**DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

**JULY MONTHLY**

**MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**21st June – 31st July 2024**

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# Corporate Affairs

**Civic Hub Stats**

**CRM Statistics**

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| Open | 655 |
| Closed | 3525 |

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| **Section/Department** | **Active** | **Inactive** | **Total** |
| Architects | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Ballyogan Depot | 1 |  | 1 |
| CFU | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Communications | 7 | 448 | 455 |
| Community | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Corporate Services | 2 | 12 | 14 |
| dlrcoco | 26 | 44 | 70 |
| Enterprise |  | 2 | 2 |
| Environment | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Finance | 7 | 347 | 354 |
| Harbour |  | 11 | 11 |
| Housing | 41 | 248 | 289 |
| ICC | 313 | 1857 | 2170 |
| IT | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Libraries | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Parks | 222 | 495 | 717 |
| Planning&EconDev | 1 | 16 | 17 |
| Property | 6 | 13 | 19 |
| Water Services | 20 | 15 | 35 |
| **Grand Total** | **655** | **3525** | **4180** |

**Civic Hub Activities:**

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| **Phone Statistics** | Answered Directly | Transferred to overflow | Total |
|  | 2186 | 379 | 2565 |

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| **Emails received** | Info@ | Reps@ | Oireachtas@ | Total |
|  | 3830 | 101 | 371 | 4302 |

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| **Counter Interactions** | Civic Hub | Appointments | Total |
|  | 354 | 61 | 415 |

# Communications Office

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

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

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

**June 21 – July 31 2024 - Monthly Report for dlrcoco.ie and dlrlibraries.ie**

Website Activity – Page views and number of users

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Website | Page Views | Users |
| dlrcoco.ie | 306,874 | 132,142 |
| dlrLibraries | 58,256 | 20,956 |

**Compared to June 1 – 20 2024**

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

In addition to that, there were 140 edits to published website pages on dlrcoco.ie during this period.

**Top viewed pages on dlrcoco.ie**

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**Press Releases**

We issued 7 Press Releases from June 21 – July 31

**Highest Performing News Stories**

[Click here to view the News Listings](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news-listing)

1. [Public Consulation: Blackrock DART to Park Active Travel Scheme](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news/public-consultation/public-consulation-blackrock-dart-park-active-travel-scheme) – Views 3,541
2. [Ballyogan Recycling Centre will re-open today](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news/general-news/ballyogan-recycling-centre-will-re-open-today) – Views 1,367
3. [All aboard for Coastival June 29th – July 7th 2024](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news/general-news/all-aboard-coastival-june-29th-july-7th-2024) – Views 1,340

**Press Queries:** 30

**Freedom of Information Requests:** 29

**Social Media Activity**

Highest performing social media posts on Facebook

1. Video for multihog at Sandyford Village
2. Columba Park Opening
3. Seaside Discovery

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**Highest performing social media posts on Instagram**

1. Status yellow weather warning
2. Local Elections results
3. Blackrock seafront bathing water notice

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**Highest performing Reels on Instagram**

1. Video for multihog at in Sandyford Village
2. Sean O’Kelly trying out the new accessibility ramp at Dún Laoghaire Baths
3. 22 new homes launched at Cookstown Lane by An Cathaoirleach

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**Highest performing social media posts on X**

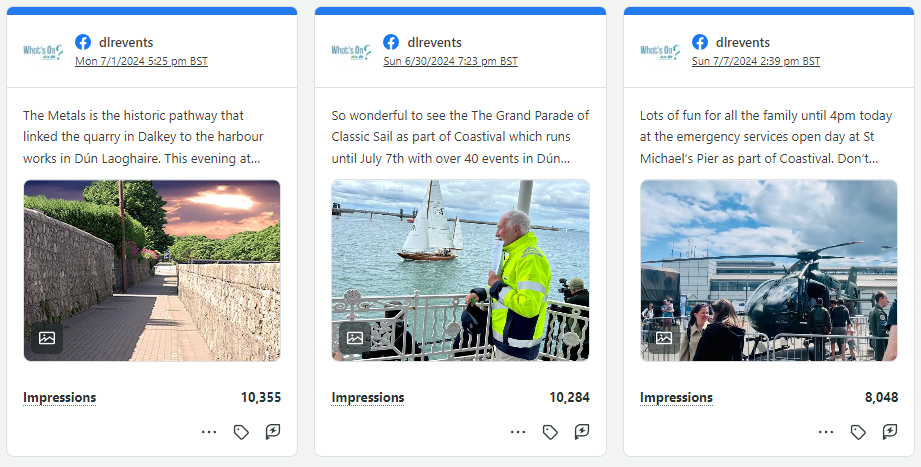
1. Video for multihog at in Sandyford Village
2. Local Elections results
3. First wheelchair user Siobhan Keane, and Aoife Keane at the Baths

A screenshot of a social media post

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**Highest Performing Facebook Event Listings**

1. The metals event
2. The Grand Parade of Classic Sail as part of Coastival
3. Emergency Services Open Day



**Social media statistics**

We have over 94k followers across all social accounts including the corporate account, dlr events, dlr arts, libraries, LEO office, dlr heritage and dlr Sports Partnership.

We published 1,173 posts from June 21 – 31 July 2024. Further breakdown below of the accounts and performance.

**Audience growth**

* Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Facebook** increasedby 840 followers
* Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Instagram** increased by 307 followers
* Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **X** increased by 70 followers

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**Your Council Day July 2024**

Your Council Day 2024 took place on Friday 5th July. This year theme was the positive impact local authorities have on people's quality of life.

In summary there were a total of 3,782 posts across all platforms on the day. We had the 2nd highest engagement on Facebook posts and placed in the top 10 accounts on X for both the number of posts (46) and potential reach (960,894) on the day.

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We had a special mention in the report for Libraries book drop service.

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# Finance and Water Services

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# Planning and Economic Development

**Planning Applications – monthly statistics** 21st June 2024 – 31st July 2024

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|  | **Outline Permission** | **Permission** | **Total** |
| New application Received\* |  | 197 | 197 |
| Decision Deferred |  | 14 | 14 |
| Decision to Grant\*\* | 1 | 146 | 147 |
| Decision to Refuse\*\* |  | 14 | 14 |
| Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks | 1 | 125 | 126 |
| Invalid Applications |  | 46 | 46 |

*\*Includes 17 Applications for Retention.*

Includes 129 WEB Applications

*\*\*Split decisions;are entered as follows*

*130 Grant Permission (0 SDZ)*

*7 Grant Permission & Grant Retention*

*8 Grant Permission for Retention*

*1 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.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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/ 0451/WEB | Viscount Securities Unlimited, intend to apply for planning permission for a Large-scale Residential Development on a site at Clay Farm House (a protected structure), Kilgobbin Road, Dublin 18, and at Clay Farm (Phase 2), Ballyogan Road, Dublin 18. The application site is located to the east of Clay Farm House, a protected structure under RPS Ref.: 2119, and to the west of the Clay Farm Phase 2 residential development (currently under construction).  The proposed development consists of the following:  • Construction of a two storey apartment building, over a lower ground level, comprising 10 no. 2 bedroom apartments. Balconies are provided for all apartments on the north-west and south-west elevations;  • Associated alterations to the Strategic Housing Development permitted under ABP Ref.: 301522-18, as amended under ABP Refs.: 304212-19, 305172-19, 308563-20, 310422-21 and Reg. Ref.: LRD23A/0126, replacing a permitted swale and grassed verge with 10 no. car parking spaces, bin, cycle and external stores, and associated landscaping changes;  • The proposed development includes foul and surface water drainage, communal open space, landscaping, boundary treatment, lighting and all associated site works.  The permitted SHD development (under ABP Ref.: 301522-18, as amended under ABP Refs.: 304212-19, 305172-19, 308563-20, 310422-21 and Reg. Ref.: LRD23A/0126), which is under construction, is for a total of 935 no. residential units (351 no. houses and 584 no. apartments) and the proposed alterations to the SHD permission relate to a permitted swale and grassed verge only. | 26/06/2024 | 30/07/2024 |  | 26/08/2024  **REFUSE** |

