

# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **FEBRUARY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY –  
29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

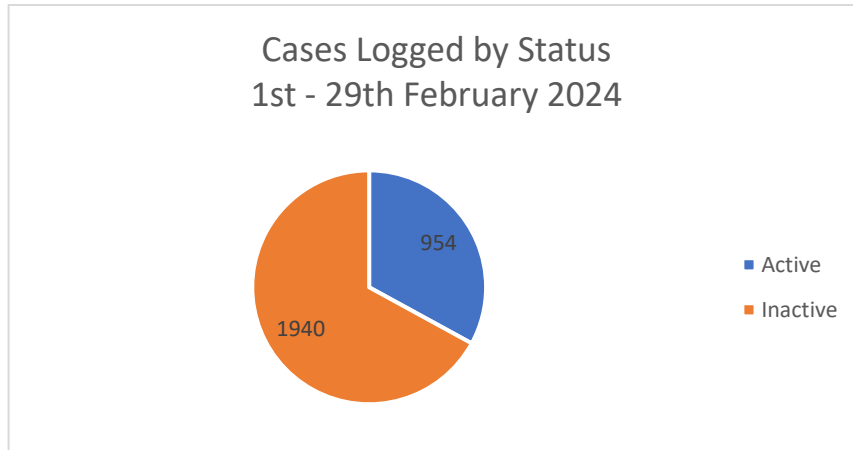


## CONTENT DIRECTORATES

<b>Corporate Affairs</b> .....	3
Director: Stephen Brady	
<b>Finance and Water Services</b> .....	7
Director: Helena Cunningham	
<b>Housing *</b>	
Director: Catherine Keenan	
<b>Planning and Economic Development</b> .....	10
Director: Aidan Blighe	
<b>Forward Planning Infrastructure *</b>	
Director: Anne Devine	
<b>Infrastructure and Climate Change</b> .....	17
Director: Paul Kennedy	
<b>Architects</b> .....	28
County Architect: Andrée Dargan	
<b>Community, Cultural Service and Parks</b> .....	29
Director: Therese Langan	

\*Included in Quarterly Management Report

### Civic Hub Stats

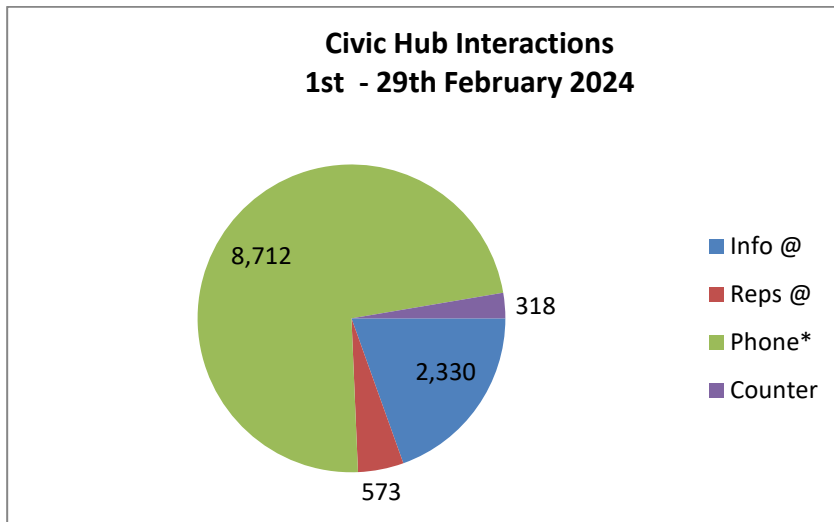


### Cases Logged from 1<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Open	954
Closed	1940

### Cases Logged from 1<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects		6	6
Communications	26	428	454
Community	5	6	11
Corporate Services	4	7	11
dlrcoco	15	22	37
Enterprise		1	1
Environment	55	121	176
Finance	22	149	171
Forward Planning Infrastructure	1		1
Harbour		6	6
Housing	87	162	249
ICC	424	758	1182
IT		1	1
Libraries	1	3	4
Parks	212	194	406
Planning	9	16	25
Property	9		9
Transportation	1		1
Waste Enforcement	74	56	130
Water Services	9	4	13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1940</b>	<b>2894</b>



Pie chart excludes abandoned calls.

**Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged from**

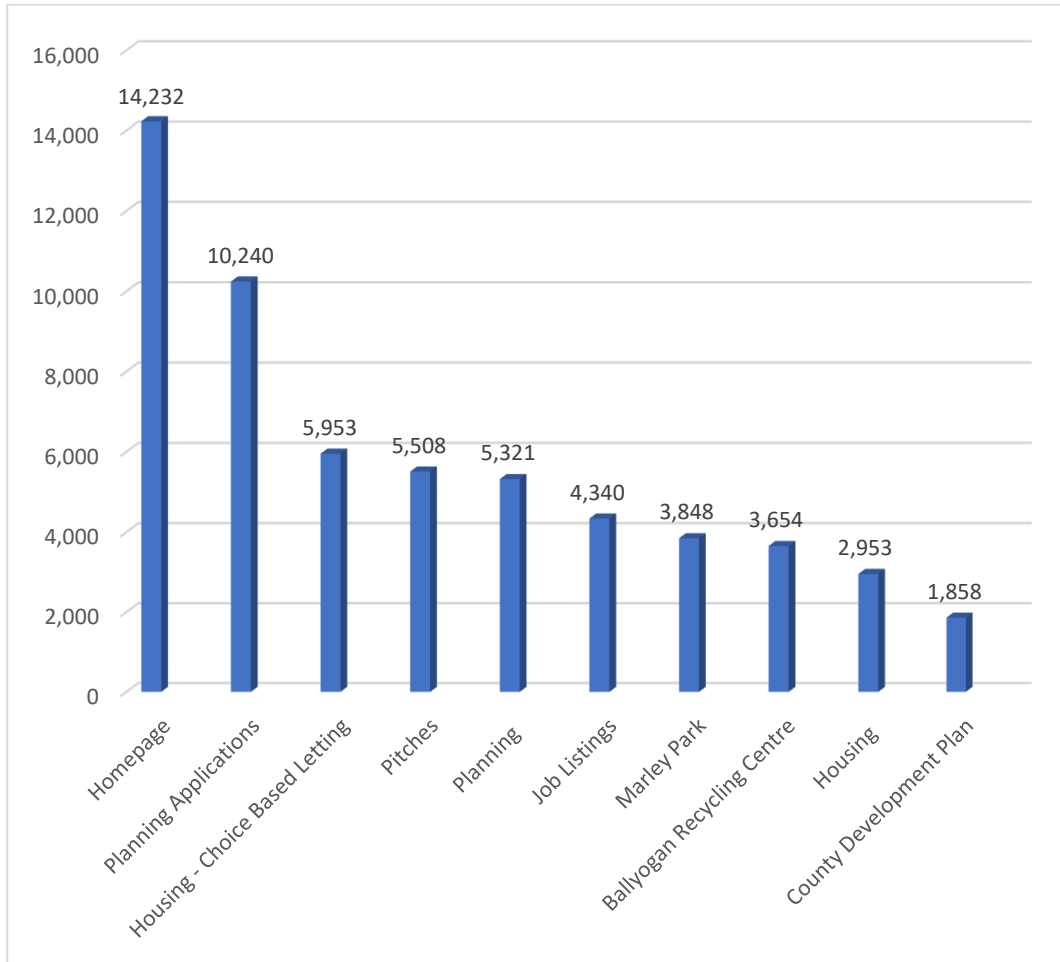
Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	7423	1289

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2330	573	2903










Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	264	54	318

**Website Activity – page views**

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	139,970
dlrLibraries	36,856



## Social Media Activity

Profile ▲	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
<b>Reporting Period</b> Feb 1, 2024 - Feb 29, 2024	<b>88,858</b> ↗ 0.3%	<b>310</b> ↘ 40.7%	<b>591</b> ↗ 8.6%	<b>805,795</b> ↘ 28.7%	<b>36,157</b> ↘ 8.4%	<b>4.5%</b> ↗ 28.5%	<b>45,479</b> ↘ 75.6%
<b>Compare to</b> Jan 1, 2024 - Jan 31, 2024	<b>88,551</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>1,130,400</b>	<b>39,481</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>186,022</b>
 <b>@DLR_Libraries</b>	8,816	12	45	27,311	524	1.9%	553
 <b>@dlrArts</b>	3,087	5	20	3,470	86	2.5%	189
 <b>@dlrcc</b>	20,603	25	151	131,696	3,015	2.3%	7,631
 <b>@dlrheritevents</b>	3,995	-2	3	338	8	2.4%	0
 <b>@leo_dlr</b>	5,571	-6	49	2,751	82	3%	22
 <b>dlrcoco.ie</b>	8,362	98	110	105,573	1,852	1.8%	10,617
 <b>dlrevents</b>	14,317	0	9	13,162	895	6.8%	22
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council</b>	19,393	131	165	404,814	22,933	5.7%	13,212
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership</b>	4,714	47	39	116,680	6,762	5.8%	13,233

### Press Queries:

There were 16 press queries received during this period.

### Freedom of Information

There were 11 FOI requests received during this period.

### **Drainage & Flood Alleviation**

Engineering and environmental consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Deansgrange Stream. Stages I and II of the project, namely Option Selection/Preliminary Design and Planning are now substantially completed. Public consultation for the Part 8 Planning process on the proposed scheme ended in August. The Chief Executive report for Part 8 was brought to, and approved at, the December Council Meeting, subject to approval from An Bord Pleanála (following an EIA determination direct request) and also a survey of SuDS opportunities being carried out in the wider catchment.

