

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

MAY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1st MAY – 31st MAY 2024

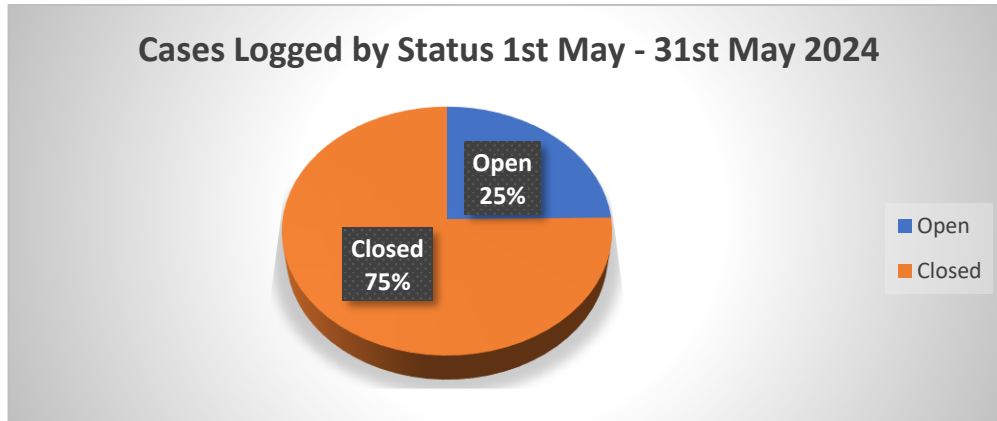


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*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Civic Hub Stats



Cases Logged from 1st – 31st May 2024

Open	925
Closed	2806

Cases Logged from 1st – 31st May 2024, by Section

Section/Department	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects		7	7
Communications	12	367	379
Community	4	5	9
Corporate Services	2	3	5
dlrcoco	24	20	44
Enterprise	1	1	2
Environment		1	1
Finance	30	298	328
Harbour		5	5
Housing	29	183	212
ICC	460	1478	1938
IT	1	2	3
Libraries		1	1
Parks	305	370	675
Planning	38	50	88
Property	7	1	8
Transportation	1		1
Water Services	11	14	25
Grand Total	925	2806	3731

Civic Hub Activities:

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	8428	1592

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2933	770	3703

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	277	62	339

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.

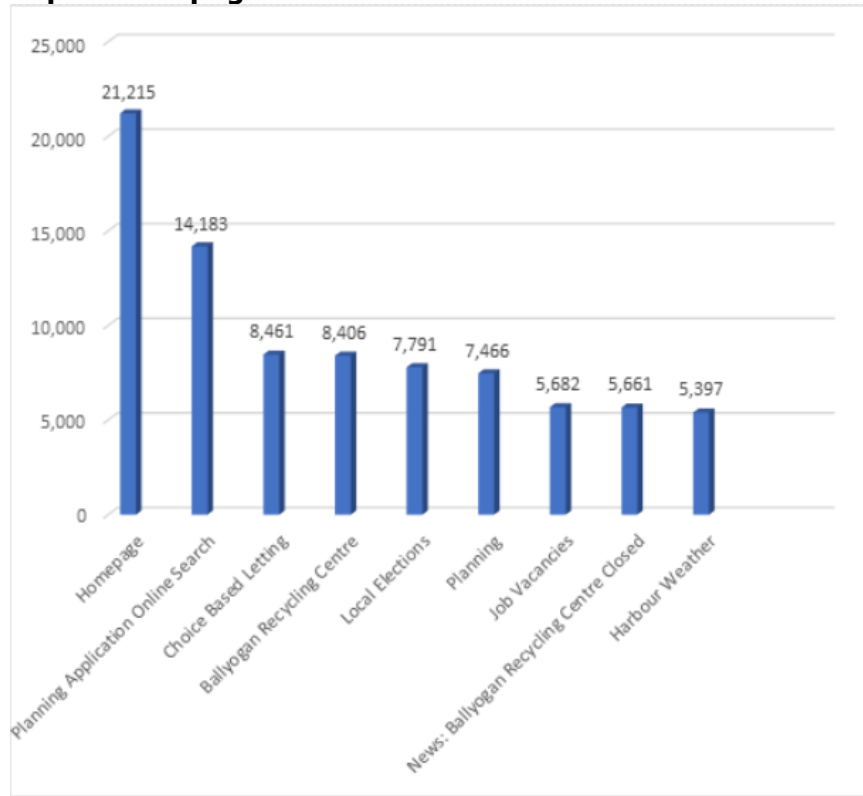
May 2024 - Monthly Report for dlrcoco.ie and dlrlibraries.ie

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

The figures in May for dlrcoco.ie represent a significant increase in terms of page views from April, when there were 217,198 page views at dlrcoco.ie, an increase of over 22%. There was an even greater rise in terms of Users with over 116,000 in May, in contrast to 94,000 in April. This 23% rise is likely because of interest in the build-up to the Local Elections.

In addition to that, during May 2024, **217** published pages were edited by staff.

Top viewed pages on dlrcoco.ie




Press Releases

We issued 17 Press Releases during May

Highest Performing News Stories


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

1. "Explore the coast with the Seaside Discovery Free Bus Tours" – 1,548 views.
2. "Glenamuck District Roads Scheme: Public Information Evening" – 1,397 views.
3. "Completion of Pitches and 8 Lane World Athletic Running Track at Kilbogget Park" – 954 views.



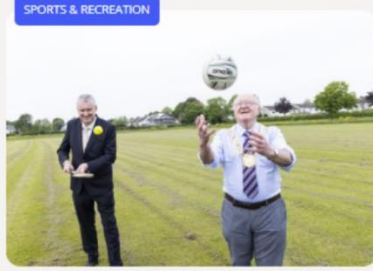
Explore the coast with the Seaside Discovery Free Bus Tours

Mon, 27 May 2024 12:00 DUN LAOGHAIRE



Glenamuck District Roads Scheme: Public Information Evening

Wed, 08 May 2024 12:00 DLR COUNTY



Completion of Pitches and 8 Lane World Athletic Running Track at Kilbogget Park

Fri, 17 May 2024 12:00 KILBOGGET PARK

Press queries: 14

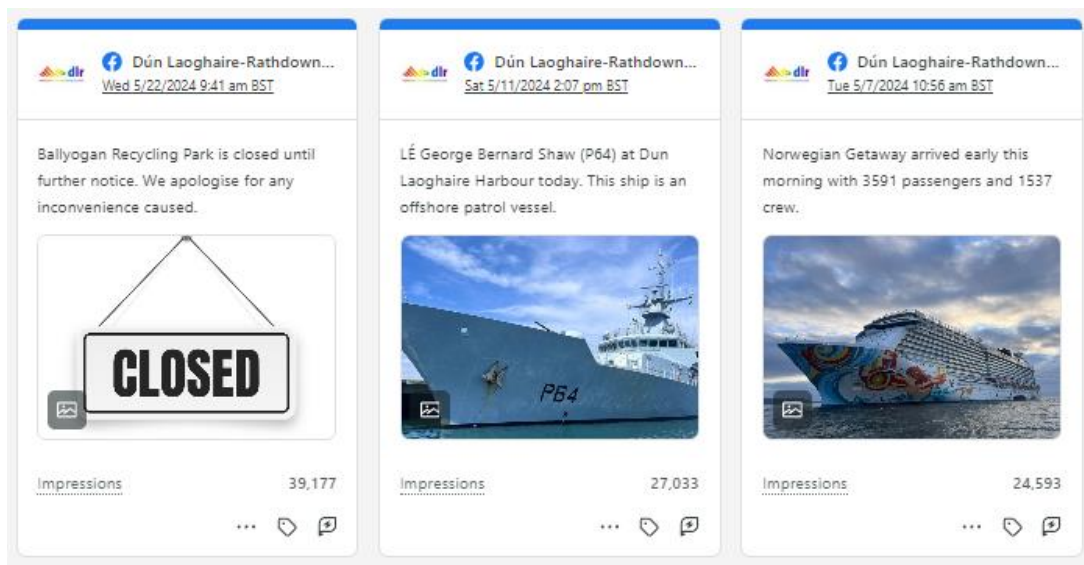
Freedom of Information Requests: 22

Public Consultations: 23 completed in 2024 to date.

