

# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **APRIL MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**28<sup>th</sup> MARCH – 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
2024**

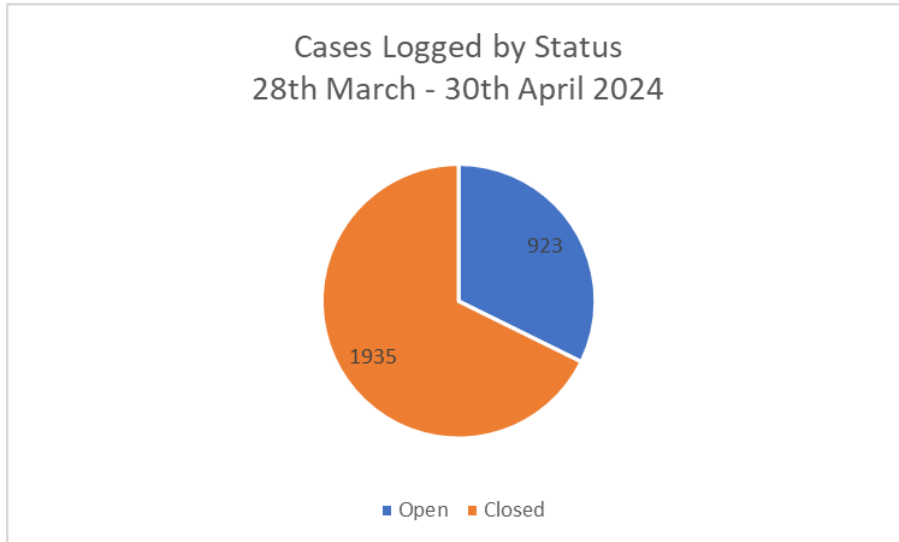


## CONTENT DIRECTORATES

<b>Corporate Affairs .....</b>	<b>3</b>
Director: Stephen Brady	
<b>Finance and Water Services .....</b>	<b>8</b>
Director: Helena Cunningham	
<b>Housing *</b>	
Director: Catherine Keenan	
<b>Planning and Economic Development.....</b>	<b>11</b>
Director: Aidan Blighe	
<b>Forward Planning Infrastructure *</b>	
Director: Anne Devine	
<b>Infrastructure and Climate Change .....</b>	<b>17</b>
Director: Paul Kennedy	
<b>Architects .....</b>	<b>27</b>
County Architect: Andrée Dargan	
<b>Community, Cultural Service and Parks.....</b>	<b>28</b>
Director: Therese Langan	

\*Included in Quarterly Management Report

### Civic Hub Stats

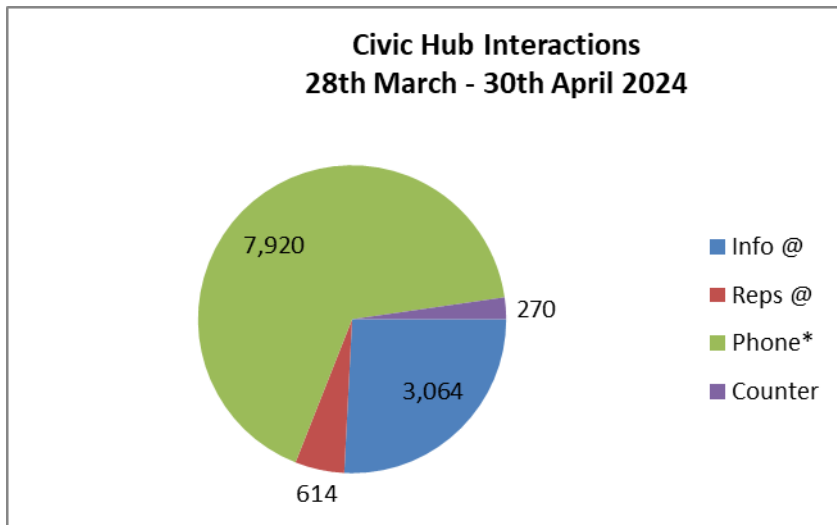


### Cases Logged from 28th March – 30th April 2024

Open	923
Closed	1935

### Cases Logged from 28th March – 30th April 2024, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	1	11	12
Ballyogan Depot	1		1
Communications	21	399	420
Community	1	1	2
Corporate Services		3	3
dlrcoco	41	16	57
Environment	3	1	4
Finance	12	208	220
Forward Planning Infrastructure		1	1
Harbour		5	5
Housing	41	139	180
ICC	572	891	1463
IT		1	1
Libraries	2		2
Parks	207	234	441
Planning	5	17	22
Property	4	1	5
Transportation	1		1
Water Services	11	7	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>2858</b>



Pie chart excludes abandoned calls.

**Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged from**

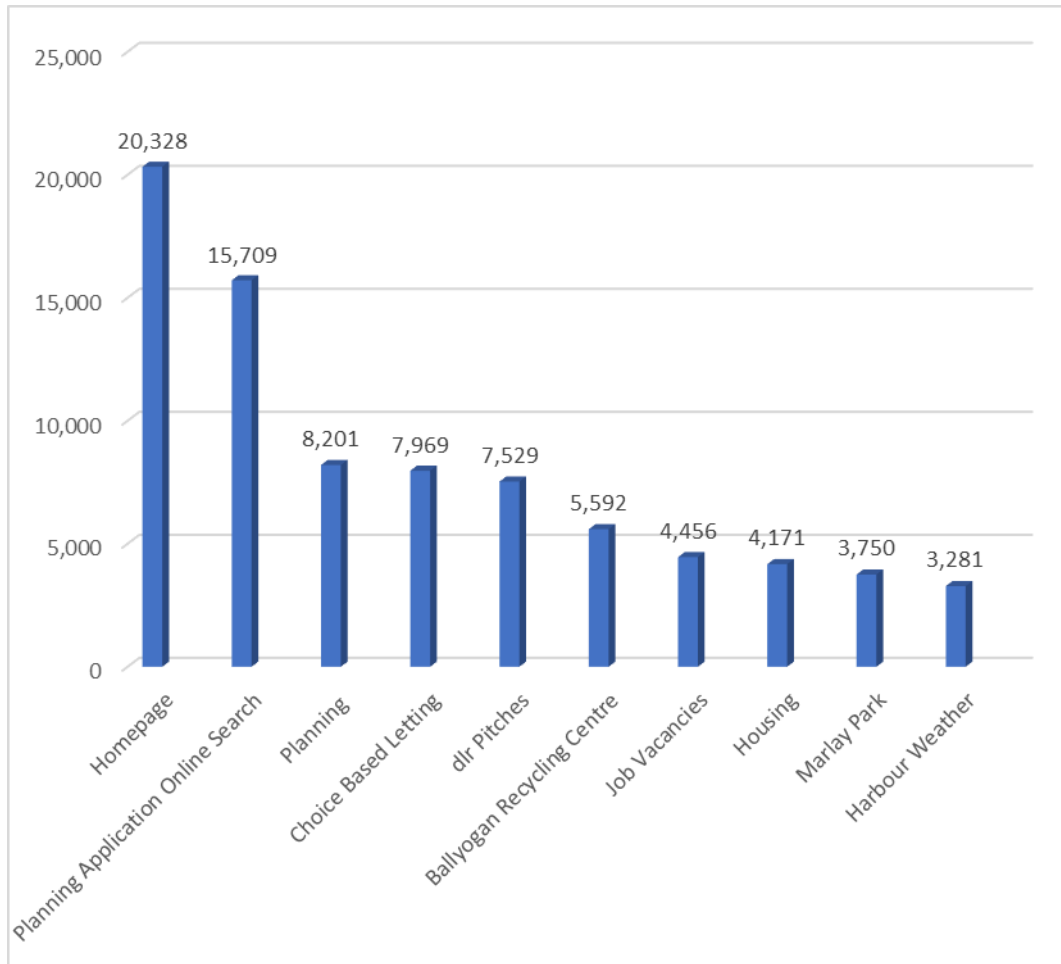
Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	6889	1031

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	3064	614	3678










Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	216	54	270

**Website Activity – page views**

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	217,198
dlrLibraries	68,024



## Social Media Activity

Profile ▲	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
<b>Reporting Period</b> Mar 28, 2024 - Apr 30, 2024	<b>89,594</b> ↗ 0.4%	<b>337</b> ↘ 31.5%	<b>537</b> ↘ 35.6%	<b>954,252</b> ↘ 16.5%	<b>35,492</b> ↘ 32.6%	<b>3.7%</b> ↘ 19.3%	<b>37,856</b> ↘ 0.9%
<b>Compare to</b> Feb 23, 2024 - Mar 27, 2024	<b>89,257</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>1,142,623</b>	<b>52,631</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>38,198</b>
 X @DLR_Libraries	8,800	-11	11	3,904	82	2.1%	1
 X @dlrArts	3,103	9	0	216	6	2.8%	1
 X @dlrcc	20,584	-35	108	130,140	3,730	2.9%	3,674
 X @dlrheritevents	4,006	11	38	14,555	530	3.6%	1,924
 X @leo_dlr	5,551	-12	0	383	9	2.3%	0
 dlrco.ie	8,725	158	167	154,794	2,389	1.5%	19,194
 dlrevents	14,393	37	38	52,412	2,963	5.7%	24
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	19,665	139	125	353,527	18,831	5.3%	8,469
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,767	41	50	244,321	6,952	2.8%	4,569

**Press Queries: 18**

**Freedom of Information Requests: 14**

## **Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty**

All public bodies in Ireland have responsibility to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of their employees, customers, services users, and everyone affected by their policies and plans. The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 sets a corporate goal to promote equality and human rights by implementing Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.

