

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

JUNE MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1st – 20th JUNE 2024

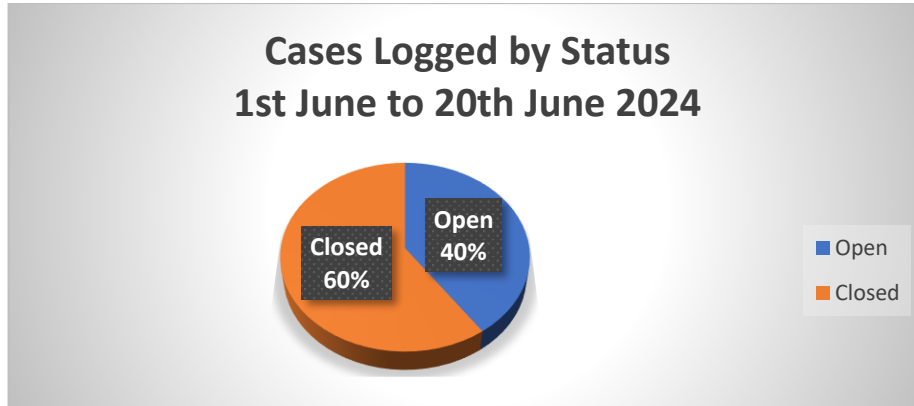


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*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Civic Hub Stats



Cases Logged from 1st to 20th June 2024

Open	789
Closed	1170

Cases Logged from 1st to 20th June 2024, by Section

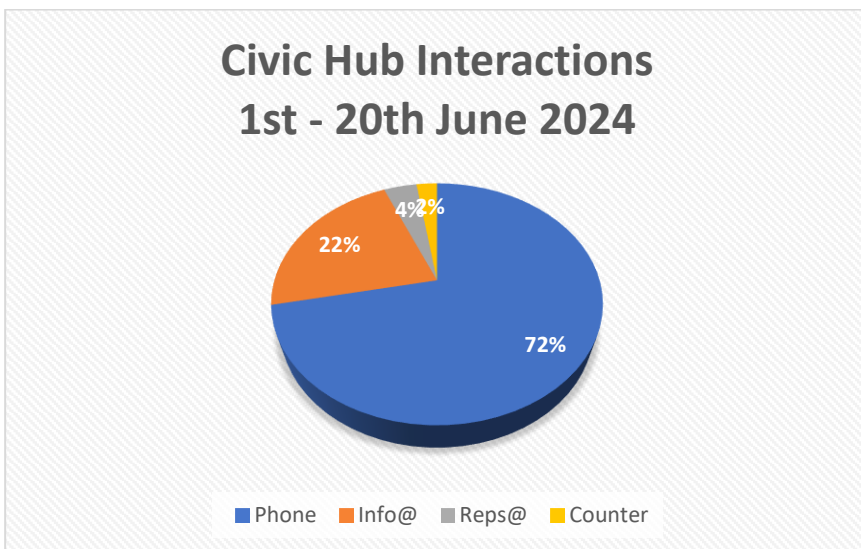
Section/Department	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	1	9	10
Ballyogan Depot	1		1
Communications	16	192	208
Community	2	2	4
Corporate Services	3		3
dlrcoco	6	13	19
Finance	17	167	184
Harbour	2	3	5
Housing	45	46	91
ICC	448	552	1000
IT	1		1
Libraries	2	4	6
Parks	227	173	400
Planning	5	7	12
Sports	1		1
Water Services	12	2	14
Grand Total	789	1170	1959

Civic Hub Activities:

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	5113	952

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	1858	327	2185

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	170	34	204



Communications Office

The Communications Office oversees communications for the organisation and is responsible for all internal and external communications, public relations, corporate branding, creative graphic design, crisis management, advertising, event promotion and marketing extending across all service departments.

We publish four editions of the dlr Times in Irish/English which is distributed to every household in the County (70k).

We also manage the Irish Office and the Office of An Cathaoirleach.

June 1 - 20 2024 - Monthly Report for dlrcoco.ie and dlrlibraries.ie

Website Activity – Page views and number of users

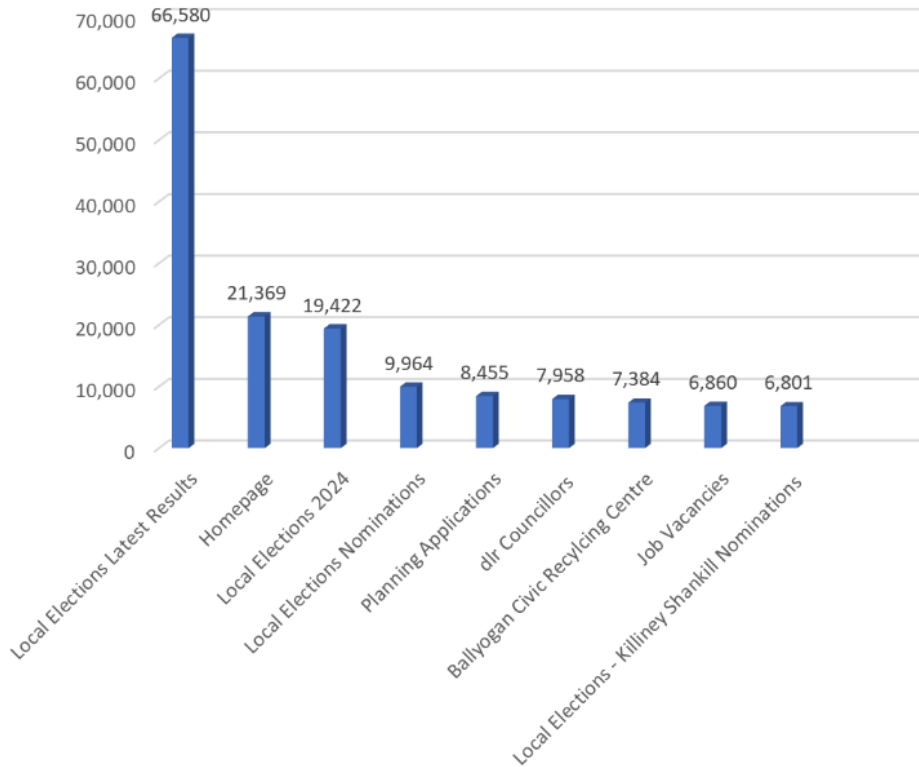
Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	297,964	118,981
dlrLibraries	27,194	10,606

Compared to May 1 – 31 2024

Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	265,698	116,121
dlrLibraries	58,661	20,220

In addition to that, there were 158 edits to published website pages on dlrcoco.ie during this period.