Engineering and environmental consultants have also been appointed in 2020 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. Preliminary design of a preferred option is completed. A Public Engagement Event took place on the 13th December 2023. Comments will be incorporated into the final option, where appropriate, and the EIAR report can now be finalized once final environmental/ecological surveys are completed in June 2024. It is planned to submit planning documentation to An Bord Pleanála in Q3 2024.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially completed, and final draft mapping have been submitted for review. Discussions are ongoing with the OPW mapping section re the preferred mapping format.

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/01/2024				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2024 C	Expenditure YTD C	Income YTD C	Balance at 31/01/2024 C
1 Total Housing & Building	20,045,050	7,555,297	7,279,116	19,768,869
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	6,319,389	388,521	385,855	6,316,723
3 Total Water Services	2,223,158	12,457		2,210,701
4 Total Development Management	171,503,271	6,969,969	4,907,395	169,440,697
5 Total Environmental Services	2,602,539			2,602,539
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	13,777,949	879,636	89,500	12,987,812
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,874,933	195,850	33,333	4,712,416
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	46,324,968	937	3,525	46,327,556
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>267,671,257</b>	<b>16,002,667</b>	<b>12,698,724</b>	<b>264,367,313</b>

**SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/01/2024**

	Balance at 01/01/2024		Balance at 31/01/24		Current year debit €		Arrears >1 year
<b>RATES</b>	<b>26,343,859</b>		<b>134,695,051</b>		<b>108,907,289</b>		<b>25,787,762</b>



**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/01/2024**

83.33%

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	7,005,815	88,511,496	8%
B	Road Transport & Safety	3,185,864	34,951,380	9%
C	Water Services	957,151	11,221,860	9%
D	Development Management	3,541,557	40,188,816	9%
E	Environmental Services	3,307,089	37,994,148	9%
F	Recreation & Amenity	3,566,192	41,493,588	9%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	537,279	6,531,876	8%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,401,434	14,138,364	10%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>23,502,381</b>	<b>275,031,528</b>	<b>9%</b>

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	6,104,616	78,714,972	8%
B	Road Transport & Safety	1,080,590	13,797,252	8%
C	Water Services	684,498	7,492,656	9%
D	Development Management	1,409,911	17,566,176	8%
E	Environmental Services	422,776	5,716,296	7%
F	Recreation & Amenity	320,598	5,674,080	6%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	278,588	4,674,420	6%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,580,247	18,042,912	9%
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>11,881,825</b>	<b>151,678,764</b>	<b>8%</b>

LPT	Local Property Tax	1,189,833	14,277,996	8%
RA	Rates	9,088,035	109,074,396	8%
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>22,159,693</b>	<b>275,031,156</b>	<b>8%</b>

<b>Balance as at 31/01/2024</b>	<b>-€1,342,688</b>	<b>Deficit</b>
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## Planning and Economic Development

### Planning Applications – monthly statistics 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 – 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	109	110
Decision Deferred	0	20	20
Decision to Grant**	0	88	88
Decision to Refuse**	0	8	8
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	82	82
Invalid Applications	0	14	14

\*Includes 7 Applications for Retention.

\*\*Split decisions; are entered as follows

79 Grant Permission (1 SDZ)

3 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

4 Grant Permission for Retention

2 Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (Split Decision) these are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

### Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions / Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD24A/0111	<p>Murphystown Land Developments DAC:</p> <p>Apply for planning permission for a LRD consisting of alterations to the Strategic Housing Development permitted under ABP Ref.: 308227-20 on a site at Murphystown Way, Dublin 18. The site is bound by the M50 motorway to the north, the Luas Green Line to the east and Murphystown Way to the south west. Glencairn House and its curtilage, which is a protected structure under RPS Ref. No. 1643, and the Glencairn SHD residential development (permitted under ABP Ref.: ABP-302580-18) is located to the east of the application site. The proposed alterations to the permitted development consists of the replacement of the residential amenity space (with a gross floor area of 450 sq.m) at the ground floor of Block 1 with 5 no. apartments (2 no. 1 bedroom apartments, 2 no. 2 bedroom</p>	27/02/ 2024	02/04/2024	<p><a href="https://mws.hdamdt1.com/">https://mws.hdamdt1.com/</a></p> <p>DLR WEBSITE</p> <p><a href="https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/98335">https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/98335</a></p>	22/04/2024

<p>apartments, and 1 no. 3 bedroom apartment), the provision of external storage space and a bicycle store for the proposed apartments. This results in an increase in apartments in Block 1 from 116 no. to 121 no. apartments. The proposals include associated alterations to facades, and external alterations to provide private amenity space for the proposed apartments, and all associated development. The permitted SHD development (under ABP Ref.: 308227-20) is for 249 no. apartments, and the proposed alterations would result in the overall increase to 254 no. apartments. Details are available online at <a href="https://mwshdamdt1.com/DLR WEBSITE">https://mwshdamdt1.com/DLR WEBSITE</a> <a href="https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/98335">https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/98335</a></p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/97988>

**Planning Counter Figures: 1<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**

Customers Served	242
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**Building Control: 1<sup>st</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	11
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	20
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	6
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	5/0
Commencement Notices Validated	69
7 Day Notices received	12
Completion Certs Validated	11

\*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs, 7 Day Notices & Rev Fire Certs

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

**Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

<b>Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date</b>		
	Total approved February 2024	Enterprise Ireland target February 2024
Feasibility Study	1	8
Business Priming	0	
Business Expansion	0	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	6	
Trading Online Vouchers	19	7
Other Grant Applications (Green, Digital, Agile, IP etc.)	20	3
Microfinance Ireland *	0	1
<b>Total Approvals</b>	46	

\*Number of clients supported to submit MFI application for approval by MFI

<b>Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance</b>	
	February 2024
No of jobs created	0

<b>Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2024</b>	<b>Total February 2024</b>
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	46
Clients attending Networking Events	90
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	223
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	84
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	54
<b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>	497

<b>DLR Economic Development Supports</b>	<b>Total February 2024</b>
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	0
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	3
Business Promotion Grants	10
Street Furniture Grants	0

**Enterprise Promotion activities in February 2024**

<p><b>DLR Enterprise News</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>LEO DLR - February Events &amp; Going Digital</u></a> (Sent 06/02/24) Open rate 54%, 3488 recipients</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Battle of the Start-Ups 2024</u></a> (Sent 09/02/24) Open rate 56%, 3478 recipients</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Launching Local Enterprise Week 2024</u></a> (Sent 12/02/24) Open rate 53%, 3471 recipients</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Local Enterprise Week 2024 Countdown</u></a> (Sent 19/02/24) Open rate 53%, 3465 recipients</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Join us for Local Enterprise Week 2024</u></a> (Sent 22/02/24) Open rate 48%, 3462 recipients</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Local Enterprise Week 2024 Countdown - 1 Week To Go</u></a> (Sent 26/02/24) Open rate 44%, 3455 recipients</p>
<p><b>Business Advice Sessions</b></p>	<p>Sessions throughout February</p>
<p><b>Presentation Skills Workshop</b></p>	<p>8<sup>th</sup> February</p>
<p><b>Employment Law for Small Business Course</b></p>	<p>Started 8<sup>th</sup> February</p>
<p><b>Plan and Brief a New Website</b></p>	<p>19<sup>th</sup> February</p>
<p><b>Grant Aid and Funding 101</b></p>	<p>22<sup>nd</sup> February</p>
<p><b>Start Your Own Business Course</b></p>	<p>28<sup>th</sup> February</p>

**Tourism Development**

**DLR Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2028.**

The strategy Document is now with the designers and should be ready for presentation at the April Council meeting.

**Festivals & Participative Events Grant 2024.**

A call for Festivals & Participative Events Grant 2024 was opened to applications on 8<sup>th</sup> January. 18 applications were received, and 17 small grants have been awarded.

**St Patricks Day Parade, Dún Laoghaire – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

This March, Dún Laoghaire will host its first St Patricks Day Parade in over 60 years. An organising committee has been formed and preparations are well under way. This year's parade will have 50 participation groups and organisations.

**Dún Laoghaire Christmas Festival.**

A review the 2023 Dún Laoghaire Christmas Festival was held in February. There was positive feedback form all partners and good commitment to participation in the 2024 festival.

**New DLR Chamber CEO.**

A meeting was organised with the new CEO of the DLR Chamber of Commerce, Pamela Caldwell Pim to discuss preparations for Planning for Cruise Welcome April 2024.

**February Promotion - “What’s on in February”** is a communication we email all tourism providers the previous month and we communicate via social media, dlrcoco.ie and our social channels.

Music, theatre, ice skating, markets and cookery classes featured on February’s list.

**Glance Media –**

We have engaged with Glance Media to include Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown in the new 2024/2025 Dublin & Beyond Brochure.

<b>Social Media Analysis February 2024</b>				
	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>No of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
<b>Facebook</b>	9,680	74	13	28,264
<b>Twitter</b>	3,997	22	10	1,924
<b>Instagram</b>	3,785	104	13	14,341

**Enterprise Hub by Quarterdeck in the Ferry Terminal**

The members agreed to a S183 leasehold disposal of the terminal building to Quarterdeck at the Council meeting held on 13 June 2022 to operate an Enterprise Hub. Quarterdeck had indicated that they expected to incur expenditure of c€4m and began the process of seeking tenders for the necessary works after the lease became effective in July 2022. Widespread tender price inflation meant that the tenders obtained by Quarterdeck came in significantly higher than expected, resulting in a delay to the commencement of the works as Quarterdeck sought to get the project to a position where it was financially viable, based on the short-term lease.

