	€6,309.79	€16,644.54				€2,099.71
Fitzpatrick Stephen *An Leas Chathaoirleach* June 2012 - June 2013 (Paid from 1st Jan - 13th June 2013) [Resigned 25th Aug 2013]	€4,380.66	€10,855.68	€3,212.00			€0.00
Fox Tony [Broadband Allowance for Aug 2012 - March 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€6,326.46	€16,644.54				€2,668.02
Halpin Melisa	€6,286.14	€16,644.54				
Hand Pat [SPC Chair Allowance] [Broadband Allowance for Sep 2012 - Aug 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€6,318.39	€16,644.54				€3,124.36
Horkan Gerry [SPC Chair Allowance]	€6,415.71	€16,644.54				
Humphreys Richard	€5,655.57	€16,644.54				€205.33
Joyce Tom *An Cathaoirleach* June 2012 - June 2013 (Paid from 1st Jan - 13th June 2013)	€6,063.20	€16,644.54	€12,867.36	€3,216.91		
Lewis Hugh	€4,756.11	€16,644.54				
Marren Donal [SPC Chair Allowance] [Chair County Development Board - Jan - Dec 2013] [Broadband Allowance for 1st Jan - 15th November 2013. Split billing ceased on 16/11/2013] [Cllr will submit own bills from now]	€6,344.90	€16,644.54	€5,700.00			€1,746.09

2013 COUNCILLOR PAYMENTS (29 Cllr payments in total) €	Conference Fees 2013 - As per circular LG 02/10	Estimated Travel & Subsistence for attendance at Conferences for 2013 - Not claimed yet	SPC Allowance 2013 for Chairpersons only - As per circular LG 33/06	Broadband Expenses 2013 (Allowed up to a max. of €30.49 per month) (See explanation below)	TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO COUNCILLOR 2013
John Bailey				€365.88	€23,461.79
Bailey Maria [Broadband Allowance for Nov - Dec 2012 & for June - Sep 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€545.00			€182.94	€26,497.66
Baker Marie [Broadband Allowance for Jan - Dec 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]				€365.88	€23,410.82
Bhreathnach Niamh [SPC Chair Allowance]	€213.35		€6,000.00		€29,161.97
Boyhan Victor	€805.00			€365.88	€26,470.81
Brennan Aoife				€365.88	€21,304.74
Devlin Cormac				€365.88	€23,367.00
Dillon Byrne Jane [Broadband Allowance for 1st Jan - 13th November 2013. Split billing ceased on 14/11/2013] [Cllr will submit own bills from now]	€980.00			€318.11	€26,528.76
Fitzpatrick Stephen *An Leas Chathaoirleach* June 2012 - June 2013 (Paid from 1st Jan - 13th June 2013) [Resigned 25th Aug 2013]	€159.75				€18,652.37
Fox Tony [Broadband Allowance for Aug 2012 - March 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€1,459.75			€243.92	€27,467.61
Halpin Melisa					€23,130.91
Hand Pat [SPC Chair Allowance] [Broadband Allowance for Sep 2012 - Aug 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€1,215.00		€6,000.00	€365.88	€33,801.14
Horkan Gerry [SPC Chair Allowance]	€955.00	€2,624.51	€6,000.00	€365.88	€33,077.63
Humphreys Richard	€528.35				€23,198.16
Joyce Tom *An Cathaoirleach* June 2012 - June 2013 (Paid from 1st Jan - 13th June 2013)					€38,903.95
Lewis Hugh				€365.88	€21,869.45
Marren Donal [SPC Chair Allowance] [Chair County Development Board - Jan - Dec 2013] [Broadband Allowance for 1st Jan - 15th November 2013. Split billing ceased on 16/11/2013] [Cllr will submit own bills from now]	€674.75		€6,000.00	€320.14	€37,536.90

Payments to Councillors in 2013 - contd.

2013 COUNCILLOR PAYMENTS €	Total Mobile Phone Bill for 2013 per Councillor	Amount of Phone Bill paid by Councillor for 2013 (See Mobile Phone Bills 2013 explanation below)	Amount of Mobile Phone Bill paid by Council for 2013
McCarthy Lettie [Broadband Allowance for Jan - Nov 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€ 459.03	€ 229.51	€ 229.52
Murphy Tom	€ 392.87	€ 196.43	€ 196.44
O'Callaghan Denis [SPC Chair Allowance]	€ 176.46	€ 88.23	€ 88.23
O'Dea Jim [Broadband Expenses for Jan - Dec 2013. Split billing ceased on 05/06/2013] [Cllr submits own bills now - broadband amount the same price - paid €25.40 per month]	€ 318.74	€ 159.37	€ 159.37
O'Keeffe Gearóid (Travel & Subsistence amount for attendance at Conferences in 2013 includes an amount for 5 Conferences attended in 2012 (€1775.67) This is included in the table to show payment for conferences attended up to the end of 2013)	€ 282.70	€ 141.35	€ 141.35
Pierce, Donna (Co - opted 9th September 2013)	€ 90.74	€ 45.37	€ 45.37
Richmond Neale	€541.16	€270.58	€270.58
Saul Barry *An Leas Chathaoirleach* June 2013 - June 2014 (Paid from 14th June -31st Dec 2013)	€345.17	€172.58	€172.59
Smyth Carrie *An Cathaoirleach* June 2013 - June 2014 (Paid from 14th June - 31st Dec 2013)	€230.93	€115.46	€115.47
Stewart Patricia	€622.25	€311.12	€311.13
Tallon Grace	€655.03	€327.51	€327.52
Ward Barry [Broadband Expenses for Jan - Dec 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - broadband amount was €27 up to May 2013 and from June - Dec 2013 the price increased to €30 per month]	€1,215.59	€615.59	€600.00
TOTALS	€10,438.27	€5,226.86	€5,211.41

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2013 COUNCILLOR PAYMENTS €	Travel & Subsistence for attendance at Meetings for 2013 as per Circular LG 33/06 (Includes deductions of Mobile Phone Bills) (See Mobile Phone Bills 2013 explanation below)	Salary 2013 - As per circular LG 26/09	An Cathaoirleach/An Leas Chathaoirleach & County Development Board Chair 2013	An Cathaoirleach Car Allowance for 2013
McCarthy Lettie [Broadband Allowance for Jan - Nov 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€6,256.87	€16,644.54		
Murphy Tom	€6,208.99	€16,644.54		
O'Callaghan Denis [SPC Chair Allowance]	€6,310.57	€16,644.54		
O'Dea Jim [Broadband Expenses for Jan - Dec 2013. Split billing ceased on 05/06/2013] [Cllr submits own bills now - broadband amount the same price - paid €25.40 per month]	€6,292.00	€16,644.54		
O'Keeffe Gearóid (Travel & Subsistence amount for attendance at Conferences in 2013 includes an amount for 5 Conferences attended in 2012 (€1775.67) This is included in the table to show payment for conferences attended up to the end of 2013)	€2,403.29	€16,144.23		
Pierce, Donna (Co - opted 9th September 2013)	€2,081.00	€5,153.57		
Richmond Neale	€6,159.30	€16,644.54		
Saul Barry *An Leas Chathaoirleach* June 2013 - June 2014 (Paid from 14th June - 31st Dec 2013)	€5,991.04	€16,644.54	€4,035.08	
Smyth Carrie *An Cathaoirleach* June 2013 - June 2014 (Paid from 14th June - 31st Dec 2013)	€6,283.43	€16,644.54	€16,164.62	€4,041.24
Stewart Patricia	€6,391.42	€16,644.54		
Tallon Grace	€5,646.63	€16,644.54		
Ward Barry [Broadband Expenses for Jan - Dec 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - broadband amount was €27 up to May 2013 and from June - Dec 2013 the price increased to €30 per month]	€5,819.98	€16,644.54		
TOTALS	€165,888.89	€464,911.52	€41,979.06	€7,258.15

2013 COUNCILLOR PAYMENTS €	Travel & Subsistence for attendance at Conferences for 2013 - As per circular LG 33/06 and LG 02/10	Conference Fees 2013 - As per circular LG 02/10	Estimated Travel & Subsistence for attendance at Conferences for 2013 - Not claimed yet	SPC Allowance 2013 for Chairpersons only - As per circular LG 33/06	Broadband Expenses 2013 (Allowed up to a max. of €30.49 per month) (See explanation below)	TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO COUNCILLOR 2013
McCarthy Lettie [Broadband Allowance for Jan - Nov 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - paid max. €30.49 per month]	€0.00	€178.35			€335.39	€23,644.67
Murphy Tom	€582.32	€100.00				€23,732.29
O'Callaghan Denis [SPC Chair Allowance]	€462.96	€330.00		€6,000.00	€365.88	€30,202.18
O'Dea Jim [Broadband Expenses for Jan - Dec 2013. Split billing ceased on 05/06/2013] [Cllr submits own bills now - broadband amount the same price - paid €25.40 per month]	€432.57	€300.00			€304.80	€24,133.28
O'Keeffe Gearóid (Travel & Subsistence amount for attendance at Conferences in 2013 includes an amount for 5 Conferences attended in 2012 (€1775.67) This is included in the table to show payment for conferences attended up to the end of 2013)	€4,278.82	€935.00				€23,902.69
Pierce, Donna (Co - opted 9th September 2013)						€7,279.94
Richmond Neale	€301.07	€150.00				€23,525.49
Saul Barry *An Leas Chathaoirleach* June 2013 - June 2014 (Paid from 14th June - 31st Dec 2013)	€1,881.76	€450.00				€29,175.01
Smyth Carrie *An Cathaoirleach* June 2013 - June 2014 (Paid from 14th June - 31st Dec 2013)	€0.00	€159.75			€365.88	€43,774.93
Stewart Patricia	€0.00	€159.75			€365.88	€23,872.72
Tallon Grace						€22,618.69
Ward Barry [Broadband Expenses for Jan - Dec 2013] [Cllr submits own bills - broadband amount was €27 up to May 2013 and from June - Dec 2013 the price increased to €30 per month]	€371.50	€130.00			€345.00	€23,911.02
TOTALS	€23,237.26	€10,428.80	€2,624.51	€30,000.00	€6,074.98	€757,614.58

Architecture and Culture Department

The Architecture and Culture Department is made up of the Architects, Libraries and Arts Divisions.

Architects' Department

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 2013. Housing related work carried out

by the Architects' Department included the design of extensions and a number of Building Energy Rating (BER) upgrades carried out on vacant dwellings returned for re-letting.

A design for 4 no. two bed houses adjoining Clontibret House was prepared to be brought to Part 8 in 2014.

The Small Works Section of the Architects' Department also completed 36 bathroom upgrades and four extensions under the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme.

The Planned Maintenance work programme continued in 2013.

Significant refurbishment and general upgrading works were completed at Rochestown Terrace, Sallynoggin, providing 12 excellent one-bed accommodation units for elderly residents. Preparation of detailed drawings for a second phase took place with work expected to commence on site in 2014.

Below: Bathing Shelter at Sandycove Harbour



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.

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 both the Blackrock Local Area Plan and the Dún Laoghaire Local Area Plan. New works outside Dún Laoghaire Dart Station to facilitate pedestrians have been completed while preparation of detailed designs for the second phase of the award winning Metals Project commenced with work expected to be completed in 2014. Designs for additional works along Marine Road in Dún Laoghaire were advanced to strengthen the links between the Town Centre and the Waterfront.

A new bathing shelter was completed at Sandycove Harbour. Located in a highly sensitive context this will provide welcome changing facilities for swimmers. Progress has also been made in the design of Phase 1 of the Baths in Dún Laoghaire, including public consultation in relation to the foreshore licence application. When complete this project will significantly upgrade the appearance of the Baths and contribute to the ongoing rejuvenation of the Town.

Civic Buildings

The new Depot facility at Ballyogan was opened in 2012 and now provides an integrated facility for Council services. It comprises a three storey office building together with a high bay utility warehouse and ancillary yards and creates an excellent working environment for staff. The project was highly commended for 'Best Public Building' and 'Best Sustainable Project' by the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland Awards 2013.

Restoration of the external façade of the Town Hall commenced in September and will be completed early 2014.

Library projects included the completion of the refurbished Dalkey Library incorporating a new garden and other minor works were undertaken at Dundrum, Dún Laoghaire and Shankill Libraries. A major renovation of the library at Deansgrange was undertaken and was completed in mid 2013.

An advisory service continued on a broad range of civic buildings and a number of projects for the Environment Department were undertaken in 2013.

Work commenced at Deansgrange on a new coffee bar and sanitary facilities in the original Cemetery staff building. Further work will start early in 2014 on the entrance gates and resurfacing of the roadway.

At Marlay Park, Phase I of Marlay Courtyard was completed and Phase II tender documents prepared for the Courtyard to be tendered in 2014. A new Golf Pavilion commenced on site in 2013 and will be opened in 2014. Restoration commenced on Laurelmere (Tamplins) at Marlay Park.

The refurbishment and renovation of Dalkey Castle and Town Hall was also completed providing a much used civic facility and strengthening the activities of the Dalkey Heritage Centre.