DLR County Council continues to work towards eliminating discrimination, protecting human rights, and promoting equality, throughout our organisation and in the community.

The position of full time Equality Officer has been advertised and interviews will take place in May 2024, with appointment of suitable candidate thereafter. Once the Equality Officer is in place, we will develop a coherent strategy and action plan around the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty. The role of the Equality Officer will be to ensure the structures are in place and will continually assess and review these processes. It is envisaged that the actions within the plan will be measurable, and update reports against the action plan will be included in the quarterly reports to council.

The Equality Officer will also take on the role of Access Officer and be the point of contact for the public and they will manage our engagement with the Disability Consultation Group. They will also support staff and line managers from an equality perspective. The Equality Officer will be involved in developing policies around supported recruitment and employment schemes and will work with HR and training to roll out Human Rights and Equality training for all staff.

### **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. An Bord Pleanála have now determined that no EIAR is required, and the project will now be brought to the Project Governance Board and the OPW for approval to proceed to Detailed Design. In the meantime, some small scale advance works and stakeholder engagement are being progressed and fee claim negotiations are underway.

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 of December 2023. Comments, where appropriate, have been incorporated into the final option 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 options for the Dodder Phase 3 FRS were recently presented to the Councillors in advance of a Public Consultation Day for the final options on the scheme. The PCD is due to occur at the end of May. The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially completed, and final draft mapping has been submitted for review. Discussions are ongoing with the OPW mapping section re the preferred mapping format.

### **Finance**

In 2021 the Council agreed to advance an additional loan facility of €17m to DLRP in respect of the fit-out of a proposed Grade A 13,471 sq. m. office development on the TC3 lands in Cherrywood, however the proposed development agreement did not proceed.

G2 one of the office blocks managed by DLRP is currently occupied by APC, a pharmaceutical research facility. APC are looking to expand their operations and have identified Cherrywood as their preferred location. The site beside their current facility is also owned by DLRP.

DLRP now wish to develop a 60,000 sq. ft. pharmaceutical research facility on site G3, pre-let to APC on a 30- year lease and have negotiated very favourable heads of terms for a lease with APC. To develop the facility DLRP will require an additional loan of €17m from the Council.

There are several advantages to this request from the Council's perspective including:

- Secure APC as a tenant in Blocks G2 and G3
- Creation of over 100 additional high-quality jobs in DLR
- Creation of a medical/pharma cluster in Cherrywood.
- Creates potential to secure principal repayment on existing loan facilities.

Agreement has been reached in principle to advance the additional loan facility to DLRP subject to the negotiation of a suitable loan agreement.



**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2024**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2024 €
1 Total Housing & Building	16,592,307	23,560,384	24,455,865	17,487,788
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	6,514,928	9,024,748	6,308,565	3,798,745
3 Total Water Services	2,395,933	129,294	37,500	2,304,139
4 Total Development Management	172,582,092	26,060,588	11,777,648	158,299,153
5 Total Environmental Services	3,082,539		176,500	3,259,039
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	20,662,434	2,737,366	2,375,535	20,300,603
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,654,997	654,714	100,000	4,100,283
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	37,842,044	663,021	1,568,507	38,747,530
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>€264,327,274</b>	<b>€62,830,115</b>	<b>€46,800,121</b>	<b>€248,297,280</b>

**SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/03/2024**

	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Balance at 31/03/2024 €	Current year debit €	Arrears > 1 year €
<b>RATES</b>	<b>26,336,862</b>	<b>98,238,177</b>	<b>74,604,540</b>	<b>23,633,386</b>

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2024**

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		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	21,890,849	88,511,496	25%
B	Road Transport & Safety	7,649,341	34,951,380	22%
C	Water Services	2,749,883	11,221,860	25%
D	Development Management	11,589,035	40,188,816	29%
E	Environmental Services	9,300,606	37,994,148	24%
F	Recreation & Amenity	10,699,676	41,493,588	26%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,955,850	6,531,876	30%
H	Miscellaneous Services	3,885,391	14,138,364	27%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>69,720,631</b>	<b>275,031,528</b>	<b>25%</b>

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	18,893,571	78,714,972	24%
B	Road Transport & Safety	3,216,727	13,797,252	23%
C	Water Services	1,847,318	7,492,656	25%
D	Development Management	5,758,197	17,566,176	33%
E	Environmental Services	1,292,862	5,716,296	23%
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,213,020	5,674,080	21%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	794,452	4,674,420	17%
H	Miscellaneous Services	4,383,323	18,042,912	24%
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>37,399,470</b>	<b>151,678,764</b>	<b>25%</b>

LPT	Local Property Tax	3,569,499	14,277,996	25%
RA	Rates	27,264,106	109,074,396	25%
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>68,233,075</b>	<b>275,031,156</b>	<b>25%</b>

<b>Balance as at 31/03/2024</b>		<b>-€1,487,556</b>	<b>Deficit</b>	
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## Planning and Economic Development

### Planning Applications – monthly statistics 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	165	165
Decision Deferred	0	17	17
Decision to Grant**	2	107	109
Decision to Refuse**	0	13	13
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	99	99
Invalid Applications	0	21	21

\*Includes 14 Applications for Retention. (3 Online Retention Applications included in this total)

Includes 60 On - Line Applications

\*\*Split decisions; are entered as follows

96 Grant Permission (1 LRD)

3 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

8 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
KRD24A/0248	Alber Developments Ltd: The application seeks permission for amendments to the permitted Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Reference number ABP-307415-20 and consists of a reconfiguration of the permitted layout of Block 1 at Ground Floor including the omission the Gymnasium, provision of provision of 3no. additional apartment units comprising 2no 1 bed units and 1no. 2 bed units and ancillary management suite (161 sq.m), minor changes to fenestration at ground floor only There is no increase in floor area proposed The unit type/mix is proposed to change from 1no. studio. 87no. 1 bed units. 104no. 2 bed units and 8no. 3 bed units to 1no studio. 89no 1 bed units. 105no 2 bed units and 8no 3 bed. The application be viewed online at <a href="http://www.liseiuxpark-lrd4.ie">www.liseiuxpark-lrd4.ie</a>	18/04/2024		<a href="http://www.liseiuxpark-lrd4.ie">www.liseiuxpark-lrd4.ie</a>	12/06/2024

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/98785>

**Please note that the above LRD24A/0248 was made Invalid on the 24/04/2024**

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/0279	Dwyer Nolan Developments Ltd: Permission, to retain development, which has modified a permitted Strategic Housing Development (SHD) (Ref.s ABP-	25/04/2024	29/05/2024	<a href="http://www.glenamuckmanorlrd.ie">www.glenamuckmanorlrd.ie</a>	19/06/2024

<p>303978-19 &amp; ABP-312216-21) by way of a planning application for a Large-Scale Residential Development (LRD), within the permitted "Glenamuck Manor" development (currently under construction), located at Glenamuck Road South, Kiltarnan, Dublin 18. Permission is sought to retain development consisting of the following: (i) relocated and extended retaining wall, partially along southwestern boundary, (ii) an increased play area of 60sq.m to rear of creche, (iii) reconfiguration of approved external steps at pedestrian link No. 2 and (iv) all associated site development works, all as previously approved under planning Ref.s ABP-303978-19 &amp; ABP-312216-21, on an overall site area of 4.28Ha. Application can be viewed online at <a href="http://www.glenamuckmanorlrd.ie">www.glenamuckmanorlrd.ie</a>.</p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/98858>

**Planning Counter Figures: 28<sup>th</sup> March – 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

Customers Served	252
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**Building Control: 28<sup>th</sup> March – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	28
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	11
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	8
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	7/0
Commencement Notices Validated	88
7 Day Notices received	22
Completion Certs Validated	17

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

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

**Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved April 2024	Enterprise Ireland target April 2024
Feasibility Study	3	16
Business Priming	0	
Business Expansion	3	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	9	15
Trading Online Vouchers	38	
Other Grant Applications (Green, Digital, Agile, IP	22	9

etc.)		
Microfinance Ireland *	2	4
<b>Total Approvals</b>	77	

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

<b>Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance</b>	
April 2024	
No of jobs created	3