In the interim the following conditions of the lease have been satisfied:

- Work was completed on fit out of Stena Line Offices in April/May 2023.
- Additional information requested by the Fire Officer was submitted in January 2024 and is now pending the Fire Officer’s review and approval.
- Work commenced on fit out of Ground Floor Offices in October 2023.
- Work commenced on fit out of Harbour Master Offices in November 2023.
- The Food Hall and Ground floor co-working area are currently under final design.
- The First Floor Co-working Offices are expected to commence works in and around April 2024.
- The Second Floor Co-working Offices are expected to commence works in and around June 2024.
- The Event Space area and Co-working Offices on the ground floor are expected to commence works in September 2024.
- External signage and façade improvements to commence in March/April 2024.
- Car Park and Fencing works to commence in April/May 2024.

- The New Quarterdeck Workspace Website and marketing plan/initiatives to be launched in March 2024. A marketing campaign to be launched targeting interested parties who have requested office space and potential new tenants.
- Initial opening and launch of Quarterdeck Workspace are being scheduled for May 2024. This is dependent on the Fire Safety Certificate being issued in early April 2024.

## Dún Laoghaire Harbour

### Cruise Ship Business

The 2023 Cruise season was very successful with positive feedback from Ships Agents, Cruise Ships officers and crew and most importantly the visiting cruise guests. Bookings for 2024 are strong with 85+ vessels currently booked into Dún Laoghaire Harbour. We are working with the Tourism Department, the Dún Laoghaire Business Association and the Dún Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce to maximize the local benefits of the cruise visitors.

### Projects:

#### Harbour Masterplan

A project to create a Masterplan to guide the future development of the Harbour has been approved. Tenders for a design team were issued and are being assessed at present. The proposal includes significant public and stakeholder consultation, and will likely commence in Q2 2024.

#### National Watersports Campus

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 Grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information and are now finalizing the grant process and agreements with the project partners. An MOU has been signed with Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland in order to set out and agree the objectives of the project.

A concept brochure was presented to the Elected Members during the February Council meeting and has since been published. It is hoped that this initiative will assist in building momentum and support for the project. This document was presented to Councillors in February 2023.

A scheme to apply for additional "top-up" funding was announced in July and DLRCC have been successful in securing an additional €410,952 for this important project. We are working to complete the grant contracts and hope to tender for a design team in Q1 2024 to commence the Stream 1 design phase.

#### Berth 2 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. The project is now completed, and this berth is back in use.

#### Berth 3 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to replace the Berth 3 fenders from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. The project is now on site and Berth 3 will remain closed to shipping for 2-3 months to facilitate the new fender installation. This project is likely to complete by the end of February 2024.



### **Dublin Array Windfarm**

The developers of the Dublin Array Windfarm have approached the Harbour about the possibility of establishing an Operations and Maintenance Base for the windfarm. It is hoped that there might be synergies with the Ferry Terminal project. Early engagement is ongoing with the developer's team to establish the exact requirements.

### **Skate Park**

Due to delays with Irish Water in the original location, a temporary BMX was constructed in the car-park in Apna Park, behind the West Pier. The track is very popular with local young people. An adjacent Skateboard ramp is now completed and enjoying frequent visitors.



### 1. Road Maintenance Management Report

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
<b>RRP Major</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works</b>					
1	The Park Estate Cabinteely (part of)				✓	Works Completed
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	Works Completed
3	Barrack Road, Glencullen (part of)				✓	Works Completed
4	Meadowmount (part of)				✓	Works Completed
5	College Road / Killmashogue (part of)				✓	Works Completed
6	Ballinlea Road (part of)				✓	Works Completed
7	Ashlawn Estate (part of)	✓				2024 Works Programme
8	Glenageary Road Upper			✓		Scheme works are ongoing.
9	Barnhill Road (part of)				✓	Works are complete
10	Dalkey Avenue (part of)			✓		Foorway works have commenced
11	Monkstown Crescent (part of)				✓	Works are complete
<b>RRP Minor</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')</b>					
1	Old Clonkeen Road				✓	
2	Trisilian, Foxrock				✓	Works Completed
3	Olivemount Grove / Road				✓	
4	Prospect Lawn				✓	
5	Brennanstown Road	✓				2024
6	Grange Wood				✓	
7	Idrone Lane				✓	Works complete
8	Pucks Castle Lane				✓	Further temporary works were carried out in December
9	Sallynoggin Road				✓	Works are complete
10	Avondale Road (driveways)				✓	Works are complete
11	Rock Road (Booterstown to Blackrock)				✓	Works are complete

12	Foxrock Court		✓			Works to take place in early 2024
13	Dundela estate (parts of)				✓	Works Completed on half the road
<b>FP</b>	<b>Footpath Upgrade Programme</b>					
1	Pine Valley (part of)				✓	Works Complete
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)				✓	Works Complete
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)				✓	Works Complete
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)				✓	Works Complete
5	Mount Anville Road (part of)				✓	Works Complete
6	Dún Laoghaire Town (part of Northumberland Avenue)			✓		Phase 2 Public realm works will commence in early 2024
7	Watsons Estate (part of)	✓				2024 Works Programme
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				Works will take place as part of 2024. Programme
9	Trafalgar Terrace	✓				Design to be reviewed
<b>BSP</b>	<b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b>		✓			
2	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
3	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment			✓		Consultant has inspected 75% of bridges in the County
<b>DGRP</b>	<b>Drainage / Gully Repair Programme</b>					
1	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood				✓	
2	Mount Albion Road Churchtown				✓	Works Completed
3	Brighton Road Foxrock.				✓	Works Completed
4	Cherrywood Road/Bray Road junction				✓	No works required
5	Castlebyrne Park				✓	Driveway works complete and CCTV surveys carried out.
6	Priory Avenue				✓	Works are complete
7	Mounttown Road Upper				✓	Works are complete
8	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction		✓			contractor appointed

<b>NRP</b>	<b>National Roads Programme</b>					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing				✓	Phase 3 Works are substantially complete as far as Loughlinstown Roundabout
<b>AWP</b>	<b>Accessibility Works Programme</b>					
1	Loreto Park (part of)				✓	Works are complete
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	Works are complete
3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings				✓	Works are complete
3	Laneway Between Seaview Park and Shanganagh Road (near Texaco Garage)				✓	Works are complete
<b>CMP</b>	<b>Cycleway Maintenance Programme</b>					
1	Wyckham Bypass				✓	Works are complete
2	N11 3-Year Resurfacing Programme				✓	Outbound carriageway on Phase 3 has been completed to Loughlinstown Roundabout. The Phase 3 inbound works are outstanding
3	Sallyglen Road (part of)				✓	Cycle track lining has been renewed each side of Sallyglen Road
<b>EMP</b>	<b>Estate Management Programme</b>					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn				✓	Works are complete
2	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	Works are complete
<b>TICP</b>	<b>Taking in Charge Programme*</b>					
1	Redesdale estate - certain laneways				✓	Works Complete
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				Awating instruction from Property Section
	<i>*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.</i>					

RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Cherrygarth, Stillorgan				✓	Works Substantially Complete
2	Sandycove Avenue re-instatement works				✓	Works are complete
3	Castle Close re-instatement works				✓	Works are complete
4	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill				✓	Works are complete
<b>Other Notable Minor Works Schemes</b>						
1	St. Johns Park resurfacing				✓	Works are complete
2	Pakenham Road Longford Place junction resurfacing				✓	Works are complete
3	Footway works Avoca Road				✓	Works are complete

## 2. Roads Admin Statistics

Roads Admin Stats	January 2024
TIC Certs	103
Footpath Dishing	10
Hoarding	3
Surface Permits	12
ROs	218
CRMs (Assigned to Roads Admin) for January	423 Assigned - inactive / closed (360)

## 3. Traffic and Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
<b>NTA STMG Schemes 2023 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic &amp; Road Safety Section</b>							
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)			✓				Progressing slowly due to lack of internal resources and is also subject to funding

Cycle Parking Development					✓		Cycle parking roll-out continuing. A tender is being prepared for the purchase of new cycle stands.
Stepaside Village and Cycle Scheme		✓					Detailed Design on-going for Phase 1.
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme						✓	<p>A contractor was recently appointed to carry out works on Phase 1 of Sandyford Village.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the works consisted of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised table and Zebra crossing at the junction of Sandyford Park (North of the Village)</li> <li>• Entry treatment at the south end of the village</li> </ul> <p>Works are now complete Phase 2- funding source yet to be identified</p>

**Public Consultations-  
Speed Limit Review**

Public consultation has now been completed. The deadline for submissions was Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2024. There has been over 600 submissions received and a report will now be compiled.

**Ballybrack Underpass Churchview Road**

The final report has been sent to Ward Councillors for feedback. A deadline of the 8<sup>th</sup> of December was sent to Councillors for return of feedback. One submission was received before that deadline.

**Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan**

Phase 3 – Prelim redesign ongoing. Property title searches ongoing.

**Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)**

No TAG meetings in February 2024

**Road Safety and Sustainable Travel**

- Tenders are being prepared for a zebra crossing and footpath upgrade for Shanganagh Road, Shankill
- Tenders are being prepared for a signalized zebra crossing for Old Bray Road, Cabinteely

**Deputations**

Traffic and Road Safety staff met with residents from St Patrick's Park, Stepside on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.

**BusConnects**

**Bus Interchanges at Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire**

Dundrum - Proposals for a new pair of stops on Taney Road (north and south) near Taney Cross junction, for use by route S6, were submitted to DLRCC. Feedback on these has been given to the NTA.