Top viewed pages on dlrcoco.ie



Press Releases

We issued 7 Press Releases from June 1 – 20

Highest Performing News Stories

[Click here to view the News Listings](#)

1. Ballyogan Recycling Centre will re-open today – Views 1,948
2. Seaside Discovery - Free Daily Bus Tours – Views 1,886
3. Ballyogan Recycling Centre is currently closed – Views 1,309

Press Queries: 13










Freedom of Information Requests: 13

Public Consultations: 54 up to 20th June 2024.

Social Media Activity










Highest performing social media posts on Facebook

1. Regal Princess arrived in Dún Laoghaire
2. Renovation of the kiosk located in Blackrock Park
3. Ambition arrived in Dún Laoghaire

<p>  Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown... Wed 6/12/2024 9:14 am BST</p> <p>Regal Princess arrived in Dún Laoghaire this morning and brought 3599 passengers and 1340 crew 📍</p>  <p>Impressions 53,198</p>	<p>  Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown... Fri 6/7/2024 10:45 am BST</p> <p>dlr has announced plans to renovate the historic Kiosk located in Blackrock Park. The project aims to transform the Kiosk...</p>  <p>Impressions 26,988</p>	<p>  Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown... Mon 6/10/2024 8:27 am BST</p> <p>Ambition arrived in Dún Laoghaire this morning for the first time and brought 1189 passengers and 497 crew 📍</p>  <p>Impressions 25,286</p>
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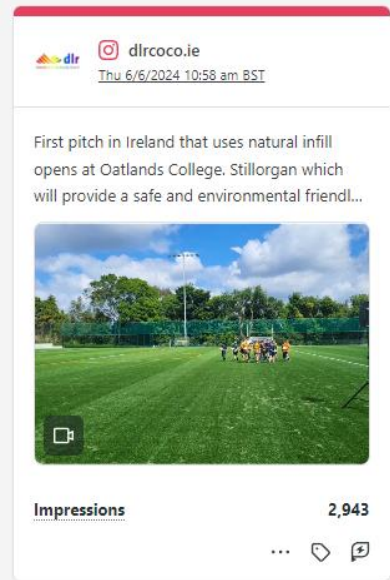
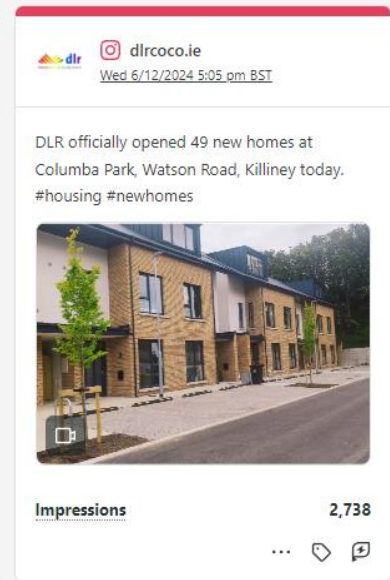

Highest performing social media posts on Instagram

1. Ballyogan Recycling Centre phones out of order
2. Local Elections results post
3. Harbour webcam installed

<p>  dlrcoco.ie Mon 6/17/2024 2:15 pm BST</p> <p>The debit/credit machine is now working again at Ballyogan Recycling Centre. The phones are out of order due to delibera...</p>  <p>Impressions 4,799</p>	<p>  dlrcoco.ie Sun 6/9/2024 12:55 am BST</p> <p>Results expected tomorrow morning for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. #dlrlocalelections #localelections2024</p>  <p>Impressions 4,682</p>	<p>  dlrcoco.ie Wed 6/12/2024 1:00 pm BST</p> <p>We are now live from the harbour, A new webcam has been installed overlooking the water. You can watch all the activitie...</p>  <p>Impressions 4,157</p>
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Highest performing reels on Instagram

1. All-weather pitch launch at Oatlands
2. Official opening of 49 homes Columba Park
3. Dún Laoghaire Local Elections Count beginning

 <p>First pitch in Ireland that uses natural infill opens at Oatlands College. Stillorgan which will provide a safe and environmental friendl...</p> <p>Impressions 2,943</p>	 <p>DLR officially opened 49 new homes at Columba Park, Watson Road, Killiney today. #housing #newhomes</p> <p>Impressions 2,738</p>	 <p>Dún Laoghaire Count to start soon. #dlrlocalelections #localelections2024</p> <p>Impressions 2,390</p>
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Highest performing social media posts on X

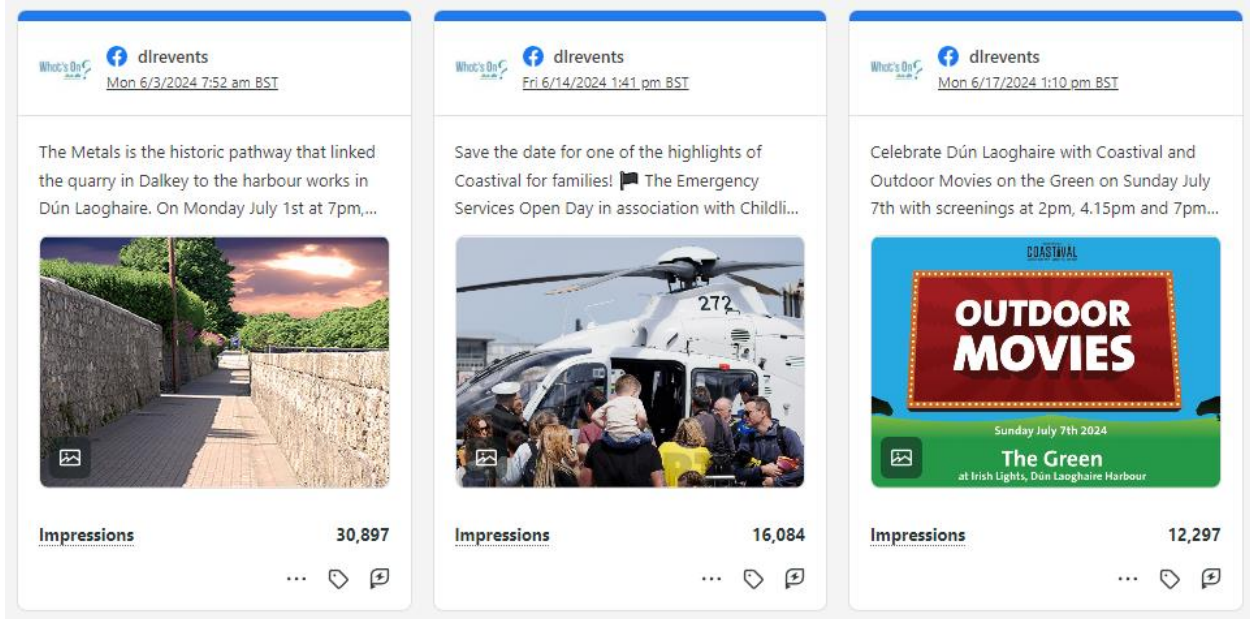
1. Maurice Dockrell elected
2. Lauren Tuite elected
3. Glencullen- Sandyford Local Election announcement