<b>Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2024</b>	<b>Total April 2024</b>
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	147
Clients attending Networking Events	395
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1069
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	150
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	124
<b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>	1885

<b>DLR Economic Development Supports</b>	<b>Total April 2024</b>
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	1
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	3
Business Promotion Grants	10
Street Furniture Grants	0

### Enterprise Promotion activities in April 2024

<b>DLR Enterprise News</b>	<a href="#">LEO DLR Upcoming Training &amp; Events</a> (Sent 27/03/24) Open rate 53%, 3402 recipients  <a href="#">LEO DLR Enterprise News</a> (Sent 19/04/24) Open rate 55%, 3400 recipients
<b>Business Advice Sessions</b>	Advice Sessions Throughout April
<b>Digital for Business Lunch &amp; Learn Workshop</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>8 Week Start Your Own Business Course</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>6 Week Export Development Programme</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Boosting Your Brand: ChatGPT for Social Media</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April

<b>LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 28<sup>th</sup> March–30<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>				
	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>No of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
Facebook	2,226	7	0	555
Twitter	5,550	-15	0	574
Instagram	1,840	17	0	157
LinkedIn	1,037	8	0	150

## **Tourism Development**

### **Twinning Activities:**

Building on the highly successful and active partnership with Vincennes, Paris, on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, An Cathaoirleach hosted a visit to County Hall by visiting students and teachers from Lycée Hector Berlioz, and by students from Stepside Educate Together School. Xavier d'Argoeuves, Cultural Counsellor at the French Embassy in Ireland; Laura Le Cleach, Cooperation Attaché for French Language at the French Embassy; Tom Feeney of the Blackrock Business Association also addressed the students. This event formed part of a week-long exchange between the two schools.

### **Dublin Mountains Partnership.**

Dun Laoghaire hosted the April meeting of the Dublin Mountains Partnership. Work is progressing on the development of the Dublin Mountains Festival, which will consist of a range of events taking place throughout the month of May.

### **POST Polycentric Tourism Strategy – Cognac, France Visit.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> of the four cities in the strategy project hosted a strategy development meeting. Its purpose was to establish a collective understanding of the project to focus the four countries on a mutual set of strategic objectives for the project.

### **Cruise Staff training**

The DLR Chamber and staff attended a training session to prepare them to welcome the summer of cruise guests into the town and county. Training focused on the needs of the guests and guiding them on their way while ensuring they are aware of the wealth of food/drink & shopping in the area.

### **Cruise Calls 2024**

The first 3 cruise calls of 2024 arrived with over 5,000 passengers & over 2,000 crew in Dun Laoghaire Harbour. A team of welcome ambassadors dressed in green uniforms welcomed in the first calls with a brief to welcome, orientate and inform guests about what is on & how to get there.

### **Tourism Leading the Change – Meeting of all tourism authorities Meeting in Co Kildare.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> event since Covid, the LGMA hosted a 2-day conference on April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> for all Local Authority Tourism Officers nationally to inform the guests about innovation and sustainability in the tourism sector.

<b>Social Media Analysis April 2024</b>				
	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>No of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
Facebook	9,786	65	10	28.4K
Twitter	4,036	17	6	1485K
Instagram	3,873	31	10	3K

### **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.
- 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 in and around April 2024.
- The Second Floor Co-Working Offices are expected to commence work in and around June 2024.
- The Event Space area and Co-working Offices on the ground floor are expected to commence work in September 2024.
- External signage and façade improvements to commence in the coming months.
- Car Park and Fencing works commence in May 2024.
- The New Quarterdeck Workspace Website and marketing plan/initiatives to be launched. A marketing campaign to be launched targeting interested parties who have requested office space and potential new tenants.
- A decision was made on the 30<sup>th</sup> April to grant the Fire Safety Certificate Application. The Economic Development Team will engage with Quarterdeck on the plan to open and occupy the building.
- The initial opening and launch of Quarterdeck Workspace are scheduled for May 2024.

## **Dún Laoghaire Harbour**

### **Harbour General:**

The sailing season has commenced with the majority of boats being lifted back into the water mid-April. Many water-sports businesses are gearing up for a busy season. The Harbour itself is seeing some commercial activity from Wind-farm survey vessels and some early bookings from a variety of other vessels with the improved berthing fenders on the Carlisle Pier.

### **Cruise Ship Business**

The 2024 Cruise season is underway with 85 vessels currently booked into Dún Laoghaire Harbour. We are working with the Tourism Section, the Dún Laoghaire Business Association and the Dún Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce to maximize the local benefits of the cruise

visitors. The Economic Section is working on a town shuttle bus trial for the summer months in an effort to facilitate visitors in travelling into and around Dun Laoghaire Town.

## **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 a consortium led by a Danish firm, Arrow Architects was the successful tenderer. The proposal includes significant public and stakeholder consultation and will likely commence in Q2/Q3 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 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 tender documents and hope to tender for a design team in Q2 2024 to commence the Stream 1 design phase.

### **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.



### 1. Road Maintenance Management Report - April 2024

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
<b>RRP Major</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works</b>					
1	Meadowmount (part of)	✓				
2	Village Road, Aikens Village (part of)	✓				
3	Brennanstown Road (part of)	✓				
4	Enniskerry Road (R-117)	✓				
5	Ballinteer Road, Dundrum (R-826)	✓				
6	Glenageary Road Upper			✓		Construction works ongoing
7	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
8	Dalkey Avenue (part of)			✓		Construction works ongoing
9	Old Dublin Road (part of)	✓				
10	Dundela Estate (parts of)	✓				Tender being prepared
11	Greenville Road public realm	✓				Speed count undertaken and survey to be carried out
<b>RRP Minor</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')</b>					
1	Deerpark Road			✓		Works are on site
2	Woodpark		✓			Works have been tendered. Contractor being appointed
3	Cornelscourt Hill Junction, Cornelscourt		✓			Works have been tendered. Contractor being appointed
4	Mount Anville Park Cul-De-Sac				✓	Works Successfully Completed
5	Glenamuck Road				✓	Works Successfully Completed
6	The Gallops, Ballyogan		✓			
7	Harbour Road	✓				Tender being prepared
8	Breffni Road	✓				Tender being prepared
9	Pucks Castle Lane	✓				
10	Foxrock Court				✓	Completed
11	Grove Avenue (part of)		✓			

12	Abbey View (part of)	✓				
13	Hudson Road (part of)	✓				Tender being prepared
12	Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park)	✓				
<b>FP</b>	<b>Footpath Upgrade Programme</b>					
1	Sandyford Business District (part of)		✓			Works Successfully Tendered
2	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)				✓	Works Completed
3	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)	✓				
4	Mount Anville Road (part of)	✓				
5	Cornelscourt Village	✓				
6	Balally Estate				✓	Works Completed
7	Northumberland Avenue		✓			Tender has been issued
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				
9	Trafalgar Terrace	✓				
10	Beechwood Park (part of)	✓				
11	Granville Road	✓				Survey carried out
<b>BSP</b>	<b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b>					
1	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
2	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment	✓				survey ongoing
<b>DGRP</b>	<b>Drainage / Gully Repair Programme</b>					
1	Landscape Park			✓		Works are on site
2	Old Kilgobbin Road				✓	Works completed
3	Brennanstown-Brighton Roads Junction	✓				
4	Blackthorn Road, Sandyford	✓				
5	Castlebyrne Park	✓				Survey carried out
6	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction				✓	
7	Kill Lane	✓				
8	Carrickbrennan Road	✓				
9	Glenageary Dart Station at junction with Marlborough Road	✓				
<b>NRP</b>	<b>National Roads Programme</b>					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3	✓				

<b>AWP</b>	<b>Accessibility Works Programme</b>					
1	Hillview	✓				
2	Laneway behind Rosehill (part of)	✓				Initial survey undertaken
3	Corbawn Lane Beach access	✓				
4	Sandycove Close	✓				
<b>CMP</b>	<b>Cycleway Maintenance Programme</b>					
1	St. Olaf's National School		✓			Awaiting Works Commencement
2	Village Road, Aiken's Village	✓				
3	Bellarmine Avenue	✓				
4	Johnstown Road (part of)					
5	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3					
<b>EMP</b>	<b>Estate Management Programme</b>					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn		✓			Works have been tendered. Contractor being appointed
2	Meadowlands Avenue	✓				
<b>TICP</b>	<b>Taking in Charge Programme*</b>					
1	Redesdale (Laneway at Back of Shops)		✓			Works have been tendered
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				
3	Lane Station Road Killiney (near DART) to Marino Avenue West*	✓				
*Subject to investigation & clarification of ownership, assessment of works & costs						
<b>RCRP</b>	<b>Roads Control Reinstatement Programme</b>		<b>2023</b>			
1	Cherrygarth		✓			Direct Labour Crews Started on 10/04/2024
2	Kilgobbin Road (at Sandyford Hall r-about)	✓				
3	Landscape Park, Churchtown	✓				
3	Rock Road public lighting	✓				