Part 8 was prepared for Moran Park House, to be opened as a Design Gallery in 2014 as part of the new Central Library and Cultural Centre complex, which will be managed by the Council's Enterprise section.

Conservation of the Built Heritage

The Conservation Division implements Part IV (Architectural Heritage) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and offers advice to members of the public and their agents on all aspects of the Built Heritage.

The Division continues to provide input and advice on issues pertaining to the built heritage across Council Departments with significant input into the Draft Blackrock Local Area Plan, during the course of 2013.

Work continued on the assessment of Candidate Architectural Conservation Areas arising out the County Development Plan 2010 – 2016. During the course of 2013 a further 2 no. ACAs were adopted as Variations of the County Development Plan with work completed on a further 4 no. areas which will be brought to the Council for adoption in early 2014.

The Conservation Division played a key role in preparing the Council's position in regard to the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme and participated at the Oral Hearing for a 4 week period in 2013.

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 79 Dangerous Buildings cases in 2013.

Energy Management

The Council's Energy Management Team is led by the County Architect and a report is included in the Appendices outlining

Below: RIAI Award



actions carried out over the past year to improve energy efficiency in areas under Council responsibility.

SEAI grants allowed a number of energy saving projects to be completed including insulated re-roofing of Dalkey and Stillorgan Libraries, insulation and LED lighting to the Car Park in County Hall, new heating systems in two Community buildings, installation of heritage radiators, air source heat pump and new boilers in Cabinteely House in Cabinteely Park. The windows were also refurbished in Cabinteely House as part of this work. LED lighting was installed on Wyattville Road by the Public Lighting Section.

Miscellaneous

The Architects' Department continued in 2013 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 for Open House for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown 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 2013, with particular visitor interest in the new Shanganagh Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Libraries

Work continued to progress in 2013 on the construction of the new Central Library and Cultural Centre in Dún Laoghaire and the renovation of Blackrock Library in Blackrock Town Hall. Both are on target to open in 2014.

Deansgrange Library reopened on 15 July, having closed for a year following extensive renovation. The building was extended and the interior has been completely renovated. Facilities include enhanced internet and self-service facilities, a colour photocopier, two new public toilets, new comfortable seating areas and an excellent range of new stock. The exterior plaza was re-landscaped with raised planters and exterior seating.

Facilities for the public were improved in Shankill Library in the autumn with the installation of a public toilet and fresh painting throughout.

Self service was extended to Cabinteely Library in August. Self-service is now available in all dlr branches, with the exception of Blackrock Library which is due to go live in 2014.

The new dlr Library website was launched in Irish and English and has received hits of nearly 2 million views.

Over 19,000 people attended events organised by dlr Libraries throughout the year. Now in its sixth season, the dlr Library Voices series was once again a success story in 2013. There were many sell-out events for well known authors and celebrities such as Kate Atkinson, Douglas Kennedy, Ruby Wax, Jo Nesbo and Donna Tartt.

In 2013 dlr Libraries participated in the One City One Book Festival with Dublin City Public Libraries for the first time – a very successful series of events were held around Strumpet City by James Plunkett.

As always, books and the reader experience remain at the heart of the library service. In 2013 over 1.4 million items were borrowed. Digital download usage continued to soar with a 32% increase in use, with e-book loans increasing by 48%.

Below: Deansgrange Library



Arts

In 2013, dlr Arts Office continued to implement 'Continuing the Conversation' - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Development Policy 2011- 2014'.

Together with the HSE and Living Well with Dementia Stillorgan/Blackrock Project, the Arts Office set up "Musical Memories", a pilot choral project for people with dementia. The weekly singing sessions take place in Deansgrange Library and St. Raphaela's Convent, Stillorgan with people with dementia, their family members and friends, led by an experienced choral director.

"Musical Memories" allows members of our community, who may ordinarily be isolated, to engage with the cultural life of the County. Singing and choral activity helps to lift mood, increase socialisation and provides cognitive stimulation.

There were over 26,000 visits to the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility. While Film, Music and Visual Arts projects continued, a Circus Project involving Sallynoggin, Loughlinstown and Ballybrack Youth Services was initiated and ended in a carnival in December which was well attended by young people and their families. New technology continues to feature and in October 2013 the Grainstore Coderdojo was set up to teach children how to code through creative programmes such as Scratch.

The Arts Access Grants are for the purpose of providing financial assistance to target areas of greatest need where a gap has been identified in the provision of artistic expression within communities. In 2013, 17 local youth projects and community groups that support older people were successful. These projects

Below: Mountains to Sea Festival listing



ranged from tin whistle lessons for a men's group in Glencullen to contemporary dance sessions for young people in Dundrum-Rathdown Youth Service.

The Arts Grants scheme provides financial assistance to individual artists, arts groups and arts organisations engaged in arts projects or events at local or county level. Grants are also awarded to support the arts practice and professional development of individual artists. 25 arts grants were awarded in 2013, including awards to support the annual Dublin Painting and Sketching Exhibition in the Concourse, a new work by Púca Puppets and the Blackrock Animation Festival.

Two exhibitions with a focus on dlr artists were produced in 2013. In February an open submission exhibition featured the work of 47 artists connected to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. In November the Arts Office collaborated with Graphic Studio Dublin to showcase the work of 22 print artists in an exhibition entitled Pressed. A diverse programme of workshops, lectures, talks and demonstrations accompanied the exhibition, allowing the public to further engage with the show.

Arts & Libraries

The Arts and Libraries services successfully delivered several joint initiatives in 2013, including the 5th prestigious Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival. 64 events took place over 6 days with 6,716 tickets sold. Highlights included Margaret Atwood, Colum McCann, Eleanor Catton, Michael Harding, Liz Pichon and Eavan Boland. Declan Hughes was Writer-in-Residence for the Festival.

In a residency grant-aided by the Arts Council, Katy Hayes was Writer-in-Residence for 2012-2013.

Below: Arts - Circus Project in Grainstore



Corporate Services and Human Resources Department

Corporate Services Department

The Corporate Services 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
- Property Management
- Dundrum Office
- Communications Office

County Council

The Council itself is made up of 28 County Councillors from the following Electoral Areas: Dundrum, Glencullen/Sandyford, Stillorgan, Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire and Killiney/Shankill (formerly known as Ballybrack).

Below: Members of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council 2013



In 2013 the following County Council meetings were held:

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

19 meetings of Dundrum Area Committee

19 meetings of Dún Laoghaire Area Committee

20 meetings of Strategic Policy Committees

2 meetings of the Joint Policing Committee

4 meetings of the Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee

Deputations

- (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.

A total of 8 formalised deputation meetings were held during the year.

Facilities Management

The Facilities Management Section is responsible for managing Corporate Buildings (County Hall, Town Hall, Harbour Square, Dundrum Sub Office, Georges Place 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 NPS 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 the 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) is currently identifying collaborative tendering opportunities in the Dublin Region.
- Maintenance of Corporate Offices
- Introduction of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) has enhanced management of contracts
- Restaurant / Civic Events
- Hire of Halls/Exhibition Space
- Civil Wedding Ceremonies
- Management of Telephone System / Corporate Mobile Telephones –With driving costs and efficiencies in mind, an audit on telephone lines has also delivered savings.
- Information Desk / Porters Desk
- Switchboard Services –Automated system provides fast service delivery for customer by directing callers to main service departments

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 achievements 2013 include:

- Proactive media relations, including the promotion and explanation of Council services, programmes and initiatives
- Issues Management/Crisis Communications
- Management of press queries (308 in 2013)
- Management of the Office of An Cathaoirleach
- Corporate Event Management



Above: Social Media

- Internet & Intranet Development
- Production of key Council publications including the quarterly dlr times and Annual Report
- Co-ordination of Ombudsman requests (13 cases dealt with in 2013)
- Additional responsibilities of the Office include the implementation of the Council's Irish Language Scheme under the Official Languages Act 2003.

The highlight in 2013 for the Communications Office was the establishment of the Council's Social Media Profile which include Twitter and Facebook Council specific accounts.

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 603 students who had received a grant from us in the 2011/2012 academic year and were continuing in their studies. In total, the Council paid out over €1.2m in support of these students.

Register of Electors

The final Register of Electors for 2013/2014 was published on 1 February 2013 and came into force on 15 February 2013.

The total number of electors on the final Register was 152,849 and the breakdown of the Electoral Areas is as follows:

Electoral Area	No. of Electors	Electoral Area	No. of Electors
Ballybrack	26,190	Dundrum	29,370
Blackrock	22,572	Glencullen	22,031
Dún Laoghaire	32,642	Stillorgan	20,044

A draft Register of Electors for 2014/2015 was published on 1 November 2013. The total number on the Draft Register decreased to 151,917.

Freedom of Information

The Council received 61 Freedom of Information requests, 3 Data Protection requests, and 5 requests for Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) in 2013.

Dundrum Office

The following meetings were held in the Dundrum Office in 2013:

Dundrum Area Committee Meetings	19
SPC Meetings	4
Deputations	6
Other Departmental Meetings	87
Housing Meetings/sign-ups/interviews/RAS	46
Exhibitions/Public Displays	37
Public Information Meetings	4
Training	0

School Meals Schemes

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

Property Management

The section manages the Council’s property portfolio and Sandyford Industrial Estate. All acquisitions for Compulsory Purchase Orders are done through this section. Currently the Council operates 45 Temporary Lettings/Commercial Leases on

Below: New Year’s Eve Fireworks



its property in addition to renting 2 shops. This land is registered on the Council’s Property Interest Register.

Inspections and enforcement under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 are undertaken as appropriate. In 2013 there were 19 properties on the Derelict Sites Register – 18 of which were domestic properties the other being a commercial property.

The section has a Referencing Service which also prepares the Books of References for Compulsory Purchase Orders.

Human Resources Department

The Human Resources Department 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 2013 was 995 including clerical/administrative, professional, technical and depot-based staff comprising craft and general workers.

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 crisis 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 2013 (4%).

Staff Development and Training

During the year, the training programme delivered in-house training to 860 staff including the following areas:

Personal Development, Health and Safety, Courtroom Skills, Debt Management, Freedom of Information, Customer Care, Information Technology

1 staff member completed the Certificate in Local Government Studies

1 staff member completed the Diploma in Local Government Studies

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

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: -

Below: LANTERN parade 2013



Return to Learning

Three return to learning groups were established. This initiative is run in conjunction with the Dún Laoghaire and County Dublin VECs.

Staff Commemoration Event

On 1 November, deceased staff members were remembered in both the Town Hall and the Ballyogan Operations Centre.

Staff Innovation Scheme

This initiative was launched in December where Staff, Teams or Departments were invited to submit to the Partnership Innovation Action Group, innovative ideas that were designed to improve the way the Council operates and/or save money.

Staff Information Booklets

Workplace Partnership produced pocket sized hard-copy versions of a booklet "dlrcc Staff Information Booklet" which reflected both the functions and staff responsibilities within Departments & Sections along with other useful contact details. The booklets were distributed to all Staff and Councillors.

Long Service Recognition

11 Staff qualified with 25 years service.

Staff Health Checks

In September / November, health screening was conducted in both County Hall and Ballyogan Operations Centre. A total of 210 staff availed of the health check opportunity.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council 2014 Calendar

A calendar was produced, which contained photos/images of staff demonstrating the work they do on a daily basis thus showcasing the wide variety of services provided by the Council.

Below: The Gathering - International Police Association Gathering



Environment Department

The directorate of 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:

Environment Services

In 2012, the Council adopted its 3-year Litter Management Plan 2012–2014. Litter Wardens continued to enforce the relevant legislation including the Litter Bye-Laws. In 2013, 536 litter fines were issued.

A joint initiative was launched in 2013 with the Dublin local authorities and supported by the Dublin Regional Authority, to address and highlight the problems of dog fouling.

The Annual Tidy Districts competition had 44 Residents Groups, Tidy Towns Committees and Estate Management Groups participating in 2013. The overall winners were Dalkey.

Below: Raising the Flag

The Tidy Schools competition had 34 schools involved. The Environmental Awareness Officer also managed the Green Schools programme, with 113 schools registered under the programme.

Cleansing Services

The Cleansing Section employs approximately 60 staff and the fleet consists of road-sweepers, mini-sweepers, side-loaders, pick-ups and a green machine.

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 2013, 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. This new schedule allows for town centres to be visited daily and the main roads to be swept fortnightly.

Currently there are approximately 500 litterbins throughout the County which are emptied either daily or three times per week.

The Cleansing Section has 3 gully cleaning trucks which constantly clean approximately 22,000 gullies throughout the County.

The beaches throughout the County are maintained 7 days a week and in 2013 Seapoint and Killiney were awarded Blue Flags.

Parks Service

A wide variety of local landscape improvements were undertaken in open spaces throughout the County, including new seating, footpaths, tree and shrub planting, vegetation clearance/tidy-up, and recreational facilities. The Parks Service continue to support and develop other attractions within our parks such as the CoCo Markets.