Dún Laoghaire - A public consultation report and presentation was prepared for the ICC Area Committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 on the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Road scheme. Due to time constraints the item wasn't heard but the report and presentation were circulated to the Councillors as part of the agenda pack.

**Dundrum LAP/Area Based Transport Assessment**

The Dundrum LAP was made by Elected Members at a Special Council Meeting on the 10th of October 2023 and came into effect on Tuesday, 21st November 2023, however, it is now subject to a judicial review.

**Racecourse South lands & at Kiltarnan and Glenamuck**

A draft ABTA is being prepared for the Racecourse South Lands at Carrickmines in accordance with the requirements of SLO 143 in the current County Development Plan.

In relation to Kiltarnan – Glenamuck, work is ongoing on the ABTA. A comparative data analysis has been carried out on the 2016 and 2022 census results. This includes changes to demographics, mobility patterns and modal splits.

**ICAS for Old Connaught**

A draft 'Options Assessment' report has been prepared for Old Connaught. Various land use and transport option scenarios have been prepared, as well as a multi criteria analysis table. Model runs for the area have also been carried out.

**Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and Eastern Bypass Corridor Study**

Tender documents are currently being prepared to inform a review of Sandyford Urban Framework Plan Area (SUFP) including the carrying out of a review of current mobility policies, as well as future plans for the Dublin Eastern Bypass Corridor.

**Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage**

In February 2024 there were:

- 4 applications for road closures
- 2 applications for film location
- 2 applications for event signage

**4. Roads Control**

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
<b>RCRP</b>	<b>Roads Control Programme 2024</b>	
1	Landscape Road	Uisce Eireann have completed rehabilitation works and are currently reinstating various road sections in the region. DLR will undertake upgrade works on these road sections post completion of these reinstatement works to improve the overall quality of the roads.

**Road Opening Licences (1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024)**

<b>National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System</b>	
Applications Received	180
Applications Not Processed Yet	78
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	0
Valid Licences Issued	96
Licensed Works Completed	2

**Section 254's**

Local Authorities, in their capacity as planning authorities, are tasked with the issuing of licenses for the placement of appliances, cables, signs, and/or other items on public roads under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The Road Maintenance Section is the area responsible for the issuing of such licenses for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024 – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	
<b>Applications</b>	
Received	0
Granted	2
Withdrawn	0
Refused	0

**5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics:**

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Aug 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	193	210	441	386	287	295
Clean-Ups Assisted	68	72	64	70	46	48
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	26	12	28	24	25	27
Bathing Water Samples Taken	37	45	18	18	18	27
Gullies Cleaned	77	883	1264	1077	637	1519
Dumping Incidents Managed	50	48	70	47	36	57
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	2	9	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	No report received	No report received	No report received	No report received	No report received	No report received
Street Bin Collections	5409	5259	4813	4769	4890	4905
Filming/Event Licenses	-	-	-	-	0	0

\* Statistics available up to the end of January 2024.

**Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – February 2024**

- Kavanaghs Corner (adjacent to the 40 Foot) – Storm damage remedial repair project on bathing access points. The repair project at Kavanaghs corner is progressing well, with completion anticipated in March 2024.

- Minor concrete repair works on walkway along the Blackrock seafront starting on Wednesday 28th and finishing on Friday 1st March.
- Bathing water sampling is on-going at our 9 locations every fortnight after the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.
- Ringbuoy inspections and maintenance are on-going.
- DLR Baths – Dlr Cleansing crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc.
- The Road Sweeping schedule is reinstated. Also, areas are being swept as per CRM worklists and site inspections.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going. Gully Cleaning works that require Traffic Management are also on-going
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning.
- The fleet of Smart Bins are being maintained and emptied on a daily basis throughout the county
- Litter Picks and Blue Bag collections are on-going.
- The Beaches team are collaborating with the SCORE project and awaiting of results

## 6. Public Lighting

Work continues on the replacement of the old lights with LED lighting which is more energy efficient, gives less maintenance and improved service. General maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns and Networks is also on-going.

### Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Feb 2024:	308
Percentage of lights out at the end of Feb 2024:	1.6%
Pole replacement carried out in Feb 2024:	0
Bracket replacements:	7
Tree trimming:	1
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	15
LED Upgrades	60
Total lights upgraded to LED	21,226
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	87%

(extra lines added)

### LED Upgrading Program

BALLYCORUS ROAD	4
Braemore Road Postal Sorting Office	1
BROADFORD ESTATE	1
CHURCH ROAD(KILLINEY)	1
CLIFTON AVENUE	1
CLONKEEN RD	1
CLONSKEAGH ROAD (CONTD. FROM DUB REGION)	1
CORNELSCOURT HILL ROAD (18 TO 32 ESB)	1
CRANFORD COURT / THE ELMS	4
EDEN PARK	1
ENNISKERRY ROAD (Columns 42-133)	3
HARLECH CRESCENT	1



HAROLDS GRANGE ROAD (POLES 1 TO 6)	1
KILGOBBIN ROAD	1
LANEWAY B/T GEORGES ST LOWER & YORK RD	1
LEOPARDSTOWN OAKS	1
MARETIMO PLACE	1
MERRION GROVE PATHWAY TO ST HELENS WOOD	1
MOUNT MERRION AVENUE	1
N31 Harbour Road	1
NEWTOWN AVENUE	1
OLD RATHMICHAEL ROAD, OFF FERNDALE RD	18
OLIVER PLUNKETT AVENUE & Villas	1
RATHSALLAGH DIST RD	1
REDWOOD COURT	1
ROCHESTOWN AVENUE	1
SANDYFORD ROAD	1
SEAPOINT AVENUE	1
SHEELIN HILL	1
ST. CATHERINES ROAD	1
STEPASIDE PARK	4
WYCKHAM BY PASS	1

### Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	22
Inspections completed	2

### Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	6
Alterations:	4
Legal requests:	0

## 7. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,545 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	Total no. tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1146
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	394
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	378
Parking a vehicle on a footway	204

Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	90
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	81
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	54
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	40
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	39
Overstaying 3 hour parking limit	34
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	22
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	14
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	8
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	8
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	6
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	5
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	3
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	3
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	3
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
Parking out of the limits of a bay	2
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	2
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	1
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	1
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	1
<b>Total no. of Fixed Charge Notices Issued</b>	<b>2545</b>

There were 113 convictions secured in the District Court in February 2024.

#### **Environmental Enforcement: 1<sup>st</sup> February – 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	35	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	32	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	114	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	94	Litter Section
Abandoned Car Cases	44	Waste Section
Graffiti Cases	93	Litter Section
Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened	13	Waste Section

Litter Fines issued	17	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	1	Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act
Legal Proceedings initiated	0	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws

<b>Dog Statistics from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2024 – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024</b>	
No. of dogs on hand on 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	3
No. of dogs entering the shelter	7
No. of dogs surrendered	1
No. of dogs rehomed	2
No. of dogs reclaimed	1
No. of dogs sent to rescue	0
No. of dogs put to sleep	2
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	6
Dog attacks in this period	7 – 3 on person

## **Energy**

### **ZEB Summit**

The inaugural two-day Zero Emissions Buildings (ZEB) Summit took place in partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council with morning and afternoon workshops with over 110 attendees in County Hall on 21 February. These two interactive workshops shared best practice of one of the largest affordable housing schemes in Europe being built to the certified Passive House standard at Shanganagh. The Shanganagh project is being built using 'modern methods of construction' or 'MMC' and so is an important exemplar in the field of rapid build. The audience included mostly professionals from all over Ireland involved in the design and specification of high-performance homes in Ireland, some dlr professional and technical staff and Councillors. The Conference in the RDS on 22 February had 32 trade exhibitors, over 30 speakers and over 450 attendees. Keynote speakers included DLR Chief Executive Frank Curran, DLR County Architect Andrée Dargan and Ciarán Cuffe MEP. DLR has a pro-active approach to raising the energy efficiency standards of the building stock of the County and recognises the integrated energy concept of Passive House to deliver high quality, economic, comfortable and healthy future proofed buildings.

### **Staff Awareness**

The DLR Energy Co-ordinator gave a coffee break talk on Teams for DLR staff on 14 February on 'Saving Energy – Climate Action' on Teams with over 80 attendees. The recording was watched by a further 30 staff. Staff were encouraged to email an energy saving or climate action suggestion as follow up.

## **Conservation**

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	22
LRD Applications	1
Section 5 Declarations	2
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2024	List of proposed projects sent to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval on 9 February.
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2024 Grant Scheme	Applications sent to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage November for assessment on 9 February.

## **Dangerous Buildings**

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

### **Community Response Forum**

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Centre has capacity to accommodate up to 392 displaced Ukrainian nationals for short periods. Up to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 over **11,265** people have stayed at the centre. Among the facilities available in Ballyogan are separate laundry, sanitary facilities, internet access, television spaces, chessboards, recreation room, libraries of Ukrainian books for children and adults, translation services, as well as online access to Ukrainian newspapers and magazines.

As part of the comprehensive wrap around service, accommodation services at the Centre are being supported by HSE staff providing onsite support to meet the healthcare needs of Ukrainian residents, and residents also have access to an offsite GP service 7 days a week.

The Community response to the crisis in Ukraine and the influx of Ukrainian nationals into the county is being led and coordinated by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders through the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

The Community Response Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and has met twice in February 2024. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in the Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre and Larch Hill Scout Centre as well as in hotels and in private accommodation within the County.