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99380>

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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/ 0482/WEB | Castlethorn Management Services UC Intends to apply for a Permission for a Large-Scale Residential Development comprising amendments to the permitted Strategic Housing Development (An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-305844-19 – Woodbrook Phase 1), at this overall site c. 21.9 Ha in the Townlands of Cork Little and Shanganagh, Shankill, Co. Dublin. The overall site is generally bounded by the Old Dublin Road (R119) and St. James (Crinken) Church to the west, Shanganagh Public Park and Shanganagh Cemetery to the north, Woodbrook Golf Course to the east and Corke Lodge and woodlands and Woodbrook Golf Clubhouse and car park to the south.  The proposed development comprises of amendments to the large courtyard apartment blocks (Blocks A, B & C) within the permitted Strategic Housing Development (under An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-305844-19) at its eastern edge involving:  - Block A: An additional 9no. residential units (3no. 1-bed apartments, 2no. 2-bed apartments and 4no. 2-bed duplex units) at ground floor level; amendments to the layout of 3no. permitted duplex units; associated adjustments to elevations; omission of 3no. car parking spaces from the podium car park and increased bicycle parking provision. The additional units are facilitated by the omission of internal tenant amenity spaces at ground and first floor level and reconfiguration of bicycle parking and plant areas.  - Blocks B & C: An additional 13no. residential units (4no. 1-bed apartments, 6no. 2-bed apartments and 3no. 2-bed duplex units) at ground floor level in each block;  Amendments to the layout of 1no. permitted unit at ground floor level and 3no. permitted apartment units at first floor level; associated adjustments to elevations per block; omission of podium structure (including all undercroft car parking) with communal open space now proposed at grade and increased bicycle parking provision per block. The additional units are facilitated by the omission of internal tenant amenity spaces and the undercroft car park at ground floor level and through reconfiguration of increased bicycle parking and plant areas in each block. All ancillary and associated site development, infrastructure and landscape works including: - reconfiguration and minor increase of on-street car parking and associated adjustments to landscaping; change from pre-cast concrete to aluminium/steel frame system to feature balconies on the eastern and western elevations of each block; adjustment to selected balconies onto the courtyards of each block; overall height reduction of Block A by 1225mm; overall height reduction of Block B & C by 1150mm; minor adjustments to drainage alignment and underground attenuation tank to the east of Block A; minor change to alignment of pavement to the east of Block A and addition of access paths from Blocks B and C east toward the linear park pedestrian / cycle path and additional crossing points on Woodbrook Avenue.  The proposed works take place within a development area of 2.52 Ha, which forms part of the wider Phase 1 site of 21.9 Ha.  The scheme is as otherwise permitted under An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-305844-19 – Woodbrook Phase 1 and would increase by 35no. dwellings from 682no. dwellings to 717no. dwellings overall at Woodbrook Phase 1. Minor amendments are proposed to the site development works of the consented scheme (An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP- 305844-19) as part of a concurrent planning application under DLRCC Reg. Ref. LRD24A/0382/WEB. None of these works overlap with the work now proposed as part of this amendment to Block A, B and C of An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-305844- 19. | 04/07/2024 | 07/08/2024 |  | 28/08/2024  **GRANT** |

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99453>

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| 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/ 0578/WEB | Liscove Limited intend to apply for permission for a Large-Scale Residential Development on 2 No. sites, measuring c. 14.2 Ha., which will be separated by the future Glenamuck Link Distributor Road (GLDR). The western site principally comprises lands at Wayside, Enniskerry Road and Glenamuck Road, Kilternan, Dublin 18, which include a derelict dwelling known as ‘Rockville’ and associated derelict outbuildings, Enniskerry Road, Kilternan, Dublin 18, D18 Y199 and the former Kilternan Country Market, Enniskerry Road, Kilternan, Dublin 18, D18 PK09. The western site is generally bounded by the Glenamuck Road to the north; the Sancta Maria property to the north, west and south; a residential development named "Rockville" to the north-east; the Enniskerry Road to the south-west; dwellings to the south; and the future GLDR to the east. The eastern site is generally bound by dwellings to the south; the future GLDR to the west; and greenfield land to the north and east.  Road works are proposed to facilitate access to the development from the Enniskerry Road; to the approved Part 8 Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade Scheme on Glenamuck Road (DLRCC Part 8 Ref. PC/IC/01/17); and to the approved Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS) (ABP Ref. HA06D.303945) on the Glenamuck Link Distributor Road (GLDR). Drainage and potable water infrastructure is proposed to connect to services on the Glenamuck Road, Enniskerry Road and the GLDR.  The Glenamuck Road access point will include works, inclusive of any necessary tie-ins, to the footpath and cycle track to create a side road access junction incorporating the provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing across the side road junction on a raised table and the changing of the cycle track to a cycle lane at road level as the cycle facility passes the side road junction. Surface water and foul drainage infrastructure is proposed to connect into the drainage infrastructure to be constructed as part of the Part 8 scheme. Potable water is to be provided from the existing piped infrastructure adjacent to the site along Glenamuck Road. Surface water and foul drainage infrastructure connections for the ‘former Country Market’ area (north-west of the site) are proposed to connect into the drainage infrastructure at the Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road junction.  The GLDR ‘western’ access point will include works, inclusive of any necessary tie-ins, to the footpath and cycle track to create a side road access junction incorporating the provision of short section of shared path and an uncontrolled shared pedestrian and cyclist crossing across the side road junction on a raised table. The works will also include the provision of a toucan crossing, inclusive of the necessary traffic signal equipment, immediately south of the access point to facilitate pedestrian and cyclist movement across the mainline road. All works at this GLDR access point will include the provision of the necessary tactile paving layouts. Surface water, foul drainage and potable water infrastructure connections are proposed into the drainage infrastructure to be constructed as part of the GDRS scheme.  The GLDR ‘eastern’ access point will include works, inclusive of any necessary tie-ins, to the footpath and cycle track to create a side road access junction incorporating the provision of short section of shared path and an uncontrolled shared pedestrian and cyclist crossing across the side road junction on a raised table. Potable water, surface water and foul drainage infrastructure connections for the eastern site are proposed into the drainage infrastructure to be constructed as part of the GLDR.  On Enniskerry Road, works are proposed to facilitate 3 No. new accesses for the development along with modifications to Enniskerry Road. The 3 No. side road priority access junctions incorporate the provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing across the side road junction on raised tables. The modifications to Enniskerry Road fronting the development (c. 340 metres) includes the narrowing of the carriageway down to c.6.5 metres (i.e. a c.3.25 metres running lane in each direction) from the front of the kerb on the western side of Enniskerry Road. The remaining former carriageway, which varies in width of c. 2 metres, will be reallocated for other road users and will include the introduction of a widened pedestrian footpath and landscaped buffer on the eastern side of the road adjoining the proposed development. On Enniskerry Road at the interface of the proposed Dingle Way and Enniskerry Road, aligning with the proposed location of the community centre/café and existing Our Lady of Wayside Church, works include the continuation of the Dingle Way surface materials across Enniskerry Road to create a raised table to connect these community facilities. The above works are inclusive of all necessary tie-in works such as new kerbs along the eastern side of Enniskerry Road, drainage details, road marking, signage and public lighting. Additionally, the development includes the removal of the existing stone wall and the construction of a new stone wall set back to facilitate the upgrade and realignment of the Enniskerry Road. Potable water is to be provided from the existing piped infrastructure along the Enniskerry Road.  At the ‘Rockville access point’, works are proposed to provide a multi-modal access, including a vehicular connection between the proposed development and the Rockville development (permitted under DLR Reg. Ref. D18A/0566). The new access will require the removal of the existing as-built hammerhead turning area at Rockville to create this new connection. The residual hammerhead area will be landscaped to tie into the adjoining landscape strategy. The above works are inclusive of all necessary tie-in works such as new kerbs, drainage details, road marking, signage, and public lighting.  Surface water and foul drainage infrastructure is proposed to connect into and through the existing/permitted Rockville developments (DLR Reg. Refs. D17A/0793, D18A/0566, D20A/0015 and D23A/0580).  The development will principally consist of: the demolition of c. 740 sq m of existing structures on site comprising a derelict dwelling known as ‘Rockville’ and associated derelict outbuildings (c. 573 sq m) and the former Kilternan Country Market (wooden structure) (c. 167 sq m); and the provision of a mixed-use development principally consisting of 487 No. residential units (196 No. houses, 201 No. duplex units and 90 No. apartments) and a Neighbourhood Centre. The western site will comprise 362 No. residential units and the Neighbourhood Centre, which will provide an anchor retail store (c. 1,310 sq m), retail/commercial (c. 3,284 sq m), a restaurant (c. 182 sq m), a creche (c. 691 sq m), café (c. 326 sq m), and a community facility (c. 332 sq m), and the eastern site will comprise 125 No. residential units. The 487 No. residential units will consist of 53 No. 1 bedroom units (35 No. apartments and 18 No. duplexes), 150 No. 2 bedroom units (38 No. houses, 16 No. apartments and 96 No. duplexes), 236 No. 3 bedroom units (110 No. houses, 39 No. apartments and 87 No. duplexes) and 48 No. 4 bedroom units (48 No. houses). The proposed development will range in height from 2 No. to 4 No. storeys (partially over podium/undercroft level in Apartment Blocks 1, 2 and 3 and Duplex Block T and U on the eastern site).  The development also provides: a pedestrian/cycle route through the Dingle Way from Enniskerry Road to the future Glenamuck Link Distributor Road; 854 No. car parking spaces (125 No. in the undercroft of Apartment Blocks 1, 2 and 3 and Duplex Blocks T and U and 729 No. at surface level) including 28 No. mobility impaired spaces, 100 No. electric vehicle spaces, 2 No. car share spaces, and 4 No. drop-off spaces/loading bays; motorcycle parking; bicycle parking; bin storage; provision of new telecommunications infrastructure at roof level of the Neighbourhood Centre including shrouds, antennas and microwave link dishes (18 No. antennas, all enclosed in 9 No. shrouds and 6 No. transmission dishes, together with all associated equipment); private balconies, terraces and gardens; hard and soft landscaping; totem pole; sedum roofs; solar panels; boundary treatments; lighting; substations; plant; and all other associated site works above and below ground. The proposed development has a gross floor area of c. 60,504 sq m above ground, in addition to an undercroft/basement (c. 4,485 sq m) containing car parking, bike storage, bin storage and plant under Apartment Blocks 1, 2 and 3 and Duplex Blocks T and U on the eastern site. | 29/07/2024 |  |  | 01/08/2024  **INVALID** |