 <p>Maurice Dockrell FG (1,530) Martha Fanning LAB (1,729) and Dan Carson FG (1,519) all elected.</p> <p>Impressions 33,825</p>	 <p>Lauren Tuite GP (votes 1,614) and Dave O'Keeffe PBP (votes 1,166) have just been elected for Killiney-Shankill...</p> <p>Impressions 27,506</p>	 <p>From Glencullen-Sandyford Local Electoral Area both Councillor Pierce Dargan FG (votes 1,474) & Councillor...</p> <p>Impressions 14,548</p>
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Highest Performing Facebook Event Listings

1. The metals event
2. Emergency Services Open Day

3. Outdoor Movies on the Green













Social media statistics

We have over 92k followers across all social accounts including the corporate account, dlr events, dlr arts, libraries, LEO office, dlr heritage and dlr Sports Partnership.

We published 599 posts from June 1 - 20 2024. Further breakdown below of the accounts and performance.

Audience growth

- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Facebook** increased by 141 followers
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Insta** increased by 166 followers
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **X** increased by 188 followers

Profile	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Jun 1, 2024 - Jun 20, 2024	92,295	570	599	1,888,759	82,241	4.4%	153,627
 @dlrcc	20,841	188	157	541,263	28,215	5.2%	119,107
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	19,485	141	128	731,539	35,134	4.8%	5,091
 dlrevents	14,045	20	39	102,313	2,027	2%	251
 dlrcoco.ie	9,073	166	154	277,950	2,654	1%	21,223
 @DLR_Libraries	8,808	6	15	2,981	78	2.6%	72
 @leo_dlr	5,538	-5	39	2,276	14	0.6%	0
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,630	49	33	219,674	13,819	6.3%	7,843
 @dlrheritevents	4,013	3	10	1,950	115	5.9%	10
 @dlrArts	3,103	-2	0	131	8	6.1%	8
 DLR Arts Office	2,759	4	24	8,682	177	2%	22

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 Q4 2024.

The options for the Dodder Phase 3 FRS were recently presented in April to the Councillors in advance of a Public Consultation Day for the final options on the scheme. The PCD is now due to occur during the summer. The Site Investigations Contractor is due on site shortly. 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. Some alterations are required.

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2024**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/05/2024 €
1 Total Housing & Building	16,592,307	88,916,444	89,279,693	16,955,556
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	6,514,928	10,408,414	7,314,066	3,420,580
3 Total Water Services	2,395,933	121,220	133,523	2,408,237
4 Total Development Management	172,582,092	40,650,059	32,526,404	164,458,437
5 Total Environmental Services	3,082,539	0	267,500	3,350,039
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	20,662,434	7,026,360	2,205,040	15,841,114
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,654,997	648,580	166,667	4,173,084
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	37,842,044	678,765	2,872,824	40,036,103
Grand Total	€264,327,274	€148,449,841	€134,765,717	€250,643,150

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/05/2024

	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Balance at 31/05/2024 €	Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	26,336,862	70,404,016	48,775,569	21,628,447

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2024

41.67%

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	35,645,032	88,511,496	40%
B	Road Transport & Safety	13,414,724	34,951,380	38%
C	Water Services	4,580,148	11,221,860	41%
D	Development Management	18,902,135	40,188,816	47%
E	Environmental Services	15,600,510	37,994,148	41%
F	Recreation & Amenity	17,572,603	41,493,588	42%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,847,182	6,531,876	44%
H	Miscellaneous Services	6,648,679	14,138,364	47%
Total Expenditure		115,211,013	275,031,528	42%

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	30,909,298	78,714,972	39%
B	Road Transport & Safety	5,508,018	13,797,252	40%
C	Water Services	3,075,002	7,492,656	41%
D	Development Management	9,457,761	17,566,176	54%
E	Environmental Services	2,292,252	5,716,296	40%
F	Recreation & Amenity	2,354,507	5,674,080	41%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,791,866	4,674,420	38%
H	Miscellaneous Services	7,702,039	18,042,912	43%
Sub Total		63,090,743	151,678,764	42%

LPT	Local Property Tax	5,949,165	14,277,996	42%
RA	Rates	45,440,177	109,074,396	42%
Total Income		114,480,085	275,031,156	42%

Balance as at 31/05/2024	-€730,928	Deficit
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Planning and Economic Development

Planning Applications – monthly statistics 1st June 2024 – 20th June 2024

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	79	79
Decision Deferred	0	10	10
Decision to Grant**	0	62	62
Decision to Refuse**	0	5	5
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	60	60
Invalid Applications	0	14	14

*Includes 4 Applications for Retention.

Includes 45 WEB Applications

**Split decisions; are entered as follows

60 Grant Permission (1 SDZ)

1 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

1 Grant Permission for Retention

0 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/0396 /WEB	<p>McGill Planning Limited on behalf of Cairn Homes Properties Limited: The development will consist of amendments to the permitted Strategic Housing Development (SHD) planning permission (Ref. ABP-308418-20). The amendments will be to permitted Blocks B, C and D to provide 5 no. additional apartments resulting in a total of 198 no. apartments across the entire development. The alterations will consist of the following:</p> <p>Alterations to the permitted internal layout and facades to replace amenity space and cycle parking with 3 no. additional 1-bed units in Block B, 1 no. additional 1-bed unit in Block C and 1 no. additional 1-bed unit in Block D.</p> <p>Amendments to the permitted car parking arrangement providing an overall increase of 3 no. car parking spaces.</p> <p>Alterations to the permitted public open space to provide 3 no. external bike stores and 2 no. visitor bicycle parking clusters along with the replacement of the permitted Pavilion with a playground.</p> <p>The proposed amendments will include all associated site services and development works required to facilitate the amendments outlined above.</p>	05/06/2024	09/07/2024		30/07/2024

	Otherwise, the development will be completed in accordance with the parent permission Ref. ABP-308418-20.				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99216>

Planning Counter Figures: 1st June – 20th June, 2024

Customers Served	140
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Building Control: 1st June – 20th June 2024

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	8 up to 20th
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	5 up to 20th
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	7
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	10/0
Commencement Notices Validated	33
7 Day Notices received	8
Completion Certs Validated	11

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

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.