Local coordination efforts continue to provide comprehensive support services from Southside Partnership dlr, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Department of Social Protection, dlr Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Community and Family Resource Centres, dlr Volunteers Centre and a number of other community and voluntary groups.

### **Community Recognition Fund**

Community Department continued to work with the successful applicants under the Community Recognition Fund to progress their projects. This fund launched by Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys and Minister of State Joe O'Brien on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 is designed to specifically support communities that have welcomed and are hosting families and citizens from Ukraine and other countries.

### **LCDC**

There was a Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

### **Local Enhancement Programme**

The Local Enhancement Programme was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development with €149,273.40 in funding provided to DLR LCDC to support grants for capital costs for community groups in the County, with an additional fund of €29,854.68 ring-fenced for Women's Groups, bringing the total allocation for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to €179,128.08.

Applications closed for submission **on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11:55pm.**

### **Joint Policing Committee (JPC)**

There was a Joint Policing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### **Local Policing Fora (LPF)**

A meeting of the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF took place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

A meeting of the Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill LPF took place on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### **dlr Age-Friendly Magazine 2024:**

The [dlr Age-Friendly Magazine 2024](#), produced by the dlr Age-Friendly Programme, Community Section and dlr Libraries was launched on the 14<sup>th</sup> February and is now available in hard and soft copy and being dispersed around the county. It is free of charge and is funded by Creative Ireland, Healthy Ireland, and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.



The main theme of this year's magazine is promoting 'Good Brain Health' and the 2024 magazine is packed with information on services and programmes to encourage and support older people to take part and enjoy the many social, cultural, creative, educational, leisure and fitness activities that are available across the county; activities which, are the foundations to Good Brain Health.

The 84-page magazine is available in all 8 Library branches, dlr County Council Offices, community centres, primary care centres, nursing homes, day care centres and shopping centres with 15,000 copies being distributed around the county.

### **dlr Festival of Inclusion 2024**

Planning is ongoing for dlr Festival of Inclusion 2024, which will take place from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May celebrating the theme of '*Building Friendships in the Community | Ag Cothú Cairdis sa Phobal*'. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to organise activities as part of the festival and applications for funding and events are open until the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Application forms and further information available [here](#) and from the Community Section at (01) 205 4893 / [community@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:community@dlrcoco.ie)

### **Foxrock seeking Age-Friendly Village Recognition**

The Foxrock Area Community & Enterprise (FACE) group are collaborating with the dlr Age-Friendly Programme, dlr Economic Development Unit, Traffic Department and other DLRCC



departments in preparing the area for National Age-Friendly Village Recognition with a work-plan identified for 2024. A meeting took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> February with Foxrock businesses with regards to seeking Age-Friendly Business Recognition and training is to take place over the coming weeks.

### **dlr Older People's Council**

The dlr Older People's Council met on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February in the Old Council Chamber in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire and have announced this year's Transport Grant for their member groups of €250 for day & evening trips taking place during 2024. The dlr Older People's Council are also planning events as part of dlr Festival of Inclusion and are seeking more members from the westside of the county to sit on their Executive Committee. More information on dlr Older People's Council Transport Grant 2024 available [here](#)

### **dlr Integration Forum**

The dlr Integration Forum met on 27<sup>th</sup> February and are currently planning their next Integration & Inclusion in the Community Seminar to take place during the dlr Festival of Inclusion, 16<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May as well as events as part of Africa Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

DLR Comhairle members continued to work on the topic of School Stress. To support this a members' day was held in County Hall in February where members engaged in non-formal education then travelled to DLR Leisure Loughlinstown to engage in team building games facilitated by DLR Sports Partnership. Development on the work plan for 2024 continued, including working with An Cathaoirleach Councillor Denis O'Callaghan to fix a date for DLR Comhairle members to present to the Elected Members at a Council meeting. The date for this has now been set for 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **Estate Management**

The review of Service Plans for 2024 was finalised and letters were issued to the 12 Estate Management Forums. A County Foras Board meeting took place.

## **Arts**

### **Musicians in Residence Scheme**

The Arts Office, working with Music Network received and assessed 31 applications for the 2024 dlr Musicians-in-Residence Scheme. This is funded by The Arts Council and will support two established and one emerging musician. Successful artists will receive funding, a space to work in and advice and mentoring to support their career development. Audiences will also have an opportunity to engage with the resident musicians at a series of open rehearsals, workshops and public performances in Dún Laoghaire.

### **Justice + Peace**

The exhibition continued until 25 February. The title, theme and overall look of the exhibition was developed by a group of young people from Crosscare Youth Services, Dún Laoghaire. They collaborated with artist Ciara Keegan and were supported by youth workers to explore the different stages of putting together an exhibition. Together as a group they looked at theme, graphic design, selection of artworks and exhibition layout. The group advertised for young people to exhibit, responding to their chosen theme Justice + Peace. This project provided a space for conversation amongst the group about what may be affecting young people today in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area and across the world. The mural which features as part of the exhibition was created by local young people at a drop-in session in the Gallery.



### Gallery Learning Programme

In February we hosted the monthly Open Art Studio for adults, these are popular drop-in Open Art Studios, with no experience or pre-booking required, facilitated by artist Kim Jenkinson. Workshops for local youth services linking to the themes of social justice continued in February with young people from Nutgrove, Beat Café and Dún Laoghaire Youth Service attending.

### Arts and Health Programme

Funded by the HSE, the dlr/HSE Arts and Health Programme supports a wide range of creative supports for older people, people living with dementia and people with disabilities in the County. In February we hosted a group from a new communication course for people living with dementia, developed by the Primary Care Team's Speech and Language Therapists. Cuairt agus Cultúr programme continues this February in residential and day services across the County. This cultural and wellbeing programme is in partnership with dlr Library Service and dlr Age Friendly Programme.

## Libraries

### Online Resources

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website here <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library>. All you need is your dlr Library card. Highlights include:

- **Kanopy** is our film streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.
- **Moshi** is a well-being app for kids, with hundreds of original and inspiring audio stories, music and mindful meditations to enrich the imagination, promote improved sleep, and unlock potential.
- **LOTE** is an online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations.
- **Medici.tv** is the leading video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballets and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

### dlr Libraries' resources for Ukrainians and other guests of the County

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://shorturl.at/HMQX5> and at <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsvj8lxav4ukf0>. As with all DLR websites, content on <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/> can be accessed in multiple languages, including Ukrainian and Russian, by using the Accessibility button at the top of the webpage. Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include: LOTE Online, PressReader and Borrowbox.

Library staff in dlr LexIcon keep in contact with the staff and service users of the International Protection Centre in the Eblana Centre (Dún Laoghaire) to let them know of the services and resources available to them in their local dlr library. Book stock has been sent to the service users of the IPCs in Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire. In the LexIcon, a meeting space with free wifi has been made available, and tutors from the *English in the Library* group offer weekly English conversational sessions for Eblana centre users.

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## February Highlights

### ADELE Presentation

Library staff were asked to present on the theme of *Digital innovation in dlr Libraries* on 21 February, to other local authorities and LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) staff, and academics and students from UCD and University of Ulster. We were invited due to some of the exciting digital inclusion projects going on in dlr Libraries over the last year and our involvement in the ADELE project; Advancing Digital Empowerment of Libraries in Europe, an Erasmus funded initiative. Some of the projects highlighted included the age-friendly programmes, media literacy and misinformation workshops, collaborations including with UCD on a climate change workshop using Minecraft, and the TY Stem camp. We were delighted to also learn that the age-friendly digital inclusion project undertaken by dlr Libraries and dlr Community Section during the Pandemic has been selected as a highlight in the top 4 (of 100) case studies the LGMA are using to promote the project.

### My Tabletop Museum (Sat 17 February, dlr LexIcon)

Over 1,800 visitors passed through the LexIcon on 17 February to see the Tabletop Museum, a collection of 30 eclectic exhibits from avid collectors, curated by authors Sadhbh Devlin and Eve McDonnell. Collections ranged from model trains to rubber stamps, paper planes to advent calendars, my childhood penpals to Guinness transport models! To complement the collections, there was also a programme of events featuring authors Alan Nolan, Marianne McShane and Sinéad O'Hart. Dr Siobhán Doyle of the National Museum of Ireland gave a talk based on her book *A History of the GAA in 100 Objects*. It was a day filled with curiosity and shared passions, imagination and community.

### Ireland Reads Day (Sat 24 February, all Libraries)

Ireland Reads is a national campaign to get the whole country reading in the lead up to a national day to celebrate reading on 24 February. We asked everyone to "Get lost in a good Book" with a day of library staff showcasing and highlighting the wide range of services and resources available in dlr Libraries. We had 3,250 visitors across our library spaces on the day, where staff were on hand to showcase and highlight the wide range of services provided by dlr Libraries. Visitors enjoyed book displays, staff reading recommendations and demos of some of our resources, such as our 3D printers, VR headsets, ACORN tablets, Magic Tables and our Sensory Collection.

Workshops and events on the day included Storytelling and Yoga with Peter Donnelly and Paul Donnelly, bookmark-making workshops with the Muddle, Paul Howard on his children's book featuring the superhero Aldrin Adams, award-winning authors Elaine Feeney and Paul Murray were in conversation with Rick O'Shea, writer Miriam Mulcahy chatted to nature experts Maureen McCoy and Vincent Hyland, we had an outdoor sketching workshop with Gwen Wilkinson and even a treasure hunt around Dún Laoghaire!

### TY Work Experience Programme (26 Feb – 1 March, various libraries)

Students from secondary schools around the County got to experience what it's like to work in a modern library service. Participants got to explore all things Library, from stock management to customer service, event planning to online resources, and gained hands-on experience as they joined the team in one of our library branches.