Social Media Activity

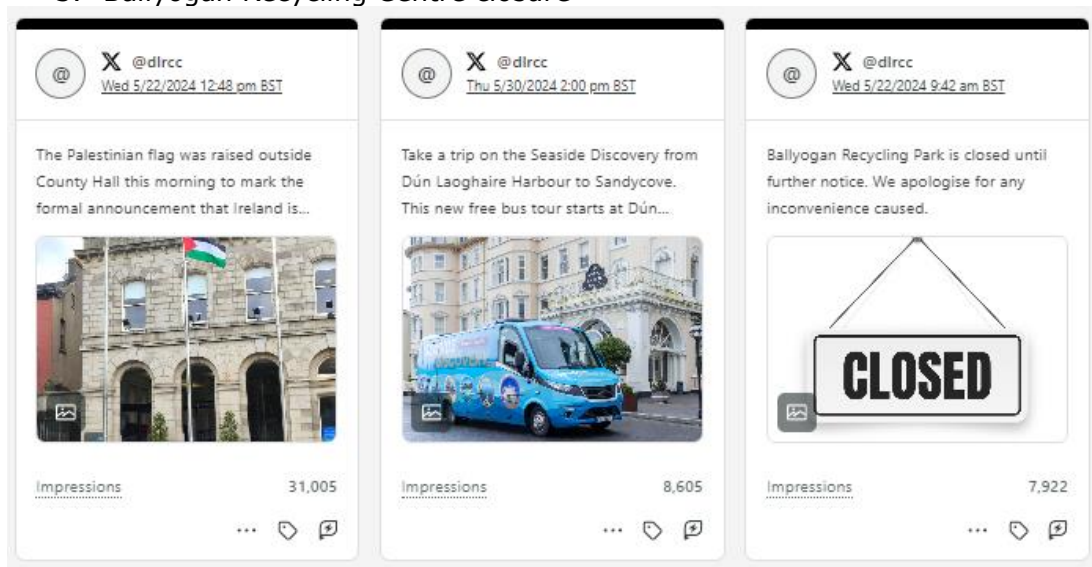
Highest performing social media posts on Facebook

1. Ballyogan Recycling Centre Closure
2. LÉ Bernard Shaw at Dún Laoghaire Harbour
3. Norwegian Getaway at Dún Laoghaire Harbour












Highest performing social media posts on X

1. Palestinian Flag outside County Hall
2. Take a trip on the Seaside Discovery
3. Ballyogan Recycling Centre closure












Highest performing Reels on Instagram

1. Waterspout at Dún Laoghaire Harbour
2. Seaside Discovery Launch
3. Lauch at Kilbogget Park

<p>  dlrcoco.ie Tue 5/28/2024 12:36 pm BST</p> <p>A rare waterspout caught on camera at Dun Laoghaire Harbour</p>  <p>Impressions 6,423</p>	<p>  dlrcoco.ie Sun 5/26/2024 11:36 am BST</p> <p>Today we launched the Seaside Discovery free bus service that will run over the Summer ☀️ 45 minutes round trip from...</p>  <p>Impressions 4,414</p>	<p>  dlrcoco.ie Thu 5/16/2024 5:59 pm BST</p> <p>Launch of pitches and 8 Lane World Athletics Running track at Kilbogget Park today</p>  <p>Impressions 4,026</p>
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Highest performing social media posts on Instagram

1. Ballyogan Recycling Centre Closure
2. Identification of Bathing locations
3. Palestinian Flag at County Hall

<p>  dlrcoco.ie Wed 5/22/2024 9:42 am BST</p> <p>Ballyogan Recycling Park is closed until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.</p>  <p>Impressions 5,087</p>	<p>  dlrcoco.ie Mon 5/13/2024 5:30 pm BST</p> <p>dlr is asking people who swim at beaches, lakes, and rivers to tell them if they think they should maintain existing designate...</p>  <p>Impressions 4,921</p>	<p>  dlrcoco.ie Wed 5/22/2024 12:48 pm BST</p> <p>The Palestinian flag was raised outside County Hall this morning to mark the formal announcement that Ireland is...</p>  <p>Impressions 4,700</p>
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Highest Performing Facebook Event Listings

1. Southside Travellers Action Group
2. Coastival
3. Seaside Discovery

<p>dlrevents Sun 5/26/2024 9:54 am BST</p> <p>On THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024 Southside Travellers Action Group (STAG) bring 'The Wagon Project' to dlr Lexlcon FREE EVENT...</p>  <p>Impressions 5,207</p>	<p>dlrevents Wed 5/29/2024 6:00 pm BST</p> <p>Coastival, organised by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, unleashes a wave of excitement and family fun in Dún Laoghair...</p>  <p>Impressions 3,620</p>	<p>dlrevents Thu 5/30/2024 2:00 pm BST</p> <p>Take a trip on the Seaside Discovery from Dún Laoghaire Harbour to Sandycove. This new free bus tour starts at Dún Laoghaire Harbou...</p>  <p>Impressions 3,557</p>
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Social media statistics

We have over 91k followers across all social accounts including the corporate account, dlr events, dlr arts, libraries, LEO office, dlr heritage and dlr Sports Partnership.

We published 917 posts during May 2024. Further breakdown below of the accounts and performance.

Audience growth

- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Facebook** increased by 208 followers
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Insta** increased by 189 followers
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **X** increased by 69 followers

Profile	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period	91,725	533	917	2,067,450	63,746	3.1%	76,283
May 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024	↗ 0.6%	↗ 101.1%	↗ 77%	↗ 134.4%	↗ 94.3%	↘ 17.1%	↗ 108.1%
Compare to	91,199	265	518	882,056	32,805	3.7%	36,650
Apr 1, 2024 - Apr 30, 2024							
@dlrcc	20,653	69	197	215,073	7,559	3.5%	3,691
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	19,344	208	203	1,252,381	44,368	3.5%	28,613
dlrevents	14,025	10	78	78,047	2,311	3%	1,531
dlrcoco.ie	8,907	189	250	299,544	3,660	1.2%	33,476
@DLR_Libraries	8,802	2	37	14,180	387	2.7%	360
@leo_dlr	5,543	-8	56	3,034	46	1.5%	0
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,581	44	49	191,499	4,841	2.5%	8,456
@dlrheritevents	4,010	4	6	2,919	146	5%	39
@dlrArts	3,105	2	0	249	17	6.8%	8
DLR Arts Office	2,755	13	41	10,524	411	3.9%	109

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 Pleanala (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 Pleanala 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 30/04/2024**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2024 €
1 Total Housing & Building	16,592,307	55,980,802	56,102,238	16,713,742
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	6,514,928	6,739,834	5,943,160	5,718,253
3 Total Water Services	2,395,933	95,984	50,000	2,349,949
4 Total Development Management	172,582,092	42,313,992	28,826,333	159,094,433
5 Total Environmental Services	3,082,539	0	230,000	3,312,539
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	20,662,434	4,309,822	2,165,873	18,518,485
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,654,997	624,355	133,333	4,163,976
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	37,842,044	282,938	2,278,707	39,837,812
Grand Total	€264,327,274	€110,347,728	€95,729,645	€249,709,191