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99744>

**Planning Counter Figures: 21st June – 31st July, 2024**

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| Customers Served | 286 |

**Building Control: 21st June – 31st July 2024**

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| Fire Safety Certs applications received\* | 22 |
| Fire Safety Certs applications Granted \* | 32 |
| Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid \* | 0 |
| Disability Access Cert Applications Received \*\* | 16 |
| Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused\*\* | 17 |
| Commencement Notices Validated | 69 |
| 7 Day Notices received | 3 |
| Completion Certs Validated | 18 Valid and 7 Invalid |

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

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

**Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

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| **Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date** | | |
|  | Total approved  to 31st July 2024 | Enterprise Ireland target to 31st July2024 |
| Feasibility Study | 5 | 29 |
| Business Priming | 2 |
| Business Expansion | 4 |
| Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters | 12 |
| Trading Online Vouchers | 62 | 26 |
| Other Grant Applications (Green, Digital, Agile, IP etc.) | 37 | 25 |
| Microfinance Ireland \* | 6 | 8 |
| **Total Approvals** | 128 |  |

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

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| **Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance** | |
|  | Jan – 31st July2024 |
| No of jobs created | 14 |

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| **Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2024** | **Total to 31st July 2024** |
| Number of applications for Financial Assistance | 128 |
| Clients attending Networking Events | 411 |
| Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars | 1274 |
| Clients commencing mentoring assignments | 228 |
| Clients attending Business Advice clinics | 298 |
| **Total No of Clients Assisted** | 2339 |

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| **DLR Economic Development Supports** | **Total to 31st July 2024** |
| Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme | 3 |
| Shop Front Improvement Scheme | 5 |
| Business Promotion Grants | 10 |
| Street Furniture Grants | 1 |

**Enterprise Promotion activities in July 2024**

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| **DLR Enterprise News** | [**LEO DLR Upcoming Training & Events**](https://mailchi.mp/leo/dlr-enterprise-news-october-17278665)  (Sent 10/07/24) Open rate 53%, 3378 recipients  [**LEO DLR September Training & Events**](https://mailchi.mp/leo/dlr-enterprise-news-october-17278912)  (Sent 17/07/24) Open rate 49%, 3374 recipients |
| **Business Advice Sessions** | Sessions throughout July |
| **Customer Experience as a Competitive Advantage** | 2nd July |
| **8 Week Start Your Own Business Course** | 9th July |
| **Grant Aid & Funding 101** | 10th July |
| **Trading Online Voucher Webinar** | 18th July |

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| **LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 22nd June– 31st July 2024** | | | | |
|  | **No of followers** | **No of New followers** | **No of posts** | **Impressions** |
| Facebook | 2,238 | 9 | 78 | 4,248 |
| Twitter | 5,526 | -24 | 78 |  |
| Instagram | 1,890 | 19 | 78 | 1,349 |
| LinkedIn | 1,060 | 12 | 78 | 2,257 |

**Tourism Development**

7 Day a week tourist information service operating from Marine Road providing up to date tourist information to visitors and cruise guests.

Participation in the online expert’s group of the POST (*Interreg Atlantic*) project focused on the group's strategic focus finalisation.

Collating content for a Transition Year Brochure of activities to be made available to local and county wide TY students offering activities from our mountains to sea.

**Events and Festivals in the county.**

**Coastival**

Coastival 2024, This year brings a collection of events including art, history, culture, sailing, family fun, music and more to Dún Laoghaire from June 29th to July 7th.

The Dargan Forum was part of the Coastival Festival this year and supported with our Festival and Events Grant Funds 2024.

18th July – Tourism Presentation to local Dun Laoghaire language school (Active Language Learning) detailing the work of the department and highlighting things to do in the area.

**Seaside Discovery Bus**

The pilot project ran through the month of July with guests from the cruise ships availing of the service and members of the public.

**Cruise calls in July were as follows**

14 Cruise calls for the month of July

11 tender calls

1 turnaround

21,000 Guests and approx. 8,500 crew

2 Cancellations due to weather

**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 the fit out of Ground Floor Offices in October 2023.
* Some furniture has been installed in both areas recently.
* A decision was made on the 30th April 2024 to grant the Fire Safety Certificate for the building.
* Works to the remainder of the building are yet to commence.
* The Food Hall and Ground floor co-working area remain under design.
* External signage and façade improvements are yet to commence.
* No date has been given as to when the building will be occupied.

The Economic Development Team will continue to engage with Quarterdeck on the plan to open and occupy the building. The Economic team will continue to engage with Quarterdeck to ensure the conditions of the lease are being adhered to, and to seek remedy to address any non-compliance. It is acknowledged that progress on the project has been significantly slower than anticipated since the lease became effective. The level of construction price inflation experienced during 2022 following the war in Ukraine was unprecedented and unforeseeable. It would have been unreasonable not to have afforded Quarterdeck sufficient time to explore options. Despite the extraordinary construction price inflation, Quarterdeck have again indicated they are committed to the project. The project requires a significantly larger budget which Quarterdeck have said they are willing to commit to. Quarterdeck have said that although they are committed to the project, the project timelines are still subject to change as they rely on external circumstances.

**Dún Laoghaire Harbour**

**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 September 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 shortly 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.