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved to 20 th June 2024	Enterprise Ireland target to 20 th June 2024
Feasibility Study	4	25
Business Priming	1	
Business Expansion	4	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	11	
Trading Online Vouchers	46	22
Other Grant Applications (Green, Digital, Agile, IP etc.)	30	21
Microfinance Ireland *	4	6
Total Approvals	100	

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

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	Jan-20 th June 2024
No of jobs created	9

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2024	Total to 20 th June 2024
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	100
Clients attending Networking Events	395
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1211
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	181
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	191
Total No of Clients Assisted	2078

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total to 20th June 2024
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	2
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	5
Business Promotion Grants	22
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in June 2024

DLR Enterprise News	LEO DLR Upcoming Training & Events (Sent 05/06/24) Open rate 56%, 3392 recipients
Business Advice Sessions	Sessions throughout June
Cashflow Forecasting in a Crises	11 th June
Start A Podcast Around Your Business	14 th June
AI for Competitive Analysis and Strategic Planning	27 th June

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 1st - 11th June 2024				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,229	4	20	1,104
Twitter	5,540	0		1,051
Instagram	1,871	5	20	1,260
LinkedIn	1,048	1	15	502

Tourism Development

Development of new Water Sports Facilities at Killiney Beach

The development of new Water Sports Facilities at Killiney Beach project has proceeded to Part 8 public consultation. All details are available through the Planning office and on the DLR Citizenspace.

Interreg Atlantic Project "POST"

DLRCC is a partner city in a new EU project named POST. This project will explore themes of Sustainable Tourism and supporting rural parts of cities to attract visitors. This project will run until 2025.

Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Tourism Working Group

A new DBEC Tourism Working Group has been established to identify opportunities for tourism between Dublin and Belfast.

Tourism Summer E Zine

DLR Tourism Summer E Zine was sent out to a database of 300 featuring latest news, events, and guidance on how to let dlr tourism support the promotion of your business.

Events and Festivals in the County

Dalkey Book Festival

The book festival ran from the 13-16th June with Oscar Award Winner Charlie Mackesy among the speakers.

Bloomsday

Several Bloomsday events took place throughout the coastal villages of Sandycove, Glasthule, Dalkey, Dún Laoghaire Blackrock, in celebration of James Joyce's Bloomsday on June 16th.

Coastival 2024

This year's Coastival brings a collection of events including art, history, culture, sailing, family fun, music and more to Dún Laoghaire from June 29th to July 7th.

Seaside Discovery Bus

The Seaside Discovery Bus was launched in late May. This pilot project will run for three months from June to August. This is a 7-day free service to visitors and locals in the town, operating a route from Dún Laoghaire to Sandycove.

Cruise calls in June were as follows

17 Cruise calls for the month of June

11 tender calls

4 Transits & 2 turnarounds

21,000 Guests and approx 9,000 crew

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 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.
- 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 30th 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.
- Quarterdeck are waiting for updated Structural Engineer's reports to reflect conditions identified in the Fire Safety Certificate Application.
- No date has been given as to when the building will be occupied.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Meadowmount (part of)		✓			Contractor Appointed - Start imminent
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	✓				Topo survey underway soon
8	Dalkey Avenue (part of)			✓		Construction works ongoing
9	Old Dublin Road (part of)	✓				
10	Dundela Estate (parts of)		✓			Contractor to be appointed soon
11	Greenville Road public realm	✓				Topo survey underway soon
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Deerpark Road				✓	Works complete
2	Woodpark				✓	Works complete
3	Cornelscourt Hill Junction, Cornelscourt		✓			Contractor appointed. Awaiting start date
4	Mount Anville Park Cul-De-Sac				✓	Works Successfully Completed
5	Glenamuck Road				✓	Works Successfully Completed

6	The Gallops, Ballyogan				✓	Works complete
7	Harbour Road			✓		Contractor has been appointed and works have commenced
8	Breffni Road			✓		Contractor has been appointed
9	Pucks Castle Lane	✓				Patching carried out
10	Foxrock Court				✓	Completed
11	Grove Avenue (part of)				✓	Completed
12	Abbey View (part of)	✓				
13	Hudson Road (part of)			✓		Contractor has been appointed
12	Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park)	✓				Initial survey undertaken
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Sandyford Business District (part of)			✓		Works commenced on site
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		✓			Works due to commence in June
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				Tender has been issued
9	Trafalgar Terrace	✓				
10	Beechwood Park (part of)	✓				Design has commenced
11	Granville Road	✓				Design has commenced
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
2	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment	✓				survey ongoing
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Landscape Park				✓	Works Completed
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	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3	✓			✓	
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Hillview	✓				
2	Laneway behind Rosehill (part of)	✓				Initial survey undertaken
3	Corbawn Lane Beach access	✓				
4	Sandycove Close	✓				Initial survey undertaken
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
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				✓	
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn				✓	Works complete
2	Meadowlands Avenue	✓				
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
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						

RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Cherrygarth		✓			Contractor due to commence laneway on 19th June
2	Kilgobbin Road (at Sandyford Hall r-about)	✓				
3	Landscape Park, Churchtown	✓				
3	Rock Road public lighting			✓		Works are underway

2. Traffic and Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2024 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
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					✓		Construction ongoing.
Public Consultations-							
Local ballot on modal filter on “Old” Lower Kilmacud Road.							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

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

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

In June 2024 there was a TAG meeting in Area 2(Dundrum) on the 18th of June at which 26 items were dealt with. Area 1(Dún Laoghaire) will have a TAG meeting in July.

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

- Shanganagh Road, Shankill: Traffic received three tenders for the works and the works have been awarded to the tenderer with the lowest price.
- Old Bray Road, Cabinteely: Scheme was recently tendered, contractor to be appointed in the coming weeks.

Deputations

There were no deputations in June.

Bus Connects

The NTA issued scoping documents (Drainage, Public Lighting, ITS, etc.) to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council for comment/engagement prior to finalising the Tender Documents for the Belfield / Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor scheme. These are currently with the relevant departments for review/comment.

ABTAs for the Racecourse South Lands and Kiltarnan and Glenamuck

DBFL, the consultants, prepared a revised options and assessment report for the Racecourse South Lands. A similar report is due to be issued for Kiltarnan soon. Transport modelling options for both ABTA areas are under consideration.

ICAS for Old Connaught and Rathmichael

A draft Part 4 Report was prepared for the ICAS Study area. This sets out the proposed high level strategic enabling infrastructure to support plan led development and inform the Draft LAPs. The Part 4 Report also includes an Implementation Plan, a Phasing Strategy and a Funding Strategy.

Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and Eastern Bypass Corridor Study

The Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and Eastern Bypass Corridor Study is still out at tender.

Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage

June 2024	Road Closures	Filming Locations	Event Signage
Applications Received	4	6	0
Applications-Awaiting Further information	0	4	0

3. Roads Control

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Programme 2024	
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 (1st June – 18th June.)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	136
Applications Not Processed Yet	59
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	2
Valid Licenses Issued	65
Licensed Works Completed	2
T4 Applications Expired	8

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	
1st June – 18th June	
Applications	
Received	0
Granted	0
Withdrawn	0

4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics:

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	287	295	288	266	283	228
Clean-Ups Assisted	46	48	39	43	88	93
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	25	27	27	17	30	38
Bathing Water Samples Taken	18	27	18	18	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	637	1519	497	521	635	1554
Dumping Incidents Managed	36	57	34	37	45	45

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	4890	4905	4409	4743		
Filming/Event Licenses	0	0	Filming-1 Events-2	Filming-1 Events-2	Filming - 1 Events - 0	Filming-2 Events - 3

* Statistics available up to the end of May 2024.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – June 2024

- Lifeguards commenced at Killiney, Seapoint and Sandycove in June in line with the commencement of the Bathing Season.
- Bathing water sampling is on-going at 9 locations, with weekly sampling now in operation during bathing season.
- Statutory reporting to the HSE/EPA is now in operation for bathing water quality incidents during bathing season.
- Bathing area maintenance, ringbuoy inspections and maintenance are on-going.
- 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 is ongoing with DLR and Contractor crews
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning.
- Deep Cleans of towns and villages in conjunction with Tidy Towns groups have been completed in the lead up to the national competition
- 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.

5. Relevant Statistics

There were 1742 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 20th June 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	703
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	332
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	271

Parking a vehicle on a footway	161
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	43
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	42
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	38
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	29
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	28
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	18
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	13
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	9
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	9
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	8
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	7
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	6
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	6
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	4
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	3
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	3
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	3
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	1
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Total no. of Fixed Charge notices issued	1742

There were 50 convictions secured in the District Court in June 2024.

Environmental Enforcement: 1st – 20th June 2024

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	32	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	22	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	84	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	77	Litter Section
Abandoned car Cases - Opened	34	Waste Section
Graffiti Cases - Opened	37	Waste Section
Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened	10	Waste Section
Litter Fines issued	10	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	4	Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act

Legal Proceedings initiated	1	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act
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Dog Statistics from 1st June 2024 – 20th June 2024	
No. of dogs on hand on 1 st June	6
No. of dogs entering the shelter	2
No. of dogs surrendered	1
No. of dogs rehomed	1
No. of dogs reclaimed	0
No. of dogs sent to rescue	4
No. of dogs put to sleep	2
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 20 th June	3
Dog attacks in this period	4 – 1 on person

Energy

Consumption of the different energy types (including electricity, gas and other fuels) used in DLR in 2023 was submitted for the annual mandatory Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Monitoring & Reporting System.

Promotion of sustainable travel options to reduce carbon was displayed in leisure centres, libraries and County Hall.

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	16
Section 5 Declarations	6

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	3
Not Dangerous	0
Total	4

Community Integration Forum (formerly Community Response Forum)

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28th April 2022 with a capacity to accommodate up to 392 individuals. Following the recent enactment of the Social Welfare and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 Ballyogan has become a Dedicated Accommodation Centre (DAC). Up to 17th May 2024 over **11,392** people stayed at the centre. Among the facilities available in Ballyogan are dormitory bedrooms, separate laundry, sanitary facilities, internet access, television, recreation room and computer classrooms.

On Monday 20th May a lease agreement was signed between DCEDIY and DLR to lease Ballyogan DAC for 11 months to accommodate International Protection Applicants (IPAs). The remaining 91 Ukrainians/BoTPs were moved to alternative accommodation and 34 IPAs were moved into Ballyogan.

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 IPA 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 both Ukrainian nationals and IPAs 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 Integration Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

The Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and have met two times in May. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in 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.

In mid-May the government decided that the Ballyogan DAC will transition to provide accommodation for international protection applicants for a period of 11 months. This is an interim decision that will allow Government to develop long term solutions to address the issue of accommodation for international protection applicants. An information meeting took place on 4th June in County Hall with representatives from local residents, IPAS, An Garda Síochána, local services, and community 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 24th 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.

Joint Policing Committee (JPC) & Local Policing Fora (LPF)

A meeting of the Central Dun Laoghaire LPF took place on 11th June 2024.



A meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF took place on 17th June 2024.

A meeting of the Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill LPF took place on 18th June 2024.

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 8th April 2024.

Community and Volunteer Awards

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Community and Volunteer Awards took place in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan on 24th 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)

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dlr Integration Forum

The dlr Integration Forum are meeting regularly and organised a number of events as part of Africa Day and dlr Festival of Inclusion during May.

The dlr Integration Forum also promoted a Voter Registration and Information on Voting campaign for minority groups in the county in conjunction with dlr County Council from April – June and some members of the dlr Integration Forum ran as candidates and were successful in the recent Local Elections.

dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024

The dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024 was launched during March and the closing date was the 31st May 2024. Applications were received 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 and covers the total cost for the replacement of lock barrels only, on up to maximum 2 locks per home – front door / back door / side door.



Over 200 applications were received online, over the phone and in the post with successful applicants notified during June and locks replacements taking place over the summer months.

dlr Older People's Council

The closing date for the 2024 dlr OPC Transport Grants was the 31st May and applications for Transport Grant's worth €300 per applicant group for day & evening trips taking place during 2024 have been received from 20 groups.

The dlr Older People's Council AGM was held on the 18th June in County Hall and there are now 42 older people's groups registered with the dlr OPC. A member of the dlr OPC is sitting on the National Committee of OPC's, the National Commission on Care and dlr OPC representatives highlighted local transport issues for older people on a recent meeting with the Department of Transport.

Representatives from dlr OPC attended the National OPC Convention in Kilkenny in May with over 200 representatives from the 31 Older People's Council's from all Local Authorities in attendance.

The events subcommittee supported events during dlr Festival of Inclusion and are currently planning for an older people's variety show to take place in 2 locations in the county during October 2024.

Dalkey Age-Friendly DART Station

Iarnród Éireann have recently appointed a National Age-Friendly Manager and 10 train stations have been piloted nationally to become Age-Friendly train stations. An informal walkability meeting took place at the end of May with DLRCC Engineering, Architecture & Age-Friendly Staff with Iarnród Éireann staff at Dalkey Dart Station and a formal walkability audit will take place over the summer to assess accessibility and Age-Friendly services at Dalkey DART Station.

dlr Age-Friendly Alliance Q2 meeting

The dlr Age-Friendly Alliance held their Q2 meeting on Tuesday 11th June in the New Council Chamber and presentations were made by UCD Access & Lifelong Learning; DLR Sports Partnership; Go Ahead Buses and the Healthy Age-Friendly Homes Programme and updates and opportunities for collaboration were discussed between the 20+ older person's groups and organisations operating in dlr. Actions continue to be implemented.