New Developments included:

- New Playground and Half Muga in Shanganagh Cliffs
- Opening of New Toilet block in Cabinteely
- Development of Europe in Bloom Garden
- Completion of part of new path network within Corke Abbey Valley Park and opening up of overgrown area
- Installation of section of hand railing along steps at Killiney Hill Park

Below: CoCo Market, People's Park

- Upgrading of open space surface at Newtown Smith
- Installation of All Weather Carpets on tennis courts at Rockfield Park

New sporting amenities were installed at the following locations:

- New five a side All Weather at Shanganagh Park
- Construction of soccer sized all weather pitch at Marlay Park

A programme of grass pitch improvements continued throughout the County including sand-dressing, drainage etc.

The extension and restoration works to the Gate Lodge & Pavilion at the Peoples Park commenced.

Construction works to the Raised Promenade development commenced.

Restoration and development works to the People's Park commenced.

The construction of an indoor bowling hall at Shankill was completed.

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

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

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



Street Tree Planting within housing estates.

dlr Events

Dlr Events continued its programme of Free Events in 2013 with events like the Teddy Bears' Picnic, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and Movies in the Park.

A first for Marlay in 2013 saw it host the Longitude Festival. A three day music festival showcasing acts such as Kraftwerk, Vampire Weekend and the Yeah Yeah Yeah's.

The Christmas Festival and New Year's Eve Fireworks Spectacle were a great success in 2013 and encompassed such events as the great Santa Trolley Dash, the Lantern Parade and the Santa Hat World Record attempt.

CoCo Markets

The CoCo Markets continued to grow in 2013 with over 100 stalls between our 3 markets and the circulation of a monthly newsletter on the Marlay Park markets continued.

Sports Development

In 2013 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.

Below: Operation Transformation Walk 2013 Marlay Park



The Sports Development Office continued and grew its collaborative programme of work with the FAI, dlr Leisure Services, Leinster Rugby and continued expansion of the Football in the Community Programme delivered in association with U.C.D

A sample of the success stories of 2013:

The Sports Office part funded the Parkrun in Marlay Park. On average around 400 people took part in the weekly run.

c1100 people took part in the Bay 10k Road race

DLR little & mini waves soccer programme grew from strength to strength with 3 locations around the County and on average 140 boys & girls aged between 3-9yrs participating each week.

SNAG (starting new at golf) golf programme was a huge success in Marlay Park with over 75 participants taking part in summer camps.

DRAFTS Programme (Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown After school Fun through Sports) 12 schools took part in weekly activities from Archery to Volleyball.

The Community sports programme facilitated over 50 sports programmes across the County. Some of the sports that have taken place include archery, volleyball, hockey, soccer, baseball, rugby and basketball.

Local Sports Partnership

The County Sport Participation Strategy 2013-2017 continues to be rolled out.

Training & Development Included:

- Sports Volunteer Recognition Awards.
- Child Protection in Sport workshops and training.
- Sports First Aid – 25 sports coaches/volunteers trained.
- Sports Volunteer Development Programme
- Club Seminar on upcoming Garda Vetting Legislation
- Disability Inclusion Training for 22 sports club volunteers.

Participation Programmes & Events Included:

- dlr Community 5K – over 1,000 people of all ages and abilities.
- Older adult activity taster sessions and weekly programmes.
- Fun Family Cycle – nearly 250 people attended this 6km cycle.
- Active Dance – TY girls programme in 4 schools in 2013.
- Operation Transformation – public walk with 360 participants.
- Promotion of Walking & Cycling in the County – including Bike Week, walking groups and an information brochure.

Disability Sport Development & Programmes

- Assisting and supporting those with a disability to participate in sport and physical activity.

- Inclusive Sport Programmes – Inclusive Cycling, NRH Spinal Championships, Access Sailing, Boccia & Powerchair Football clubs, Feeling Good Event, Integrated Dance.
- Awareness raising and capacity building with local partners.

Heritage Service

Summer of Heritage programme attracted over 5,000 visitors.

Biodiversity Events attended by over 1,200 people.

Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Project Continued.

New Heritage Plan Adopted.

Two Memorials erected to Michael Davitt and William Sealy Gosset.

Heritage Lecture Series at Cabinteely House.

Appropriate Assessment Screening for various projects.

Renovation of Dalkey Town Hall

Publication of Unearthing the Archaeology of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

Production of Dalkey Island Conservation Plan.

Energy Conservation Projects at Cabinteely House.

Support for Gathering Events.

Cemeteries Service

593 interments were carried out in Deansgrange Cemetery and 558 in Shanganagh Cemetery.

22 graves were sold in Deansgrange Cemetery and 230 in Shanganagh Cemetery in 2013.

Automation of the cemetery records commenced with the advertisement of the tender in 2013 and it is anticipated that both cemeteries will be fully automated by the end of 2014.

Road Maintenance Service

Road Restoration Programme

A grant of € 2,451,650 from the Department of Transport enabled the reconstruction/resurfacing of 25 roads in 2013 – Road Restoration Improvement Grant.

An additional grant of € 746,300 from the Department of Transport provided a portion of the funding required in respect of works on the roads listed below - Road Restoration Maintenance Grant.

Schemes undertaken in 2013 with the provision of these grants included:

- Balally Drive, Dundrum
- Ballyedmonduff Road (in connection with Drainage works)
- Braemor Road, Churchtown
- Carrig Lawn, Kilmacud
- Castlepark Road (Part of) - (incl. Water Mains Rehabilitation & Surface Water Sewer)

Below: Deansgrange Tea Rooms



- Cherrycourt - Loughlinstown
- Clonkeen Road (Part of)
- Dundrum Road at Windy Arbour
- Green Park - off Orwell Road
- Hainault Road, Foxrock
- Ludford Road, Ballinteer
- Patrick Doyle Road
- Pearse Street, Sallynoggin
- Rathmore Avenue (Part of), Kilmacud
- Roebuck Road - (Part of)
- Sallynoggin Road (Part of)
- Slieve Rua Drive, Kilmacud
- Sorrento Close - Dalkey
- St. Georges Avenue, Killiney
- Stillorgan Park Avenue
- Summerhill Road, Dún Laoghaire
- The Paddocks - Ulverton Road, Dalkey
- The Palms - off Roebuck Road
- Tivoli Terrace North, Dún Laoghaire (incl. Water Mains Rehabilitation)
- Woodley Park

Other re-surfacing works

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

- Tullyvale Road - Loughlinstown
- Cherrywood Avenue - Loughlinstown (Access road to Brides Glen Luas Stop)
- Rosmeen Park, Dún Laoghaire
- Joyce Avenue - Foxrock
- Newtown Avenue - Blackrock (Part of)
- Brewery Road - Stillorgan (Part of)

Footpath Restoration Programme

Contract Works were carried out at 15 locations in 2013 with funding of € 380,000 from the Council's own resources.

Locations of Footpaths renewed in 2013 are as follows:

- Balally Estate (Part of)
- Braemor Grove - Churchtown
- Clonskeagh Road (Part of)
- Crosthwaite Park - Dún Laoghaire
- Footpath repairs and renewal were also carried out by Direct Labour.
- Leopardstown Heights & Old Murphystown Road
- Ludford Drive (Part of)
- Meadow Park Avenue - Churchtown
- Monkstown Avenue - (Part of)

Below: Community 5K 2013



- Mount Anville Road (Part of)
- Nutgrove Avenue - (Cul de Sac opposite Church)
- Pearse Street - Sallynoggin
- Rochestown Avenue (Part of)
- Springfield Park - Foxrock (Part of)
- Trees Road Lower - Mt. Merrion (Part of)
- Trees Road Upper - Mt Merrion (Part of)

Others Major Schemes being managed by Road Maintenance Section

- Braemor Road Enhancement Scheme :- Construction Stage
- Brockey Bridge - Construction Stage

Road Control Section

The Roadmap on-line application system is now being used by the ESB, Bord Gáis and Communications Companies (Eircom, UPC and BT). The expansion of this system to take in all applications for Licences to excavate public roads and footpaths is being considered in conjunction with the development of an updated "Online Roadworks Control" system known as "Licence It".

Bord Gáis completed a six year "accelerated mains renewal" project in the County in 2010. The checking and snagging of the reinstatement works carried out on these "Blocks" was completed in 2011. Bord Gáis are continuing with the Installation of reinforcements (Additional new Gas Mains) on their system along with one off connections to individual dwellings. Bord Gáis are also carrying 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.

UPC-NTL continued to carry out upgrading of their services in the County area in 2013 with the completion of a number of additional "Rings". The current renewals programme has been completed and UPC are continuing with customer connections and ongoing maintenance. A total of 28 Rings have been completed to date.

Eircom Ltd. commenced a Programme of upgrading their network, this involved the installation of Cabinets along with an associated power source for each cabinet (ESB micro pillar) throughout the County, to improve their Broadband capability.

Waste & Water Services:- A sum of €650,000 was spent on carrying out permanent reinstatement of openings for repairs to the water supply network.

The "Dublin Region Water Mains Rehabilitation Project" Involving the upgrading of Water Mains on a phased basis which commenced in the County in 2010 was completed in 2013. There may be further specific areas to be rehabilitated in due course.

Public Lighting Section

There are approximately 23,500 lanterns in the County and these numbers continue to grow with the taking in charge of new estates and roads.

The ongoing programme of lantern and column replacement continued in 2013. The program focused on the installation of energy efficient lanterns which use white light, LED'S, electronic ballasts and dimming. Energy efficiency with lighting environment improvements giving energy savings is a high priority within Public Lighting.

Public Lighting design of new schemes Burton Hall, Leopardstown Roundabout, Shankill DART station. Design support for Pottery Road and lighting upgrading such as Foster's Avenue, Georges Street.

Further rollout of the GIS computerised asset management system to manage activities of public lighting maintenance from fault reporting all the way through to invoicing.



Above: Pay by Phone - Parking Tag System

Below: Gum Litter Task Force 2013



Finance and I.T. Department

Finance Department

The Finance Department is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations, both Revenue and Capital.

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 Collection
- Non-Domestic Water Charges Billing & Collection
- Payment of Accounts
- Insurance and Claims Administration
- Payments Receipting Office
- Administration & Collection of the Non Principal Private Residence Charge
- Administration & Collection of the Household Charge

The Finance 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 2013, as adopted by Council, was €179,103,400.

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 for 2013 was €0.1666, representing a 2% reduction on the 2012 ARV.

Collection Statistics			
Year	Total Rates Demanded	Total Rates Collected	% Collected
2013	€100,545,302*	€78,101,155	77.68%
2012	101,483,481	76,485,950	75.36%
2011	101,326,260	77,289,648	76.28%

*includes incoming arrears @ 1/1/2013 of €24,997,530. Closing Arrears @ 31/12/2013 were €22,444,147.

The collection percentage achieved in 2013 of 77.68% represents an improvement in collection performance of 2.32% on 2012 in contrast to the continuous decline in collection performances experienced over the previous number of years, indicating a sustainable improvement/stabilisation in collections.

Valuation Act 2001

The Valuation Act 2001 revised the law relating to the rateable valuation of properties and facilitates a national revaluation of all rateable valuations.

Revaluation

A revaluation programme was completed in the County with the new valuation list coming into effect for rating purposes on the 1 January 2011. The national revaluation programme continues to be rolled out nationally by the Valuation Office.

Entry Year Levy

The levy was introduced under the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006, which was enacted on the 24 December 2006.

The levy applies to all new-build properties from the date when the properties are valued for rating purposes, pending the levying of commercial rates.

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 2013 €1.2m was collected. In addition the Council also continues to accept and process waiver applications in respect of the charge and in 2013 1,117 applications were processed with 1,000 granted and 117 refused.

Non-Domestic Water Charges Collection

Charges for non-domestic water supply are determined by metered usage.

Year	Total Water Charges Demanded	Total Water Charges Collected	% Collected
2013	€10,743,010	€5,763,425	53.65%
2012	€12,505,868*	€6,215,476	49.70%
2011	€14,544,063*	€6,426,070	44.18%

*Bills issue in arrears. The yearly debit includes final bill for the year, although issued to customers after year end. Also please note total demanded includes the incoming arrears at the 1 of January of €6,290,392. Closing arrears at the 31 December 2013 were €4,979,585

The last five years has seen a continuous improvement in collection rates in respect of non domestic water charges and when account is taken of the amount charged back to 2013 from 2014 the collection performance for 2013 then increases to 66.14%.

Note: Domestic Water Charges were abolished from 1 January 1997.

Non-Principal Private Residence Charge (NPPR)

The Local Government (Charges) Act 2009 introduced a €200 charge for Non- Principal Private Residences. The €200 charge is payable to the local authority in whose area the Non-Principal Private Residence is located. The charge is self-assessed and owners must register the property and pay the charge.

The legislation provides for the imposition of late payment fees in respect of payments made after the due date and for the taking of legal proceedings against owners liable to the charge who do not meet their liability.

16,140 properties were subject to the charge in 2013 and the amount collected, including late payment fees, was €4,591,546 and such a payment level would imply almost full compliance in this County in respect of payment of the charge.

Household Charge & Local Property Tax

The Local Government (Household Charge) Act 2011/Local Government (Household Charge) Regulations 2012 provided for the introduction of a €100 household charge payable by owners of certain residential properties. The charge was introduced as an interim measure by Government under the EU/IMF Programme of Support for Ireland and was abolished effective from 1/1/2013 following the Introduction of the Local Property Tax. The Revenue Commissioners are charged under the legislation with the assessment, application & collection of the Local Property Tax. The Revenue Commissioners were also assigned responsibility for the collection of outstanding household charge arrears effective from the 1/7/2013.