**Infrastructure and Climate Change**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. **Road Maintenance Management Report - July 2024** | | | | | | |
| **Ref.** | **Programme Type** | **STATUS** | | | | **Comments** |
| **Design Stage** | **Tendered** | **On site** | **Complete** |
|
| **RRP Major** | **Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Meadowmount (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed - Start imminent |
| 2 | Village Road, Aikens Village (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Tender Issued - 9th July |
| 3 | Brennanstown Road (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed. Works Commencing 20th July |
| 4 | Enniskerry Road (R-117) | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Ballinteer Road, Dundrum (R-826) | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Glenageary Road Upper |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works ongoing |
| 7 | Ashlawn Estate | ✓ |  |  |  | Topo/GPR are completed |
| 8 | Dalkey Avenue (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works ongoing. Issues with coal tar. |
| 9 | Old Dublin Road (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Dundela Estate (parts of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Works commencing end July |
| 11 | Greenville Road public realm | ✓ |  |  |  | Topo/GPR are completed |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **RRP Minor** | **Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Deerpark Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 2 | Woodpark |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 3 | Cornelscourt Hill Junction, Cornelscourt |  |  | ✓ |  | Works commenced 15th July |
| 4 | Mount Anville Park Cul-De-Sac |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Successfully Completed |
| 5 | Glenamuck Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Successfully Completed |
| 6 | The Gallops, Ballyogan |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 7 | Harbour Road |  |  | ✓ |  | Footway works completed. Surfacing work to commence in early August (incl Breffni and Hudson Road) |
| 8 | Breffni Road |  |  | ✓ |  | Contractor has been appointed |
| 9 | Pucks Castle Lane |  |  |  | ✓ | Patching carried out |
| 10 | Foxrock Court |  |  |  | ✓ | Completed |
| 11 | Grove Avenue (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Completed |
| 12 | Abbey View (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  | Initial survey undertaken |
| 13 | Hudson Road (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Contractor has been appointed |
| 12 | Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park) | ✓ |  |  |  | Contractor has been appointed and work to start in early August |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **FP** | **Footpath Upgrade Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Sandyford Business District (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Works commenced on site |
| 2 | Kerrymount Avenue (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 3 | The Park, Cabinteely (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Mount Anville Road (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed |
| 5 | Cornelscourt Village | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Balally Estate |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 7 | Northumberland Avenue |  |  | ✓ |  | Works on site |
| 8 | Thornhill Road (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Contractor Appointed |
| 9 | Trafalgar Terrace | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Beechwood Park (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  | Design has commenced |
| 11 | Granville Road |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **BSP** | **Bridges & Structures Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dublin Road Shankill Bridge | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment | ✓ |  |  |  | survey ongoing |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **DGRP** | **Drainage / Gully Repair Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Landscape Park |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 2 | Old Kilgobbin Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works completed |
| 3 | Brennanstown-Brighton Roads Junction |  | ✓ |  |  | To be completed as part of Brennanstown commencing 20th July |
| 4 | Blackthorn Road, Sandyford |  |  | ✓ |  | Will be part of SBD F/paths |
| 5 | Castlebyrne Park | ✓ |  |  |  | Survey carried out |
| 6 | Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction |  |  |  | ✓ |  |
| 7 | Kill Lane | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Carrickbrennan Road | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Glenageary Dart Station at junction with Marlborough Road | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **NRP** | **National Roads Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3 |  |  |  | ✓ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **AWP** | **Accessibility Works Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Hillview | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Laneway behind Rosehill (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  | Initial survey undertaken |
| 3 | Corbawn Lane Beach access | ✓ |  |  |  | Meeting to be held with property |
| 4 | Sandycove Close |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CMP** | **Cycleway Maintenance Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | St. Olaf’s National School |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 2 | Village Road, Aiken’s Village | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Bellarmine Avenue | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Johnstown Road (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3 |  |  |  | ✓ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **EMP** | **Estate Management Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Moreen/Blackthorn |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 2 | Meadowlands Avenue | ✓ |  |  |  | Initial survey undertaken |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TICP** | **Taking in Charge Programme\*** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Redesdale (Laneway at Back of Shops) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 2 | Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Lane Station Road Killiney (near DART) to Marino Avenue West\* | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| \*Subject to investigation & clarification of ownership, assessment of works & costs | | | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **RCRP** | **Roads Control Reinstatement Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Cherrygarth |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 2 | Kilgobbin Road (at Sandyford Hall r-about) | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Landscape Park, Churchtown | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Rock Road public lighting |  |  | ✓ |  | Works are underway |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **Traffic and Road Safety**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Preliminary Design Stage** | **Public Consultation** | **Detailed Design Stage** | **Tendered** | **On site** | **Complete** | **Comment** |
| **CAPITAL 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. New cycle stands are being fabricated and delivered to our stores. Various locations have been identified with the contractor for their installation. |
| Stepaside Village – Cycle Link to Cruagh Wood |  |  | ✓ |  |  |  | Detailed Design on-going for Phase 1. |
| Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  | Civil works for Traffic calming interventions at entry points to the village (Phase I) complete. Appointment of Engineering consultant to carry out design of Phase II ongoing |
| Frankfort Park, Dundrum, Signalised Junction |  |  |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction ongoing. |
| **Public Consultations-**  Local ballot on modal filter on “Old” Lower Kilmacud Road: Responses were due by the 5th July 2024. 67 survey papers were returned of which 49 votes were in favour (73%)  and 18 votes were not in favour(27%). DLR Traffic plan to progress the installation of a modal filter as outlined in the information sheet provided to residents. | | | | | | | |

**Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan**

Phase 3 & 4 – Preliminary redesign ongoing for Phase 4 on Old Dublin Road. Property title searches required to progress Phase 3 on Kilmacud Road Lower.

**Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)**

In August   2024 there was a TAG meeting in Area 2(Dundrum) on the 20th of August at which 26 items were dealt with.  Area 1(Dún Laoghaire) had a TAG meeting on the 23rd of July at which 30 items were dealt with.

**Road Safety and Sustainable Travel**

* Shanganagh Road, Shankill: Civil works have now been completed with poles yet to be installed.
* Old Bray Road, Cabinteely: Construction ongoing.
* Tender has been awarded for Traffic calming scheme at Rollins Villas, Sallynoggin with construction to begin in 2-4 weeks
* Discovery Bus Services pilot scheme has now ended for the Summer 2024
* School Warden Service returns with recruitment of reserve school wardens who will start work in some vacant posts that have arisen. Garda Vetting and medicals have now all been completed.

**Deputations**

There were no deputations in July/August 2024

**BusConnects**

On the 5th June 2024 the NTA advised Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council they were preparing tender documentation (detailed design and construction stages) for the procurement of the Design and Build Contractors. Following this, the NTA sent Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council ‘work in progress’ scope sections for the Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor for consultation and input. This detail was referred to various departments within the Council for comment and responses were sent back to the NTA at the end of June.

On the 7th June 2024 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council received notification from An Bord Pleanála inviting Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to make an additional submission under s.217B of the Planning and Development Act 2000,  in respect of the BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme. This correspondence was referred to various departments within the Council for comment and a response was sent back to An Bord Pleanála on the 4th of July 2024. The Scheme was due to be determined by An Bord Pleanála on the 31st of July 2024 however An Bord Pleanála has since notified Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council that this target will not be met, and instead will be determined 'as soon as practicable'.

Discussions regarding bus interchanges and stops around the County in particular around Dundrum are ongoing.

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **July 2024** | **Road Closures** | **Filming Locations** | **Event Signage** |
| Applications Received | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Applications-Awaiting Further information | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**3. Roads Control**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| 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. The rate per metre has been agreed with the Contractor for Uisce Eireann. |

**Road Opening Licences**

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| --- | --- |
| **National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System** | |
| Applications Received | 266 |
| Applications Not Processed Yet | 42 |
| Applications Refused/Withdrawn | 9 |
| Valid Licenses Issued | 165 |
| Licensed Works Completed | 45 |
| 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.

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| --- | --- |
| Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure | |
| 21st June to 31st July | |
| **Applications** |  |
| Received | 0 |
| Granted | 0 |
| Withdrawn | 0 |

**Roads Admin Stats**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Roads Admin Stats** | **Jan 24** | **Feb 24** | **March 24** | **April 24** | **May 24** | **June 24** | **July 24** | **August 24** |
| **Taking In Charge Certs** | **103** | **115** | **104** | **83** | **188** | **134** | **211** | **180** |
| **Footpath Dishings** | **10** | **3** | **1** | **4** | **2** | **7** | **11** | **7** |
| **Hoarding Licences** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **n/a** | **2** | **4** | **6** | **3** |
| **Surface Permits** | **12** | **9** | **6** | **7** | **5** | **3** | **5** | **12** |
| **Road Opening Licences** | **218** | **237** | **220** | 250 | **272** | **219** | **220** | **161** |
| **CRMs (Assigned to Roads Admin) for January** | **423 Assigned** | **327 Assigned** | **280 Assigned** | **288 Assigned** | **571 Assigned** | **365 Assigned** | **410 Assigned** | **327 Assigned** |

**4.** **Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Cleansing & Beaches Stats** | **Jan**  **2024** | **Feb**  **2024** | **Mar**  **2024** | **Apr**  **2024** | **May**  **2024** | **June**  **2024** |
| Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes) | 295 | 288 | 266 | 283 | 228 | 218 |
| Clean-Ups Assisted | 48 | 39 | 43 | 88 | 93 | 89 |
| Animal Removals from Public Spaces | 27 | 27 | 17 | 30 | 38 | 42 |
| Bathing Water Samples Taken | 27 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 36 |
| Gullies Cleaned | 1519 | 497 | 521 | 635 | 1554 | 753 |
| Dumping Incidents Managed | 57 | 34 | 37 | 45 | 45 | 41 |
| Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 4905 | 4409 | 4743 | 4662 | 4990 |  |
| Filming/Event Licenses | 0 | Filming- 1  Events-2 | Filming-1  Events-2 | Filming – 1  Events - 0 | Filming- 2  Events -3 | Filming – 0  Events -5 |

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

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

**5.** **Relevant Statistics**

**Relevant Statistics**

There were 3773 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 21st June to 31st July 2024 breakdown of which is as follows:

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| **Violations** | **No. of Fixed Charge notices issued** |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations | 1650 |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations | 629 |
| Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay | 520 |
| Parking a vehicle on a footway | 270 |
| Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line | 111 |
| Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line | 110 |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations | 99 |
| Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand | 69 |
| OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT | 52 |
| Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay | 46 |
| Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place | 39 |
| Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time | 26 |
| Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited | 22 |
| Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop | 21 |
| Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins | 18 |
| Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction | 17 |
| Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay | 17 |
| Parking a vehicle on a cycle track | 12 |
| OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT | 7 |
| Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay | 6 |
| OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT | 6 |
| Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging | 4 |
| Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic | 4 |
| Parking a vehicle on a grass margin | 3 |
| Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles | 3 |
| Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights | 3 |
| Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side | 3 |
| Parking out of the limits of a bay | 2 |
| Parking a vehicle endangering other traffic | 1 |
| Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic | 1 |
| Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance | 1 |
| Parking a vehicle on a median strip | 1 |
| **Total no. of Fixed Charge notices issued between 21st June and 31st July 2024** | **3773** |