<b>Roads Admin Stats</b>	<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>March 24</b>
<b>Tic Certs</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Footpath Dishing</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Hoarding</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Surface Permits</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>ROs</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>CRMs (Assigned to Roads Admin)</b>	<b>423 Assigned</b>	<b>327 Assigned</b>	<b>280 Assigned</b>

## 2. Traffic and Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
<b>NTA STMG Schemes 2024 – 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 contractor has been appointed for the purchase of new cycle stands.
Stepaside Village – Cycle Link to Cruagh Wood		✓					Detailed Design on-going for Phase 1.
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						Civil works for Traffic calming interventions at entry points to the village (Phase I) complete. Appointment of Engineering consultant to carry out design of Phase II ongoing
Frankfort Park, Dundrum, Signalised Junction					✓		Contractor commenced works on site. Expected six week construction period
<p><b>Public Consultations-Speed Limit Review</b> Public consultation has now been completed. Finalised Bye-Laws now being drafted.</p> <p><b>Ballybrack Underpass Churchview Road</b> 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.</p>							

**Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan**

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

**Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)**

In April 2024 there was a TAG meeting in Area 2(Dundrum) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April at which 23 items were dealt with. Area 1(Dún Laoghaire) to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, 2024 and approx 23 items will be dealt with.

**Road Safety and Sustainable Travel**

- Shanganagh Road, Shankill: Tenders uploaded onto e-Tenders for a zebra crossing and footpath upgrade
- Old Bray Road, Cabinteely; Tenders are being prepared for a zebra crossing

**Deputations**

Traffic and Road Safety staff met with Residents from Greenville Road, Blackrock and Roebuck Road Residents, Goatstown on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2024

**Bus Connects - Bus Interchange at Dún Laoghaire**

No further update.

**ABTAs for the Racecourse South Lands and Kiltarnan and Glenamuck**

A draft context report for Kiltarnan and Glenamuck has been produced. Consultants have been requested to carry out traffic surveys for the Racecourse South Lands, and Kiltarnan and Glenamuck areas. These surveys have commenced in April 2024.

**ICAS for Old Connaught and Rathmichael**

A 'preferred transport option scenario' for the area has emerged and councillors had a workshop with members of the ABTAs project management team on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> of April to review study/outcomes to-date.

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

Feedback from external bodies has been incorporated into the tender brief as appropriate. Documents now with DLR's procurement team for review.

**3. Roads Control**

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
<b>RCRP</b>	<b>Roads Control Programme 2024</b>	
1	Landscape Road	Uisce Eireann(UE) have completed rehabilitation on Landscape Road. Roads Control have agreed the extent of reinstatement with UE and their contractor. Presently trying to agree on the amount of funding received from UE towards the full rehabilitation of Landscape Road.

**Road Opening Licences (28<sup>th</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.)**

<b>National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System</b>	
Applications Received	254

Applications Not Processed Yet	131
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	3
Valid Licences Issued	109
Licensed Works Completed	5
T4 Applications Expired	6

### 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	
28th March to 30th April 2024.	
<b>Applications</b>	
Received	1
Granted	0
Withdrawn	0

## 4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistic

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	441	386	287	295	288	266
Clean-Ups Assisted	64	70	46	48	39	43
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	28	24	25	27	27	17
Bathing Water Samples Taken	18	18	18	27	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	1264	1077	637	1519	497	521
Dumping Incidents Managed	70	47	36	57	34	37
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	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	4813	4769	4890	4905	4409	4743
Filming/Event Licenses	-	-	0	0	1 Filming 2 Events	1 Filming 2 Events

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

## Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – April 2024

- Bathing water sampling is on-going at our 9 locations every fortnight. Preparations for Bathing Season is on-going. Lifeguards recruitment in place
- Ringbuoy inspections and maintenance are on-going.
- Seapoint railings replacement completed.
- 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 ongoing. 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
- Weeding season has commenced and works are on-going by DLR crews and Contractor
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning. Crews assisting Tidy Towns competition preparations in June
- 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

## 5. 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 Apr 2024:	368
Percentage of lights out at the end of Apr 2024:	1.0%
Pole replacement carried out in Apr 2024:	0
Bracket replacements:	6
Tree trimming:	0
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	4
LED Upgrades	189
Total lights upgraded to LED	21,549
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	87%

(extra lines added)

### LED Upgrading Program

BALLYOGAN ROAD	1
CASTLE PARK	1
CLONARD ESTATE	1
CRANFORD COURT / THE ELMS	1
CROMLECH CLOSE	1
CROSS AVENUE (DUN LAOIRE)	1
DUNLEARY HILL	1

ENNISKERRY ROAD (Columns 42-133)	1
GLENAVON PARK	1
GOATSTOWN ROAD	1
JOHNSTOWN AVENUE	1
KILGOBBIN RD / SANDYFORD	1
KILLINEY HILL ROAD	1
KILMACUD ROAD UPPER	1
LANEWAY B/T ROLLINS COURT & NOGGIN RD	1
LEOPARDSTOWN ROAD (ESB MAINTAINED)	1
MAPLE ROAD	1
MARINE AVENUE	1
NUTGROVE WAY & STONEMASON WAY	1
RICHMOND GROVE	1
ROCKVILLE DRIVE	1
ROWANBYRN PARK	1
SAND.I.E. ARENA ROAD	6
SAND.I.E. ARKLE ROAD	6
SAND.I.E. BALLYMOSS ROAD	5
SAND.I.E. BLACKTHORN AVENUE	43
SAND.I.E. BLACKTHORN DRIVE	19
SAND.I.E. BLACKTHORN ROAD	31
Sand.I.E. Burton Hall Road Avenue	3
SAND.I.E. CARMAN HALL ROAD	18
SAND.I.E. HEATHER ROAD	2
SAND.I.E. RAVENS ROCK ROAD	4
SAND.I.E. THREE ROCK ROAD	12
SANDYFORD ROAD	1
St. Helens Wood	1
THE BIRCHES	1
THE VILLAGE GATE	15

### Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	25
Inspections completed	0

### Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	3
Legal requests:	3



## 6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,915 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 28th March to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of fixed charge notices issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1268
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	529
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	418
Parking a vehicle on a footway	217
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	89
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	77
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	68
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	66
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	43
Overstaying 3 hour parking limit	32
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	28
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	12
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	11
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	9
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	7
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	6
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	5
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	5
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	5
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	3
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	3
Parking out of the limits of a bay	3
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	2
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	2
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	1
<b>Total no. of Fixed charge notices issued between 28th March and 30th April 2024</b>	<b>2915</b>

There were 57 convictions secured in the District Court in April 2024.

**Environmental Enforcement: 28<sup>th</sup> March – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	34	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	26	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	116	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	116	Litter Section
Abandoned car Cases - Opened	45	Waste Section
Graffiti Cases - Opened	56	Waste Section
Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened	18	Waste Section
Litter Fines issued	35	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	4	Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act
Legal Proceedings initiated	2	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act

<b>Dog Statistics from 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	
No. of dogs on hand on 28 <sup>th</sup> March	4
No. of dogs entering the shelter	5
No. of dogs surrendered	0
No. of dogs rehomed	4
No. of dogs reclaimed	0
No. of dogs sent to rescue	1
No. of dogs put to sleep	0
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 30 <sup>th</sup> April	4
Dog attacks in this period	5 – 3 on person

### Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	25
LRD Applications	1
Section 5 Declarations	5

### THRIVE – the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme

An application for Strand 1 funding for George’s Place was submitted on Friday 5 April with a decision due the week commencing 13 May.

The proposal is for the preparatory work for the renovation, renewal, and adaptive reuse of two vacant protected structures, nos. 9 and 10 George’s Place and the former Wash House on Kelly’s Avenue.

The key actions proposed to be undertaken if funding is granted are the preparation of an integrated urban strategy and project pipeline development for the two vacant buildings. This would allow for a Strand 2 application to cover the works costs if a call comes in early 2025.

### Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	11
Not Dangerous	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

### **Community Integration Forum (formerly Community Response Forum)**

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and has a capacity to accommodate up to 392 displaced Ukrainian nationals. Up to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 over **11,327** people have stayed at the centre. Following the recent enactment of the Social Welfare and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 Ballyogan has become a Dedicated Accommodation Centre (DAC) along with 5 other locations across the country and guests will be in Ballyogan DAC for maximum of 90 days. Among the facilities available in Ballyogan are separate laundry, sanitary facilities, internet access, television, chessboards, recreation room, translation services, computer classrooms 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. English Classes and CV/Job Interview Preparation Classes are held in Ballyogan DAC every week by ETB and the Department of Social Protection are holding information sessions on life in Ireland for guests every 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 Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

The Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and have met three times in April. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in Ballyogan and Larch Hill Scout Centre as well as in hotels and in private accommodation within the County. Support services are being provided to IPAs who are being accommodated in the county.