Neither the Household Charge nor Local Property Tax constituted additional forms of income for Local Authorities in 2013 but rather replaced the former contribution to the Local Government Fund from central taxation receipts. Compliance rates in respect of the Household Charge & Local Property Tax in this County were among the highest in the State.

Below: The Gathering – Europe in Bloom



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 Reports

Under the EU/IMF Programme of Support for Ireland additional reporting requirements were introduced which require that quarterly data is provided to the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government 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.

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 2013.

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.

Since 1 July 2011 the Council has been obliged to pay suppliers within 15 days to comply with a Government decision under the National Recovery Plan and the EU/IMF Programme of Support for Ireland. This decision extended the 15 day prompt payment rule that had been applying to Central Government Departments, to the Health Service Executive, the Local Authorities, State Agencies and all other public sector bodies.

VAT

Arising from changes to VAT legislation for public bodies a range of additional local authority services became subject to

VAT effective from 1 July 2010. A full review of Council Services was undertaken to identify income sources affected by the VAT changes & procedures were put in place to account for VAT on relevant income and to identify VAT related expenditure to ensure submission of accurate returns to Revenue.

Internal Audit

The primary role of Internal Audit is to provide assurance to the County Manager, 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 2013 the Internal Audit Section examined six areas and presented their findings to Management and the Audit Committee.

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 2012, completed in 2013, 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: Summer Reading Buzz 2013



Information Technology

The IT section provides for the organisation's wide ranging and expanding information technology requirements. This is achieved in a planned and managed environment and is governed by the demands of the Department's Business Plan and the Corporate Plan and ad hoc demands from within, and increasingly from external sources.

Some Highlights in 2013:

- Increased use of Virtualisation Technologies to reduce costs and improved management of IT systems
- Libraries –additional self service units in Libraries
- Deansgrange Library Refurbishment, with new expanded IT facilities

- Various IT Systems to improve efficiencies and modernise the technology
- Network infrastructure upgrades to reduce costs
- Adoption of ITIL practices
- Improvements to our Website and on-line systems
- Continued rollout of CRM (Customer Relationship Management).
- Managed Print Services
- Energy Management System
- Fix My Street

Below: New IT Systems in Deansgrange Library



Housing and Community Department

The Housing Department

Housing Department manages approximately 4,300 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 families.

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 2014. During 2013 the Council approved 15 applications and 15 sales were completed.

Social Housing Leasing Initiative

In 2013 a number of enquiries were received under this initiative and 9 leases were signed resulting in 12 units; 2 applications under the CALF (Capital Advanced Loan Facility) scheme were completed resulting in 66 units. These Schemes will continue in 2014.

Refurbishments

12 units at Rochestown Terrace, Sallynoggin received major refurbishment works and were re-opened during 2013. Energy efficiency works were carried out on 718 dwellings.

4 extensions and 36 bathroom alterations were completed to Council rented dwellings for tenants with a disability.

Below: Social Inclusion Week 2013



Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability

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

44 provisional approvals were issued in the sum of €748,365.

Mobility Aids Housing Grants

27 applications for Mobility Aids Housing Grant were received.

14 provisional approvals were issued in the sum of €47,814.

Housing Aid for Older People

27 applications for Housing Aid for Older People were received.

15 provisional approvals were issued in the sum of €128,102

Homelessness

The Council continued its arrangements with Dublin City Council in relation to the provision of emergency accommodation for homeless persons. The Statutory Framework Homeless Action Plan for Dublin, 2014 to 2016 was adopted by the Council in November 2013.

In 2013, the Council housed 12 homeless households in social housing as follows:

Approved Housing Bodies:	7
Rental Accommodation Scheme:	3
LA accommodation:	2

In addition a further six homeless households progressed to long-term supported accommodation in Dublin City and one homeless household progressed to long-term supported accommodation in South Dublin.

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

In 2013 SLI (Support to Live Independently) Scheme provided support to 30 households who have moved out of homeless accommodation.

The HAIL Visiting Support Service commenced in May 2012 and provided support to 11 households in 2013.

The Localisation Group continues to meet to discuss the Localisation of Services and any issues of concern arising. Service providers are represented on the Localisation Group.

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

Anti-Social Behaviour in Council Estates

The Council continued its policy of dealing comprehensively with instances of anti-social behaviour in its estates during 2013.

During the year a total of 96 cases of anti-social behaviour were investigated and completed. This is a decrease of 8.5% in anti-social behaviour cases reported in comparison to 2012.

Legal action was taken where appropriate and 3 Excluding Orders were obtained from the District Court.

31 warning letters and 23 verbal warnings issued.

1,049 pre-tenancy assessments (background checks) were carried out.

22 applicants were refused housing or had their applications deferred for a period of time due to their involvement in anti-social behaviour and/or in the interests of good estate management.

Pre-Tenancy Training Courses

94 Housing applicants participated in pre-tenancy courses in 2013.

Housing and Transfer Lists

At 31 December 2013, 4,103 applicants were assessed as being in need of social housing support. A total of 190 housing applicants were allocated dwellings. This included 52 allocations to dwellings owned or managed by Voluntary Housing Associations, 54 Rental Accommodation Scheme allocations, 79 allocations to Council stock and 5 allocations to Long Term Leasing properties. 90 tenants were allocated transfers to alternative accommodation. This included 14 transfers from the RAS Fixed Transfer List, 10 RAS to RAS transfers, 6 Voluntary Housing Association tenancies and two transfers to properties with a Long Term Lease.

The Housing Needs Assessment was carried out in 2013. A total of 3,406 were assessed as qualified for housing support as of May 7th 2013.

Housing Rents

Generally, rents are calculated on the basis of current household income under the Council's Differential Rent Scheme. The year 2013 saw an increase of 2% in average differential rents from €57.63 to €58.78 per week. Despite a slight reduction on the previous year in the weekly collection rate, total rental income also increased by 2% to €12.4m at year end

Affordable Housing / Rent to Buy Schemes

Despite the ongoing problems in the housing market, sales of eight affordable dwellings were achieved during 2013. Three of 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.

All of the Council's remaining seventy-three unsold affordable housing properties are now occupied under the Rent to Buy Scheme with the majority of occupiers expressing an interest in purchasing their property. They can make a mortgage application to banks/building societies approved to advance mortgages for the purchase of affordable housing or to the Council, in the event their application to private lending institutions is refused under its House Purchase Loan Scheme.

Part V – Housing Strategy

Under Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) nine agreements were entered into, providing for the payment of Financial Contributions and/or units on a cost-neutral basis.

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 2013 one House Purchase Loan was issued for the purchase of a property which had been leased under the Rent to Buy Scheme.

Voluntary Housing Schemes

Funding was provided during 2013 through the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 2 units of accommodation for people with specific categories of housing need (homeless, elderly and disabled)

Accommodation of the Traveller Community 2013

The Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) met on five occasions during 2013, which involved Councillors, Traveller representative groups and Council officials.

The Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018 was drawn up. It was out for public consultation from 22 October -22 December, 2013. A census and an assessment of needs of the local Traveller community was carried out in September in order to inform the Draft Programme.

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

Below: Rochestown Terrace



Full refurbishment of a 3 bay halting site at Soldiers & Sailors Field, Monkstown was completed.

Seven casual vacancies in traveller specific housing stock were filled during 2013.

Maintenance of Local Authority Housing Stock

As of 31 December 2013, the Council had approximately 4,210 dwellings in its rented stock. A total of 5,619 requests for maintenance were received in 2013.

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 ongoing. A number of frameworks with approved specialised contractors are now in place, which in addition to the ongoing 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.

Number of tenants of private landlords, transferred to Scheme at 31 December 2013 – 388

Number of Voluntary tenants transferred to Scheme at 31 December 2013 – 146

Procurement

Construction procurement in relation to the Housing Department requirements and the implementation of the new government forms of contract is ongoing. Value of projects ranging from €0.1 million up to €3.5 million have been procured

for, for example the Council has pre-qualified a number of contractors via the e-tender process. Sample of frameworks include:

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

In total since 2008 the Council has procured up to ten frameworks covering all aspects of work requirements as they arise in the Housing department.

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.

Community Development

The Community Section provided a comprehensive advisory service to over 400 community based organisations throughout the County and continued to be a point of contact, information and support for local communities.

Community Grants

€140,851 was awarded to community groups under the Community Grant Scheme, which seeks to assist groups in addressing local issues by offering financial assistance. Grants were awarded to a diverse range of community groups to promote community based initiatives.

€23,700 was awarded in Summer Project Grants to 26 groups to fund supervised programmes of both recreational and education activities for young people over a consecutive number of weeks 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 108 learners involved. They provided valuable support to communities right across the County and gained experience to advance into full time employment.

The average progression into employment among learners was 34% with an additional 31% for progressing into education.

Community Events

The Community Section organised a number of events to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival, including a play in the Pavilion Theatre for older citizens of the County. A Tea Dance was held in the Sandyford Community Centre.

The Community Awards for 2013 consisted of exhibitions in 4 community centres throughout the County and a separate Awards Ceremony. There was a sustained high level of entries, with nearly 80 groups participating in the awards.

The Community Section also assisted in organising and funding the dlr Community 5K, with over 800 participating in Kilbogget Park.

Community Facilities

The Community Section continued in 2013 to be responsible for a network of over 30 community facilities throughout the County, providing quality space for a wide and diverse range of community based activities and service delivery.

Groups Support

Work began in 2013 in establishing the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). A number of preparatory meetings were held with stakeholders and staff attended a number of information sessions in advance of drafting proposals for the establishment of the Committee.

The Network for Older People was supported by a Community Worker and a CE Learner to deliver on their work plan for the year. There were 10 meetings of the Network Committee and 20 Sub Group meetings throughout 2013.

In addition the Community Section staff represent the Council on a variety of Boards of Management and Committees to provide advice and support.

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.

Glasthule Buildings, Sandyford-Bearna Park, Ballyogan, Moreen-Blackthorn and Goatstown Close Estate Management Fora, all won awards in the 2013 Tidy Districts Awards.

In addition the Litter Wardens Award went to members of Kilcross Estate Management Forum.

Community & Voluntary Forum

The Social Development & Inclusion Unit supports the ongoing development of the DLR Community & Voluntary Forum. This forum provides a platform for the community and voluntary sector organisations to identify key local issues and promote effective community participation on local governance structures.

Key Actions in 2013:

- Facilitated an open Election process to establish the Forum Executive
- Supported the County Council in the promotion and administration of the 'Gathering'
- Supported Community Participation to the County Development Board and other governance structures

Comhairle na nÓg

The Social Development & Inclusion Unit manages the implementation of the Comhairle na nÓg programme in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.

Working in partnership with other organisations, (Dún Laoghaire Youth Service, Southside Travellers, and local schools etc.) Comhairle na nÓg provides a forum for children and young people to discuss and act on local and national issues of relevance to them.

Key actions in 2013 include:

- Comhairle hosted a 2-day music event for Young People 'CORE' in the Grainstore (dlr's Youth Arts Facility) on June 28th & 29th
- Representatives from Dun Laoghaire Comhairle participated in Dáil na nÓg
- Implemented a number of actions on the issue of Transport Costs for Young People

Social Inclusion Unit

The Social Inclusion Unit seeks to raise awareness and promote Social Inclusion objectives within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and works in partnership with other Council departments to embed social inclusion objectives into decision making processes within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

The Social Inclusion Unit provides a support to any organisation that wishes to engage with the Council on matters of Social Inclusion. The SIU works in partnership with external organisations and groups, other Council departments and public agencies (e.g. Southside Partnership, DLR Integration Forum,

Below: Tea Dance in Sandyford Community Centre



Pobal, Education & Training Board etc.) to plan and organise activities that promote the development of inclusive and sustainable communities.

Key actions in 2013 included:

- Social Inclusion Week 12 – 19 October, 2013 included a full programme of events. This year it included a number of new actions such as a New Citizen Welcoming event, A Schools Competition, a Seminar on Older Peoples Issues.
- Assisted in the development of a social inclusion profile of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- Supported the development of the DLR Ethnic Minority Forum.
- Facilitated the DLR Traveller Interagency Steering Committee.
- Assisted Fáilte Isteach to set up their language support programme in Dún Laoghaire

RAPID Programme

There are 51 RAPID programmes nationally, with one in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The Social Development and Inclusion Unit manage the implementation of the RAPID programme in DLR. The programme seeks to improve the quality of life for residents in Loughlinstown, Shankill and Ballybrack by improving co-ordination and enhancing local service delivery.

Key Actions in 2013 included:

- The RAPID Education Task Group supported the implementation of an innovative "Maths Eyes" project with 500 children in Ballybrack.
- RAPID supported the development of the "Communities Working Together" Newsletter as an inter-agency project, to

improve communication with local residents of the RAPID area.

- RAPID provided continued support for the Shanganagh Community Garden Project in conjunction with Shanganagh Community Development Project and local residents.
- The RAPID Family Support Task Group hosted a series of three thematic seminars for practitioners and service providers in 2013.