**Public Lighting**

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

**Public Lighting Maintenance**

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| --- | --- |
| Number of repairs carried out in June 2024: | 203 |
| Percentage of lights out at the end of June 2024: | 0.8% |
| Pole replacement carried out in June 2024: | 8 |
| Bracket replacements: | 71 |
| Tree trimming: | 35 |
| ESBN Connections/ Requests: | 3 |
| LED Upgrades | 86 |
| Total lights upgraded to LED | 21,868 |
| Total percentage (%) of lights as LED | 89% |

**LED Upgrading Program**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Abbey Park | 1 |
| Albert Road | 1 |
| Avoca Avenue | 2 |
| Ballinteer Road | 4 |
| Beaumont Avenue | 1 |
| Bentley Villas(Off Clarence Street) | 1 |
| College Rd | 1 |
| Crofton Avenue (Georges Place) | 1 |
| Cromlech Close | 1 |
| Crosthwaite Park South | 3 |
| Dalkey Avenue | 2 |
| Delbrook Park Ballinteer | 1 |
| Foxrock Grove | 1 |
| Frascati Park | 8 |
| Georges Place (Dun Laoghaire) | 4 |
| Glenageary Road Lower | 1 |
| Granville Park (Newtownpark Ave.) | 1 |
| Harbour Road | 1 |  |  |
| Hyde Road | 1 |
| Loreto Ave | 1 |
| Loughlinstown Drive | 1 |
| Ludford Drive | 2 |
| Mount Anville Road | 1 |
| Mount Merrion Avenue | 1 |
| O Donnell Gardens | 1 |
| Old Dublin Road | 1 |
| Orpen Estate | 2 |
| Pakenham Road | 1 |
| Rochestown Park | 1 |
| St. Helens Wood | 2 |
| Station Road (Glenageary) | 1 |
| Sweetmount Avenue | 1 |
| Sydney Avenue | 1 |
| Temple Crescent | 8 |
| Temple Park Avenue | 3 |
| The Maples (Off Bird Ave) | 2 |  |  |
| The Oaks (Churchtown Rd.Upr.) | 1 |
| The Slopes | 1 |
| Tivoli Terrace North | 1 |
| Upper Kilmacud Rd Extension | 1 |
| Woodlawn Park | 9 |
| Wyattville Park | 2 |

**Planning and Building Control**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Applications analysed | 26 |
| Inspections completed | 1 |

**Requests**

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

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| --- | --- |
| Additions: | 0 |
| Alterations: | 2 |
| Legal requests: | 0 |

**Environmental Enforcement: 21st June to 31st July**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **DATE** | **Number** | **Comment** |
| Enforcement Complaints – Opened | 60 | Air/Noise/Waste |
| Enforcement Complaints – Closed | 49 | Air/Noise/Waste |
| Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter) | 196 | Litter Section |
| Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter) | 181 | Litter Section |
| Abandoned car Cases - Opened | 54 | Waste Section |
| Graffiti Cases - Opened | 71 | Waste Section |
| Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened | 34 | Waste Section |
| Litter Fines issued | 57 | Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws |
| Waste Fines issued | 5 | Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act |
| Legal Proceedings initiated | 3 | Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act |

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| --- | --- |
| **Dog Statistics – July 2024** | |
| No. of dogs on hand on 1st July | 4 |
| No. of dogs entering the shelter | 6 |
| No. of dogs surrendered | 0 |
| No. of dogs rehomed | 1 |
| No. of dogs reclaimed | 1 |
| No. of dogs sent to rescue | 6 |
| No. of dogs put to sleep | 0 |
| No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 31st July | 2 |
| Dog attacks in this period | 7 – 3 on person |

**Architects**

**Energy**

No July activities for Energy.

**Conservation**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Planning Applications  (inc.FI & comp reports) | 19 |
| Section 5 Declarations | 3 |
| Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2024 Grant Scheme &  Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2024 Grant Scheme | Ongoing administration and site visits as required |
| Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025 Grant Scheme | The scheme will provide grants of between €2,500 and €50,000. The window for applications opens 26 July 2024 until 27 September 2024. Successful applicants will be notified in January 2025. |

**Dangerous Buildings**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Dangerous | 0 |
| Potentially Dangerous | 5 |
| Not Dangerous | 2 |
| **Total** | **7** |

**Awards**

Architectural Review Public Award

Dún Laoghaire Baths won the AR Public Awards 2024 , the biannual award celebrates public space as a stage for human life, a place of democracy and collectivity. Open, accessible and abundant public space is crucial to the civic health of our cities and shared landscapes – a critical communal resource. As these spaces become increasingly threatened in the face of darkening commercial and political forces, the AR Public awards recognise the importance of creating, rescuing and renovating public spaces.

The entries were shortlisted to 15 projects from all over the world, with one winner, two projects highly commended and three projects commended.

<https://www.architectural-review.com/awards/ar-public/ar-public-awards-2024-winners-revealed>

**Community, Cultural Service & Parks**

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

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).

As part of the comprehensive wrap around service, accommodation services managed by DCEDIY at the Centre are being supported by HSE staff providing onsite support to meet the healthcare needs of IPA residents, residents also have access to an offsite GP service 7 days a week and a number of agencies are providing supports to the residents, including access to English classes being managed by the DDLETB, volunteer opportunities through dlr Volunteer Centre, a weekly running group supported by DLR Sports Partnership, Crosscare support for people up to 24 years of age, Cuala GAA and weekly clinics provided by the dlr Local Authority Integration Team Support Workers.

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

The Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and have met two times in July. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in hotels and in private accommodation within the County and support services are being provided to IPAs who are being accommodated in the various designated accommodation centres located in dlr.

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

In mid-May the government decided that the Ballyogan DAC will transition to provide accommodation for international protection applicants for a period of 11 months.  This is an interim decision that will allow Government to develop long term solutions to address the issue of accommodation for international protection applicants and a range of supports are being coordinated through the Community Integration Forum and the centre now managed by the Department of Children, Equality, Integration, Disability & Youth.

**dlr Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT):**

The dlr Local Authority Integration Team was established in the Community Section of dlr County Council at the end of July with an Integration Support Coordinator, two Integration Support Workers and an Assistant Staff Officer in place to support International Protection Applicants and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection located in the various centres across dlr, working in collaboration with many other organisations supporting new arrivals to dlr. All local authorities are currently recruiting or have recruited LAIT’s which are supported by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Inclusion (DCEDIY). The LAIT’s report to their Local Authority Community Integration Fora and to the LGMA & DCEDIY on a regular basis.

**Community Recognition Fund**

Community Department continued to work with the successful applicants under the Community Recognition Fund 2023 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.

**Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) & Local Policing Fora (LPF)**

During July Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council invited expressions of interest for consideration to the appointment of Chairperson of a new Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSPs) which will be established in line with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024, closing date was on 2nd August 2024.

There were no LPF meetings in July 2024.

**Comhairle na nÓg**

DLR Comhairle members continued to work on the topic of School Stress. A Steering Committee Meeting was held in July and actions were agreed to encourage topic progression. Outreach to Youth Service's continued. A 3-day Summer Programme for members was conducted with a focus on team building and critical thinking. Promotion of Comhairle na nÓg's Bridging the Gap event continued with a radio interview on Dublin South FM.

**Estate Management**

Estate Management Forum's continued to work through their annual action plans, supported by Community Team Staff. The Estate Management Manual was updated and shared at a County Fora meeting. Estate Management Forum's were supported to apply for the Tidy Districts 2024 Awards.

**Summer Projects**

Summer Projects took place in Community Facilities, Family Resource Centres and Youth Services across the County during the Summer Months. The dlr Summer Project Grant of €23,000 was fully utilised to support a total of 13 services in the delivery of their Summer Project.

Family Fun Days also took place across the County including the annual Mini world Cup and Family Fun Day which took place in Ballyogan on 27th July. Over 100 Children and Young People took part in the Mini World Cup with An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim O’Leary, in attendance to present each participant with a medal for participation.

**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.

**dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024**

The dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024was 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. Installation of these locks began during July and 192 were completed during July.

**dlr Older People’s Council**

The closing date for the 2024 dlr OPC Transport Grants was the 31st May and applications for Transport Grant’s worth €300 per applicant group for day & evening trips taking place during 2024 have been received from 24 groups. Payment of the Transport Grant has been made to 7 groups.