### Libraries Flexitime Scheme

A flexible working scheme was introduced for Library staff at the end of January. The scheme offers member of staff some flexibility in their working hours in consultation with their line managers and subject to the operational requirements of the public library service. The operation of the scheme will be monitored and reviewed after six months.

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## Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse

### Studio Saturday (Sat 17 February, dlr LexIcon)

Studio Saturdays are our monthly workshops tailored to children with additional needs/ neurodivergence. These are drop-in events, with the hours of 11am-2pm specifically tailored for Neurodiverse families, and 2pm-3pm open to all. In February, we welcomed back Laura Steerman and her team for a Messy Art Workshop themed around the ever-popular Elmer books. Children were invited to create their own multi-coloured elephants with paper, let loose with paint spray guns on a giant canvas, decorate a cardboard castle with puffy paint and much more. Materials used were either school supplies or non-toxic things you would find at home like flour, salt or shaving foam and where possible items used were recycled and recyclable. The aim of the workshop was to work on skills such as art, self-expression, imagination, hand-eye coordination, and confidence. Every child was encouraged to be themselves, explore and have fun. More than 180 people attended the workshop.

### Sensory resources

- Our Tovertafels (Magic Tables) in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries continue to be booked for use by individuals and groups
- Requests to borrow items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment are ongoing.
- We continue with designated *Quiet Evenings* in many library spaces where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse.
- We are currently updating the toys/equipment in our sensory boxes. These boxes are available in each library to use on-site.

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## Events for Adults

### dlr Social Prescribing Programme for Health and Well-being

We continue to host workshops in collaboration with Southside Partnership and supported by the Creative Ireland Programme. Two 6-week courses, *The Power of Words* - reading for well-being with facilitator Mary Burnham in Blackrock Library, and *Our Grá for the Gab* - bringing stories to life with facilitator Helena Byrne in dlr LexIcon, have been running during February.

### Active Age Movement Classes (7, 14, 21 & 28 February, Blackrock Library)

Suitable for all abilities, these classes were facilitated by Lisa from Active Academy. Attendees were encouraged to work at their own pace to improve overall fitness for everyday life while having fun and meeting new people.

### Bridge for Beginners (12 & 19 February, Cabinteely Library)

Bridge is one of the greatest card game of all and can provide immense challenge and enjoyment. It is a great way to develop and retain memory, tactical, probability and communication skills, and is a great social activity. Tutor Michael O'Loughlin taught an additional afternoon session each week to satisfy demand from eager participants.

### Céilí, Crafts & Chat (1 February, dlr LexIcon)

We invited local active retirement groups to join us to celebrate Imbolc/Brigid's Day with some traditional Irish music, dance and crafts. Over 70 people attended and sang, danced, made Brigid's crosses and chatted over a social cup of tea. Our audience was made up of members of Beaufort Day Centre, Sallynoggin Young at Arts group, Kill of the Grange Active Retirement Group, Dún Laoghaire Active Retirement Association and Central Dún Laoghaire Ladies Group. This event was supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

### **St Brigid's Day Cross making events**

dlr LexIcon and dlr Library branches hosted popular and traditional cross making workshops for adults, children and local schools.

### **Artist talk with Debbie Castro and guest speaker Gráinne Hope from GBHI**

(9 February, dlr LexIcon)

We were delighted to have artist Debbie Castro to talk about her exhibition "*Age is a privilege, unless you forget!*" and to dialogue on the effect dementia had on her, her father, his friends and family. As well as Debbie Castro we partnered again with GBHI (Global Brain Health Institute) and also had guest speaker Gráinne Hope to talk about how in adversity, personalised music becomes a source of empathy, resilience, and hope.

### **Blackrock Library Film Club** (15 February, Blackrock Library)

Held once a month, this film club offers the screening of a cinematic classic or undiscovered gem, followed by a group discussion. February's choice was the American film *Lucky* (2017), directed by John Carroll Lynch and starring Harry Dean Stanton.

### **Engaging STEAM learning utilising FIRST LEGO® League Discover Programme & LEGO® Education STEAM Park: Workshop for Infant and Early Years Educators**

(27 February, dlr LexIcon)

An engaging, hands-on workshop for Infant and Early Years Teachers to introduce them to the FIRST® LEGO® League Discover Programme and LEGO® Education STEAM Park. This workshop was especially designed for early years and infant class teachers, where they learned to implement a STEAM Week learning project for Early Years, Junior Infant, and Senior Infant students by engaging in the FIRST® LEGO® League Discover Programme and LEGO® Education STEAM Park. Elements of the workshop are part of the STEM Education Implementation Policy 2017-2026 and are mapped to the Aistear Curriculum.

### **Creative Writing Groups**

**Writing your Memoir with Leo Cullen** (7, 21 Feb, dlr LexIcon) - Taking place on alternate Wednesdays over 3 months, this course facilitated by author Leo Cullen is aimed at those who have already written a quantity of work (fiction, memoir, essay, poetry) either published or unpublished. A memoir requires a central condition – an anchor. Everything else orbits around this condition. At these memoir classes you will explore your condition, your anchor.

Scriveners – Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library

Writeway - Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library

Monthly Writers' Group, Deansgrange Library

Green Kites Poetry Group – Fortnightly writing group, Deansgrange Library

Dalkey Library Writers' Group – Monthly writers group, Dalkey Library

dlr LexIcon Writers Group – Fortnightly writers' group, dlr LexIcon

### **Language Exchange Groups** (Daily, Deansgrange Library)

Deansgrange Library offers daily conversation groups, from 10.00am -11.30am, in an informal self-led setting. All levels are welcomed, and no booking is required. The schedule is: Mondays – Italian, Tuesdays – Irish, Wednesdays – German, Fridays – French, Saturdays – Spanish.

### **Digital Literacy**

Weekly computer classes with Age Action continued in Blackrock Library with twice weekly classes in Deansgrange Library.

### **Library Clubs & Groups for adults**

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to use our library spaces to meet. These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, Scrabble Club in Dundrum, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library and Craft and Chat in dlr LexIcon, the Knit Clubs in Cabinteely and Blackrock Libraries, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The English in the Library group meet weekly in dlr LexIcon. Blackrock Library hosts a Local History Group every month



and the Musical Memories Choir, for those affected by dementia plus their family carers, takes place every Thursday morning in Deansgrange Library, and is run in conjunction with Newpark Academy of Music.

**Book Clubs**

Each of our 8 libraries has in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library, the Irish language Club Leabhair in Dalkey Library and the Thriller Tuesday Book Club in the LexIcon plus Blackrock Library online book club takes places on the second Thursday of the month via Zoom.

The popular online Book Club with facilitator Mary Burnham met on 28 February to discuss *Falling Animals* by Sheila Armstrong. The club was also invited to participate in Laureate for Irish Fiction, Colm Tóibín's, Art of Reading Book Club to be held online on Wednesday 6 March. The session will be recorded for release later in the year by the Arts Council. Colm Tóibín will be in conversation with author Deirdre Madden about her book *Molly Fox's Birthday*.

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**Exhibition Programme**

**Akazi Exhibition – Breast Cancer in Malawi** (2 February- 15 March, dlr LexIcon)

This unique and powerful exhibition showcases the photography of Antonio Jaén Osuna, communication specialist, who has been documenting the lived realities of women battling with breast cancer in rural Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world. The work has been undertaken as part of the Akazi project (generously funded by the Irish Research Council and the Dept of Foreign Affairs), which is collaborating with the Malawian Ministry of Health, local NGOs and other stakeholders to improve care delivery for the many women affected by this deadly disease. Less than one in ten breast cancer patients survive beyond 18 months in Malawi.

This one-of-a-kind exhibition shares experiences from the last two years of field work in Malawi and aims to initiate a conversation about the importance of early detection of breast cancer, a disease that cuts across cultures, social realities and countries.

**NRH Photographic Exhibition**

Created by Patients and Staff of the National Rehabilitation Hospital  
5 - 29 February  
Deansgrange Library

The artistic and varied collection of photographs in this exhibition were created by patients and staff who attended a photography course in the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) for Adults and Children, Dún Laoghaire. The images from this exhibition are available to purchase to raise vital funds for the hospital.

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

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**Events for Children and Families**

**Weekly Online Quizzes** (19, 26 January & 2, 9, 16, 23 February)

Our very popular online quizzes for families and adults finished up in February. Taking place on Friday nights over six weeks, there were an average of 486 people taking part weekly, with a total 2,920 participants answering questions on TV and Movies, Flags and Famous People and more.



**Creative Writing Course for Young Adults** (21, 28 February, dlr LexIcon)

Young Adult fiction writer Aislinn O'Loughlin leads this four-part creative writing course for young adults aged 14-16 years. Participants take a deep dive into storytelling, character development and world-building. They also get the chance to ask questions about the world of writing and publishing.

**Reader Development in Schools Outreach Programme** (Jan-Mar, Deansgrange & Dalkey Libraries)

Liaising with local primary schools, Julianne Mooney Siron continues to work weekly with classes on reader development in a library setting to engage the children in using the library and instilling in them a love of books and reading.

**Family Film Club at dlr LexIcon** (29 February, dlr LexIcon)

Monthly film club for children and families. This month's film was *Kubo and the Two Strings*.

**Comic Book Club** (21 February, Deansgrange Library)

This group is aimed at children aged 9-11 years who have a love of comic books. Members collect a different comic every month from the library and meet for comic book discussion and activities.