Access / Disability Office

The Social Development & Inclusion Unit provided co-ordination, assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing services provided by the Local Authority and to act as a point of contact for people with disabilities wishing to access such services.

The DLR Disability Consultation Committee offered advice and support to the Council on a number of important public projects in 2013.

Social Development and Inclusion

The main role of the Social Development and Inclusion Unit in 2013 was to develop a range of supports for communities and organisations that seek to promote a more socially inclusive Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

In 2013 the Social Development & Inclusion Unit supported the development of strategic planning and co-ordination structures which identify key priority social development and social inclusion issues in the County and promoted collaborative actions with the various organisations to address these issues.

County Development Board

The Social Development and Inclusion Unit co-ordinated, facilitated and administratively supported the County Development Board in 2013 through a wide range of fora and collaboration mechanisms to deliver multi-agency actions contained in the CDB's Strategic Implementation Plan.

The County Development Board was to be disbanded as part of Local Government Reform Policy - Putting People First, but the relevant dissolution legislation was not introduced as at December 31.

The Social Development and Inclusion Committee of the County Development Board met regularly in 2013 and progressed a range of key actions.

Joint Policing Committee / Local Policing Forums

The Garda Síochána Act 2005 makes provision for the establishment of Joint Policing and Local Policing Forums at county level. The Social Development & Inclusion Unit manages the implementation of the Joint Policing Committee and three Local Policing Forum structures in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Key Actions in 2013 included:

- Facilitation of Joint Policing Committee meetings.
- Establishment of a second Local Policing Forum in the Sandyford / Stepside areas of the County.
- Establishment of a SARA project initiative focused on central Dún Laoghaire.
- Approval for the expansion of the Town Centre CCTV system.

Below: The Gathering - Bratacha 2013



Legal Services Department

The Legal Services Department provides an active and essential in-house service to all Council departments and Council affiliates. The Department has considerable expertise in all areas of local government law, practice and administration.

Amongst the many and varied services offered by the Legal Services Department are:

- Consultations with Council management and staff
- Participation and an active role in the development of major Council initiatives, policy implementation and service delivery
- Code enforcement and the management of litigation issues
- Judicial Review proceedings
- Public Enquiries
- Corporate Governance related issues
- Compulsory Purchase Orders
- Conveyancing and property management
- General advices

In its work, the Department's staff communicates regularly on behalf of the Council with Government departments, the Courts Service, the Property Registration Authority and with numerous solicitors, barristers and other consultants.

Having due regard to the strategic priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan, vocational and professional development training is availed of by staff, regular meetings are held with client departments and regular reviews of our procedures and systems are undertaken, all of which are part of a continuous evaluation and improvement of the service provided to our client.

Staff in the Department use an up to date Case Management System in conjunction with Digital Dictation in the processing and management of instructions thus ensuring that the Department provides an efficient and progressive service to all its client departments. The Case Management System is an effective tool in assisting with service delivery in the Department's code enforcement role, in the recovery of commercial rates and with general litigation and conveyancing matters.

There has been a slight increase in the number of conveyancing related matters dealt with by the Department in the last year while the increases over the last number of years in the volume of litigation and contentious claims continues.

Legal Services continuously review and monitor systems to ensure that all cases and claims are effectively managed.



Above: Mountains to the Sea Book Festival Banner

Planning and Enterprise Department

Planning Department

The Planning Department is responsible for implementing the provisions of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended), the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and the 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

1,107 planning applications were received in 2013 which represents an increase of 17.9% on the 2012 figure.

984 valid planning applications determined.

Out of a total of 111 decisions issued by An Bord Pleanála in 2013 in relation to appeals, 77 (69.4%) upheld/varied the decision of the Planning Authority, while 34 (30.6%) reversed the decision of the Planning Authority.

During 2013, 7 proposals by the County Council to carry out development were the subject of the public consultation

process provided for under Part 8 of the 2001 Planning & Development Regulations.

Enforcement

A total of 223 new files were opened during 2013.

A total of 145 cases were resolved through negotiation during the year.

237 Warning letters issued.

32 Enforcement Notices issued.

113 prosecutions were initiated.

Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000

132 applications for a Declaration or Referral, under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), were received in 2013. Six applications were referred to An Bord Pleanála for review.

Below: Tourist Information Centre



County Development Plan

The Development Plan consists of a written statement and a set of 14 maps. The written statement sets out the general policy of the Council for the development of the County. It includes detailed standards for the control of development and specific objectives for different areas.

The maps illustrate the land use zoning provisions of the Plan, the road programmes and other objectives such as the preservation of trees and structures of archaeological interest. The Plan seeks to provide for the future well-being of the residents of the County by facilitating the growth of employment by ensuring an adequate supply of zoned lands for anticipated needs, by protecting the quality of the environment and by ensuring the provision of necessary infrastructure.

A constant theme of the Plan is the promotion of sustainable development. The Plan also recognises the need to co-operate with the Regional Authority, National Transport Authority and other agencies in meeting the needs of the Dublin Region.

Variations

There were 3 variations proposed to the County Development Plan 2010-2016 during 2013 as follows:-

- Variation No. 12 - Pottery Road & Rochestown Avenue.
- Variation No. 14 - Montpelier Place, Temple Hill, Blackrock - Architectural Conservation Area.
- Variation No. 15 - Newtown Villas, Blackrock - Architectural Conservation Area.

All 3 Variations were adopted.

Below: Proposed works – Dún Laoghaire Baths



Local Area Plans

The County Development Plan 2010-2016 contains objectives to prepare a number of Local Area Plans/Strategic Development Zones.

During 2013 the

- Kiltiernan/Glenamuck Local Area Plan (Amended) was adopted September, 2013.
- Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) – An Bord Pleanála held an Oral Hearing in Spring 2013.

Architectural Conservation Areas

Two Architectural Conservation Areas were approved during 2013, as follows:-

- Montpelier Place, Temple Hill, Blackrock.
- Newtown Villas, Blackrock.

Work continued on the assessment of the following three Architectural Conservation Areas:-

- Cross Avenue, Blackrock.
- Sydenham Villas, Sydenham Road & Campfield Terrace, Dundrum.
- Arkle Square, The Chase, Leopardstown.

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

The Council on 14 December 2009 adopted the Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2010 – 2017. On 14 May, 2013 the Council adopted a revised Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2013-2015 whereby the contributions applicable were significantly reduced.

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

The Council on 13 January 2003 adopted a Section 49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme. It requires the payment of a financial contribution towards the cost of the extension of Luas Line B from the Sandyford Depot to Cherrywood, namely Luas Line B1.

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

The Council on 10 November 2008 adopted a Section 49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for the purpose of financing the development of the Glenamuck District Distributor Road Scheme and the Surface Water Attenuation Ponds Scheme.

Building Control Section

The Planning Department's Building Control Section is responsible for monitoring the Building Control Act 1990 & 2007 and the Regulations made under the Acts.

Building Control Section monitor 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 Section co-ordinate the statutory taking in charge process of roads 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 in Residential and Industrial Areas" (Guidance Document).

A total of 5 estates were taken in charge by the Council in 2013.

Building Regulations.

Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009 brought into operation a number of additional statutory requirements under the Building Control Acts.

The Regulations came into effect in October 2009 and prescribe the procedures in respect of the new certification measures for:

- Seven Day Notice
- Regularisation Certificate
- Revised Fire Safety Certificate.

Disability Access Certificates and Revised Disability Certificates came into effect in January 2010.

Building Energy Rating [BER] Certificates

Under SI 666 of 2006 European Community (Energy Performance of Buildings) Regulations 2006, the Council is responsible for the monitoring of BERs. Building Control monitor new buildings to ensure that the building has a BER before it is occupied. It is the Council's practice to visit estate agents /

auctioneers in the County, who act for vendors. A new residential or commercial building, or an existing building which is to be let or sold, requires a BER before it is occupied. The Council is satisfied with the level of compliance with the Building Energy Regulation Certificate legislation in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.

In the event of non-compliance with the Regulations, the Council will commence enforcement proceedings.

National Survey on Ongoing Housing Developments

In July 2012, "Resolving Unfinished Housing Developments" a progress report on actions to address unfinished housing developments was published.

The report was prepared by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and the Housing Agency, following a survey conducted during Summer 2012.

The Report 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.

The Council is satisfied, having inspected the major sites in the County, that there are no significant issues with regard to the public utility works (i.e. roads, lighting, water and drainage, etc.) on these sites.

At the beginning of 2013 there were a total of 22 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 16.

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.

- Submissions by email and credit card/laser payment have been introduced.
- A new I.T. system for Development Contributions has been introduced, which greatly improves efficiency particularly in relation to debt collection.

The Planning Department 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 to the Development Plan. 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.

Enterprise Unit

The Council established its own Enterprise Unit in January 2013 with the aim to provide a more focussed support for businesses that interact with Council in a range of matters.

The Council places a priority on developing a pro-business environment in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown by:

- Creating a highly desirable place for people to live, work and visit.
- Providing effective services that are critical for business operations such as road infrastructure, water supply, wastewater disposal and managing a clean and amenable local environment.
- Working with organised business groups to promote the retail and commercial areas of the County.
- Communicating with businesses as to their needs for information and other supports to operate successfully in the County.

A pro-business environment leads to local economic development and growth. This positive outcome is the result of several factors working together, many of which are not in the control of the Council. The Council therefore engaged with other stakeholders in the following economic development activities in 2013 by:

- Working with neighbouring authorities to facilitate regional economic development within the framework of the Dublin City Region Economic Development Plan.

- Working with Fáilte Ireland and local tourism providers to market local tourism products and attractions as part of the Dublin tourism brand.
- Working with local enterprise support agencies, state agencies and business groups who share a remit to facilitate start-ups and the growth of established businesses in the County.
- Working with other cities and Councils as partners to implement EU funded projects aimed at promoting the County at wider levels.

Achievements in 2013 included:

Business Communication

A key objective of the Unit is to improve communication between the Council and businesses in the County. A new business Information services website was planned, designed and launched with the aim to provide key information on four broad information themes namely:

- Information for business start-ups (including advice and information on how to start a business and which agencies in the County could provide support)
- Information for established businesses (including all the forms and regulations for licences and certificates)
- Information on the infrastructural needs to conduct business in the County (ranging from Planning to Water Services to Transportation)
- Information on requirements for environmental sustainability.

Below: The Gathering - Chinese Art Students Visit



The Unit also assisted businesses as a 'first-stop' call for queries about all Council-related services.

Business Area Promotion

The BRAND Project was a 3.5 year programme funded by the Ireland-Wales Interreg IVA Programme with Denbighshire County Council as lead partner and three other partners including Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The Project assisted stakeholders in Dún Laoghaire town to examine and reposition the town brand, specifically with a range of actions from development of graphic language to establishing new communication platforms to marketing of events and to the training of ambassadors.

The Council launched a Business Area Promotion Grants Scheme in 2010. The main purpose is to support business groups to engage in promotional activities that will increase footfall in their respective commercial/retail areas. In 2013 a total of 24 applications were received. Projects that were co-funded by Council included the Nutgrove Arts Festival in the Nutgrove Shopping Centre, the Blackrock Animation Festival in Blackrock town, advertising of attractions in Dalkey and the Dublin Mountains in travel magazines as well as the Bloomsday events in Dún Laoghaire, Sandycove & Glasthule and Blackrock.

In April 2011 the Council established the first pop-up shop in the County in Park House, Georges St, Dún Laoghaire. The aims of the Pop-up Shop Initiative are to:

- Increase footfall and attract new visitors to the Town Centre
- Generate publicity for the Town Centre
- Offer low cost space for entrepreneurs and social enterprises to start-up new ideas and/or reach new audiences
- Showcase empty properties to potential tenants

Through the pop-up shop the Council is making a significant contribution to support the craft-makers and designers in the County to expand markets for their products. A total of 51 pop-up shop tenants availed of the opportunity in Park House in 2013.

Tourism

A new Tourist Information Office was opened in June 2013 in County Hall. This office is open during hours suitable for tourists including over weekends. The office provides Information on all accommodation, activities, events, shopping and leisure locations in the County.

Fáilte Ireland, together with the four Dublin local authorities and other key stakeholders (e.g. port and harbour companies and Chambers of Commerce) created the Grow Dublin Task Force to research the Dublin tourism brand with a view to reposition the brand after a number of years of declining tourism figures. The result was the launch of Destination Dublin in December 2013, a new strategy to sell Dublin to the US, UK, German and French markets as 'a vibrant capital city bursting with a variety of surprising experiences - where city living thrives side-by-side with the natural outdoors'.

The Outdoor Tourism Project is a three-year project funded by the Ireland-Wales Interreg IVA Programme with Conwy Borough County Council as lead partner and five other partners including

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The deliverables are taster sessions to increase community awareness of the local outdoor tourism activities; a business development programme for existing and new local businesses in the outdoor tourism sector; a training and apprenticeship programme for employees in the sector; and a marketing strategy and action plan to promote local outdoor tourism.