A meeting of the dlr Older People’s Council was held on 16th July in County Hall. The Older People’s Council Events Subcommittee are currently planning for an older people’s variety show to take place in 2 locations in the county during October 2024.

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.

The dlr Older People’s Council held their July meeting in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire and are organising a Variety Event for October and will return to monthly meetings in September.

**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 before the end of the year to assess accessibility and Age-Friendly services at Dalkey DART Station.

**Domestic Violence Refuge**

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

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

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

**Arts**

**Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme**

**Room to Explore** a visual art exhibition for 0-5 year olds continued throughout June and July. 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.

**Musician in Residence**

Musician in Residence Brian Fleming hosted drumming workshops in dlr LexIcon including a masterclass with reknowned West African drummer Sakala Conde

**Ollie the Octopus as part of Coastival Festival 2024**

Drama facilitator Joanna Parkes invited children aged 2 to 5 and their caregivers for ‘Ollie the Octopus’ Picnic Party’an interactive creative play experience throughout the Coastival Festival weekend at dlr LexIcon. We welcomed over 193 visitors to Ollie the Octopus in addition to visitors to ‘Room to Explore’ at Coastival weekend.

**Arts and Health Programme**

A pilot project for people living with younger onset dementia in poetry was developed with the OTs from the Primary Care team in Dún Laoghaire and poet Grace Wilentz. Aimed at people with cognitive issues and younger onset dementia that feel unable to join groups in general. Colm Keegan worked with LBS Mens Shed on a short project looking at exploring Mens Mental Health.

**Libraries**

**Online Resources**

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website here [https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library](https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library%E2%80%AF) All you need is your dlr Library card. Highlights include:

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

**dlr Libraries’ resources for Ukrainians and other guests of the County**

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://shorturl.at/HMQX5> and at [https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0](https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0%E2%80%AF). 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](https://lote4kids.com/member-home/) and [Borrowbox](https://dunlaoghaire.borrowbox.com/search?languages=Russian&limit=60&q=Russian&sort=relevance).

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

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**July Highlights**

**Puppets in July** (dlr LexIcon, throughout July)

Puppets in July brought the magic and engaging artistry of puppetry to new audiences in dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire this summer. A lively programme over three weekends saw a mix of Irish puppeteers and puppeteers visiting from Bulgaria, Spain and Italy performing to enthusiastic audiences.

**Coastival Family Fun Day** (Sat 6 July, dlr LexIcon)

Over 2,500 people visited dlr LexIcon to take part in our Family Day as part of Coastival, the maritime festival. Events included circus skills workshops, juggling shows, mini willow boat-making, ceramic fish-making, giant games and music. We also had puppet shows, and an exhibition of Burmese marionettes, plus a talk by puppet expert Dr John McCormick.

An Leas Chathaoirleach, Cllr Kazi Ahmed officially launched our new dlr Scéal Trail, *Little Wolf* by author/illustrator Peter Donnelly, who came along to read his book for us.

Almost 400 children took part in our Little Wolf Treasure Hunt, which saw participants follow book-related clues to solve.

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**Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse**

**Summer Camps** (15-17 July, dlr LexIcon)

We programmed a free three-day drop-off Camp for neurodiverse children. 20 children attended the two-hour Camp each day which was facilitated by coaches from Active Kids Academy and Quaint Baby Art. Activities included messy art, active movement and sensory toys. The Camp will also take place in August.

**Sensaroam Mobile Unit**

In July, we trialled a Sensaroam – mobile sensory unit in dlr LexIcon. The unit folds out and contains sensory equipment and toys for neurodiverse children to explore and engage with. A meeting room with the Sensaroam in it was bookable for use by members of the public for an hour at a time. Feedback from staff and the public on the trial has been positive.

**Sensory resources from dlr Libraries**

* Our Tovertafels (Magic Tables) in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries are available to book by individuals and groups
* Sensory Room in Deansgrange Library is available to book
* Items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment can be borrowed
* We continue with designated *Quiet Evenings* in many library spaces where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse
* Each library has a sensory box with a selection of toys/equipment including ear defenders. These items can be used onsite by visitors to the library
* A dedicated set of items, including ear defenders and a dark den, are available for branches to borrow for events

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**Events for Adults**

**Collage Art Workshop** (9 July, Dundrum Library)

**Film Clubs** (18 July, Blackrock Library, 29 July, dlr LexIcon)

Held once a month, the Blackrock Film Club offers the screening of a cinematic classic or undiscovered gem every 3rd Thursday, followed by a group discussion. This month’s screening was the Vietnamese film *Aftersun* (2022), directed by Charlotte Wells.

For Spring and Summer, the dlr LexIcon Film Club will be holding free screenings of an eclectic selection of World Cinema. The choice for July was *Kes* (1969) directed by Ken Loach.

On Sat 27 July dlr LexIcon Studio Film Club held the first of three screenings of *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* directed by Peter Jackson, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the publication of JRR Tolkien’s books. Two further screenings of the films will be held in August.

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**Creative Writing Groups**

Creative writing groups currently taking place in dlr Libraries:

Scriveners – Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library

Writeway - Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library

Monthly Writers’ Group, Deansgrange Library

Green Kites Poetry Group – Fortnightly writing group, Deansgrange Library

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

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

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**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.

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**Library Clubs & Groups for adults**

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

**Adult Board Game Club** (16 July, Dalkey Library)

New Club. Selection of board games includes Cluedo, Alien: Fate of the Nostromo and Betrayal at House on the Hill, among others.

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**Book Clubs**

Each of our 8 libraries has in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library, the Irish language Club Leabhair in Dalkey Library and the Thriller Tuesday Book Club in the LexIcon plus the Blackrock Library online book club takes places on the second Thursday of the month via Zoom. LexIcon also hosts a History Book Club and a new monthly Irish language Club Leabhar Filíochta. Our long-running, popular online Book Club with facilitator Mary Burnham takes a break for July and August and is set to return in September.

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**Exhibition Programme**

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

Launched by An Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Denis O’Callaghn on 6 June, this 60 portrait exhibition features 10 unique stories created specifically for this exhibition, featuring people from Dún Laoghaire.  Peter Varga is an author, photographer, and creator of the social media phenomenon Humans of Dublin. Over the past decade, he has approached thousands of people on the streets of Dublin and posted over 2,500 portraits and stories to his page. His collection beautifully encapsulates the essence and spirit of Dublin through its residents. Each portrait and accompanying story serve as a glimpse into an individual's life but also as a piece of a larger narrative that celebrates the collective human experience. These stories range from uplifting tales of love and success to poignant accounts of hardship and perseverance, illustrating the shared humanity that connects us all. By highlighting the uniqueness of each individual's journey, Varga pays homage to the city's rich cultural diversity and reminds us of the power of storytelling. His work functions as a living archive of Dublin at this point in time, capturing the city's evolving identity and preserving the voices of its people for future generations.

**The Women of Cuala & Dun Emer** (2 – 27 July, Dundrum Library) (30 July – 30 August, dlr LexIcon)

*A collaboration between the Yeats Sisters Commemoration Project and the Irish Guild of Embroiderers, with the support of DLR Heritage and Dublin City Library and Archive*

This exhibition tells the origins of the Dun Emer & Cuala Industries in Dundrum and Churchtown, the engagement between the Yeats family, but specifically Susan (Lily), and the pioneering figure of Evelyn Gleeson; elaborated through a series of visuals from original prints, the work of the many women artists who contributed to the Cuala portfolio, and present original works by the members

of the Irish Guild of Embroiderers. Marking the centenary publication of *The Cat and the Moon* (Cuala, 1924) they have found inspiration within the themes of this W.B Yeats’ work, while also

reflecting the colour palette and skillful selection of stitches created by Susan (Lily) Yeats in completing her work.

**Feast Upon the Earth** (29 July – 30 August, dlr LexIcon)

*Talk and launch: Wed 31 July 6.00-7.00pm, LexIcon Lab*  
Feast Upon the Earth is a big picture story depicting existence, Earth and humanity. The artwork is a large timescape 2.4 metres high, spanning 10 metres. It was originally commissioned by the Irish Museum of Modern Art as part of the Earth Rising eco-festival. Feast Upon the Earth situates us in geological time, zooming in on human timeframes as we progress through the 8 panels. As we move through the panels towards the present moment, the complexity accelerates and the impact of human choices and systems on nature become apparent. The connection between the cosmos and humanity is shown. We are led to reflect on our place in the whole dynamic of existence, and ponder “What future will we choose?”