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/04/2024

	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Balance at 30/04/2024 €	Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year €
RATES	26,336,862	80,983,741	58,183,356	22,800,385

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2024

33.33%

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	28,486,021	88,511,496	32%
B	Road Transport & Safety	10,399,721	34,951,380	30%
C	Water Services	3,675,239	11,221,860	33%
D	Development Management	13,874,536	40,188,816	35%
E	Environmental Services	12,464,141	37,994,148	33%
F	Recreation & Amenity	14,074,319	41,493,588	34%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,904,355	6,531,876	44%
H	Miscellaneous Services	4,953,091	14,138,364	35%
Total Expenditure		90,831,423	275,031,528	33%

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	24,421,508	78,714,972	31%
B	Road Transport & Safety	4,322,957	13,797,252	31%
C	Water Services	2,480,904	7,492,656	33%
D	Development Management	6,571,598	17,566,176	37%
E	Environmental Services	1,841,210	5,716,296	32%
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,888,569	5,674,080	33%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,073,407	4,674,420	23%
H	Miscellaneous Services	5,765,908	18,042,912	32%
Sub Total		48,366,061	151,678,764	32%

LPT	Local Property Tax	4,759,332	14,277,996	33%
RA	Rates	36,352,141	109,074,396	33%
Total Income		89,477,534	275,031,156	33%

Balance as at 30/04/2024	-€1,353,889	Deficit
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Planning and Economic Development

Planning Applications – monthly statistics 1st May 2024 – 31st May 2024

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	143	144
Decision Deferred	0	23	23
Decision to Grant**	2	120	120
Decision to Refuse**	0	9	9
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	111	111
Invalid Applications	0	30	30

*Includes 7 Applications for Retention.

Includes 84 On – Line Applications

**Split decisions; are entered as follows

109 Grant Permission (2 SDZ)

4 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

7 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/0304	Burke-Kennedy Doyle Architects on behalf of Alber Developments Limited: 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 of the Gymnasium, provision of 3 no. additional apartment units comprising 2 no. 1 bed units and 1 no. 2 bed unit, 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 1 no. studio, 87 no. 1 bed units, 104 no. 2 bed units and 8 no. 3 bed units to 1 no. studio, 89 no. 1 bed units, 105 no. 2 bed units and 8 no. 3 bed units. The application be viewed online at www.liseiuxpark-lrd4.ie	02/05/2024	05/06/2024	www.liseiuxpark-lrd4.ie	26/06/2024

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/98945>

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/0328/WEB	<p>Genesis Planning Consultants on behalf of Expert Eye Property Company Limited: The development will comprise minor amendments to the permitted development as per Strategic Housing Development (SHD) permission reference 304405-19 as amended by Large-scale Residential Development permission reference LRD23A/0557 which comprises 428no. apartments, a creche, 4no. local/neighbourhood retail units and associated site works. The proposed development incorporates the following amendments: Reconfiguration of the basement layout, Omission of travelator with associated reconfiguration of landscaping works at ground level, Amendments to floor plans layouts and internal configurations that will include for minor modifications to (a) retail floor areas (b) creche layout (c) provision of a new entrance to Block 1 Core A via the boulevard concierge (d) relocation and resizing of meter rooms in cores A, B and E (e) provision of off-loader room in lieu of switch room Core E, Amendments to the apartment layouts which will include for (a) corridor width internally (b) amendments to units in apartment block 2, core E (c) amendments to gable apartment block 2, core E level 6 (d) amendments to duplex configuration in block 2. Amendments to the balcony design. Amendments to the external facades to include for a deck access walkway and associated works. Amendments to communal roof terraces to include for provision of external projecting lobby that will facilitate level access to communal roof terraces in block B1, Core B. Amendments to the roof layout and design with the plant enclosure area at Core F removed, the provision of photo voltaic panels, amendments to parapet heights and lift over-runs along with provision of access ladders for maintenance.</p>	13/05/2024	15/05/2024		15/05/2024

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99017>

Please note that the above LRD was Declared Invalid on the 15th May 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/0329	<p>Amendments to SHD ABP 312132-21. Removal of the 10th and 11th floor levels of Building A, reducing the height from 12 storeys to 10 storeys and resulting in the omission of 14 units. the total number of units in Building A reduces from 117-103 units. Removal of the 4th and 5th floor levels of Building C, reducing the height from 6 storeys to 4 storeys and resulting in the omission of 21 units. The total number of units in Building C reduces from 70 to 49 units. Removal of the 4th floor level of Building D, reducing the height from 5 storeys to 4 storeys and resulting in the omission of 11 units. The total number of units in Building D reduces from 83 to 72 units. Minor modification to fenestration detail and elevational treatments of all three blocks associated with the proposed reduction in height. The proposed amendments omit 46 Build to Rent (BTR) units (32 one bed and 14 two bed apartments), a reduction in the total number of residential units from 397 as permitted to 351 units now proposed. The amended BTR development will comprise 243 one bed apartments, 97 two bed apartments, 4 three bed apartment units and 7 three bed houses. No further amendments are proposed to any other aspect of the permitted development as part of this amendment application. The application can be viewed online at www.cornelscourtplanning3.ie.</p>	13/05/2024	17/06/2024	www.cornelscourtplanning3.ie .	05/07/2024

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99014>

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submission s / Observation s	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD24A/0334/W EB	<p>The proposed development is referred to as Woodbrook Phase 2 and consists of 479no. dwellings in a mixture of terraced and semi-detached houses, duplexes and apartments and a Neighbourhood Centre, ranging in height from 1 – 7 storeys as follows: - 320no. apartment units and 30no. duplex units are accommodated in 9no. buildings 2 – 7 storeys in height comprising: - Block F: 26no. 1-bedroom apartments, 40no. 2-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 3 to 5-storey apartment block and 3no. 2-bedroom duplex units accommodated in a 2-storey terrace (69no. units in total). Block H: 3no. 1-bedroom apartments, 12no. 2-bedroom apartments and 17no. 3-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 4 to 5-storey apartment block (32no. units in total). Block J: 9no. 2-bedroom duplex units, 9no. 3-bedroom duplex units and 3no. 3-bed apartments accommodated in 1no. 4-storey apartment block (21no. units in total). Block L: 6no. 2-bedroom duplex units and 3no. 3-bed simplex units accommodated in 1no. 3-storey apartment block (9no. units in total). Block K: 6no. 1-bedroom apartments and 26no. 3-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 5-storey apartment block (32no. units in total). Block M: 7no. 1-bedroom apartments and 10no. 2-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 3</p>	14/05/2024		www.woodbrookphase2.com	17/05/2024