**Board Game Club** (6 February, Dalkey Library)

This new club, aimed at 9-13 year olds, started in January. This is a great opportunity for young people to socialise and meet new people while also enjoying some classic board games like Cluedo, Monopoly and Betrayal.

**Toddler Time Programme** (7, 14, 21, 28 Feb, dlr LexIcon)

This new initiative has already proven very popular and will include regular Playtime sessions with toys, Storytime with Library Staff as well as facilitated Music and Arts events. This month, there was free playtime, Valentine Crafts, Rhythm and Rhyme with Mischa O' Mahoney and play and Storytime.

**Library Clubs & Groups for children**

Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely and Dalkey Libraries once a week. Shankill Library host a monthly Junior book club and Dalkey have a popular new family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a baby/parent group who meet weekly. Storytimes for children take place across our libraries weekly.

For full details visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-services-for-the-young/storytime>

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**Statistics**

**Social media (as of 29 February)**

Facebook	8,286 followers
Twitter	8,816 followers
Instagram	4,442 followers
TikTok	532 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	11,930 subscribers

**Online resources (as of 29 February)**

Resource	Description	Stats February 2024
Overdrive	E Books	1,876
	E audio	1,582
	Magazines	12,326
	Comics	0
Borrowbox	E audio	10,793
	E Book	5,149
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	3,634
Pressreader	Offsite and onsite Newspapers	23,769
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	14
Lote4Kids	logins	12
Kanopy	Visits	6,736
<b>Totals</b>		<b>65,891</b>

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Parks Capital Projects – Feb 2024 Progress							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Killiney Hill Accessible Entrance						✓	Complete in May 2023.
Corke Abbey/Woodbrook Glen Improvements						✓	Playground to be opened in early May 2023.
Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening						✓	Complete in Oct 2023.
Meadowbrook Pitches, Padel Courts & Teenage Play						✓	Complete in Oct 2023.
Grass Pitch Refurbishments					✓		Works started in April 2023 for 6 grass pitches (+ running track at Kilbogget) – pitches out of use until Sep 2024.
Oatlands All Weather Pitch					✓		Works commenced in Aug 2023 for completion in July 2024.
Mounttown Boxing Facility					✓		Works to commence in Jan 2024 for completion in Dec 2024.



Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion)					✓		Modular building being constructed off site – for completion in Q3 2024
Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 3		✓				✓	Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-leash area, sports pavilion complete. Adventure Play Space being progressed.
Blackrock Park - Phase 2			✓		✓	✓	Teenage zone, boules court and play space complete, renovation of steps, seating and planting for completion in Q1 2024. Conservation Architect led team appointed for the kiosk building – detail design on-going.
Pavement Improvement Programme				✓	✓		Works and procurements on-going.
Marlay Golf Redevelopment				✓			On-going.
Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1			✓				Part 8 approved at the Feb 2024 Council Meeting
Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works				✓			Works to commence in Q2 2024 – for completion in Q4 2024
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2			✓				New Part 8 to be advertised in early March 2024
New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross			✓				Public consultation nearly concluded. Works scheduled to commence in Q3 2024 for completion in Q4 2024.
Play Space Development (East & West)		✓	✓				Priority projects for completion in Q4 2024.
Jamestown Park Masterplan		✓					Masterplan considerations on-going.
Parks Depots	✓						Initial stakeholder engagement is taking place.
Shanganagh Castle Sports Facilities	✓						No progress. To progress when resources permit.
Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch	✓						Delay due to Dept. of Education review. On hold
Cabinteely Park Projects	✓						No progress. To progress when resources permit.
Dalkey Island (Upgrade Tower & Gun Battery)	✓						No progress. To progress when resources permit.
Marlay Park Masterplan	✓						No progress. Recent pedestrian entrance constructed and putting green with Pdraig Harrington.

Wetlands & Attenuation (East & West)	✓						Recent work on Cabinteely pond and Corke Abbey Valley Park. Other projects being identified.
Sandyford Urban Open Space	✓						Acquisition is being progressed.
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	✓						No funding available. On hold.
Shanganagh Crematorium	✓						No funding available. On hold.
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms	✓						No funding available. On hold.

### DLR Sports Partnership Update – February 2024

- **Tea Dances** – delivered first sessions on the 7<sup>th</sup> February in Sallynoggin (200 participants) and on the 15<sup>th</sup> February in Taney (140 participants). Funding through Healthy Ireland.
- **Get Into Golf Women’s Programme** – partnering with Golf Ireland for new beginners 6-week programme in Stepside starting in March (fully booked at 12 participants).
- **Her Moves Table Tennis** – completed a new social table tennis project for teenage girls to introduce them to a new sport in a fun way (3 schools and 50 students involved).
- **Walking For Health** – completed delivery of a 5-week walking programmes in Marlay Park for older adults looking to return to activity (15 participants).
- **IADT** – supporting a new Couch To 3K programme on campus for students (40 participants).
- **Get Going Get Rowing** – secondary schools’ programme to introduce the sport to teenage girls. St. Tiernans and Ballinteer Community Schools completed in a blitz on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.
- **Try Track & Field** - collaboration with Athletics Ireland to deliver this physical literacy programme to 6 DEIS Primary Schools from March (510 participants across 6 schools).
- **Women In Sport Week** – national initiative taking place from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> March with a range of taster and promotional events in the county. Includes Social Camogie, Lacrosse, Skating and Mountain Biking, swimming.
- **Active Cities** – meeting of the Steering Group held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February to look at continuing progress and identifying opportunities. Various participation and capital projects underway.
- **Volunteers in Sport Awards** – LSP network as the main sponsor of this national initiative with event on the 29<sup>th</sup> February. DLR winner is Matt Hanlon from Dalkey Devils Volleyball Club.
- **Local Sports Plan** – consultants have completed desk-based research, internal meetings and a detailed consultation process. Initial draft document currently under review internally.
- **Child Safeguarding Training** – two workshops delivered in February (25 participants).
- **Coaching Teenage Girls Workshop** – workshop for coaches and volunteers in sport taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup> March (fully booked at 14 places).
- **SportsAbility Forum** – first meeting of this information sharing and networking group for relevant services, clubs and special schools held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February.
- **Inclusive Cycle Training** – currently delivering two x 6-week learn to cycle programmes for children with a disability in Scoil Mhuire Shankill (26 children).
- **We Go Swing** – new wheelchair inclusive swing now installed in Kilbogget Park for wheelchair users and their siblings/friends (funded through Dormant Accounts and DLRCC).
- **Inclusive Bike Fleet** – ongoing support provided to this free inclusive bike hire service



for people with a disability along the Coastal Mobility Route.

- **Contact Us Campaign** – carrying out an online campaign to promote our services and supports across all mediums.
- **Infographic** – summary infographic created to illustrate work carried out in 2023 by the Sports Partnership including programmes, events, training and funding.
- **Social Media** – daily posts around updates and promotion of opportunities across the county. Number of followers across all social media channels increasing.
- **Video Content** – continuing to capture short videos of DLRSP programmes and events with over 70,000 views across the various videos produced in 2023.

## COCO Markets

During the month of February 2024, we received 9 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

Source	Date applied	Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun	Category	Accepted
Email	12/02/2024				Craft	
Email	12-Feb 2024		1	1	Craft	
CRM-315295	14-Feb 2024	1	1		Hot food	
DLR-CRM 315344	15-Feb 2024	1	1		Hot Food	
DLR-CRM 315569	19-Feb 2024		1	1	Hot food	Y
Email	20-Feb 2024	1			Craft	
CRM 315547	21-Feb 2024	1	1	1	Other food	
CRM 315148	14-Feb 2024		1		Other Food	Y

## Commemorative Benches & Trees

During the month of February 2024, we received 4 Commemorative Benches & Trees applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

Source	Date Applied	Tree	Bench	Location	Accepted
Email	07-Feb 2024	1	1	Marlay	
DLR-CRM 314833	08-Feb 2024		1	Carysfort Park	
CRM 314242	12-Feb 2024		1	Deer Park	
Email	20-Feb 2024	1		Killiney hill	

## Filming in the Park

During the month of February 2024, we received 5 Filming in the Park requests. These applications were for short term filming or photography shoots:

CRM Source or Email	Location	Date Request Received	Date of Filming	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
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Email	Marlay Park	12/02/2024	13/02/2024	Y	
315036	Ballawley Park	12/02/2024	13/03/2024	Ongoing	Ongoing application
Email	Sallynoggin Pearse Park	23/02/2024	08/03/2024	Ongoing	Ongoing application
Email	Marlay Park	22/02/2024	10/03/2024	N	Customer withdrew application; vehicles not permitted in Park on Sunday
315286	People's Park	14/02/2024	23/02/2024	Y	

## Heritage

- Administration of dlr community heritage grant scheme
- Submission to National Community Monument Fund
- Submission to Heritage Council Heritage Plan Fund
- Progression of Memorials Committee approved commemorations
- Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership meeting
- Creative Ireland Team meeting
- Dublin Mountains archaeology training walk with four hillwalking clubs and Mountaineering Ireland Hillwalking committee
- Online Dublin Mountains archaeology training session for members of the PPN
- Input to repair of boundary walls at dlr historic cemeteries
- Design development - restoration of HaHa at Marlay Park
- Dalkey Castle and heritage centre/Joyce Tower board meetings
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups

## Heritage House

- Working on the 2024 programme Spring into Heritage of free guided tours, talks and walks. Design, of brochure, print layout, content, images, tours, talks.
- Getting the heritage properties ready for the Spring Programme.
- Putting Cabinteely House and Marlay House back together after a 17 week Period Drama being shot in the properties for tv channel 5.
- Getting Cabinteely House ready for a tv production of Sherlock Holmes and Daughter to be filmed in Cabinteely House.
- Arranging for a New emergency lighting system to go into Marlay House, sourcing supplier, installer, arranging commissioning and certification of same to comply with the Fire Officer's request to have it installed.