The Council commenced a pedestrian way-finding system designed and produced to assist first-time visitors to find their way around the attractions of the coastal areas of Blackrock, Monkstown, Dun Laoghaire and Sandycove/Glasthule. The system includes high specification maps and finger posts benchmarked on similar systems in European city centres.

Inter-agency Collaboration

The Unit facilitated the co-ordination of the CDB Economic Development Committee that consisted of the senior management of DLR County Enterprise Board, FAS, IADT, Dún Laoghaire VEC, County Dublin VEC, Southside Partnership, IDA, Enterprise Ireland and DLR Chamber.

Below: Way-Finding System - Pedestrian Signage



Transportation and Water Services Department

Transportation Department's principal activities include:

- design, construction and maintenance of roads and motorways
- improvement of junctions and traffic management
- provision of bus priority measures
- maintenance and improvement of pedestrian and cycling facilities
- improvement of facilities for mobility impaired and disabled road users
- management of parking and parking control;
- road planning
- promotion of sustainable travel
- introduction of road safety and Accident Investigation Prevention (AIP) measures
- operation of the school warden service

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 Bye-Laws, 2007 to 2011.

In 2013 the Pay and Display Parking Control Scheme was extended to:

- Tullyvale Road, off Cherrywood Roundabout
- Killiney DART Station car park
- Station Road, Killiney
- Stillorgan Road [Montrose Hotel]
- The Hill, Stillorgan

32,025 fines were issued for parking and road traffic related offences in 2013.

21,325 valid parking fines were paid in 2013.

621 convictions were secured through the District Court for the non-payment of parking fines during 2013.

A new contractor, ParkRite t/a DLR Parking Services, took over the Parking Enforcement Contract in February 2013.

Below: Homework for Drivers



Capital Projects Office

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

Schemes under construction / completed:

- Burton Hall Road
- Pottery Road
- Shankill DART Carpark

Schemes at Design Stage:

- South County Business Park Exit Upgrade
- Leopardstown Link Road and Roundabout Reconfiguration
- ESB Link Road
- M50 Pedestrian and Cycle connectivity bridge
- Brides Glen to Shankill Cycleway and Footpath

Transportation Planning Section

- Reported on 705 planning applications
- Reported on 7 Part 8 applications
- Reported on 3 Bord Pleanála appeals
- Over 140 pre-planning consultations with architects, engineers and planners in order to facilitate the progression of planning applications
- Transportation input to the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme, Kiltarnan / Glenamuck Local area Plan, Blackrock Local Area Plan and the Dun Laoghaire Local Area Plan.

Traffic, Road Safety & Sustainable Travel Section

Under the National Transport Authority's (NTA) investment framework in the area of sustainable Transport measures focussed on Cycling and Walking, the following schemes were advanced in 2013:

- Killiney Towers Roundabout – Final completion (Monkstown to Dalkey Link)
- Pedestrian and Cycle Link, Leopardstown to Luas (Old Harcourt Line) - Completion
- UCD cycle parking
- UCD to Luas Cycle Connection
- Bus Gate, UCD Belfield (bus only section of road)
- Temple Hill, Blackrock Junctions – route enhancements (pedestrian and cycle) – Preliminary design and public consultation.
- Toucan Crossing at Silver Tassie, N11
- Brides Glen to Shankill Cycle route and footpath (Preliminary Design)
- Cycle Network Development
- Pedestrian crossing, Murphystown Luas Station to Aikens Village, Sandyford
- Shanganagh Road / Commons Road pedestrian route improvements (Feasibility)
- Pedestrian Connection from Balally Luas Station to Dundrum
- Dún Laoghaire traffic management measures (Front of DART only)

Below: Pottery Road Improvement Scheme



- Stillorgan Village improvements to transport networks for walking, cycling, bus and general traffic in Stillorgan Village (Concept & Brief)
- Wyattville Road Improvements – route enhancements (Preliminary Design)
- Frascati Road, Blackrock – Route enhancements (Pedestrian & Cycle) – Preliminary Design & Public Consultation.
- Cycle Parking at local centres Countywide
- N11 – Johnstown Road Junction Improvements (Design & Public Consultation)
- N11 – Whites' Cross Junction improvement (Design & Public Consultation)
- DLR Public Bike Hire Study (Feasibility Study)
- Stillorgan Park Cycle route improvements (Detailed Design & Public Consultation)
- N11 – (Stillorgan Park – Brewery Road) – Cycle Improvement – Preliminary Design

Under the National Road Authority's (NRA) Low Cost Safety Improvement Programme, for works on National Roads, the following schemes were advanced in 2013:

- National Primary Route N11 - (Junction Safety Review Report Prepared)
- Seapoint Avenue - Design options to achieve three objectives
- To improve the existing boundary protection on Seapoint Avenue from Brighton Vale to no 48 Seapoint Avenue.
- Improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists on Seapoint Avenue between Newtown Avenue and Brighton Vale (at the Martello Tower)
- Provide public lighting along the cycle and pedestrian route (on the sea side of the Dart Line) from the Martello Tower to Dún Laoghaire
- U-Turn facility on South Bound C/Way of N11 at Foxrock Church

Under the National Road Authority's (NRA) Low Cost Safety Improvement Programme, for works on Regional and Local Roads, the following schemes were advanced in 2013:

- Junction of College Rd, Grange & Harold's Grange Road – (Junction upgrade) – Design.
- Rock road at Booterstown Ave junction (improvements for pedestrians)
- Johnstown Road (Footpath provision)
- Church Road/Wyattville Road (signing & lining and junction upgrade)
- Bird Avenue (Footpath improvements)
- Braemor Park (Signing and lining and footpath and kerb radii improvements)

Traffic Signals and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

- SCATS, the adaptive traffic control system was expanded to 8 further junctions throughout the County

- 20 Pedestrian crossings were upgraded
- Maintenance of 350 no. signalised Traffic junctions & pedestrian crossings
- Signal Fault Management System – to include connection into Regional Traffic Control centre from 20th May – FREEPHONE 1800 29 39 49
- Signal Faults automatically reported to Contractor for 70% of signalised junctions
- Expansion of CCTV traffic camera network – 6 new, extending network to 37 no. units
- ITS – County's Fibre Management Report
- ITS – County's Variable Message Sign (VMS) Management Report

Junction Upgrades

The following junctions were upgraded using Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Councils own resources:

- College Road / Grange Road – Public Consultation complete
- Deep Dene (Upper Kilmacud Rd / Overend Way)
- Mounttown junction (Part fund)
- Barton Road East pedestrian crossing

Road Safety Section

The Road Safety Section operates a School Warden service which caters for thousands of children attending schools during school terms and is delivered by 75 wardens at 69 locations throughout the County. The wardens are employed, trained and managed by the Road Safety Section.

On-site cycle training and testing was made available to all primary schools in the County. Training was provided in 35 schools in 2013 and certificates in cycling proficiency were awarded to 1,467 pupils.

The Road Safety Section carried out engineering works at 16 schools throughout the County.

Installed enhanced pedestrian crossings and facilities for those with visual and mobility impairments. Installed speed alert signs in areas with an identified speeding issue. Improved infrastructure in areas with identified accident histories.

RSA collision statistics are not yet available for 2013, for fatal and serious injury collisions. However, the Council has been notified of three road fatalities and approximately eight serious injuries in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown administrative area.

The Council actively participated in the Garda Casualty Reduction Implementation Plans, which took place in April/May and October/November. Pedestrians and Cyclists were targeted during these campaigns.

Other works included:

The installation of four Go Safe Vehicle Locations (Camera Vans) along the N11 at strategic locations agreed with An Garda Síochána.

Pedestrian and Cyclist Routes to school maps were prepared for Oatlands Schools in Stillorgan and Loreto and St. Patrick's and Harold's Schools in Dalkey.

Road Safety Officer 2013

The Council's Road Safety Officer, Seamus Storan, was awarded a 'Leading Lights in Road Safety' award from the Road Safety Authority. The award was made in recognition of Seamus' efforts to improve the safety of road users in the County through road safety education and awareness campaigns.

Educational Campaigns during 2013

The following programme was delivered in conjunction with the Garda Casualty Reduction Implementation Plan in October / November, with local schools and universities and was supported by the National Transport Authority, The Road Safety Authority, AXA and An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Brigade and the HSE Ambulance Service.

Schedule of Road Safety Campaigns

08/05/13 - Photos at Kill O Grange National School re: Bike Week & Safer Cycling.

16//05/13 - UCD & Toner truck - Hi-viz giveaway and blind spots on trucks

16/05/13 - Cyclist photos on newly completed cycle track Stillorgan.

29/05/13 - RSA & Garda Public Info Day in County Hall.

31/05/13 - Garda & DLR Speed checks on Main Roads County Wide.

13/09/13 - RSA Streetsmart, Scoil Mhuire, Shankill.

Below: Leading Lights in Road Safety Award presented to Seamus Storan



01/10/13 - Launch of Children's Art Competition re: EMW.

01/10/13 - Hi-Viz giveaway Rock Road to vulnerable road users.

03-11/10/13 - DLR & Garda Homework for Drivers at St. Brigid's School, Cabinteely (6 day campaign).

04/10/13 - UCD Road Safety Car Crash Simulation.

14-15/10/13 - DLR/AXA Road Safety Road Show.

14/11/13 - UCD & Toner truck - Hi-viz giveaway and blind spots on trucks.

18/11/13 - Hi-Viz giveaway Rock Road to vulnerable road users.

12/12/13 - IADT Road Safety Car Crash Simulation & RSA Roller Shuttle & Hi-Viz Giveaway.

17/12/13 - Children's Arts Award Ceremony.

20/12/13 - Hi-Viz Giveaway to Council staff & Public attending offices.

DLR/AXA Roadsafe Roadshow

Approx 2,300 pupils attended this years DLR/AXA Road Safe Road Show, which was held in the Royal Marine Hotel on 14 and 15 October 2013. The objective of the road show was to encourage young drivers and those about to commence their driving career, to adopt a more responsible attitude in terms of their own driving behaviour. The consequences, should they fail to do so were clearly and graphically demonstrated in the roadshow presentation. The show seemed to be very effective and well received by all who attended.

Vehicle Crash Simulation

The Gardaí in conjunction with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and supported by the Emergency Services organised a real time vehicular crash simulation at both UCD and IADT. This was a hard hitting re-enactment aimed at demonstrating to students the dangers of mobile phone usage, speeding and drink driving.

The following AIP Schemes were progressed using Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Councils own resources:

- Johnstown Road – new footpath link and pedestrian crossing advanced
- Loreto Avenue School Safety Zone – Phase 1
- Lambs' Cross – Junction Improvement Report

Sustainable Travel

Promoted sustainable travel and cycling initiatives and delivered Sustainable Travel Infrastructure in the County in conjunction with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTS), the National Transport Authority (NTA) and other agencies.

Appointed a Cycling Officer for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Liaised with various Council Departments to develop and implement and apply Smarter Travel and Cycle Design Principles

to DLR Policy via the development/management process and the SPC and Area Committees.

Public events during National Bike Week included the Deansgrange Family Cycle (Clonkeen Park and Kilbogget Park), a 'Fix your Bike' day and Family Cycling event in Shanganagh Park. The Council also took part in the NTA pedometer and Cycle Challenges

Developed a cycling leaflet for the Loughlinstown Cycle Route.

Promoted sustainable travel in schools throughout the County by running an Art Competition and poster campaigns and delivered cycle training to over 1,500 students in primary schools

Worked closely with UCD, in conjunction with the NTA, to introduce Campus Wide Smarter travel initiatives and infrastructure.

Continued the programme of cycle stand installations at public locations and public transport stops with over 300 stands installed in 2013.

Other works carried out by the Traffic, Road Safety & Sustainable Travel Section included:

In conjunction with Dublin Bus, Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) signs were installed and became operational at 4

locations throughout the County bringing the total number to 50 locations

Traffic Section dealt with 348 requests for new road markings and signage as part of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) process, in consultation with the Garda Traffic Section, which examines all statutory signing and road lining requests.

The Traffic section continued to keep various stakeholders and members of the public informed of roadworks/traffic disruption through the weekly Traffic News bulletins.

Contact

Traffic, Road Safety & Sustainable Travel Section can be contacted directly at traffic@dlrcoco.ie or Tel 2054375, Fax 2802494. There is also a designated telephone number 01 2302041 for reporting traffic light faults.

Strategic Priorities:

Improvements provided during 2013 included:

A new parking enforcement contractor was initiated in February 2013.

Extension of CRM and rollout of pay parking machines with credit card payment.

The introduction of ParkingTag (pay for parking by phone).

Below: Vehicle Crash Simulation – Road Safety



Water and Waste Services

Water & Waste Services Section provides a range of essential services and is responsible for the provision, maintenance and management of the public water supply and drainage systems throughout the County as well as waste management and enforcement.

Water Services

An adequate, wholesome and reliable water supply is one of the most essential services provided by a local authority. In Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown the water supply system consists of over 1,000 km of watermains, together with reservoirs, pumping stations and treatment works. The Council's functional area covers one of Ireland's older conurbations: much of the network is old with 8% of the network laid pre 1900 and 40% laid pre 1960. This results in a high level of maintenance and repair, which leads to increased operational costs. Nevertheless, the quality remains among the best in the country and results of water quality testing are regularly posted on the Council's website.