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

dlr Musicians in Residence

Luke Dunford, the 2024 dlr Emerging Musician in Residence, started in June. The piano and hammond organ player will collaborate with songwriter and composer Ciaran O'Malley to work on some brand-new ideas as well developing existing material to create new songs. They will give an informal 'work in progress' performance outside at Moran Park, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire at 1pm on Tuesday 18 June. The dlr Musicians in Residence Scheme is funded by The Arts Council and managed by Music Network.

Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme

Room to Explore a visual art exhibition for 0-5 year olds continued throughout June. Featuring artists Helen Barry, Anne Bradley, Jane Hayes and Orla Kelly the exhibition was curated by Anne Cradden. The artists have created pieces that encourage children to interact with – or simply observe – textures, materials, colours, and sound, all presented in an intimate and playful environment. Artworks by Helen Barry were co-created with children and early years educators from Shanganagh Park House Community Childcare Service. This was a special commission in partnership with dlr Children and Young People's Services Committee, Shanganagh Park House and dlr Arts Office. The Commission was funded by Creative Ireland as part of Cruinniú na nÓg 2024.

Gallery Learning Programme

In June local services visited 'Room to Explore, art exhibition for 0-5 year olds. Shanganagh Park House Community Childcare visited with 48 children and artist Helen Barry facilitated workshops for them. Kildarton House, specialised early years special, children from the Central Remedial Clinic and the PEEP+ parenting support group came to organised sessions as well. In addition the regular learning programme for adults with open studios, workshops, talks and events took place throughout June.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2024

Free drop-in workshops for early years children and their families took place in the Gallery and Project Room on Saturday June 15 from 10am – 5pm to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg 2024. Room to Explore, art exhibition for 0-5 year olds was open all day as part of this celebration.

Dún Laoghaire Baths Artist Studios

Opened just over a year ago, the workspaces at Dún Laoghaire Baths have supported six artists to date to develop new bodies of work and delivery art residencies on themes of water, safe harbour, biodiversity and sustainability. We have just advertised, via open call, for 3 new studio opportunities and a yearlong Friendship residency in partnership with St John Of God and Enable Ireland; the closing date for applications is July 11. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/funding-opportunities/call-artists-d%C3%BAn-laoghaire-baths>

Arts and Health Programme

The arts and health programme supporting older people and people with disabilities in the community and in care settings is a year long, HSE supported programme. In June artists are working with Dalkey Community Unit (residential), LBS Mens Shed, Dún Laoghaire Mens Shed. In addition, the programme is supporting visiting artists to the Living Well with Dementia Art Group and Dementia Inclusive Gallery Tours.

Writer in Residence – The Great Big Giant Short Story Experiment

Writer in Residence Sonya Gildea partnered with literary magazine The Stinging Fly to host The Great Big Giant Short Story Experiment, a day long short story writing workshop with authors Wendy Erskine, Sheila Armstrong, Stephen Sexton and Daniele McLaughlin. The event sold out the studio.

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/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>. 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](#) and [Borrowbox](#).

Library staff in dlr LexIcon have engaged 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. In the LexIcon, a meeting space with free wifi has been made available for those who need it, and tutors from the *English in the Library* group offer weekly English conversational sessions for Eblana Centre users. Outreach visits from Blackrock Library staff to Blackrock Hall International Protection Centre have begun, to make service users there aware of the services and resources they can avail of through dlr Libraries. Excess book stock is being sent from Library HQ to the service users of the IPCs in Blackrock and Blackglenn.

June Highlights

Cruinniú na nÓg (Sat 15 June)

We had a hugely successful Cruinniú na nÓg which took place across the county on Saturday 15 June, including community-led events, nature workshops in Fernhill Park and Gardens, and a large-scale family day in Blackrock Park, which celebrated the parks heritage and history with Victorian games, circus skills, bandstand performances and creative workshops. Across the county we hosted 30 workshops, and presented dance, spoken word, and music performances by 9 groups of young people, with over 1,400 people in attendance throughout the day. As part of the day's events, a silent disco was also facilitated at Myrtle Square.

Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse

Studio Saturday with Dave's Jungle (Sat 29 June, dlr LexIcon)

Our neurodivergent Studio Saturdays are monthly workshops/events tailored to children with additional needs/neurodivergence. In June we welcomed Dave Griffin of Dave's Jungle. In this session children learned about how animals hunt, use their senses, catch their prey and eat. The braver participants amongst the group took the opportunity to get up close to some of the creatures, including a crocodile, a tarantula, a scorpion, a snake and a lizard. As always, a quiet room was provided for those who needed to self-regulate.

Quiet Space for Cruinniú na nÓg (15 June, Blackrock Park)

dlr Libraries provided a quiet space during the Cruinniú na nÓg festivities in Blackrock Park. The offering included a dark den and related sensory items. We also provided several ear defenders to be borrowed by attendees on the day. Almost 70 people made use of the quiet space over the day.

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
- A dedicated set of items, including ear defenders and a dark den, are available for branches to borrow for events

Events for Adults

Creative Writing Workshops (6 June, Deansgrange Library, 11 June, Blackrock Library)
Supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

Catherine Dunne and Lia Mills led participants through a discussion of how to kick-start their writing, with practical examples. This workshop was aimed at beginners and writers who wanted to revitalise their work.

Shauna Gilligan and Sara Mullen used lines or elements of their work in the anthology *Tearing Stripes off Zebras*, as well as real life objects of domestic life, as inspiration for the work of the participants of this group. Held in Blackrock Library, the workshop dealt with both poetry and prose.

Arts & Crafts Workshops

Summer Crafts for Adults @ dlr LexIcon (Throughout June, dlr LexIcon)

Following the success of the Spring Crafts for Adults classes, dlr LexIcon again held a series of craft workshops for adults throughout the month of June. All held on Thursdays, participants had the opportunity to discover Wet Felting with Miriam Brady and Bookmaking with Nicola Faull, as well as Watercolour Painting and Mixed Media arts with Fiona Ní Ghliasáin.