## Allotments

During the months of February 2024, we have been continuing to receive renewal payments for plots. An inspection was carried out at Mount Anville Allotments in Goatstown.

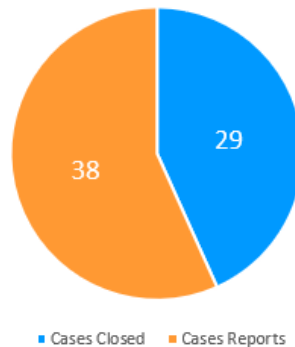
<b>Castle Allotments Shankill February 2024</b>	
Renewal forms returned and fees paid	79
Awaiting renewal forms and payment	17
New plot holders	6
Vacant plots	2

<b>Mount Anville Allotments Goatstown February 2024</b>	
Renewal forms returned and fees paid	59

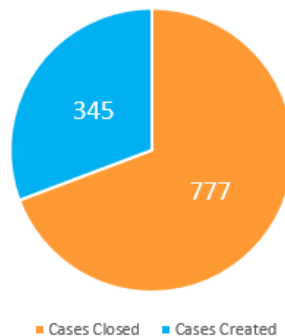
Awaiting renewal forms and payment	20
New plot holders	1
Vacant plots	10

### CRM Report Parks February 2024

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Parks February Cases



### Parks Operations:

- County Wide Tree Remedial Works under way by contractor and parks staff.
- County Wide Tree Planting progressing – Parks Staff
- Woodland Planting completed at Cluny Park in collaboration with volunteers
- Seats installed various locations.
- Tenders advertised for the redevelopment of playgrounds at The Gallops, Deerpark and Belarmine.
- Public Consultation commenced on redevelopment of playgrounds at Soldiers & Sailors, Hyde Road and Springhill Park
- Review of the Landscape Maintenance Contract with contractor
- Commenced work on the new Landscape Maintenance Contract documents and maps for 2025-2027
- Represented dlr at Tree Council Meeting
- Tree works in Cherrygarth complete (project with Roads)
- Numerous Wayleaves and Road Opening Licences processes
- Numerous assessments and reports on planning applications pertaining to Parks
- Numerous Section 254 application processed

## Sports Development

**dlr Leisure:** Set up and completed the following activities in February 2024.

### Schools (Drafts programme)

1. Good Shepard, Dundrum (10-12 age)
2. Queen of Angels (10-12 age)
3. St Kevin's, Sallynoggin (10-12 age)
4. St Joseph's, Dun Laoghaire (10-12 age)
5. Dominican School, Dún Laoghaire (10-12 age)
6. Holy Family School, Monkstown (10-12 age)
7. Our Ladies School (10-12 age)
8. Colm Cille's School, Ballybrack (10-12 age)
9. Scoil Mhuire, Shankill (10-12 age)

### Youth groups

- Balally Family resource centre - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Kilcross Youth Club - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Nutgrove Crosscare - Mixed group (10-12 age)
- Shankill Crosscare – 2 x groups - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Mounttown Crosscare - boys only group (15 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - girls only (15-17 age)
- Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group (11-13 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group (15-17 age)
- Whitehouse Crosscare - boys group (10-14 age)
- Ballybrack Crosscare - group 1 (12-15 age)
- Sallynoggin Youth Reach - gym sessions - mixed group (17-18 age)
- Carmona Special Needs Group - mixed (18-24 age)
- Strive Disability - mixed group (18-24 age)
- Festina Lente - mixed group (20-24 age)
- St. Michael's Goatstown - (24 age)

### Other activities

- Ran our first monthly session with Jo Brennan from Neurodivergent Youth Club, Dún Laoghaire – mixed group (13-16 age).
- Ran a youth group session during the midterm break in collaboration with Thomas Reck from dlr Community Section (15-17 age).
- Met with Dún Laoghaire, Sallynoggin and Mounttown Crosscare and have booked them in for our Easter Camps in March.
- Met with Ann Murphy from Crosscare in relation to setting up a block of sport sessions starting In March.
- Met with Jodi Gary, School Completion Officer, and are assisting them with their Taste of my Community Programme with Scoil Mhuire in April.
- Ran a nutrition course for Sallynoggin Crosscare.
- Met with dlr Sports Partnership and are currently planning a sports programme in collaboration with Enable Ireland starting in April.
- Met with Natalie from Hollyhouse Southside Partnership to arrange a block of sport sessions.
- Held a meeting with Tara from Cois Cairn and have arranged a block of sport session starting in March.
- Held a meeting with Hillview Family Resource Centre and have arranged sport sessions starting in March.

**Leinster Rugby – February 2024 Report**

**Leinster Rugby**

**Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)**

Primary Schools = 11

Males = 671

Females = 462

Secondary Schools =

Males =

Females =

**Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO) – Currently on a coaching internship with the IRFU female 7s team**

**Luke Sloyan (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Seapoint RC)**

Primary Schools = 5

Males = 381

Females = 234

Secondary Schools = 3

Males = 79

Females = 33

**dlr rugby clubs sessions, workshops or AOB (please include numbers and breakdown male/female)**

Old Wesley RFC U10s general session – 11 players

DLSP FC U10s tackle session – 17 players – JS

Blackrock College RFC U11s tackle session – 28 players – JS

Old Wesley RFC U10s tackle session – 11 players

Blackrock College RFC tackle session – 20 players – JS

Breakdown workshop hosted in Blackrock College RFC – 14 coaches – JS

Breakdown workshop hosted in Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC – 26 coaches – JS

Seapoint RC U7s – LS

Seapoint RC U8s – LS

**dlr female club rugby**

**dlr rugby development schools (male/female)**

Leinster Rugby dlr team training, three training sessions have been held to date – JS

**South Dublin 7s or female tournaments 1<sup>st</sup> year touch or X7s (dlr only)**

South Dublin 7s round 4, four dlr schools attended (St Benildus College, Clonkeen, De La Salle College and Newpark Comprehensive School) – JS

<b>School numbers 2023/24</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>U7</b>	82	104	<b>186</b>
<b>U8</b>	245	246	<b>491</b>
<b>U9</b>	295	275	<b>570</b>
<b>U10</b>	437	431	<b>868</b>
<b>U11</b>	546	490	<b>1036</b>
<b>U12</b>	553	473	<b>1026</b>

<b>U13</b>	545	488	<b>1033</b>
<b>U14</b>	33	238	<b>271</b>
<b>U15</b>	28	31	<b>59</b>
<b>U16</b>	0	3	<b>3</b>
<b>U17</b>	16	15	<b>31</b>
<b>U18</b>	10	12	<b>22</b>
<b>U19</b>	31	20	<b>51</b>
<b>Grand totals (February 2024)</b>	<b>2821</b>	<b>2826</b>	<b>5647</b>

**FAI:**

- **Administration** - Planning work for all programmes in 2024 on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings and training days on-going on a weekly and monthly basis.
- **FFA** – Walking Football in St Joseph’s AFC, Sallynoggin.
- **Club Mark**: Mt Merrion FC and Lakelands FC awarded Club Mark. On-going contact meetings with registered clubs to complete applications in order to achieve the award.
- **Coach Ed** – PDP 1 course delivered for Lakelands FC, 20 coaches in total. Calander of courses for region 2 in 2024 developed.
- **Child Welfare** – Courses planned for Safeguarding 1 for Granada FC in March.
- **Girls ETP Weekly sessions** – Talent ID ongoing in DLR & region 2. Programme commenced on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. 28 U-13 girls attending.
- **Social Inclusion** – 20 IPA adults playing football one day a week.
- **Futsal In the Yard** – Programme started on February 20<sup>th</sup> in St. Patrick’s NS, Glencullen. 150 Boys and girls taking part.
- **Primary 5s** – Promotion and administration ongoing. Over 60% of DLR schools registered. Tournament begins in March.
- **Disney Playmakers** – Clubs taking part, Rosemount/Mulvey, Lakelands and United Girls. Two School-Club links planned with Cabinteely FC/OLGC Johnstown and Park Celtic FC/St Brigid’s GNS, Foxrock.
- **Personal Development** – Both Development Officers began new Sport Ireland Coaching Development Level 7 award. The course continues until May 2024.
- **Summer Soccer Schools** – Three clubs planned to host in summer 2024.

**Leinster Cricket:**

- Sessions have been completed for the following;
  - St. Anne’s, Shankill - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes (51 Girls and 72 Boys)
  - St. Colmcille’s Senior School - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes (47 Girls and 62 Boys)
  - Glenageary/Killiney School - 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes (45 girls and 68 boys)
  - St. Olaf’s, Balally - 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes (15 classes for 180 girls and 240 boys).
  - Sessions have also commenced at Our Lady’s GNS, Balinteer, with approximately 150 girls receiving coaching in February.
- Plans are on-going to create a men’s shed program to coach adult cricket within that framework.
- Continued liaison with both Sandyford and DLR Cricket Clubs regarding on-going works at both Marlay and Shanganagh Parks.
- We are working with a group from Dalkey to start a junior club for children aged 7-14 years. It is still very early stages. Initially they intend to use the indoor facility at Dalkey GAA club and they also intend to explore the use of Castle Park School’s cricket pitch as an outdoor option keeping Shanganagh or Marlay Park as a contingency.