Local coordination efforts continue to provide comprehensive support services including from Southside Partnership dlr, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Department of Social Protection, D&DL Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Community and Family Resource Centres, dlr Volunteer 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 CRF 2024 launched in March 2024 with €765,487 allocated to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for capital projects. This fund is aimed at those areas which have the highest level of new arrivals and where a clear need for investment is identified.

### **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-28**

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan for 2023-2028 has been developed to guide the sustainable economic and community development of the County over the next five years. The LECP 2023-28 was adopted at the County Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **Community and Volunteer Awards**

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Community and Volunteer Awards took place in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The Awards provided an opportunity for the Council to



recognise and celebrate the large number of people and projects across our county, all contributing to make this county a vibrant place to live.

The awards were presented by An Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Cllr Denis O'Callaghan and Therese Langan, Director of Services, Community and Cultural Development in dlr.

This year 61 community groups and 54 volunteers were formally acknowledged for the valuable contributions they make to their communities. Awards were made to Community Groups and Volunteers to recognise and celebrate their positive contributions across the county promoting a wealth of community development activities including child and youth development, age friendly, arts and culture, environment and climate action, inclusion and integration, health and wellbeing, disability and neurodiversity and civic pride.

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

DLR Comhairle na nÓg representatives gave a presentation to the Elected Members at the April Council Meeting, updating members on their work regarding their work topic for this year, School Stress. The feedback and advice received from Elected Members has been greatly appreciated and has been fed back to all the members of DLR Comhairle for discussion and consideration. The Committee and members of DLR Comhairle continue to progress their work topic during April.

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

A meeting of the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF took place on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

A meeting of the Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill LPF took place on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **Launch of dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024**

The scheme was launched during March for applications from homeowners 65 years of age and over living in dlr to replace existing lock barrels or cylinders in external doors with high security anti-snap locks. Applications will only be considered from owner occupiers of privately-owned homes who reside in the county and will cover the total cost for the replacement of lock barrels only, on up to maximum 2 locks per home – front door / back door / side door. Closing date for applications: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 and link to online applications [HERE](#) and hardcopies & more information available from the Community Section, dlr County Council at 01 205 4893 / [community@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:community@dlrcoco.ie) 102 applications received to date with a large volume of calls requesting hardcopy application forms on an ongoing basis.

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

The dlr Older People's Council (OPC) held their monthly meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April and updates were given on planned OPC social events for Autumn 2024; current [Transport Grants](#) available from the OPC have been increased to €300 per member group. Updates provided on attendance at local and national meetings and events by the dlr OPC members.

### **Domestic Violence Refuge**

The Council commissioned a Domestic Violence Refuge Needs Assessment to establish if there was a need to provide a Domestic Violence (DV) refuge within the County. The report established an evidence-based approach that underpins the need for a refuge in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area.

The Council is progressing this project under the Planning and Development Acts and the regulations made thereunder and more specifically the Planning and Development (Section 179A) Regulations 2023.

This project will deliver 12 units of accommodation and associated facilities to accommodate those affected by domestic abuse and their families.

## Arts

### **Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme**

Fruity Bodies, an exhibition of new and recent work by Joanna Hopkins, continues in the Gallery. It explores folklore with landscape and the human form. Hopkins uses plants and plant dyes from her local hedgerows and fields in a wide range of media including sculpture, embroidery, photography and film. Joanna Hopkins is an Irish artist working in video, collage, drawing, photography and installation. She has exhibited across Ireland, the UK, Europe, China and the US.

### **Shanganagh Park House Childcare Commission**

Artist Helen Barry has been working in Shanganagh Park House Community Childcare Service for the past six months, co-creating new artwork with the children and early years educators. Caregivers and children from the PEEP+Shanganagh Programme also worked with Helen. The new work will be exhibited as part of the upcoming 'Room to Explore exhibition for 0-5 year olds' opening on May 18 in the Gallery, dlr Lexicon. This opportunity was supported by dlr CYPSC and is the third commission for children and young people funded the Creative Ireland funding for Cruinniú na nÓg, the National Day of Creativity for Children and Young People.

### **Artist Residencies at Centre Culturel Irlandais announced**

Cecilia Bullo and Sal Stapleton are awarded artist residencies in partnership with the Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris. Cecilia and Sal were selected from 69 dlr submissions, the highest number of applications received for this unique opportunity.

### **Justine Doswell announced as UCD Trapdoor Dance Artist in Residence 2024**

In partnership with UCD College of Arts and Humanities, Justine Doswell is the first-ever UCD Trapdoor Dance Artist in Residence. Dance artist, choreographer and creative producer, Justine Doswell has worked with numerous notable Irish and international choreographers, directors and companies. Established through partnership, and awarded through an open call, this residency will support Justine to connect with UCD's Creative Futures Academy and utilise both Council and UCD facilities, including the new state-of-the-art performance theatre Trapdoor and dlr LexIcon to test and develop concepts and materials.

## 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:** 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:** 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:** 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:** 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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**April Highlights**

In recent months, dlr Libraries have been working on enhancing and expanding our services, for existing as well as potential new users:

**Increased Opening Hours**

From March 2024, our library spaces are open an additional 42 staffed hours on a weekly basis, making a total of 475.5 hours open to the public per week – 376 staffed hours and 99.5 self-service hours. These revised opening hours include 9.30am opening and lunchtime opening across most of the week, plus the introduction of Monday night opening until 8pm in 2 additional branches – Deansgrange and Dundrum Libraries.

**Library Website Upgrade**

In April 2024, we launched an upgrade to our existing website, which mirrors the main dlr Council website in terms of layout and accessibility features. This upgrade allows us to quickly update information on our services and resources; from our book collections to our sensory toys and equipment, from the latest branch news to details of our events programme, not forgetting our expanding collection of online material. We also include designated pages for information on local and national initiatives that library staff are involved in such as the Right to Read Literacy Campaign, Healthy Ireland at your Library and Age-Friendly Libraries.

**Study Spaces Pilot: dlr LexIcon**

On 15 April, dlr LexIcon began trialling a study spaces online booking system. The pilot will run until 15 June 2024. dlr LexIcon has 141 study spaces across Levels 4 & 5, and the booking system will allow for more transparent and more equitable usage of these spaces. Spaces are available to book during library opening hours (Mon-Saturday) and divided into 3 sessions of 3.5 hours across each day. Students may book up to 6 sessions per week. Please see our website or contact staff in dlr LexIcon for further details.

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**One Dublin, One Book Event: The Role of the Sea in Contemporary Irish Literature**  
(Thurs 25 April, dlr LexIcon)

As part of the One Dublin, One Book programme of events for 2024, Louise Nealon, author of *Snowflake*, this year’s choice for One Dublin, One Book was joined in conversation by Sheila Armstrong, Olivia Fitzsimons and Aingeala Flannery. In front of a sold-out audience, they discussed the role of the sea in their lives, both on and off the page, their literary influences and more.



**Reading Eavan: A Tribute to the Poet Eavan Boland** (Thurs 25 April, dlr LexIcon)

As part of **Poetry Day Ireland** 2024, dlr Libraries hosted this event to celebrate the life and work of poet Eavan Boland, who died in 2020. There was huge interest in the event, and the audience of 75 were joined by a selection of invited readers, who shared their favourite Eavan Boland poems and spoke of their connections with her. There was also musical accompaniment, contributing to what was a friendly and inclusive evening to commemorate the beloved poet.

**Authors for Schools Programme**

This recent initiative is aimed at local primary schools. Over the coming months, we will welcome the best Irish authors of children's books to our Libraries to engage with classes from local primary schools. In April, we welcomed Marita Conlon McKenna and Natasha Mac a'Bháird to dlr LexIcon, Alan Nolan to Deansgrange, and Brian Gallagher to St. Anne's National School, Shankill.

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**Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse**

**Autism Awareness month**

April is Autism Awareness month and dlr Libraries were delighted to take the opportunity to showcase our Accessible Services Collection by holding Drop-In Information Sessions in Dalkey and Dundrum Libraries. dlr Libraries' Accessible Services Collection includes sensory/tactile toys, equipment and tools to help build motor skills and other items that may help develop life skills. As part of our commitment to supporting neurodiverse communities, this collection is one element of our accessible services which include Social Stories for each library, quiet evenings in many branches as well as events tailored to neurodiverse audiences. Staff members brought a selection from the collection to each branch and spoke with interested members of the public. These information sessions will continue during May.