	<p>to 4-storey apartment block (17no. units in total). Block N: 7no. 1-bedroom apartments and 17no. 2-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 4 to 5-storey apartment block (24no. units in total). Block P1: 16no. 1-bedroom apartments, 9no. 2-bedroom apartments and 19no. 3-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 3-6 storey apartment block (44no. units in total). Block P2: 45no. 1-bedroom apartments, 33no. 2-bedroom apartments and 24no. 3-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 5 to 7-storey apartment block (102no. units in total); 24no. 3-bedroom courtyard duplex units accommodated in 3no. 2-storey terraces. Private patios / terraces or balconies are provided for all duplexes and apartments. Dedicated communal open space areas are provided to serve each duplex and apartment block; 105no. 2-3-storey houses consisting of 63no. 3-bedroom houses and 42no. 4-bedroom houses. Private rear gardens / patios / terraces are provided for all houses; 3no. retail units (a total of c. 798 sq. m), 1no. café / restaurant unit (c. 205 sq. m) and a community resource area (c. 140 sq. m) are provided within the proposed mixed use Neighbourhood Centre (Blocks F and G). Block G is a single storey pavilion building comprising of the café / restaurant; All associated and ancillary site development, infrastructural, hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatment works, including: - Significant new public</p>					
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	<p>realm at the Neighbourhood Centre including a diagonal pedestrian street between Blocks F & G aligned with St. James's Church (a Protected Structure) and an adjacent new pocket park or 'Village Green'; Pedestrian connection (ramp and steps) to the rear of St. James's (Cringen) Church property (a Protected Structure) and associated localised removal of existing common blockwork wall boundary and its replacement with new boundary treatment comprising railings and a controlled access gate; 388no. car parking spaces (including 330no. allocated resident spaces, 30no. visitor spaces, 22no. retail spaces, 4no. ESB spaces and 2no. Go-Car spaces); 977no. bicycle parking spaces (including 747no. allocated resident spaces, 182no. visitor spaces and 48no. non-residential spaces); 19no. motorcycle parking spaces; Bins and bicycle stores; Plant rooms provided at ground floor level and additional plant provided at roof level (including PV panels) of apartment blocks; Provision of telecommunications infrastructure at roof level of Block P including shrouds, antennas and microwave link dishes (18no. antennas enclosed in 9no. shrouds and 6no. transmission dishes, together with all associated equipment); A pedestrian / cyclist bridge in the northwest corner of the site to provide connection to Shanganagh Public Park. Vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian access to serve the proposed development will continue to be provided from R119</p>					
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	<p>(Old Dublin Road) via Woodbrook Avenue permitted under ABP Ref. ABP-305844-19 (Woodbrook Phase 1) with an enhanced network of pedestrian and cycle routes across the development. This development also comprises amendments to permitted site development works at Woodbrook Phase 1 (ABP Ref. ABP-305844-19 refers), including: - Revisions to the western 'Green Axis' linear park to create a new hard and soft landscaped civic plaza adjacent to the Neighbourhood Centre retail units, including significant paving, tree planting, provision of 'rain gardens' and amendments to permitted underground attenuation; Revisions to the western 'Green Axis' linear park north of the Neighbourhood Centre to provide a new dedicated childrens playground and adjacent kickabout space and other alterations including adjustment to the alignment and widening of the permitted combined pedestrian / cycle path, amendments to permitted underground attenuation and the partial culverting of an existing ditch; Adjustments to road levels on Woodbrook Close and the minor adjustments to the car parking layout and pedestrian / cycle route and associated changes to landscaping layout including new pedestrian connection (ramp and steps) to the rear of St. James's (Crinken) Church property (a Protected Structure); Adjustments along Woodbrook Avenue to cater for revised locations for internal road connections to facilitate the proposed</p>					
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	<p>development and connections to existing water services (wastewater, surfacewater and water supply); Adjustments to the permitted underground attenuation adjacent to permitted Block A (landmark building). All within a development area of 7.62 Ha which forms part of a wider application site of 27.12 Ha.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompanies this application. The application and Environmental Impact Assessment Report may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours at the offices of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.woodbrookphase2.com</p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99033>

Please note that the above LRD was Declared Invalid on the 17th May 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/0342/WEB	McGill Planning Ltd. on behalf of 1 Players Land Limited: intend to apply for Permission for a Large-Scale Residential Development at this site at Cross Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. The application site	17/05/2024	20/06/2024	www.crossavenuelrd.ie	11/07/2024

	<p>includes lands formerly part of/ owned by Blackrock College. The development will consist of amendments to Blocks A and B of the permitted Strategic Housing Development (SHD) (Ref. ABP-311190-21) to provide 5 no. additional apartments resulting in a total of 246 no. apartments across the entire development. The proposed amendments include the following: - Extension of the fourth floor (5th storey) of Block A to provide 3 no. additional apartments comprising 2 no. 1-bed and 1 no. 2-bed apartments. - Extension of the seventh floor (8th storey) of Block B to provide 2 no. additional 1-bed apartments. - Alteration of permitted open space at ground floor level to provide additional communal open space. The proposed amendment will include all associated site services and development works required to facilitate the amendment to Blocks A and B. All other works will be completed as permitted under Ref. ABP-311190-21. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development. The LRD application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.crossavenuelrd.ie</p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99067>

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LRD24A/0352/WEB	<p>The development will comprise minor amendments to the permitted development as per Strategic Housing Development (SHD) permission reference 304405-19 as amended by Large-scale Residential Development permission reference LRD23A/0557 which comprises 428no. apartments, a creche, 4no. local/neighbourhood retail units and associated site works. The proposed development incorporates the following amendments: (I) Reconfiguration of the basement layout. (II) Omission of travelator with associated reconfiguration of landscaping works at ground level. (III) Amendments to floor plans layouts and internal configurations that will include for minor modifications to (a) retail floor areas (b) creche layout (c) provision of a new entrance to Block 1 Core A via the boulevard concierge (d) relocation and resizing of meter rooms in cores A, B and E (e) provision of off-loader room in lieu of switch room Core E. (IV) Amendments to the apartment layouts which will include for (a) corridor width internally (b) amendments to units in apartment block 2, core E (c) amendments to gable apartment block 2, core E level 6 (d) amendments to duplex configuration in block 2. (V) Amendments to the balcony design. (VI) Amendments to the external facades to include for a deck access walkway and associated works. (VII) Amendments to communal roof terraces to include for provision of external projecting lobby that will facilitate level access to communal roof terraces in block B1, Core B. (VIII) Amendments to the roof layout and design with the plant enclosure area at Core F removed, the provision of photo voltaic panels, amendments to parapet heights and lift over-runs along with provision of access ladders for maintenance.</p>	21/05/2024	24/06/2024		15/07/2024

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99098>

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/0382/WEB	<p>Hughes Planning and Development on behalf of Hilary Ross-Murphy:</p> <p>The proposed development is referred to as Woodbrook Phase 2 and consists of 479no. dwellings in a mixture of terraced and semi-detached houses, duplexes and apartments and a Neighbourhood Centre, ranging in height from 1 – 7 storeys as follows: - 320no. apartment units and 30no. duplex units are accommodated in 9no. buildings 2 – 7 storeys in height comprising: - Block F: 26no. 1-bedroom apartments, 40no. 2-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 3 to 5-storey apartment block and 3no. 2-bedroom duplex units accommodated in a 2-storey terrace (69no. units in total). Block H: 3no. 1-bedroom apartments, 12no. 2-bedroom apartments and 17no. 3-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 4 to 5-storey apartment block (32no. units in total). Block J: 9no. 2-bedroom duplex units, 9no. 3-bedroom duplex units and 3no. 3-bed apartments accommodated in 1no. 4-storey apartment block (21no. units in total). Block L: 6no. 2-bedroom duplex units and 3no. 3-bed simplex units accommodated in 1no. 3-storey apartment block (9no. units in total). Block K: 6no. 1-bedroom apartments and 26no. 3-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 5-storey apartment block (32no. units in total). Block M: 7no. 1-bedroom apartments and 10no. 2-bedroom apartments</p>	31/05/2024	04/07/2024	www.woodbrookphase2.com	25/07/2024