Foul drainage is collected in a network of pipes and treated in Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP) at Shanganagh and Ringsend. Surface water is collected and discharged to either adjacent rivers or the sea.

Projects

In 2013 the average water leakage was 29% in the County. Watermain rehabilitation continued under the Dublin Region Watermain Rehabilitation Project which is part-funded by the DECLG. Since the project commenced in 2008, rehabilitation has progressed in Blackrock, Dalkey, Killiney, Dun Laoghaire, Goatstown, Roebuck, Mount Merrion, Broadford, Ardagh, Deansgrange, Carrickbrennan, Sallynoggin, Monkstown, Glenageary, Fosters Avenue and Sandycove.

The Water Pollution Control Section enforces the Water Pollution Act 1977 (amended 1990) and monitors water quality in the County's rivers through an extensive system of sampling and analysis. The Council has adopted the Programme of Measures for the Eastern River Basin District. These measures are designed to protect and improve water quality to good environmental status as defined by the Water Framework Directive. Currently over 360 licences to discharge to the Council's sewer system have been issued to businesses in the County. Of this number, over 300 are licences to discharge Fats Oils and Grease (FOG) to Food Service Establishments.

The Sandyford / Stillorgan sub-catchment study is now complete and design and construction work is progressing on several key recommended remedial measures.

Below: Shanganagh/Bray Main Drainage Scheme



Waste Management

Enforcement Unit

The Enforcement Unit provides information on and carries out monitoring and enforcement actions in the area of (a) waste management (b) air pollution and (c) noise pollution.

Priority action areas for 2013 included:

- Producers and Collectors of Food Waste
- Unauthorised Waste Collectors
- Producer Compliance Initiatives: Waste Packaging; End-of-Life Vehicles; Tyres
- Trans-boundary Air Pollutants: Volatile Organic Compounds/ Solvent use in the Dry-cleaning and Vehicle Crash Repair sector together with Petroleum Vapour Emissions.
- Solid Fuels (Bituminous coal)
- Support of the P.U.R.E. project

Green Business

EnviroCom 2013 Awards.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Carrie Smyth and An Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Eamon Gilmore, TD, jointly presented the EnviroCom Awards on 16 October 2013. Now in its seventh 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 size or sector.

The Green Business Officer represented the Council on the judging panel and the organising committee for the Awards. Winners were from sectors as diverse as retail, communications, transportation, sports clubs and consultancy ranging in size from a few employees to large corporations. Apart from the Council other sponsors of the Awards were Mainstream Renewable Power, WEEE Ireland, Amgen, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, the Environmental Protection Agency, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Enterprise Board, ESB Ecars and RPS Consulting Engineers. The Dublin People Group of Newspapers was a media partner.

The Ecocert Programme is a three-year environmental support and certification programme for businesses to enable savings to be made in waste, water and energy management. It is a partnership between Econcertive, the Environmental Protection Agency and four local authorities including Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Participants include companies in the retail, pharmaceutical, healthcare and educational sectors. Some are using the Ecocert Programme to green their supply chain whilst others have received SEAI funding under the Better Energy Community Grants scheme for work done in 2013 to become more energy efficient as members of the programme are viewed as an eligible community for grant support by SEAI.

9 Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Collection Days were held in the County in 2013 in conjunction with WEEE Ireland to promote recycling of WEEE waste. These events took

place in various car parks and yielded 114 tonnes of WEEE in total with a weight equivalent of 5,205TV's! Clondalkin Community Recycling Initiative was engaged by Estate Management to offer door-to-door collections for tenants as required. These door-to-door collections yielded a further 7.1tonnes of WEEE recycled in the County in addition to that taken to Ballyogan Recycling Park by residents.

Recycling Centres

Ballyogan Recycling Park

The tonnage of recyclable material brought to Ballyogan Recycling Park in 2013 was 7,512 tonnes.

Compost bins and Water butts are offered for sale to the public at Ballyogan Recycling Park. In 2013 89 Compost Bins and 193 Water butts were sold.

Eden Park Recycling Centre

356 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Eden Park Recycling Centre in 2013.

Shanganagh Recycling Centre

225 tonnes of recyclable materials were brought to Shanganagh Recycling Centre in 2013

Bring Bank Centres

The Council provides 38 centres. A total of 2,123 tonnes of recyclables were brought to the centres during the year.

SCHEDULE 1 - 2013

Facilities Registered/Permits Issued	
Waste Enforcement	846
Wastewater Licences	331
Inspections	
Waste Enforcement	1,013
Water and Wastewater	11,500
Complaints Received	
Waste Enforcement	223
Water and Wastewater	2,117
Enforcement Actions	
Waste Enforcement	46
Water and Wastewater	21

Annual Financial Statements 2013

Balance Sheet For Year Ending 31 December 2013

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2013

	Notes	2013 €	2012 €
Fixed	1		
Operational		1,290,306,244	1,291,967,405
Infrastructural		1,982,599,077	1,981,102,131
Community		49,410,418	44,958,006
Non-Operational		97,448,425	97,448,425
		3,419,764,164	3,415,475,967
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	193,538,248	179,011,379
Long Term Debtors	3	128,585,918	142,727,957
Current Assets			
Stock	4	775,456	772,179
Trade Debtors and Prepayments	5	27,180,119	27,691,069
Bank Investments		129,561,257	142,933,141
Cash at Bank		149,672	11,082,925
Cash in Transit		1,062,725	1,350,652
		158,729,229	183,829,966
Current Liabilities			
Creditors & Accruals	6	58,530,063	58,969,362
Urban Account	7	-	-
Finance Leases		-	-
		58,530,063	58,969,362
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		100,199,166	124,860,604
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	8	147,477,389	163,457,311
Finance Leases		-	-
Refundable Deposits	9	6,197,237	5,554,931
Other		40,936,147	51,525,124
		194,610,773	220,537,366
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		3,647,476,723	3,641,538,541
Represented By			
Capitalisation Account	10	3,419,764,164	3,415,475,967
Income WIP	2	151,716,444	154,916,365
Specific Revenue Reserve		18,452,967	18,452,967
General Revenue Reserve		9,648,543	9,601,934
Other Balances	11	47,894,605	43,091,309
Total Reserves		3,647,476,723	3,641,538,542

Income & Expenditure Account Statement For Year Ending 31 December 2013

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

		Gross Expenditure 2013	Income 2013	Net Expenditure 2013	Net Expenditure 2012
		€	€	€	€
Expenditure by Division	Note				
Housing and building		26,822,063	24,735,857	2,086,206	2,100,138
Road transport & safety		26,178,197	11,256,996	14,921,201	15,019,764
Water services		33,625,564	10,992,396	22,633,168	22,903,622
Development management		11,367,610	1,982,056	9,385,554	9,942,104
Environmental services		26,892,928	7,296,003	19,596,925	20,893,492
Recreation and amenity		23,548,733	3,731,151	19,817,582	19,488,192
Agriculture, education, health & welfare		2,552,923	1,790,010	762,913	784,235
Miscellaneous services		16,598,308	6,289,149	10,309,159	13,736,999
Central management charges		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure/Income	16-17	167,586,325	68,073,618		
Net Cost of Divisions to be funded from					
Rates and Local Government Fund				99,512,708	104,868,547
Rates				83,345,888	86,392,172
Pension related deduction				2,765,408	2,813,189
Local government fund / general purpose grant				24,644,977	25,311,824
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before				11,243,564	9,648,638
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	15			(11,196,955)	(9,547,168)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year				46,609	101,470
General Reserve at 1st January				9,601,934	9,500,464
General Reserve at 31st December				9,648,543	9,601,934

Service Indicators 2013

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Service Indicators: 01/01/13 - 31/12/13

F: FIRE SERVICE

F1: Fire Service Mobilisation

A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	Dublin City Council is the Fire Authority for the entire Dublin area.
B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	Dublin City Council is the Fire Authority for the entire Dublin area.
C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents	Dublin City Council is the Fire Authority for the entire Dublin area.
D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other emergency incidents	Dublin City Council is the Fire Authority for the entire Dublin area.

F.2 Percentage of attendances at scenes

A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	Dublin City Council is the Fire Authority for the entire Dublin area.
B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	Dublin City Council is the Fire Authority for the entire Dublin area.
C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	Dublin City Council is the Fire Authority for the entire Dublin area.
D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	Dublin City Council is the Fire Authority for the entire Dublin area.
E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	Dublin City Council is the Fire Authority for the entire Dublin area.
F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	Dublin City Council is the Fire Authority for the entire Dublin area.

F.3 Fire Prevention

A. Total number of fire safety certificate applications received	163
B. Total number of fire safety certificate applications processed (including cases deemed invalid)	159
C. Total number of applications deemed invalid	12

CP: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

CP.1 Participation in local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme

Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og scheme	55.88
Total number of local schools and youth groups	34
Number of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og scheme	19

CP.2 Groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum

Number of groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum	402
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C: CORPORATE ISSUES

C.1 Working Days lost to Sickness

A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	4.38
B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	0.58
Number of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	9883
Number of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	1302.5
Total number of staff (Whole Time Equivalent) at the end of December 2013 (as per DECLG staffing return for the end of 2013)	994.9

C.2 Staff Training and Development

Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs:	3.36
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E: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

WATER

E.1 Unaccounted For Water

Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	28.08
Total volume of water supplied (m ³ /per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	60758
Volume of unaccounted for water (m ³ /per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	17060

WASTE MANAGEMENT

E.3 Waste Segregation

A. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for dry recyclables	99.99
B. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for organics	41.57
Total number of households provided with a waste collection service	76735 Collected from NWCPO
Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for recyclables	76728 Collected from NWCPO
Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for organics	31900 Collected from NWCPO

E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling

A. Percentage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	63.64
B. Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	37390
C. Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	9743.09
Total tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside	58754 Collected from NWCPO
Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	37390 Collected from NWCPO
Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is landfilled	21364 Collected from NWCPO
Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	9743.09

E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill

A. The percentage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	36.36
B. The tonnage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	21364
Total tonnage of household waste collected	58754 Collected from NWCPO
Tonnage of household waste which is sent to landfill	21364 Collected from NWCPO

E6: Recycling Facilities

The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area	38
The total number of Civic Amenity Centres in the local authority area	3

GLASS

A. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	36
B. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	3
C. The total number of facilities for recycling	39
D. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.95

CANS	
E. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	29
F. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	3
G. The total number of facilities for recycling	32
H. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.78
TEXTILES	
I. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	28
J. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	3
K. The total number of facilities for recycling	31
L. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.75
BATTERIES	
M. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
N. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	3
O. The total number of facilities for recycling	3
P. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.07
OILS	
Q. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
R. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
S. The total number of facilities for recycling	1
T. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.02
OTHER MATERIALS	
U. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
V. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	3
W. The total number of facilities for recycling	3
X. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.07
LITTER	
E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement	
A. Number of full-time litter wardens	6
B. Number of part-time litter wardens	2
C. Number of litter wardens (both full- and part-time) per 5,000 population	0.19
D. Number of on-the-spot fines issued	537
E. Number of on-the-spot fines paid	355
F. Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	100
G. Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	19
H. Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	0
I. Total number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	101
J. Total number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	19
K. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	23
L. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are slightly polluted with litter	36
M. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are moderately polluted with litter	36

N. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are significantly polluted with litter	5
O. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are grossly polluted with litter	0

E8: Environmental Complaints and Enforcement

A. Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	6154	Waste, Air & Noise - 231, Water - 70, Litter - 5853. Increase in figures from 2012 to 2013 is direct result of CRM recording figures on areas not previously recorded such as sweeping requests, litter bin complaints and illegal signage
B. Number of complaints investigated	6152	Waste, Air & Noise - 229, Water 70, Litter - 5853. Increase in figures from 2012 to 2013 is direct result of CRM recording figures on areas not previously recorded such as sweeping requests, litter bin complaints and illegal signage
C. Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	5610	Waste, Air & Noise - 224, Water - 70, Litter - 5316. Increase in figures from 2012 to 2013 is direct result of CRM recording figures on areas not previously recorded such as sweeping requests, litter bin complaints and illegal signage
D. Number of enforcement procedures taken	545	Waste, Air & Noise - 8, Water - 0, Litter - 537

E9: Percentage of schools participating in environmental campaigns

A. Percentage of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	97.62
B. Percentage of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	100
Total number of primary schools	84
Number of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	82
Total number of secondary schools	33
Number of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	33

H: HOUSING

H1: Housing Vacancies

A. The total number of dwellings in local authority stock	4392
B. The total number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	4340
C. The overall percentage of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	0.89
D. The percentage of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	45.16
E. The percentage of empty dwellings available for letting	54.84
The average number of dwellings in local authority stock	4392
The average number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	4340
The average number of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	38.75
The average number of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	17.5

The average number of empty dwellings available for letting	21.25
H2: Average Time Taken to Re-let Available dwellings	
The average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	7.12
The average time taken (in weeks) from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	6.66
H3: Housing Repairs	
Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	98.33
The number of repairs completed	5525
The number of valid repair requests received	5619
H4: Traveller Accommodation	
Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme	60
Number of Traveller families accommodated	3 The Traveller Accommodation programme indicated 5 units of standard housing would be provided in 2013, this was not achieved, however 3 new halting site bays were provided
Target number of Traveller families to be accommodated in the year, as set out in the local Traveller accommodation programme	5
H5: Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector	
A. Total number of registered tenancies	14219
B. Number of dwelling units inspected	222
C. Number of inspections carried out	615
D. Number of dwellings inspected as percentage of registered tenancies (i.e. B as percentage of A)	1.56
H6: Grants to adapt housing for the needs of people with a disability	
A. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application	2.6
B. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt, to the date of decision on the application	9.6
H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses	
A. Total number of new local authority tenants	96
B. Percentage of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	38.54
Number of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	37

L: LIBRARY SERVICES

L.1 Library Public Opening Hours

A. Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	34
B. Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	0 No part-time libraries in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
C. Percentage of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	63
D. Percentage of full time libraries that have evening openings	100
E. Percentage of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	100
Number of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	5
Number of full time libraries that have evening openings	8
Number of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	8

L.2 Library Visits

Number of visits to full time libraries per 1,000 population	2405.62
Total number of visits to full-time libraries	496185 Deansgrange Library closed for renovation 1/1/13-14/7/13. Cabinteely Library open additional 6 hours per week while Deansgrange closed. Deansgrange figures returned for 23 weeks open

L.3 Library Stock

A. Annual expenditure on stock per head of population (county/city wide)	2.97
B. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for books	5.43
C. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for other items	1.47
Annual expenditure on stock	611594.81 Includes €75,651 grant spent on bookstock for Blackrock Library
Total number of books issued	1119484
Total number of other items issued	303526

L.4 Internet Access through Libraries

Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	401.09
Total number of Internet sessions provided	82729 2013 return includes wifi figures (15,589) for the first time

M: MOTOR TAXATION

M.1 Number of Motor Tax Transactions

A. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
B. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
C. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.

D. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
E. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
F. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.

M.2 Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications

A. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
B. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
C. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
D. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
E. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
F. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
G. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
H. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.

M.3 Time Taken to Process Driving Licence Applications

A. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
B. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.

C. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the Fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
D. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
E. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
F. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
G. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
H. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.

M.4 Public opening hours

Average number of opening hours per week	Dublin City Council is responsible for the provision of Motor Tax Services in the DLR administrative area.
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P: PLANNING

P.1 Planning Applications - Decision Making

Individual Houses

A. Number of applications decided	87
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	55
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	32
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	78
F. Percentage of applications granted	70.11
G. Percentage of applications refused	29.89
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	63.64
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	36.36
Number of applications granted	61
Number of applications refused	26
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	14
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	8

New Housing Development

A. Number of applications decided	35
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	20
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	15
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(g) of the Planning and development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	84
F. Percentage of applications granted	65.71
G. Percentage of applications refused	34.29
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	68.75
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	31.25
Number of applications granted	23
Number of applications refused	12
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	11
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	5
Other: not requiring Environment Impact Assessment	
A. Number of applications decided	862
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	708
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	154
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(g) of the Planning and development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	77
F. Percentage of applications granted	93.27
G. Percentage of applications refused	6.73
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	65.79
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	34.21
Number of applications granted	804
Number of applications refused	58
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	25
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	13
Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment	
A. Number of applications decided	0
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	0
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	0
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(g) of the Planning and development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	0
F. Percentage of applications granted	
G. Percentage of applications refused	
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	

Number of applications granted	0
Number of applications refused	0
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Peanala	0
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Peanala	0

P.2 Planning Enforcement

A. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were investigated	223
B. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed	0
C. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	145
D. Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	237
E. Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	32
F. Number of prosecutions	13

P.3 Planning Public opening hours

Average number of opening hours per week	30
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P.4 Pre-Planning Consultation

A. Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	659
B. Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	16

P.5 New Buildings inspected

Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	24.05
Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority	761
Number of new buildings notified to the local authority that were inspected	183

P.6 Taking Estates in Charge

A. The number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year	17
B. Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	5
C. Number of dwellings in respect of column B	328
D. Percentage of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	100
E. Number of estates in column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	4
F. Number of estates in column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	5
Number of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	17

Rec: RECREATIONAL SERVICES

Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds

A. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population directly provided by the local authority	0.11
B. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population facilitated by the local authority	0.03
C. Number of children's playgrounds directly provided by the local authority	23
D. Number of children's playgrounds facilitated by the local authority	6

Rec.2 Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities

Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population	5168.02
Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities	1065960

Rev: REVENUE COLLECTION**Rev.1 House Rent**

A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from House Rent	77.44	
B. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are up to 4 weeks old	2.52	
C. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 4-6 weeks old	2.08	
D. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 6-12 weeks old	6.48	
E. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are more than 12 weeks old	88.92	
Amount due at year end from House Rent	16075075	Includes retrospective rent charges applied to accounts following Annual Rent Review
Amount collected at year end from House Rent	12449151	Increase of €269,999 in amount collected compared to 2012
Amount of arrears at year end from House Rent	3511851	Every effort continues to be made to maximise rent collection & resolve arrears issues
Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are up to 4 weeks old	88380	
Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are 4-6 weeks old	72913	
Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are 6-12 weeks old	227702	
Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are more than 12 weeks old	3122856	

Rev.2 Housing Loans

A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Housing Loans	63.92	
B. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	0.38	
C. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 months old	0.12	
D. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	0.45	
E. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	99.05	
Amount due at year end from Housing Loans	2111562	
Amount collected at year end from Housing Loans	1349789	Increase of €96,521 in amount collected compared to 2012
Amount of arrears at year end from Housing Loans	911638	The Council continues efforts to tackle arrears including managing accounts under MARP arrangements
Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	3464	
Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 month old	1086	
Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	4112	
Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	902975	

Rev.3 Commercial Rates

Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due from Commercial rates

78 Data is based on Draft Annual Financial Statement for 2013. The collection percentage achieved in 2013 of 78% represents an improvement in collection performance of 3% on 2012 in contrast to the continuous decline in collection performances experienced over the previous number of years indicating a sustainable improvement/stabilisation in collections.

Rev.4 Refuse Charges

Percentage of households paying refuse charges (including waivers) at year end

This Service has now been privatised.

Rev.5 Non-Domestic Water Charges

Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due for Non-Domestic Water Charges

54 Data is based on Draft Annual Financial Statement for 2013. The last five years has seen a continuous improvement in collection rates in respect of non domestic water charges and when account is taken of the amount charged back to 2013 from 2014 the collection performance for 2013 then increases to 66%.

R: ROADS**R1: Road Restoration Programme**

Number of kilometres of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum

10.3

Number of kilometres of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvement grants scheme per annum

0

Energy Management / Awareness

Overview of Energy Usage

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

Actions Undertaken in 2013:

In 2013 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown undertook or participated in a range of initiatives to improve our energy performance, including:

General:

Continued Energy Awareness training among staff: see GPS Tracking system.

Continued Initiatives – Green Schools Programme

Continued Sustainable Travel initiatives

Applied for and was successful in grant application to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) under the Better Energy Communities (BEC) and Area Based Programme Grant Schemes.

Corporate Buildings:

County Hall - Upgrade carried out to heating system to regulate set hours and effect energy improvements. Insulated Roof of Car park to reduce heat loss from floor above (approximate annual savings of 90,500kWh). Car park lighting upgrade (approximate annual savings of 118,800 kWh).

Parks and Cemeteries:

Cabinteely House – Replaced existing oil boiler, installed c1930 with 2no. 115kW gas boilers and 1no. Dimplex 40kW air to water heat pump. Installed 39no. heritage style radiators and associated pipe-work. Thermostatic and time controls fitted throughout building. Draught proofed all existing sash windows as part of a maintenance/repair programme. Insulated the floors of the principal rooms as part of restoration/repair works and installed lighting controls in the WCs (approximate total annual savings of 193,265 kWh).

Below: Ballyogan Operations Centre



Dalkey Town Hall - Replaced existing gas fire radiant heaters with gas fired condensing boiler feeding cast iron radiators with zone controls (approximate annual savings of 3,892kWh).

Community Buildings:

Sallynoggin Community Centre – Replaced storage heaters with gas fired central heating and upgraded section of lighting (approximate annual savings of 8,848kWh).

Park House – Upgraded boiler and heating controls and upgraded lighting (approximate annual savings of 13,315kWh).

Libraries:

Library Headquarters moved from Harbour Square 2 to Harbour Square 1 Council Offices. Reduction in heating and electrical energy usage as consumption shared with other departments in the one building.

Stillorgan Library - Roof insulated and quantum storage heaters installed (approximate annual savings of 25,668kWh).

Dalkey Library - Roof insulated & replaced pressure jet gas burner with new condensing gas boiler (approximate annual savings of 32,483kWh).

Shankill Library – Upgraded existing lighting to LED & T5 low-energy lights (approximate annual savings of 9,559kWh).

Housing:

Individual Houses - The Housing Department continued a programme of upgrading houses (718 units) to benefit the home occupier by insulating walls and attics and providing wall and roof ventilation. Included in that number were upgrades to gas-fired central heating boilers and controls to achieve improved BERs and higher energy standards resulting in annual energy savings (approximate 3,785,990kWh/yr savings as based on SEAI Energy Saving Credits).

Below: Cabinteely House



Group Scheme - Rochestown Terrace, Phase 1. Existing oil fired district heating system (30 years old) upgraded to a gas fired district heating system with local controls for 12 sheltered housing units for the elderly. External wall insulation installed (approximate annual saving of 103,800kWh).

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 currently available to replace older, more inefficient and ineffective lighting.

Incorporated trial LED Street lights on a traffic and regional route, Wyattville Road, (approximate annual savings of 10,296kWh).

IT:

Managed print service implemented leading to a reduction of printers used in County Hall by nearly 50%.

The Council continued to purchase energy star compliance equipment when replacing older equipment resulting in approximately 4.85mWh savings.

Mechanical / Water:

G.P.S. installed in all Council fleet at the end of 2013. Awaiting data feedback but anticipated 10% reduction of fuel consumption on current usage.

2 no. bicycles were provided in Ballyogan in 2013 for use by outdoor staff.

dIrl Leisure Services:

The dIrl Leisure Services Company reported the following:

Glenalbyn closed, review of facility considered to include improved energy measures.

Energy Management / Awareness

Actions Planned for 2014:

In 2014, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council intends to further improve our energy performance by undertaking the following initiatives:

General:

Continued Initiatives – Green Schools Programme.

Continued Sustainable Travel initiatives. Applying for Green Transport Award.

DLR will apply to the SEAI for grants under the 2014 Better Energy Communities (BEC) and 2014 Area Based Programme Grant Schemes.

Ongoing energy audits of Council buildings.

Compiling a Corporate Buildings List to demonstrate building area. Tied to ongoing Display Energy Certificate (DEC) coordination and procurement. Review of energy consumption of older buildings.

Corporate Buildings:

County Hall – Intend to make upgrades to the boilers, including insulation of valves, install a boiler economiser, fit back-end valves on boilers (potential annual savings of 149,422 kWh).

Harbour Square – Draught lobby to be considered. Intend to make upgrades to the boilers, including insulation of valves & install a boiler economiser (potential annual savings of 16,000 kWh).

Depots – Ensure complete close down of systems in older and less efficient building depots. Review in conjunction with new Corporate Buildings List.

Parks and Cemeteries:

Cabinteely House – draught seal all external doors.

Marlay House – Review recommendations of recent energy audit including: draught proof all existing sash windows (potential annual savings of 16,000 kWh).

Community Buildings:

Cois Cairn Youth & Community Centre – Replace storage heaters with gas-fired central heating. Upgrade section of lighting (potential annual savings of 10,880 kWh).

Ballybrack Project Community Centre – Upgrade to energy efficient gas-fired central heating system.

Loughlinstown Community Rooms – Upgrade to energy efficient gas-fired central heating system.

St Nathy's House Community Rooms – Upgrade to energy efficient gas-fired central heating system.

Glencullen Community Hall – Upgrade of roof insulation.

Libraries:

New Central Library and Cultural Centre to be completed in 2014. Consolidation of headquarter staff from Harbour Square and Dún Laoghaire Library to new County Library, Dún Laoghaire.

Deansgrange Library extension and upgrade completed July 2013. Display Energy Certificate to be sought July 2014.

Housing:

Housing Department will continue a programme of upgrading houses to achieve improved BERs and higher energy standards resulting in annual energy savings.

Progress Rochestown Phase 2 as part of Europhit pilot scheme.

IT:

The Council will continue to purchase energy star compliance equipment when replacing older equipment resulting in approximately 4.85MWh savings.

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 currently available to replace older, more inefficient and ineffective lighting.

To include replacing approx 164no. public lanterns and upgrade to LED lanterns (potential annual savings of 45,000kWh).

Retrofit an estimated 2,000 public lights (potential annual savings of 388,000kWh).

Mechanical / Water:

Irish Water to take over dlr Pumping Stations 1 January 2014.

dlr Leisure Services:

The dlr Leisure Services Company has reported the following:

Energy audits of dlr Leisure Services Buildings at Monkstown, Loughlinstown and Meadowbrook to be carried out. Address potential energy saving projects arising from same.