**Studio Saturday** (6 April, dlr LexIcon)

Our neurodivergent Studio Saturdays are monthly workshops/events tailored to children with additional needs/neurodivergence. For April we were delighted to be joined again by Karen Anderson of SENSEable Kids for a sensory play experience. This session involved erupting volcanoes and sensory bins, play prompts and sensory toys, and was hugely popular as ever.

**Sensory resources from dlr Libraries**

- Our Tovertafels (Magic Tables) in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries are available to book by individuals and groups
- Sensory Room in Deansgrange Library is available to book
- Items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment can be borrowed
- 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
- Each library has a sensory box with a selection of toys/equipment including ear defenders. These items can be used onsite by visitors to the library

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**Events for Adults**

**Active Movement for Adults with Active Academy** (2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 April, dlr LexIcon)

As part of our Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme, we were delighted to be partnering again with Lisa from Active Academy for these Active Age classes. These are functional fitness classes designed to help with everyday life and suitable for older adults of all abilities. The



original class (25 spaces) booked out quickly and we were able to fill another later class almost immediately. Feedback from participants has been hugely positive, with many requests for more classes with Lisa.

## Arts & Crafts Workshops

### **Spring Crafts @ dlr LexIcon** (Throughout April, dlr LexIcon)

dlr LexIcon held a series of craft workshops for adults throughout the month of April. All held on Thursdays, participants had the opportunity to learn Needlefelting and Coiled Basketry with Sharon Wells, Intermediate Book Binding with Nicola Faull, Drawing with Nicola Sedgewick and were introduced to Watercolours with Fiona Ní Ghliasáin, as well as Leather Jewellery Making with Mary Daugherty and creating Wire and Crystal Trees with Susie Kenny.

### **Visible mending workshops with Pauline Gallagher** (19 & 26 April, dlr LexIcon)

Visible mending is a design-led decorative mending approach. Over four Friday mornings, Pauline is teaching hand stitching visible mending techniques; slow stitching practices which will allow you to slow down, relax, reconnect with old traditions and enter a mindful/meditative state as you focus on the stitching.

### **Spring Art Workshop with Kim Jenkinson** (23 April, Dalkey Library)

Artist Kim Jenkinson facilitated this Spring-themed art workshop where participants learned to create magnolia blossom branches, using crepe paper to create the blossoms and attaching to gathered branches and twigs with a mix of wire and florist tape.

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

We continued to host workshops in collaboration with Southside Partnership and supported by the Creative Ireland Programme. Due to popular demand, a second 6-week *Get into the Flow* nature art course began on 8 April in dlr LexIcon, facilitated by artist Joyce Fitzpatrick.

### **dlr Yarnspinners Storytelling Circle** (17 April, dlr LexIcon)

This month we were delighted to welcome guest storyteller and writer Simone Schuemmelfeder. Born close to the "Fairy Tale Road" in Germany which connects the locations of many tales the Brothers Grimm collected, Simone grew up surrounded by stories. She has performed extensively across Ireland and abroad in schools and libraries, at festivals and for various institutions. Her shows are a refreshing blend of the old and the new, with folktales and modern stories, bridging generations and cultures to touch the listener's heart with the oldest of all arts. Yarnspinners meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month with the final meeting of this series on Wednesday 19 June.

### **Film Clubs** (18 April, Blackrock Library, 18 April, dlr LexIcon)

Held once a month, the Blackrock Film Club offers the screening of a cinematic classic or undiscovered gem every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, followed by a group discussion. This month's screening was the American film *A Ghost Story* (2017), directed by David Lowery.

For Spring and Summer, the dlr LexIcon Film Club will be holding free screenings of an eclectic selection of World Cinema. April's film choice was *The Crying Game* (1992) directed by Neil Jordan.

## Creative Writing Groups

Creative writing groups currently taking place in dlr Libraries:

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 meet in our library spaces. 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 the Blackrock Library online book club takes places on the second Thursday of the month via Zoom. Our long-running, popular online Book Club with facilitator Mary Burnham met online on Wednesday 24 April where the book for discussion was *Absolution* by Alice McDermott.

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**Exhibition Programme**

**PPAI Press Photographer of the Year Award Exhibition 2024** (11 March – Tues 9 April, dlr LexIcon)

The exhibition was officially launched by An Cathoirleach Cllr Denis O’Callaghan and David Branigan President of The Press Photographers Association of Ireland on Wednesday 27 March. Now in its 46th year the PPAI, AIB Press Photographer of the Year Award, celebrates the very best of Irish press photography. The exhibition features over 100 winning and highly commended photographs covering Irish life, at home and abroad during 2023, and highlights the dedication and skill of Ireland’s top press photographers.

**A Portrait in Flesh: My life with Bowie - A Photographic Exhibition by Denis O’Regan** (15 March - 10 April, dlr LexIcon)

A career retrospective by Bowie’s official photographer Denis O’Regan, an English photographer whose imagery is particularly associated with the punk movement, Queen, David Bowie, Duran Duran, and many more rock n roll luminaries. O’Regan has photographed everyone from AC/DC to ZZ Top, documenting Punk, New Romanticism, Grunge, and Heavy Metal along the way. He has travelled as official photographer to David Bowie, The Rolling Stones, The Who, Queen and many more. His work has been widely published and exhibited and has photographed David Bowie more than any other photographer, covering over 200 concerts around the world.

**Local Colour by artist Shabnam Vashist** (4-30 April, Deansgrange Library)

Indian-born designer, visual artist and author, **Shabnam Vasisht** sees colour as her cultural inheritance and expresses emotion through it. Sustainability is an important factor in Vasisht’s art practice. A retired dress-designer living in Ireland for over 45 years, she often uses the



medium of her trade to create two-dimensional images and soft sculptures. This manipulation of waste textiles also extends to other throwaway products, combining diverse textures and colours by layering, intertwining or juxta positioning into a composite mixed-media whole.

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**

**Spring into Storytime** (Various libraries)

During the month of April, dlr Libraries invited families to Spring into Storytime, when branches hosted special Storytime and craft sessions. Spring into Storytime is one of the 4 main strands of the national Right to Read Literacy programme, which aims to promote reading and literacy resources for people of all ages with a special emphasis on reading development for children through Storytime sessions. Shankill Library hosted author Tatyana Feeney for a craft and Storytime workshop while Blackrock Library welcomed author and illustrator Úna Woods. Dalkey Library were delighted to be joined by Ashwin Chacko for a reading and draw-along from his book *Wild City* and Deansgrange Library were joined by German storyteller Simone Schuemmfeder, for a fun-filled morning of storytelling and puppetry!

**Dungeons & Dragons** (3 April, dlr LexIcon)

dlr LexIcon staff were delighted to host another round of Dungeons and Dragons for 2024. These sessions are One Shot adventures - all done and dusted in an afternoon.

**Cool Food School Easter Cooking Class** (3 April, Dalkey Library)

In this workshop for children aged 6 years and over, we were joined by Deirdre from the multi award-winning The Cool Food School for a fun, interactive Easter-themed simple cooking class. Deirdre is a food educator and children's cookbook author.

**Spring Craft and Storytime events** (Dundrum and Deansgrange libraries)

Dundrum Library staff facilitated a craft workshop and Deansgrange Library organised a Spring-themed Storytime which was open to all.

**Library Clubs & Groups for children and families**

In dlr LexIcon, the monthly family film club takes place in the Studio Theatre on the last Thursday of the month at 3.30pm. 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 family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a baby/parent group that meets weekly.

Toddler time takes place every Wednesday in the Children’s Library in the LexIcon and includes regular Playtime sessions with toys, Storytime with library staff as well as facilitated music and arts events. Dalkey Library has a new Board Games Club for 10-12 yr olds that takes place every fortnight on Tuesdays from 6-7pm. Lego clubs are held in Dalkey and Blackrock libraries, with monthly events for families. Family Lego Time in Blackrock Library, children are asked to bring their most creative ideas and the library will provide the Lego. Dalkey Library Lego Challenge Club is a free play session on the first Saturday morning of the month.