	<p>accommodated in 1no. 3 to 4-storey apartment block (17no. units in total). Block N: 7no. 1-bedroom apartments and 17no. 2-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 4 to 5-storey apartment block (24no. units in total). Block P1: 16no. 1-bedroom apartments, 9no. 2-bedroom apartments and 19no. 3-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 3-6 storey apartment block (44no. units in total). Block P2: 45no. 1-bedroom apartments, 33no. 2-bedroom apartments and 24no. 3-bedroom apartments accommodated in 1no. 5 to 7-storey apartment block (102no. units in total); 24no. 3-bedroom courtyard duplex units accommodated in 3no. 2-storey terraces. Private patios / terraces or balconies are provided for all duplexes and apartments. Dedicated communal open space areas are provided to serve each duplex and apartment block; 105no. 2-3-storey houses consisting of 63no. 3-bedroom houses and 42no. 4-bedroom houses. Private rear gardens / patios / terraces are provided for all houses; 3no. retail units (a total of c. 798 sq. m), 1no. café / restaurant unit (c. 205 sq. m) and a community resource area (c. 140 sq. m) are provided within the proposed mixed use Neighbourhood Centre (Blocks F and G). Block G is a single storey pavilion building comprising of the café / restaurant; All associated and ancillary site development, infrastructural, hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatment works, including: - Significant new public realm at the Neighbourhood Centre including a diagonal pedestrian street between</p>				
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	<p>Blocks F & G aligned with St. James's Church (a Protected Structure) and an adjacent new pocket park or 'Village Green'; Pedestrian connection (ramp and steps) to the rear of St. James's (Cringen) Church property (a Protected Structure) and associated localised removal of existing common blockwork wall boundary and its replacement with new boundary treatment comprising railings and a controlled access gate; 388no. car parking spaces (including 330no. allocated resident spaces, 30no. visitor spaces, 22no. retail spaces, 4no. ESB spaces and 2no. Go-Car spaces); 977no. bicycle parking spaces (including 747no. allocated resident spaces, 182no. visitor spaces and 48no. non-residential spaces); 19no. motorcycle parking spaces; Bins and bicycle stores; Plant rooms provided at ground floor level and additional plant provided at roof level (including PV panels) of apartment blocks; Provision of telecommunications infrastructure at roof level of Block P including shrouds, antennas and microwave link dishes (18no. antennas enclosed in 9no. shrouds and 6no. transmission dishes, together with all associated equipment); A pedestrian / cyclist bridge in the northwest corner of the site to provide connection to Shanganagh Public Park. Vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian access to serve the proposed development will continue to be provided from R119 (Old Dublin Road) via Woodbrook Avenue permitted under ABP Ref. ABP-305844-19 (Woodbrook Phase 1) with an enhanced network of pedestrian and cycle routes across the development. This development also</p>				
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	<p>comprises amendments to permitted site development works at Woodbrook Phase 1 (ABP Ref. ABP-305844-19 refers), including: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revisions to the western 'Green Axis' linear park to create a new hard and soft landscaped civic plaza adjacent to the Neighbourhood Centre retail units, including significant paving, tree planting, provision of 'rain gardens' and amendments to permitted underground attenuation; - Revisions to the western 'Green Axis' linear park north of the Neighbourhood Centre to provide a new dedicated childrens playground and adjacent kickabout space and other alterations including adjustment to the alignment and widening of the permitted combined pedestrian / cycle path, amendments to permitted underground attenuation and the partial culverting of an existing ditch; - Adjustments to road levels on Woodbrook Close and the minor adjustments to the car parking layout and pedestrian / cycle route and associated changes to landscaping layout including new pedestrian connection (ramp and steps) to the rear of St. James's (Cringen) Church property (a Protected Structure); - Adjustments along Woodbrook Avenue to cater for revised locations for internal road connections to facilitate the proposed development and connections to existing water services (wastewater, surfacewater and water supply); - Adjustments to the permitted underground attenuation adjacent to permitted Block A (landmark building). All within a development area of 7.62 Ha which forms part of a wider application site of 27.12 Ha. <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has</p>					
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	<p>been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompanies this application. The application and Environmental Impact Assessment Report may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours at the offices of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.woodbrookphase2.com</p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99184>

Planning Counter Figures: 1st –31st May, 2024

Customers Served	210
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Building Control: 1st May – 31st May 2024

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	13
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	16
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/1/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	15
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	14/0
Commencement Notices Validated	45
7 Day Notices received	4
Completion Certs Validated	29

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

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 May 2024	Enterprise Ireland target to May 2024
Feasibility Study	4	21
Business Priming	1	
Business Expansion	4	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	11	
Trading Online Vouchers	46	19
Other Grant Applications (Green, Digital, Agile, IP etc.)	30	18
Microfinance Ireland *	3	5
Total Approvals	99	

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

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

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2024	Total to May 2024
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	99
Clients attending Networking Events	395
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1140
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	172
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	191
Total No of Clients Assisted	1997

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total to May 2024
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	2
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	3
Business Promotion Grants	10
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in May 2024

DLR Enterprise News	<p><u>LEO DLR - 1-1 Business Review Offer</u> (Sent 02/05/24) Open rate 53%, 3389 recipients</p> <p><u>LEO DLR Export Development Programme June 2024</u> (Sent 17/05/24) Open rate 50%, 3397 recipients</p>
Business Advice Sessions	Sessions throughout May
Trading Online Voucher Information Session	13 th May
8 Week Start Your Own Business Course	16 th May

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 1st - 31st May 2024				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,225	0	52	3,736
Twitter	5,540	0	52	3,415
Instagram	1,847	24	53	4,066
LinkedIn	1,037	13	52	1,925

Tourism Development

New DLR Tourism Strategy Launched

On May 15th, the new DLR Tourism Strategy 2024-2028 was launched by Minister Catherine Martin. The event took place in the newly opened Explorium Sports & Science Exhibition Centre in Sandyford.

DLR Tourism Providers Network Meeting

The first biannual tourism networking meeting of 2024 took place on the same day as the launch of the DLR Tourism Strategy. The meeting welcomed lots of organisers of new events in the county, new businesses, and new staff to existing activities and hospitality.

Fáilte Ireland's "Dublin Coastal Trail"

A Networking event took place in Fáilte HQ to boost support and buy in from the coastal providers along the Coastal Trail covering the three Local Authority boundaries. Nine prominent coastal providers attended the event from DLR.

Dublin Local Authority Tourism Officers Network

A meeting of Dublin Local Authority Tourism Officers took place on May 10th in Dublin City at the CHQ building in the new Smart Tourism Innovation Hub. DLR will host the next meeting of the network.

Tourism Information Staff Training

A Tourism Kiosk Staff Training event took place in the LexIcon to improve working processes and update the staff on all the new events and activities.

Dublin Mountain Festival

May saw the first Dublin Mountains Festival take place, organised by the Dublin Mountains Partnership. DLR Tourism hosted a Mountain Tourism Providers BBQ & networking event as part of this festival. This was an opportunity for providers from all over the county to sample E Bikes, The New Sauna at Tigh N’Alluis (Glencullen) and Forest Kids.

Events in the county

The inaugural Dublin Mountain Festival took place. Féile Naisc operated as an event as part of the festival.

Cruise calls to Dún Laoghaire in May were as follows

15 Cruise calls for the month of May
 32,000 Guests and approx.
 13,000 crew
 14 tender & 1 transit.

Social Media Analysis May 2024				
	<i>No of followers</i>	<i>No of New followers</i>	<i>No of posts</i>	<i>Impressions</i>
Facebook	9,869	83	12	64,882
Twitter	4,046	10	13	3,190
Instagram	3,964	91	14	23,271

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 of 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 - May 2024						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Meadowmount (part of)	✓	✓			Tender back 31/5/2024
2	Village Road, Aikens Village (part of)	✓				
3	Brennanstown Road (part of)	✓				
4	Enniskerry Road (R-117)	✓				
5	Ballinkeer 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	✓				Tenders back from Topo survey
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Deerpark Road			✓		Works are on site
2	Woodpark		✓	✓		Surfacing complete. Lining to do.
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		✓			Works due to commence end May
8	Breffni Road		✓			Works due to commence end May
9	Pucks Castle Lane	✓				
10	Foxrock Court				✓	Completed
11	Grove Avenue (part of)				✓	Completed
12	Abbey View (part of)	✓				
13	Hudson Road (part of)		✓			Works due to commence end May
12	Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park)	✓				
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
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		✓			Works due to commence end May
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				
9	Trafalgar Terrace	✓				
10	Beechwood Park (part of)	✓				
11	Granville Road	✓				Survey carried out
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 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	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing	✓				
2	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			✓		Contractor on site
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	2023				
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			✓		Works are underway

2. Roads Admin Statistics

Roads Admin Stats	Jan 24	Feb 24	March 24	April 24
TIC Certs	103	115	104	83
Footpath Dishing	10	3	1	4
Hoarding	3	2	1	n/a
Surface Permits	12	9	6	7
ROs	218	237	220	250
CRMs (Assigned to Roads Admin)	423 Assigned	327 Assigned	280 Assigned	288 signed

3. 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- There are currently no open public consultation processes.							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

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

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

In May 2024 there was a TAG meeting in Area 1(Dun Laoghaire) on the 14th of May at which 28 items were dealt with. Area 2(Dundrum) to take place on the 18TH of June, 2024 and approx. 26 items will be dealt with.