Film Screening: Dinner 2050 - The Future of Food in Ireland (13 June, Studio, dlr LexIcon)

This eye-opening film explores the future of food and how consumer trends, climate change and technology will change what's on our plates by the year 2050. A fascinating look at food innovation, sustainability, and the choices we need to make for a healthier planet. The producer, chef Tadgh Byrne, was present for a discussion following the screening.

dlr Yarnspinners Storytelling Circle (19 June, dlr LexIcon)

For adults interested in listening to and sharing stories, Yarnspinners monthly storytelling circle welcomed guest storyteller Paddy O'Brien. Paddy was born in Co. Kerry and is a natural storyteller who has appeared at Storytelling festivals all over Ireland. He has been a featured teller on many occasions at the world-famous Cape Clear International Storytelling Festival. Paddy can entertain any audience from age 3 to 103 with his fantastic stories, songs and verse - told in his own inimitable way. dlr Yarnspinners meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month with this month being the final meeting of this series.

Film Clubs (20 June, Blackrock Library, 27 May, dlr LexIcon)

Held once a month, the Blackrock Film Club offers the screening of a cinematic classic or undiscovered gem every 3rd Thursday, followed by a group discussion. This month's screening was the Vietnamese film *The Scent of Green Papaya* (1993), directed by Tran Anh Hung.

For Spring and Summer, the dlr LexIcon Film Club will be holding free screenings of an eclectic selection of World Cinema. The choice for June was *Papillon* (1973) starring Steve McQueen & Dustin Hoffman.

dlr LexIcon Studio Film Club held a special 30th birthday party screening of *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* to celebrate Pride. The film was introduced by special guest Páraic Kerrigan, author of the newly published *Reeling in the Queers: Tales of Ireland's LGBTQ Past*.

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.

Virtual Reality Kit from Rendever

In December 2023, we were delighted to be the first Library service in Europe to launch the Rendever virtual reality kit. Rendever, an American company particularly interested in older persons' health & well-being, developed a package of virtual reality hardware, software, and wide-ranging content, that creates shared experiences for the senior age cohort, where the group can be transported into a shared immersive experience anywhere in the world!

The kit, including headsets, is networked to a tablet with wide-ranging content on it, from diving with dolphins, flying in a hot air balloon, to visiting anywhere in the world, and every user is experiencing the same thing at the same time. Rendever has developed customised reminiscence therapy tools, allowing people to revisit locations from their past and chat with the group about it. It also provides opportunities to check off bucket list items, and engage with the world in ways no longer thought possible. The videos / experiences are coded under a traffic light system to denote the experience as 'red', very exciting, such as the racecar experience, 'orange' (moderate excitement) and green (calm) to denote the level of emotion you might feel. This allows it to be tailored to the user's mood or interests. It can also help rekindle old connections or develop new ones, through the power of shared experience! Users can be guided by a moderator either within the group or by library staff, participating in experiences, games, quizzes and much more.

We have co-ordinated various events and workshops using the kit. Dalkey library hosted an intergenerational family book club last week using it with 5 families. They did a review of the book *The Great Barrier Reef* by Helen Scales for 20 minutes followed by an exploration of the great barrier reef with VR Rendever headsets for a further 20 minutes – parents, grandparents, and children all participating. The librarian said "We explored a region they had never seen before, and identified types of coral and colourful fish they had seen in the book. They all had a blast, it was very interactive! Most had never used VR tech, and were very impressed!"

We also filmed 3D tours of the libraries and have now put these on Google Street View which is an app accessible on the headsets – that means we can actually do library tours on the VR headsets now, serving as 'social stories' to orient people regarding facilities in advance of visits.

This Street View tool will be very useful in the longer term from a history / reminiscence point of view. Google Street view has an archive going back to 2009 - which means you can 'visit' somewhere going back that far. Imagine in ten or twenty years, visiting your home town as it was a couple of decades ago – It will be a kind of time travel experience, as well as virtually travelling!

We hosted various other events, and a particularly successful collaboration has been with Making Connections where the group were invited to take part in visiting various places around the world. The group have already booked in to return again soon.



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 and Blackrock Library hosts a Local History Group every month.

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. LexIcon also hosts a History Book Club and a new monthly Irish language Club Leabhar Filíochta. Our long-running, popular online Book Club with facilitator Mary Burnham met online on Wednesday 26 June where the book for discussion was *Absolutely and Forever* by Rose Tremain.

Exhibition Programme

Humans of Dublin and Dún Laoghaire (6 June – 25 July, dlr LexIcon)

Launched by An Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Denis O’Callagh on 6 June, this 60 portrait exhibition features 10 unique stories created specifically for this exhibition, featuring people from Dún Laoghaire. Peter Varga is an author, photographer, and creator of the social media phenomenon Humans of Dublin. Over the past decade, he has approached thousands of people on the streets of Dublin and posted over 2,500 portraits and stories to his page. His collection beautifully encapsulates the essence and spirit of Dublin through its residents. Each portrait and accompanying story serve as a glimpse into an individual's life but also as a piece of a larger narrative that celebrates the collective human experience. These stories range from uplifting tales of love and success to poignant accounts of hardship and perseverance, illustrating the shared humanity that connects us all. By



highlighting the uniqueness of each individual's journey, Varga pays homage to the city's rich cultural diversity and reminds us of the power of storytelling. His work functions as a living archive of Dublin at this point in time, capturing the city's evolving identity and preserving the voices of its people for future generations.

A Journey into Watercolours (4 June - 25 June , dlr LexIcon)

This exhibition was organised by students of a 6-week watercolours class at dlr LexIcon taught by Svetlana Starikova, watercolourist and art teacher. These works were created by people who had never painted in watercolours before. Watercolour technique is hard, but possible to feel and capture. It is challenging, but fascinating.

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

Events for Children and Families

Summer Stars (4 June – 31 August, throughout dlr Libraries)

Our annual Summer Stars Reading Adventure for children returns to all our library branches from June. Summer Stars is a free, national reading programme available to all children and is an element of the national Right to Read literacy campaign. Each child is invited to sign up at their local library and enjoy reading lots of books as part of this adventure during the summer holidays. As part of our Summer Stars Programming, a number of authors visited library branches for invited local school groups during June:

- Úna Woods (dlr LexIcon, Shankill Library)
- Alan Nolan (Deansgrange Library)
- Shane Hegarty (Blackrock Library)
- Ellen Ryan (dlr LexIcon, Dalkey Library)

Children's Sewing Workshop with Green Thread (29 June, Dalkey Library)

Children who had never before tried sewing were introduced to the basics of sewing with a sewing machine and made their own scrunchie and drawstring bag.

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. The film choice for June was the 2007 animation *Ratatouille*. 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.

Cabinteely Library has introduced a number of new creative clubs for children, beginning in June. The Builders' Club, which meets every second Saturday, gives children a chance to exercise their engineering skills with Magformers and blocks provided by the library. Their Board Games Club takes place every second Friday.

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>

Outreach programme – Ballyogan

We are liaising with organisations and stakeholders within the Ballyogan area and exploring networking opportunities and possible outreach initiatives for the local communities in advance of the opening of the new library.