For full details of storytime sessions visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/using-your-library/children-and-families/children-and-families>

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## Statistics

### Social media (as of 26 April)

Facebook	8,364 followers
Twitter	8,802 followers
Instagram	4,537 followers
TikTok	540 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	12,371 subscribers

### Online resources (as of 24 April)

Resource	Description	stats April 2024
Overdrive	E Books	1,392
	E audio	1,189
	Magazines	6,165
	Comics	6
Borrowbox	E audio	8,143
	E Book	4,066
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	2,697
Pressreader	Offsite and onsite Newspapers	20,924
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	25
Lote4Kids	logins	2
Who else writes	logins	2
Who next guide	logins	2
Medici	Videos Viewed	-
Moshi	Accounts	-
Kanopy	Visits	4,325
<b>Totals</b>		<b>48,938</b>

## Parks Capital Projects – April 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						✓	Complete in 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. Running track for completion in Q2 2024.
Oatlands All Weather Pitch					✓		Works commenced in Aug 2023 for completion in July 2024.
Mounttown Boxing Facility					✓		Works commenced 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 tenders being developed.
Blackrock Park - Phase 2				✓	✓	✓	Teenage zone, boules court, seating, Phoenix Terrace planting and play space complete, renovation of steps, for completion in Q2 2024. Tender for the kiosk building is underway.
New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross				✓			Tender process is on-going. Works scheduled to commence in Q3 2024

							for completion in Q4 2024.
Pavement Improvement Programme				✓	✓		Works and procurements on-going.
Marlay Golf Redevelopment				✓			On-going.
Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works				✓			Tenders have been received and value engineering of works is being considered
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2			✓				New Part 8 to be advertised in mid 2024
Play Space Development (East & West)			✓	✓			Priority projects for completion in Q4 2024.
Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1			✓				Part 8 approved at the Feb 2024 Council Meeting. Judicial Review is delaying the works
Cabinteely Park Projects		✓					Sports pavilion and other elements to progress.
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
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.

## Sports Development

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

### Schools (Drafts programme)

1. Our Ladies School (10-12 age)
2. Colm Cille's School, Ballybrack (10-12 age)

### After school Sailing programme in The Royal St George

1. St Joseph's, Dún Laoghaire (10-12 age).
2. Scoil Mhuire, Shankill (10-12 age).
3. St Kevin's, Sallynoggin (10-12 age).
4. Holy Family, Monkstown (10-12 age).
5. Good Shepard, Nutgrove (10-12 age).
6. Dominican, Dún Laoghaire (10-12 age).

### Youth groups

- Cois Cairn Crosscare – mixed group (10-14 age)
- Holly House Southside Partnership – girls only (10 – 14 age)
- Balally Family Resource Centre - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Nutgrove Crosscare – mixed group (13-14 age)
- Nutgrove Crosscare – Mixed Group (10-12 age)
- Shankill Crosscare – 2 x groups - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - girls only (10-12 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)
- Hillview Family Resource Centre – mixed group (10-14 age)
- Carmona Special Needs Group - mixed (18-24 age)
- Strive Disability - mixed group (18-24 age)
- Festina Lente - mixed group (20-24 age)

### Easter camps assisted by UCD coaches.

- Crosscare: Ballybrack, Shankill and Mounttown.
- Ballaly Family Resource Centre.
- Assisted dlr Sports Partnership with their SportsAbility Easter Camp in Sliabh Rua School.

### Other activities

- Met with Dean Doyle and have arranged to run sport session for St. Lawrence's College Open Day on 10<sup>th</sup> May.
- Met with Tracy from Holly House Southside Partnership and have booked their groups in for summer camp session starting in July.
- Assisted dlr Sports Partnership with their Men on the Move programme.
- Assisted dlr sports Partnership with their Disability Gym programme in collaboration with Enable Ireland.
- Ran our second monthly session with Kilcross Youth Club.
- Started our 6-week block of sport session with Columbanus, Loughlinstown in Collaboration with School Completion Officer Colin Barry.
- Ran sport taster sessions for Dlr Leisure Open Day on 13<sup>th</sup> April.
- Ran a sport session for Scoil Mhuire for their "Taste of the Community" programme.

## Leinster Rugby – April 2024 Report

### Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools = 6

Males = 377

Females = 266

Secondary Schools = 1 (special needs school)

Males = 21

Females = 16

### Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO)

Primary Schools = 3

Males = 169

Females = 295

Secondary Schools = 2

Males = 0

Females = 46

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

- Emily and I met with five of the six clubs under our remit to review the end of season and to make plans for the new season – JS and EMcK.
- Seapoint RC annual mini festival took place on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, Leinster Rugby senior players and Leo the Lion attended – JS.
- The Leinster Rugby summer camps went on sale on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 and the two being hosted in the dlr area are sold out, the two camps are in Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC (120 players) and De La Salle Palmerston FC (150 players) – JS.

### dlr female club rugby

- 4 DLR clubs represented in Leinster cup finals (some as part of amalgamated teams), Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of April – EMcK
- Old Wesley hosted Give it a Try session for new players Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of April, 24 females attended – EMcK

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

2 DLR Schools took part in the final 1<sup>st</sup> year Leinster Touch blitz on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Newpark and De La Salle College – EMcK

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

SD7s finals day on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, 120 players attended and three dlr schools took part – JS.

School numbers 2023/24	Male	Female	Totals
<b>U7</b>	105	130	<b>235</b>
<b>U8</b>	322	291	<b>613</b>
<b>U9</b>	353	308	<b>661</b>
<b>U10</b>	578	522	<b>1100</b>
<b>U11</b>	617	555	<b>1172</b>
<b>U12</b>	644	561	<b>1205</b>
<b>U13</b>	629	546	<b>1175</b>
<b>U14</b>	33	238	<b>271</b>
<b>U15</b>	28	31	<b>59</b>



<b>U16</b>	15	15	<b>30</b>
<b>U17</b>	47	42	<b>89</b>
<b>U18</b>	10	12	<b>22</b>
<b>U19</b>	31	20	<b>51</b>
<b>Grand totals</b>	<b>3412</b>	<b>3271</b>	<b>6683</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**: On-going contact meetings with registered clubs to complete applications in order to achieve the award.
- **Coach Ed** – PDP 2 course delivered for St Joseph’s AFC - 22 coaches took part. PDP 1 for Dundrum Athletic - 30 coaches participated. Assisted colleagues in Region 2 courses. Coach Education week planned for Region 2 in early June with Leicester Celtic to host.
- **Child Welfare** – Safeguarding 1 Courses planned for Dundrum FC, Granada FC and Dalkey United in May.
- **Girls ETP Weekly sessions** – Talent ID ongoing in DLR & Region 2 - 28 U-13 girls attending.
- **Social Inclusion** – 20 IPA adults playing football one day a week.
- **Futsal In the Yard** – Four schools currently involved - 600 boys and girls from 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Class.
- **Primary 5s** – Dublin Finals to be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Four DLR schools are involved.
- **Primary School DLR league** – in conjunction with UCD AFC Community Officer.
- **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. Recruiting of Head coach and coaches ongoing.
- **Football Pathways Consultation** – Meetings ongoing in Region 2.

#### Leinster Cricket:

- We have delivered multiple sessions in the following schools to bring them up to blitz standards; Johnstown Boys NS, KOTG NS, The Harold School Glashule, Johnstown Girls NS and Rathmichael NS.
- Several meetings have taken place between myself and two different groups; DLR Integration forum and The Dalkey group mentioned in last month’s reports. interested in providing cricket to children with the catchment area.
- Repairs have started to the cricket pitch in Shanganagh park, hopefully if the weather holds fair the pitch will be repaired in time for schools blitz’s and the start of the club cricket season.
- A meeting was held between myself, DLR staff working with the IPA centre in CMH Dundrum and the Muslim Centre Clonskeagh with a view to providing the IPA’s with some form of indoor cricket on an on-going basis. It was agreed that staff or volunteers from the centre would have to undertake some cricket coaching courses so that they could be self-sufficient, from a coaching point of view, well into the future.
- Two centres from Enable Ireland (Sandyford and Dún Laoghaire) are taking part in an inter-centre table cricket match. We hope to expand this to the Enable Ireland centre in

Sandymount in the very near future.

### **DLR Sports Partnership Update – April 2024**

- Autism Easter Camp – delivered an inclusive Easter multisport camp for teenagers on the autism spectrum from the 2nd to 5th April in Gaelscoil Sliabh Rua (24 participants).
- Try Track & Field – started delivery of this physical literacy programme in 6 DEIS Primary Schools from April with Athletics Ireland (510 participants).
- Tea Dances – delivered two more events in April with one in Sallynoggin (180 participants) and the other in Three Rock (120 participants). Final two planned for May.
- SportsAbility Day - hosting an event on the 26th May in Ballyogan to provide an opportunity for local clubs, groups, NGBs and other organisations to share information on inclusive opportunities. There will also be 'come and try' sessions in different activities available.
- Boules – organised come-and-try sessions in Cabinteely and Peoples Parks in April with local clubs. More to take place over the summer. Also supporting a league for DLR based clubs.
- Sea Swimming - Application being made under the Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Scheme to fund improvements to an existing shower/changing hut at the Forty Foot.
- Participation Research - looking at the potential of an Active Cities Dublin research project with UCD to measure and track participation in sports and physical activity in the county.
- Newsletter - April edition of the Sports Partnership newsletter has been widely circulated.
- Older Adult SportsFest - organising two older adult come-and-try event in dlr Leisure Loughlinstown on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May (target of 50 participants).
- Get Into Golf – rolling out a new female beginners 6-week programme with Golf Ireland in Stepside that started on the 6th March (12 participants).
- Schools – currently delivering a range of programmes in both primary and secondary schools – Balance Bikes, Table Tennis, Rowing, ultimate frisbee, The Daily Mile
- Stronger By the Sea – started a 6-week outdoor activity programme on the 8th April beside the Irish Lights, consisting of bodyweight exercises in a fun environment (20 participants).
- Sofa To Saddle Programme – new 6-week Cycle Programme for adult beginner/novice cyclists starting in May.
- Men On the Move – started delivery of a new physical activity programme aimed at adult men to support them to become active (20 participants).
- Outdoor Yoga – new 4-week beginner yoga programme started in Fernhill Park (22 participants).
- Walking For Health – started another 5-week walking programme in Cabinteely Park for older adults looking to return to activity (15 participants).
- Dormant Accounts Fund 2023 – currently delivering four projects (Active Cities - €116,500, Her Moves - €15,000, Disability €25,000, Volunteering - €15,000).
- Sports First Aid – held a 1-day workshop for club volunteers on the 20<sup>th</sup> April (14 trained).
- Inclusive Cycle Training – delivering another 6-week learn to cycle programmes for children with a disability in Monkstown Educate Together (15 children).
- Safeguarding – 2 Basic Awareness workshops delivered in April (25 attendees).
- Autism In Sport – online workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April to provide coaches and volunteers in sport with knowledge and tools to include children on the spectrum (18 participants).