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

- Shanganagh Road, Shankill: Three Tenders for proposed works received.
- Old Bray Road, Cabinteely: Tenders were received for a zebra crossing at end of May.

Deputations

Traffic and Road Safety staff met with Residents from Woodbrook, Kingston and Balally on Wednesday, 15th of May 2024

Bus Connects

Arup and the NTA advised that they will be issuing scoping documents (Drainage, Public Lighting, ITS, etc, 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.

ABTAs for the Racecourse South Lands and Kiltiernan and Glenamuck

Traffic surveys were carried out for the Racecourse South Lands, and Kiltiernan and Glenamuck areas. Following feedback from the stakeholders on the initial options report for the Racecourse South Lands, a revised options report is being prepared by DBFL, the consultants. Transport modelling options for both ABTA areas are under consideration.

ICAS for Old Connaught and Rathmichael

A 'preferred transport option scenario' was presented to the councillors at the end of April. Following comments at this workshop, some additional changes were made to the transport options report.

Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and Eastern Bypass Corridor Study

The Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and Eastern Bypass Corridor Study have gone out to tender.

Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage

May 2024	Road Closures	Filming Locations	Event Signage
Applications Received	6	4	1
Applications-Awaiting Further information	0	6	0

4. 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 May – 31st May.)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	272
Applications Not Processed Yet	64
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	2
Valid Licences Issued	169
Licensed Works Completed	1
T4 Applications Expired	5

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 May – 31st May.)	
Applications	
Received	0
Granted	0
Withdrawn	0

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics:

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	April 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.

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,978 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 31st May 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	1319
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	491
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	434
Parking a vehicle on a footway	225
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	97
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	78
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	68
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	50
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	46
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	42
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	28
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	21
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	17
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	13
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	5
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	5
OVERSTAYING 2 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	4
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	4
Parking out of the limits of a bay	4
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	4

Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	3
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	2
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Total no. of Fixed Charge notices issued between 1st and 31st May 2024	2978

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

Environmental Enforcement: 1st to 31st May 2024

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	35	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	41	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	121	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	129	Litter Section
Abandoned car Cases - Opened	56	Waste Section
Graffiti Cases - Opened	56	Waste Section
Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened	30	Waste Section
Litter Fines issued	25	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	1	Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act
Legal Proceedings initiated	4	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act

Dog Statistics from 1 st May 2024 – 31 st May 2024	
No. of dogs on hand on 1 st May	4
No. of dogs entering the shelter	5
No. of dogs surrendered	1
No. of dogs rehomed	0
No. of dogs reclaimed	0
No. of dogs sent to rescue	4
No. of dogs put to sleep	0
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 31 st May	6
Dog attacks in this period	2 – 0 on person

Energy

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Clancy Construction are working together to pilot a hybrid power system to reduce carbon generated during the construction phase of St Laurence's Park apartments and library development in Stillorgan. This initiative is a first for a construction site in Ireland and will lead to a reduction of approx. 70% of carbon across the lifespan of the construction phase of the project.

Electricity demand in construction sites is significant, often requiring multiple generators for uninterrupted power supply. This public exemplar introduces a hybrid power system comprising a single 200kVA generator and a storage battery as an alternative to three 200kVA generators. This innovative solution not only ensures a reliable power supply but also contributes to sustainability efforts by reducing fossil fuel usage with the resulting environmental impact.

The integration of a storage battery allows for energy storage during periods of low demand or when the generator operates at a fraction of its capacity. This stored energy can then be utilized during peak demand periods, reducing the reliance on the generator.

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	17
Pre-planning	3
Section 5 Declarations	6

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	9
Not Dangerous	3
Total	12

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 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 Dedicated Accommodation Centre (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.

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 Sandyford Stepside LPF took place on 7th May 2024.



A Joint Policing Committee (JPC) meeting took place on the 28th May. This was followed by the annual JPC public meeting. Both meetings took place in the Talbot Hotel Stillorgan.

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)

A meeting of the Sandyford Stepside LPF took place on 7th May 2024.

Joint Policing Committee Meeting (JPC) & Public Meeting

A meeting of the JPC and the Public JPC was held on 28th May 2024

dlr Festival of Inclusion 2024

dlr Festival of Inclusion 2024 took place this year from the 15th – 26th May and celebrated the theme of '**Building Friendships in the Community | Ag Cothú Cairdis sa Phobal**' and received widespread local and national publicity for this year's festival events.

Participation in dlr Festival of Inclusion increased this year with over 70 events organised by 60+ groups and almost 5,000 in attendance at the variety of diverse and inclusive events. Participation in this year's festival was promoted through the dlr Public Participation Network (PPN) and through previous festival event organisers and this year, events as part of Bealtaine, Africa Day, Bike Week, Street Feast and Dublin Mountains Festival were also included in the festival programme.

Highlights of the festival included 'The Big Sing', community choral event in St. Michael's Church, Dún Laoghaire; 'Building Connections', the dlr PPN Showcase & Networking event on the 15th May in Stillorgan Talbot Hotel; the Seniors Crafts Showcase on the 20th May in dlr LexIcon; the Global Brain Health Institute series of Creativity & Brain Health talks curated by



Mike Hanrahan; the Dementia Inclusive Tea Dance on the 24th May in the Stillorgan Talbot Hotel; Africa Day events across the county; Seminar on Promoting Cultural Integration & Inclusion, 16th May in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire as well as many groups hosting open days, tea parties, cultural events, coffee mornings, exhibitions etc.

The 2024 dlr Festival of Inclusion brochure of public events can be viewed [here](#) and the dlr Social Inclusion Unit is delighted with the positive response received with dlr Festival of Inclusion 2024.

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 Grants 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

Arts

Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme

Room to Explore a visual art exhibition for 0-5 year olds and their caregivers opened on the 18 May with a special launch event consisting of workshops and drop-in activities. Over 700 children and caregivers attended on the launch day and the exhibition has been extremely well attended throughout its run.

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.

[Room to Explore, An Exhibition for 0-5 year olds | Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council \(dlrcoco.ie\)](https://dlrcoco.ie)

Writer in Residence

Emerging Writer in Residence Joanne Hayden hosted the launch of Seawords, a pamphlet of new writing which she edited. Bringing together twelve exciting voices in poetry and prose, the pamphlet comprises work written and developed by the participants of Joanne's Seawords creative writing workshops, which ran from January to April 2024. The launch was celebrated with a sold out reading in the Studio in dlr LexIcon by the twelve contributors.