Statistics

Social media (as of 20 June)

Facebook	8,390 followers
X (formerly Twitter)	8,808 followers
Instagram	4,656 followers
TikTok	565 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	13,270 subscribers

Online resources (as of 19 June)

Resource	Description	stats June 2024 so far
Overdrive	eBooks	1, 025
	eaudio	967
	Magazines	5,560
	Comics	0
Borrowbox	eaudio	6, 521
	eBook	3, 418
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	1, 567
Pressreader	Offsite and onsite Newspapers	91
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	11
Lote4Kids	logins	2
Who else writes	logins	3
Who next guide	logins	3
Medici	Videos Viewed	No stats available until end of month.
Moshi	Accounts	No stats available until end of month.
Kanopy	Visits	3,738
Totals		22, 906

Parks Capital Projects – June 2024 Progress							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening						✓	Complete in Oct 2023.
Meadowbrook Pitches, Padel Courts & Teenage Play						✓	Complete in Oct 2023.
Grass Pitch Refurbishments						✓	All complete except Rosemount
Oatlands All Weather Pitch						✓	Complete in June 2024
Mounttown Boxing Facility					✓		Works commenced in Jan 2024 for completion in Jan 2025.
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 to be invited.
Blackrock Park - Phase 2					✓	✓	Teenage zone, boules court, seating, Phoenix Terrace planting and play space complete, renovation of steps all complete. Historic Kiosk conservation works have commenced.

New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross				✓			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 July 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 to Part 8 in 2024.
Sandyford Urban Open Space			✓				Acquisition is being progressed. Design 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.
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.

June Markets

Source	Date applied	Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun	Category
Email	06-Jun	1			Other Food
Email	10-Jun		1		craft
Email	10-Jun	1			Artist
Email	11-Jun	1			craft
Email	12-Jun	1			Other food
Email	12-Jun	1			Artist
Email	14-Jun		1		Craft
CRM 328194	17-Jun			1	Craft

June Benches

Source	Date Applied	Tree	Bench	Location	Accepted
Post	11-Jun		1	Marlay Park	
Phone	Bench replacement		1	Vico Park	

Filming in the Park

We received the below request for filming in DLR Parks in June 2024:

CRM Source or Email	Location	Date Request Received	Date of Filming	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
Email	People's Park	June 12 th 2024	June 14 th 2024	Y	

Allotments

In June we are reaching out to those who have not returned their licence renewal forms.

Castle Allotments Shankill Q1 2024	
Renewal forms returned and fees paid	82
Awaiting renewal forms and payment	13
Vacant plots	2

Mount Anville Allotments Goatstown Q1 2024	
Renewal forms returned and fees paid	77
Awaiting renewal forms and payment	21
Vacant plots	25

Parks Planning Reports

Between the start of the year and the 31st of May there have been 94 planning files sent to Parks.

This breaks down as follows:

- January: 18
- February: 12
- March: 25
- April: 22
- May: 17

Reports vary from small minor applications such as boundary railings and gates to LRD (Large Residential Development) which is a development with over 100 units.

The planning process involves liaising with the planners through informal meetings, official pre-planning meetings, planning files meetings and site visits.

The Old Conna and Rathmichael LAP will be informed by the ICAS report being drafted, currently at stage 4. This has involved continued input from Parks.

A new Stepside LAP is also being developed and Parks have had input into that process including site visits to establish potential active sport areas and passive, green belt areas.

Quinns Road Allotments replacement portable cabin

Project Location

The Allotments group on Quinns Road in Shankill have access to a portable cabin supplied by DLR. The group is large and the portable cabin is a central location for their own group meetings and day to day activity. The portable cabin contained a kitchenette with running water, power, a defibrillator, tables, chairs and storage.

Project Description

The internal, plywood floor of the cabin had deteriorated and begun to rot away at one end. The cabin had to be replaced with a new portable cabin.

Enabling Works

The works involved the disconnection of services which was coordinated by Fionnán Ward and Frank Flynn. The damaged unit was then craned and transported off site on 21st March. Preparation was undertaken and coordinated by Frank Flynn and his staff. This work involved casting of new pads and preparation of the new utility connections.

Project Timeline & Cost

This work was tendered in early January 2024 via email. 3 companies were invited to tender for the project. The lowest price was submitted by Cabins & Containers for the supply and install of the of the new cabin at a price of €13,124.00. The works were completed on 1st April 2024. The group have a new cabin with a kitchenette and storage. The new facility was officially opened 15th June by Denis O'Callaghan as one of his last ceremonies as An Cathaoirleach.



Rotten floor of old unit



New unit dropped into place

Wyattville Road Tree Planting

Project Location

Wyattville Road is a dual carriageway connecting the Killiney/ Glenageary area with the N11 and the M50. The road is approximately 1.2km long running from the N11 junction at Cherrywood to the south up to the point where it ties in with Church Road to the north.

The road is uniformly straight and wide. It has two lanes of vehicular traffic running either way and is flanked by a cycle lane as well as a footpath on both sides. There is a 5m grass median running up the middle of the roadway that has never been planted which has added to the windswept, inhospitable nature of the site.

Project Description

The main aspect of this project was to add greening to the route along the bare median and flanking areas where space was available. Greening in the form of tree and hedge planting would help to address several issues and contribute positively to this route and the broader area.

180 trees and 800m linear of hedging in the form of 4800 plants were proposed as part of the work. There are 9 different varieties of trees and 6 different varieties of native hedging. There was coordination with traffic to remove obsolete road barriers at the N11 end of the road. The metal road barriers were replaced with a line of native trees and hedging.

Project Timeline & Cost

This work was tendered on 9th January 2024 through etenders. 5 companies were invited to tender for the project. Avondale Landscapes won the contract with a tender price of €123,000. Works on site started 2nd April and were completed within 2 weeks. There is a 3 year maintenance contract included which will ensure the establishment of all the trees and hedging on site.



Before photo showing the windswept route without any trees



The same section of trees planted with Scotts Pine and hedging

Parks Operations

Ongoing Countywide Landscape Maintenance works

- County Wide Tree Remedial Works continuing by contractor and parks staff.
- Seats installed various locations.

Tenders awarded for the redevelopment of playgrounds at The Gallops, Deerpark and Belarmine and Marlay Junior

- Public Consultation underway on redevelopment of playgrounds at Soldiers & Sailors, Hyde Road and Springhill Park

- Path around the open space at St Lukes Crescent replaced

- Completion of zip line and Group swing in Marlay Regional playground

- Numerous Wayleaves and Road Opening Licences processes

- Numerous assessments and reports on planning applications pertaining to Parks

- Numerous Section 254 application processed

Preparation of Marlay Park for concerts underway