### **Heritage**

- Spring into Heritage 2024 programme throughout April; free tours of National Maritime Museum, Dalkey Castle, Joyce Tower, Cabinteely and Marlay Houses, the Oratory, County Hall, a Fernhill walking tour and three evening talks in Marlay House (*Lead Mines, Burning the Big House, A Walk in Marlay*), two local radio interviews to promote Spring into Heritage

- Approved Community Monument Fund funded 2024 projects
  - Cill Iníon Léinín medieval graveyard wall repair works
  - Kilgobbin medieval graveyard boundary repair works
  - Puck’s Castle conservation works
  - Shankill Castle conservation management plan
- dlrc co-funded community-led heritage projects underway;
  - “Melfield - Opera to Rockera” exhibition at Newpark Academy of Music
  - “Killiney on the Move, the history of transport in Killiney over 200 years” (25/26 May)
  - Bilingual sign installed beside famine pot at Archbold’s castle in Dalkey
  - Joyce Tower Museum, assessment of collection by paper conservator
  - Roger Casement Summer School (April 27<sup>th</sup>)
  - Cabinteely Heritage Trails brochure
- Preparation of exhibitions and talks for Dublin Mountains Festival, Féile na Sléibhe;
  - *The Infinite and the Infinitesimal* outdoor exhibition at Moran Park (May) and Tallaght Library (13<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May)
  - *Time travel through the Dublin Mountains*, exhibition, level 4 dlr Lexicon (1-15<sup>th</sup> May) – other locations TBC
  - *Our Amazing Mountains*, three talks in the Studio, Lexicon, (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Works on-site to repair boundary wall at Cill Iníon Léinín graveyard
- Meeting with National Monuments Service at Shanganagh Battery
- Presentation on dlr heritage to Tour Guiding students at Stillorgan College of Further Education
- Design development - restoration of haha at Marlay Park
- Application for 2024 Decade of Centenaries funding
- Planning for two Heritage cycles for Cycle week along Coastal Mobility Route (May 12<sup>th</sup>) and Slang Greenway (May 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Progression of Memorials Committee approved commemorations, unveiling of plaque to Louie Bennett on bench at Killiney beach (April 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Preparation for launch of “A True Record”, book of poetry and photography inspired by Marlay House (May 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Planning for Cruinniú na nÓg events in Blackrock and Fernhill Parks (June 15<sup>th</sup>) with Creative Communities Engagement Officer
- Dalkey Castle and heritage centre charity regulator compliance and board meeting
- Joyce Tower and Museum AGM
- Joyce Tower and Museum collection audit
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups

## Biodiversity

- Biodiversity Event River Slang Nature walk
- Biodiversity Project Local Soil Local Seed progressed with the LDA and contractors for Shanganagh Castle Housing Development. Seed harvested locally as part of the Local Soil Local Seed project, to be used in landscaping of the development.
- Newt/Amphibian population surveys of Shanganagh Castle pond commissioned.
- Newt population surveys commenced for Fitzsimons Woods pNHA ponds and surrounds.
- Mammal Surveys for Roches Hill completed
- Monitoring surveys of Red squirrel restoration area commenced
- Killiney Hill invasive species plan commenced
- Monitoring of new pond created at Corke Abbey Park commenced
- Woodland Management Plan of Killiney Hill commenced
- Vegetation Management Plan for Fitzsimons Woods pNHA commenced
- Rat and rabbit management on Dalkey Island continues
- Meeting with NPWS, BWI and DLR regarding Dalkey Island Tern Project. NPWS to develop

Gull management plan. DLR to develop tern management plan and to commission wardens over tern season.

- Meeting with Trinity College in relation to House on the Beach art proposal to illustrate climate change at Killiney beach or other location
- Meeting with some parishes who wish to discuss 30% rewilding in church grounds by 2030. DLR Biodiversity project commenced to set up workshops for parishes to provide advice on rewilding.
- Review and input to draft All Ireland Pollinator Plan new Council Meadow guide
- Review and input to draft All Ireland Pollinator Plan Council new Pollinator Actions guide
- DLR Biodiversity Net Gain guidelines draft and workshops continue
- Input to Biodiversity guidance for developers currently under development.
- Meeting with DLR planners in relation to biodiversity training for planners
- Meeting with Killiney Resident representative regarding the Killiney Village biodiversity plan
- Biosphere meeting with partners
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups

### CoCo Markets

During the month of April 2024, we received 13 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

Source	Date applied	Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun	Category	Accepted
Email	02-Apr	1	1	1	Craft	
Email	02-Apr		1	1	Producer	Y
CRM 319550	05-Apr		1		Craft	
CRM 320709	09-Apr			1	Producer	Y
Call	10-Apr	1	1		Craft	
Email	10-Apr		1		Craft	
CRM-321351	16-Apr			1	Other food	Y
Email	14-Apr	1	1		Other Food	
CRM 321714	18-Apr		1	1	Craft	
Email	19-Apr				Craft	Y
CRM 303063	23-Apr		1	1	Craft	
In Person	25-Apr	1			Craft	Y
Email	26-Apr	1			Craft	Y

### Commemorative Benches & Trees

During the month of April 2024, we received 8 Commemorative Benches & Trees applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

Source	Date Applied	Tree	Bench	Location	Accepted
DLR-CRM 320084	03-Apr		1	Marlay	
Phone	05-Apr	1		Killiney	Y
DLR-CRM 320299	04-Apr		1	Kilbogget	Y
DLR-CRM 320159	10-Apr		1	Fernhill	
DLR-CRM 320263	10-Apr		1	Coliemore Pier	
CRM 319169	01-Apr		1	Marlay	
Post	17-Apr		1	Badgers Glen	Y
Email	26-Apr		1	Dun Laoghaire	

### Filming in the Park

We received the below 4 requests for filming in DLR Parks in April 2024. These applications were for short term filming or photography shoots, with applications from Production companies:

CRM Source or Email	Location	Date Request Received	Date of Filming	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
319624	People's Park	March 27 <sup>th</sup> 2024	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2024	Y	Postponed photoshoot, seeking new date May 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>
320062	Deansgrange Cemetery	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2024	May 8 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Y	
321127	Cabinteely Park	April 12 <sup>th</sup> 2024	April 16 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Y	
Email	Killiney Hill & Deansgrange Cemetery	April 17 <sup>th</sup> 2024	May 4 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Y	

### Allotments

In April we have continued to receive payments for the annual allotment licences in Mount Anville and Castle Allotments.

<b>Castle Allotments Shankill Q1 2024</b>	
Renewal forms returned and fees paid	80
Awaiting renewal forms and payment	16
Vacant plots*	2

\*There is a plan for the 2 vacant plots to be repurposed as raised bed plots. These will be smaller in size than regular plots. Once complete, this will allow more people to take up plots.

<b>Mount Anville Allotments Goatstown Q1 2024</b>	
Renewal forms returned and fees paid	72
Awaiting renewal forms and payment	24
Vacant plots	26

### Parks Operations:

- County Wide Tree Remedial Works under way by contractor and parks staff.
- County Wide Tree Planting completed – Parks Staff
- Woodland Planting completed at Belarmine in collaboration with volunteers
- Seats installed various locations.
- Tenders returned and being evaluated for the redevelopment of playgrounds at The Gallops, Deerpark and Belarmine.
- Public Consultation underway 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
- Wall between Obry Park and M50 rebuilt (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
- Parks represented at Deputations for Roebuck Residents Associations
- Preparation of Roaches town Depot to facilitate Parks staff move from Sandyford nearing completion
- Path resurfacing work completed at Marlay Drive Open Space