Launch of Meet the Forty Footers Book

Photographer Barry Delaney hosted a launch of his arts grant aided book Meet the Forty Footers at dlr LexIcon on the 28th of May. The launch was attended by approximately 70 people and speeches were given by authors John O'Donoghue and Ronan Hessian.

dlr First Frames

The 2024.25 dlr First Frames Scheme launched in May, supporting emerging filmmakers looking to develop ambitious and creative short films based in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. An online information session for interested applicants was held on 9 May and the closing date for applications is in July. dlr First Frames is funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office and Economic Development Unit and managed by IADT. Funding will be available through the Scheme to support three short films with awards of up to €13,000 (VAT incl.) each; one of these awards will be for short film in Irish. Mentoring support as well as additional equipment and facilities will be provided by the National Film School, IADT.

dlr Primary Arts Programme

dlr Primary Arts Programme is now finished for this academic year 2023/24. 6 classes were involved from across the County, 150 children, 6 teachers, 4 SNAs and 6 artists. This is a long-term programme that supports process-based creativity in the classroom over several months with professional development sessions for artists and teachers throughout.

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 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.

May Highlights

BEALTAINE FESTIVAL

Bealtaine Festival takes place across Ireland in May every year and is a celebration of the arts and creativity as we age, through an events and activities programme that champions generational interdependence and diversity. This year’s theme was Lust for Life. Events were held in library branches throughout the county and ranged from craft workshops and bridge classes to musical performances and comedy shows.

FESTIVAL OF INCLUSION

May saw the return of the annual dlr Festival of Inclusion, a community-based social inclusion events programme which aims to highlight and celebrate social inclusion initiatives across the County, to encourage all to actively participate and engage in the community, and bring people together to connect and celebrate community well-being, raise awareness and promote friendship, equality, diversity and integration across the County. This year’s Festival



ran from Wednesday 15 to Sunday 26 May. The theme of this year’s Festival is Building Friendships in the Community | Ag Cothú Cairdis sa Phobal.

CREATIVE BRAINWAVES – TALKS & WORKSHOPS ON THE CREATIVE ARTS IMPROVING BRAIN HEALTH (Thurs 16, Tues 21 & Wed 22 May, dlr LexIcon)

Creative Brainwaves is a three-part series of talks and workshops exploring how engaging in creative arts can improve your brain health. The series features neuroscientists, psychologists, researchers, people with dementia and their carers, people with acquired brain injury, brain health activists and creative artists, all of whom work to improve brain health. This series is curated and facilitated by Mike Hanrahan, Global Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI), Trinity College Dublin.

- The Art of Hope: Acquired Brain Injury with Dr Karen Foley, Chief Executive Officer of Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, Gráinne McGettrick, Policy & Research Manager with Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, Paul O’Brien, artist living with a brain injury, and Dr Brian Waldron, Senior Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Neuropsychologist.
- The Art of Living: Younger Onset Dementia with Dr Kevin Quaid, author & co-founder of Lewy Body Ireland, Helena Quaid, carer, poet & Chair of Dementia Carers Campaign Network, Helen Rochford-Brennan, Global Dementia Ambassador, Vice Chair of the Irish Dementia Working Group and member of the Board of Alzheimer Europe, Carmel Geoghegan, Founder of Dementia Ireland Empowering Communities, and Eleanor Edmund, advocacy & human rights consultant
- The Poetry of Dance: for Brain Health with Prof Ian Robertson, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at TCD & Founding Director of GBHI, Julie Feeney, singer-songwriter, composer, actress, carer and record producer, Anusha Yasoda Mohan, perceptual neuroscientist & dancer, and Mike Hanrahan, author, songwriter, guitarist and Global Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI), Trinity College Dublin.

Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse

Follwing the success of our Drop-In Information Sessions for Autism Awareness Month in Dalkey and Dundrum Libraries we continued these sessions in our library branches. We held successful events in Shankill, Stillorgan, Blackrock and dlr LexIcon 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.

Studio Saturday with Active Kids Academy (19 May, dlr LexIcon)

Our neurodivergent Studio Saturdays are monthly workshops/events tailored to children with additional needs/neurodivergence. This session offered something for everyone from obstacle courses to the slower pace of fine motor skills activities such as number blocks & peg boards. Children had the opportunity play at their own level and choose between lots of different activities that interest them. The emphasis is on creating a safe, fun environment to allow the children to be themselves, play at their own pace and enjoy the activities that interest them.

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

Events for Adults

Get Lost in VR (21 May, dlr LexIcon)

Library staff led this exciting tour of dlr Libraries new virtual reality headsets. With wide-ranging content from an African safari, landing in a seaplane, to visiting anywhere in the world, we are looking forward to sharing this fantastic, fun new technology.

Arts & Crafts Workshops

Craft Workshops for Adults @ dlr LexIcon (Throughout May, dlr LexIcon)

dlr LexIcon held a series of craft workshops for adults throughout the month of May. All held on Thursdays, participants had the opportunity to learn Needle Felting with Sharon Wells and Painting with Acrylics with Nicola Sedgewick, as well as Sustainable Sewing with Tamara Fiabane and Self-discovery and healing through art with Mary Daugherty.

Knitting workshop with Pauline Gallagher (24 May, Dalkey Library)

Pauline Gallagher of The Knitting Class facilitated this fun workshop where participants learned to knit a beanie hat on circular needles and how to create customised beanies from any yarn for anybody using Pauline's Beanie Hat Planner and Recipe Pattern.

Mixed Media Art Workshop with Artist Kim Jenkinson (17 May, Cabinteely Library)

Ten participants joined artist Kim Jenkinson for this mixed media art workshop where they created colourful decorative hanging butterflies using watercolour paint, pastels, fabric and wire to build colour, pattern and texture.

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. Library staff joined Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Sports Partnership, Age-Friendly Programme, Arts and dlr Social Prescribing to launch the start of Mental Health Ireland's initiative "Hello How R U?", which promotes an open discussion of mental health.

dlr Yarnspinners Storytelling Circle (15 May, dlr LexIcon)

For adults interested in listening to and sharing stories, Yarnspinners monthly storytelling circle was delighted to welcome guest storyteller Órla McGovern this May. Órla is an award-winning Storyteller, performer and writer based in Galway. She is Artistic Director of Moth & Butterfly Storytelling Festival, and from the Finnish forests to the Glens of Antrim, she tells stories and workshops at venues small and large around the world. Órla's plays have been produced globally and she has written two books of stories 'Dublin Folk Tales for Children' & 'Wild Waves & Wishing Wells.' She is a member of Galway collective Theatre 57 and of the Connemara Arts Collective Interface Inagh. As well as theatre and folk performance, Órla also acts for film and TV. Some credits include 'Stay,' 'Lily,' Sanctuary, and 'North Circular Road.' She is a member of Ohana, the European Collective of Improvisors, and she loves to swim in the sea. Yarnspinners meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month with the final meeting of this series on Wednesday 19 June.

Film Clubs (16 May, 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 *Petite Maman* (2021), directed by Céline Sciamma.

For Spring and Summer, the dlr LexIcon Film Club will be holding free screenings of an eclectic selection of World Cinema. The choice for May was *Unforgiven* (1992), directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

Creative Writing Groups

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS (Various library branches, throughout May)

This month a number of creative writing workshops were held in a number of library branches. With the support of Creative Ireland funding.

- Writing Memoir & Historical Fiction: A Creative Writing Workshop with Patsy Murphy & Liz McManus (2 May, Dalkey Library)
- Making Free with the Past: A Creative Writing Workshop with Máiríde Woods & Patricia Hickey (9 May, dlr LexIcon)
- Writing Short Stories: A Creative Writing Workshop with Éilís Ní Dhuibhne (10 May, Shankill Library)
- Memoir Writing: A Creative Writing workshop with Mary Rose Callaghan and Phyl Herbert (25 May, Cabinteely Library)
- Writing your Life Story: A Creative Writing workshop with Ivy Bannister (30 May, Dundrum)

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.