**Dublin Camera Club Annual Exhibition** (9 July – 30 August, dlr LexIcon)

Founded in 1946, Dublin Camera Club has run an exhibition of photographs every year, and we are pleased to hold the exhibition for a second year in dlr LexIcon, Dun Laoghaire.   
120 photographs will be exhibited on Level 4 showing the best of local photography across many different genre - landscape, seascape, portrait, nature, street documentary etc.  
Club members will be in the library throughout July to answer questions about photography and give tips and advice to those interested in taking up this interesting hobby.

*For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit:*

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/news-events/dlr-exhibitions/dlr-exhibitions>

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**Events for Children and Families**

**De Paul Family Day** (23 July, dlr LexIcon)

dlr Libraries and Arts Office staff worked with Managers from De Paul services to create a family fun day for PEA [Private Emergency Accommodation] service users. Over 60 participants enjoyed the Room to Explore exhibition, art sessions for teens and young children in the Gallery and Lab areas, Play Station games, VR Head Set sessions and much-loved board games over the course of the morning. Library staff were on hand to set adults and children up with library cards and to tell them of all the services that were available to them. Lunch was provided and the day wrapped up with a film for all ages in the Studio with the families going home with goodie bags of fruit and books. The artwork created by the children and teens is being displayed in the Lab, Level 3 and will remain for everyone to view until 6 August.

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

Our annual Summer Stars Reading Adventure for children returns to all our library branches from June. Summer Stars is a free, national reading programme available to all children and is an element of the national Right to Read literacy campaign. Each child is invited to sign up at their local library and enjoy reading lots of books as part of this adventure during the summer holidays. Our Summer Stars programming continued throughout July, with events held in most library branches.

* **Summer Stars Crafts** (13 and 27 July, Cabinteely Library)
* **Activity Afternoon** (15 July, dlr LexIcon)
* **Art Competition** (Dundrum Library) and **Art Exhibition** (Deansgrange Library), throughout the summer.

**Chess workshops with Red King Chess** (23-25 July, dlr LexIcon)

Suitable for 7-14 year olds, 22 participants learned the rules of chess over the three days, played against each other, while completing a series of fun problems and challenges.

**Writing workshop for teens with Fighting Words** (12 July, Deansgrange Library)

This writing workshop was held for young people aged 13-17 years who were interested in writing a fantasy book.

**Build Your Own Board Game Workshop** (9 July, the Lab, dlr LexIcon)

Figure out your rules, design your board, create your characters, and roll the dice! Using a simple boardgame template, participants will work in groups to create unique board games. Following a set theme (e.g. the environment), participants had to figure out the rules, create characters and design a captivating board, all before playtesting to see how it works. Participants were encouraged to bring along recycled items to use.

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

In dlr LexIcon, the monthly family film club takes place in the Studio Theatre on the last Thursday of the month at 3.30pm. The film choice for July was the Roald Dahl classic James *and the Giant Peach* (1996). Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely and Dalkey Libraries once a week. Shankill Library host a monthly Junior book club and Dalkey have a popular family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a baby/parent group that meets weekly.  Cabinteely Library organises a number of clubs which foster creativity and skills, including a Builders Club which uses Magformers and blocks, and a Board Game Club.

* **Dalkey Library Summer Comic Book Club** (10 July, Dalkey Library)

This new club encourages children aged 7-10 yrs and parents to take part in a lively discussion while also offering some fun activities relating to a different comic book each month. July’s title was *Pablo and Splash*, the hilarious adventure of two time-travelling penguins.

* **Dabbledoo Music Workshop** (16 July, Dundrum Library)

This is a fun music workshop with library staff for pre-school aged children. This month's theme featured the Pandeiro, an instrument popular in Brazil. The workshop is designed to be accessible and engaging, music is at its most powerful when shared between people.

Lego clubs are held in Dalkey and Blackrock libraries, with monthly events for families. Family Lego Time in Blackrock Library, children are asked to bring their most creative ideas and the library will provide the Lego. Dalkey Library Lego Challenge Club is a free play session on the first Saturday morning of the month.

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

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**Outreach programme – Ballyogan**

Family Day- Mini world cup (27 July, Samuel Beckett Civic Campus)

We were delighted to be invited along to Ballyogan's mini World Cup and Family Day. Working along with dlr Community Department, staff in the Samuel Beckett Community Centre and Barnardo's, we organised a Create and Play family event on Tuesday 23 July which had 58 children in attendance. On Thursday 25 July we organised VR drop-in sessions which had 43 children in attendance.

We attended the Family Day on Saturday 27 July where we promoted the upcoming Ballyogan Library to the local community, showcased our ASC [Accessible Services Collection] and other library services and signed up new users.

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

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**Statistics**

**Social media (as of 31 July)**

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| Facebook | 8,506 followers |
| X (formerly Twitter) | 8,820 followers |
| Instagram | 4,656 followers |
| TikTok | 591 followers |
| dlr Libraries e-bulletin | 13, 982 subscribers |

**Online resources (as of 31 July)**

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| **Resource** | **Description** | **Stats July 2024** |
| Overdrive | eBooks | 1,850 |
|  | eaudio | 1,424 |
|  | Comics | 0 |
| Borrowbox | eaudio | 12,140 |
|  | eBook | 5,698 |
|  | ePress | 13,271 |
| Freegal | Streaming and downloads | 2, 632 |
| Tumblebooks | Streaming e-books | 5 |
| Lote4Kids | logins | 6 |
| Who else writes | logins | 3 |
| Who next guide | logins | 1 |
| Medici | Videos Viewed | Figures unavailable |
| Moshi | Accounts | 13 |
| Kanopy | Visits | 5, 185 |
| **Totals** |  | **42,228** |

**DLR Sports Partnership**

* Watersports Inclusion Camps – all 4 weeks of this annual 1:1 camp for 70 children with complex disabilities delivered in the Royal St. George.
* Tea Dances – 6 events now organised and held across the county (total of 800 participants).
* Her Outdoors Week – organising a range of activities to be delivered across the County during this national initiative from the 12th to 18th August.
* Coastival – organised a range of 9 taster participation activities as part of this celebration of the Dun Laoghaire coast from 29th June to 7th July (over 250 participants).
* Irish Runner Race Series – partnered up with Athletics Ireland on their running events across a 5KM, 5M and 10M (300 participants).
* Parks and Trails Challenge – new family, friendly App based challenge to encourage people to get out and get active in Dublin parks and trails across July and August.
* Sofa To Saddle Programme - delivered another second 6-week cycle programme for older adult novice cyclists (10 participants).
* Men On the Move – rolling out a physical activity programme aimed at adult men to support them to become active (20 participants).
* Stronger By the Sea - 6-week outdoor programme consisting of bodyweight exercises in a fun and friendly environment (16 participants).
* Yoga in the Park – 4-week outdoor yoga programme for women in Fernhill (24 participants).
* Walking For Health – 5-week walking programme in Dun Laoghaire for older adults looking to return to activity (20 participants).
* Try Track & Field - collaboration with Athletics Ireland to deliver this physical literacy programme to 6 DEIS Primary Schools from April (510 participants).
* Balance Bikes – now have a fleet of 30 bikes that have been in 16 primary schools in 2024.
* Schools – currently delivering a range of programmes in both primary and secondary schools – Table Tennis, Rowing, ultimate frisbee, The Daily Mile
* Xcessible Award – received confirmation from Active Disability Ireland of achieving the Bronze Award in April following significant reporting and admin.
* SportsAbility Forum – second meeting of this information sharing and networking group for services, clubs and special schools held on the 5th June.
* Inclusive Bike Fleet – ongoing support provided to this free inclusive bike hire service for people with a disability along the Coastal Mobility Route.
* Club Communications & Marketing – a new training programme to support club volunteers to maximise their work in the areas of website, social media and awareness raising.
* Staffing – secured funding and sanction for a Programmes Manager and Sport 4 Empowerment Officer positions. Awaiting date to start recruitment.
* Safeguarding – high demand for workshops continuing but limited in delivery due to staff capacity. 11 delivered in 2024 so far (145 attendees).
* Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Grant – secured €20,000 for upgrading the Forty Foot Hut through Healthy Ireland for capital infrastructure in outdoor swimming.
* DLRSP Board – there have been a number of changes to the Board over the past 3 months due to length of service, partners staff changes and local elections.
* Irish Sports Monitor 2023 – latest report on participation rates and trends launched in May. DLR focused report being produced from these figures.
* Newsletter - July edition of the Sports Partnership newsletter is being widely circulated.

**Heritage (May-July)**

July

* Summer of Heritage 2024 programme, 26 weekly free heritage tours/walks, July/August, including events for Coastival and a genealogy advice day (20th)
* Planning for National Heritage Week (Aug 17th – 25th) – 25 community-led events
* *The women of Cuala and Dun Emer/Irish Guild of Embroiderers* exhibition - Dundrum library (2nd-27th) and dlr Lexicon (August) in collaboration with dlr Libraries and the Yeats Sisters Commemoration Project
* Meetings with conservators in relation to enhancing visitor access at the Oratory
* Heritage Council funded projects underway
  + Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology programme Year 4 in collaboration with Dublin Mountains Partnership and SDCC
  + Gathering the archive of 40 years of the Southside Travellers Action Group (in collaboration with dlr Community/Creative Ireland/Heritage Council)
  + Research project on Killiney Obelisk base
  + *Made in Blackrock*, audio trail/podcast on garment industry
  + *A Long Shadow* – presentations on the experience of WW1 soldiers in dlr
* Creative Ireland funded project underway
  + Lios an Uisce:Water’s Edge; dance/heritage project in Blackrock park with 3 public movement workshops (July 27th, Aug 3rd/24th ) and filmed performance end August, update/reprint of *Martello Towers of Dublin* book
* Community Monument Fund projects underway
  + Cill Iníon Léinín graveyard wall repair - complete
  + Shankill Castle Conservation Plan
  + Puck’s Castle restoration works

June

* Heritage themed Cruinniú na nÓg family days in collaboration with creative communities engagement officer, Blackrock and Fernhill parks – 15th
* Design development - restoration of haha at Marlay Park
* Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre AGM/Strategy workshop and Joyce Tower board meeting
* Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
* Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups

May

* Dlr Heritage grant co-funded (community-led) – *Killiney on the Move* – a celebration of the history of transport in Killiney, 25th/26th
* dlr People’s Archive Day, Festival of Inclusion, 24th, Samuel Beckett Civic Campus
* Launch of *A True Record*, 23rd
* Dublin Mountains Festival photo exhibition – *The Infinite and the Infinitesimal;* 1st to 31st, Moran Park, travelled to Tallaght library, 13th-25th
* Dublin Mountains Festival exhibition – *Time Travel through the Dublin Mountains;* 1st to 15th, dlr Lexicon
* Cycle Week heritage tours – Coastal Mobility Route, 12th, Slang Greenway, 18th
* Dublin Mountains Festival talk *Our Amazing Mountains*, 2nd, Lexicon
* Civic Memorials; Meeting with RMS Leinster Commemoration Committee re. design/content of memorial, and with Dundrum Shopping Centre re. location of Michael Walker plaque
* UNESCO Dublin Bay Biosphere partnership meeting

**Parks Planning Reports**

**July 2024**

Between 1st July and Friday 26th July there has been 21 reports completed by the Parks Planning Team.

Reports for planning applications this month range from small scale residential infill projects up to large scale LRD applications including the Vector Motors site on Goatstown Road which is looking to be developed for Student Accommodation.

* The Parks Planning team have provided input into the UCD to Bray Bus Connects project.
* The Parks team continue to have input into the Old Conna and Rathmichael LAP process. This month we provided input on standard rates to help put figures on the proposed infrastructure development across both LAP’s.
* The LDA are progressing the plans for the Central Mental Hospital Site. They are looking to go to Part 10 in September. There was a meeting this month with the LDA design team to agree the progress on the open space and landscape aspect of the proposal. The project will have a massive positive impact on the local area.
* There have been 4no. pre-planning meetings this month. This involves a one hour meeting with the applicant and their design team to give guidance on their application and there is a 30min post meeting Teams call to clarify the DLR comments.
* There is also a weekly Planning files meeting which takes one hour. This meeting is run by the Planners and they go through applications which have been recently received.
* We hold our own 1 hour 30 min. Parks Planning Team meeting every Tuesday morning to discuss the different applications and to divvy out the applications to each of the three members of the Parks Planning Team.

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| **Market** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Source** | **Date applied** | **Dún Laoghaire** | **Marlay Sat** | **Marlay Sun** | **Category** |
| Email | 23-Jun |  | 1 |  | Craft |
| Email | 24-Jun | 1 |  |  | Hot Food |
| Email | 25-Jun | 1 |  |  | Artist |
| CRM | 27-Jun | 1 | 1 |  | Craft |
| Email | 01-Jul | 1 | 1 |  | Craft |
| Email | 15-Jul | 1 |  |  | Hot Food |
| Email | 24-Jul | 1 |  |  | Hot food |

**Benches/Tree**

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| **Source** | **Date Applied** | **Tree** | **Bench** | **Location** |
| CRM | 24-Jun |  | 1 | Clonmore Park |
| Email | 02-Jul |  | 1 | Ballaly Park |
| Email | 03-Jul |  | 1 | Kiliney beach |
| Email | 04-Jul |  | 1 | Seapoint |
| CRM | 17-Jul |  | 1 | Seapoint |
| Email | 25-Jul |  | 1 | Pier |

**Filming in the Park**

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

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| CRM Source or Email | Location | Date Request Received | Date of Filming | Permit Granted (Y/N) | Reason (if refused) |
| 329958 | St. Helen’s Wood | 02/07/2024 | 09/08/2024 |  | Ongoing application |
| Email | Sandycove | 01/07/2024 | 04/07/2024 | N | Applicant decided to not proceed |
| 330268 | Cabinteely Park | 05/07/2024 | 20/07/2024 & 21/07/2024 | N | Applicant decided to not proceed |
| Email | Ballawley Park | 19/07/2024 |  |  | Ongoing application; awaiting documents and date. |

**Allotments**

Castle:

* Plot 6 and 63 are being reallocated to new plot holders.
* Plot 81 will have raised beds installed week of 29th July 2024.
* New posts have been ordered.

Mount Anville:

* 19 New plots have had soil turned; will be ready soon for allocation to people on waiting list.
* More plots to be turned.

**Parks Operations**

* Ongoing Countywide Landscape Maintenance works
* Seats installed Shanganagh Parks Dog run, fencing upgraded and small dog run created.
* Tenders awarded for the redevelopment of playgrounds at Springhill Playground
* Playground redevelopment works at Deer park under way
* Works commenced on path upgrade at Cluney Park
* On going watering of newly planted trees
* Numerous Wayleaves and Road Opening Licences processes
* Numerous Section 254 application processed
* Reinstatement of Marlay Park after concerts
* Improvement works to Fern Hill compost toilets complete

**Sports Development**

**Dlr Leisure set up the following activities in July 2024**

**The following organisations took part in our July Summer camp programmes that consisted of working with UCD soccer coaches.**

**Youth services**

Dun Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group (10-17 age).

Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group (10-17 age).

Mounttown Crosscare - mixed group (10-17 age).

Ballybrack Crosscare - mixed group (10-17 age).

Shankill Crosscare - mixed group (10-17 age).

Cois Cairn Crosscare - mixed group (10-17 age).

Hollyhouse Southside Partnership - mixed group (10-12 age).

Kilcross Youth Club - mixed group (10-14 age).

My project Monkstown - mixed group (10-16 age).

Nutgrove and Whitehouse Crosscare mixed group (10-17 age).

**Family Resource Centres summer camps**

Ballaly Family Resource Centre (10-14 age).

Ballyogan family Resource Centre (10-12 age).

**School completion programme**

**Ran a week camp for the following Dheis Schools working with school completion officer Colin Barry and Sarah Fennessy**

St John’s, Ballybrack - mixed group (10-12 age).

Columbanus, Loughlinstown - mixed group (10-12 age).

Scoil Mhuire, Shankill - mixed group (10-12 age).

Colm Cilles, Ballybrack - mixed group (10-12 age).

**Special needs groups summer camp**

Carmona Services - mixed group (20-24 age).

**Summer projects**

Scoil Mhuire, Shankill - mixed group (10-12 age).

Holy Family School - mixed group (10-12 age).

Assisted Woodside Way with their sports day summer camp (10-16 age).

**Weekend events**

Assisted Hillview Family Resource Centre with their family fun day on Saturday 20th July.

**Youth group non camp sessions**

Dun Laoghaire Crosscare - boys only group gym sessions (16-17 age).

Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group (10-17 age).

Dun Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group including Kayaking sessions (10-14 age).

**Other activities**

Held an on-site meeting with Aoife Heffernan from ETB in relation to summer programmes.

**Leinster Rugby – July report**

**dlr rugby club's sessions, workshops, camps, coach and player development and AOB (male/female)**

Leinster Rugby Summer camp in Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC = 120 players (6 to 12 years of age).

Leinster Rugby summer camp in De La Salle Palmerston FC = 153 players (6 to 12 years of age).

Metro u17s female = seven players from dlr rugby clubs and schools are part of the summer program.

Metro U16s male = seven players from dlr rugby clubs and schools are part of the summer program.

Metro U17s male = eleven players from dlr rugby clubs and schools are part of the summer program.

The three teams are training twice a week (Monday and Wednesday) with strength and conditioning as part of each session.