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 29 May where the book for discussion was *The Other Side of You* by Sally Vickers.

James Joyce Book Club and Discussion Group (27 May, Dundrum Library)

This monthly Joycean discussion group is for those who are interested in James Joyce, have always been curious but don't quite know where to start, or just want to talk about Joyce with other people. The group explore various elements of Joyce's work, and his life and times in an informal and friendly group setting, welcoming everyone from those just starting their journey to lifelong fans.

Exhibition Programme

Creativity at Sallynoggin College (30 April - 8 May, dlr LexIcon)

This exhibition presented an exciting, diverse, and imaginative mix of artwork created by students from both the Art, Craft & Design Portfolio Preparation course, and the Advanced Art & Design course at Sallynoggin College of Further Education (SCFE). Of special interest to all who appreciate the beauty of Dún Laoghaire was series of paintings by the SCFE Art students which were completed in the LexIcon. Each painting has been worked from a different viewpoint and presents an opportunity to discover a new perspective of Dún Laoghaire. Also included in the exhibition will be fashion photography and videos of work, styled and designed by SCFE Fashion Design students and Fashion Buying, Styling and Visual Merchandising students.

Dublin's Monumental Mountains (1-15 May, dlr LexIcon)

Once you leave the settled valleys of the lowlands, the Dublin Mountains seem open and wild in comparison to the busy urban landscape at its feet. Yet it is a landscape that has been used by people since they first arrived on this island about 10,000 years ago. Since the forest clearances of the first farmers in the Neolithic, it has undergone many changes, and is still a dynamic place. Enjoy learning about how our ancestors used the uplands, this landscape of stories, Dublin's monumental mountains. Part of Dublin Mountains Festival 2024.

The Infinite and the Infinitesimal (Throughout May, LexIcon Garden, Moran Park)-

Part of the month-long Dublin Mountains Festival, Féile na Sléibhe. The ancient tombs on the Dublin Mountain peaks hold clues to our ancestors' understanding of time, landscape and their place in nature. At another scale entirely - the tiny wonders known as bryophytes can be found all over the mountains. These were the first land plants, here on earth long before the first humans.



Offshoot Photography Society Annual Exhibition (1 - 31 May, Deansgrange Library)
The exhibition highlights the work of local amateur photographers.

Chronic Illness: A creative exploration (16 – 30 May, Level 4, dlr LexIcon)
This exhibition is the outcome of a research project that asked people suffering from ME/CFS, long Covid, and other chronic conditions to use arts to convey what it is like to live with chronic illness. Responses ranged from photographs to drawings, embroideries, knitting, collages, and poetry. This exhibition gathers all those to share the often-invisible experiences of chronically ill people and bring to light the resilience and creativity of this community.
For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

Events for Children and Families

Imram na nÓg (7-11 May, dlr LexIcon)
The annual Irish language children’s literature festival brought authors Doimnic Mac Giolla Bhríde, Éilis Neary, Áine Ní Ghlinn, Sadhbh Rosenstock and Gráinne Holland to the Children’s Library and the Studio in dlr LexIcon. Class groups from the county attended events celebrating modern literature through the Irish language.

Biodiversity Week Events (17-26 May, dlr LexIcon)
dlr LexIcon welcomed the Rediscovery Centre, who hosted 6 special workshop events for local primary schools. Each was on a topic relating to biodiversity and climate.

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>

Statistics

Social media (as of 31 May)

Facebook	8,376 followers
Twitter	8,808 followers
Instagram	4,612 followers
TikTok	540 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	12,780 subscribers

Online resources (as of 31 May)

Resource	Description	stats May 2024
Overdrive	eBooks	1,604
	eaudio	1,409
	Comics	0
Borrowbox	eaudio	10,441
	eBook	5,042
	EPress (new resource)	4,440
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	2,306
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	5
Lote4Kids	logins	10
Who else writes	logins	2
Who next guide	logins	2
Medici	Videos Viewed	n/a
Moshi	Accounts	n/a
Kanopy	Visits	5,473
Totals		30,734

May Markets

Source	Date applied	Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun	Category	Accepted
DLR-CRM 319550	01-May			1	Craft	
CRM 323084	02-May			1	Craft	Y
Email	07-May		1		Other Food	
CRM 324080	10-May	1			Craft	
Email	11-May	1			Craft	
Email	14-May	1			Craft	
CRM 325396	20-May	1	1	1	Hot Food	
CRM 325627	22-May		1		Other Food	
Email	21-May			1	Craft	

Email	26-May		1	1	hot Food	Y
Email	27-May	1			hot Food	
Email	30-May	1			craft	

May Benches

Source	Date Applied	Tree	Bench	Location	Accepted
Email	02-May		2	Marlay	
Email	08-May		1	DL	
CRM 324005	14-May		1	DL	
CRM 323766	14-May		1	Cabinteel y	
CRM 323272	15-May		1	Killiney	
Email	21-May		1	Killiney	

Filming in the Park

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

CRM Source or Email	Location	Date Request Received	Date Filming of	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
Email	Deansgrange Cemetery	May 31 st 2024	July 9 th 2024	Y	

Allotments

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

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

For Castle Allotments, we are awaiting new posts to arrive to replace older ones. An inspection will be carried out in the next couple of months. A new portacabin has been installed at Castle Allotments.

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

Mulch has been delivered to Mount Anville Allotments.

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 Finnian 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.

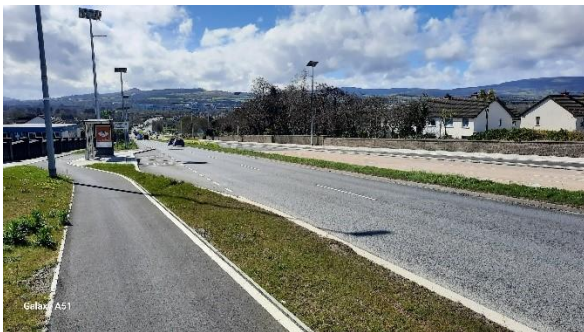
Project Description

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.
- Represented dlr at Tree Council Meeting
- 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 Woodpark and Kingston Residents Associations
- Parks staff completed the move to Rochestown Depot from Sandford
- Grange Road carpark in Marlay re- lined and marked with creatin of two additional wheelchair spaces

Sports Development

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

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).
- Nutgrove Crosscare – 2 x 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 Gym Sessions - mixed group (15-17 age).
- Whitehouse Crosscare - boys group (10-14 age).
- Ballybrack Crosscare - group 1 (12-15 age).
- Shankill Crosscare - boys only group gym sessions (16 age).
- Shankill Crosscare - 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).
- Mounttown Crosscare – boys only (16 year olds).

Other activities

- Met with Carmona Services and have arranged a sports summer camp in July.
- Assisted dlr Sports Partnership with their 'Men on the Move' programme.
- Ran our third monthly Session with Kilcross Youth Club.
- Met with Dún Laoghaire, Mounttown and Sallynoggin Crosscare and have arranged a multi sports camp in July.
- Ran a sport session for the St. Lawrence's College open day.
- Started our 4-week block of sport sessions with St. Michael's House.
- Assisted dlr Sports Partnership with their 'Active Retired' multi-sport session.
- Started our 4-week block of sport sessions with Sallynoggin Youth Reach.
- Started our healthy eating programme with STAG (Southside Travellers Association Group).
- Assisted School Completion Officer Jodi Garry as part of their introduction to sport day (Transition Year programme) in St. Lawrence's College.
- Held Q2 update meeting with Aoife Heffernan from the ETB.
- Attended a youth forum in Loughlinstown Community Rooms in collaboration with Southside Partnership.
- Assisted dlr Sports Partnership with their SportsAbility day in Shliabh Rua.