

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

DECEMBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

**28TH NOVEMBER to 18th DECEMBER
2024**

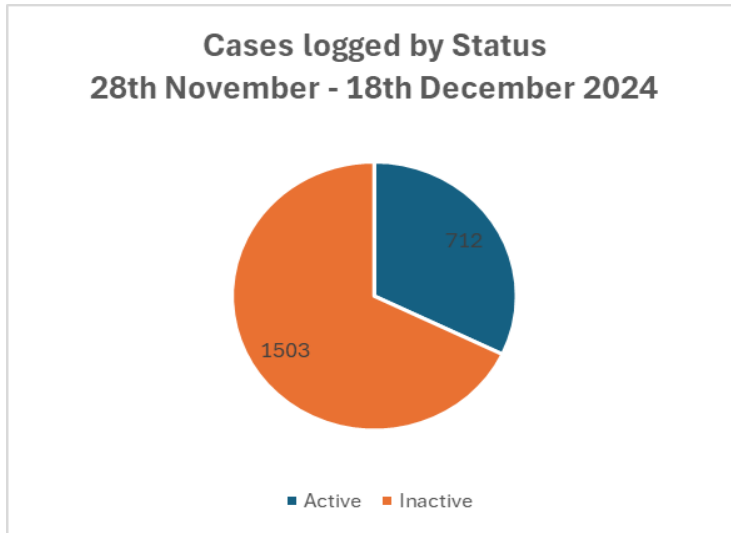


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Corporate Affairs	3
Director: Stephen Brady	
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Director: Catherine Keenan	
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Forward Planning Infrastructure *	
Director: Anne Devine	
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Director: Paul Kennedy	
Architects	27
County Architect: Andrée Dargan	
Community, Cultural Service and Parks	28
Director: Therese Langan	

*Included in Quarterly Management Report

CRM Statistics
Civic Hub Stats



Open	712
Closed	1503

Section/Department	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	7	3	10
Comms & Civic Hub	13	246	259
Community	2		2
Corporate Services	3	1	4
dlrcoco	12	7	19
Enterprise	1		1
Finance	37	194	231
Forward Planning Infrastructure		1	1
Harbour		2	2
Housing	25	71	96
ICC	486	806	1292
IT		2	2
Parks	105	157	262
Planning	7	4	11
Property	7		7
Water Services	7	9	16
Grand Total	712	1503	2215

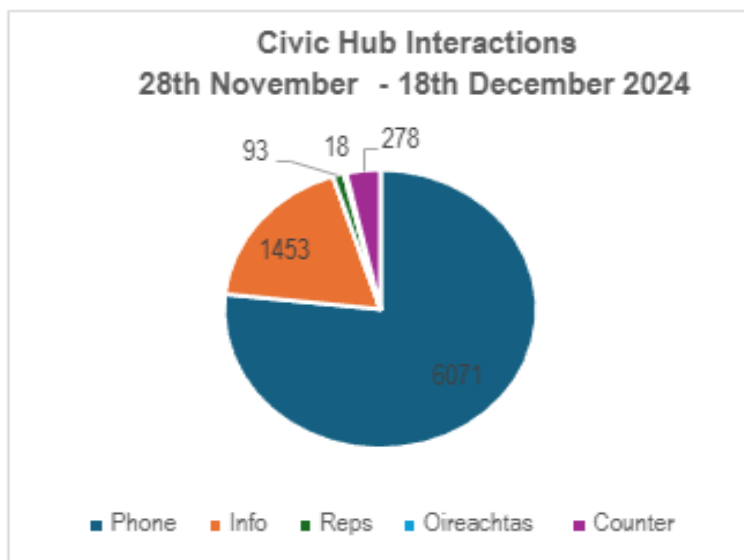
Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow	Total
	2402	3669	6071

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Oireachtas@	Total
	1453	93	18	1564

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	245	33	278



Freedom of Information – Total 5 (28th November – 18th November 2024)

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.

28 November to 18 December 2024 - Monthly Report for dlrcoco.ie and dlrlibraries.ie

Website Activity – Page views and number of users

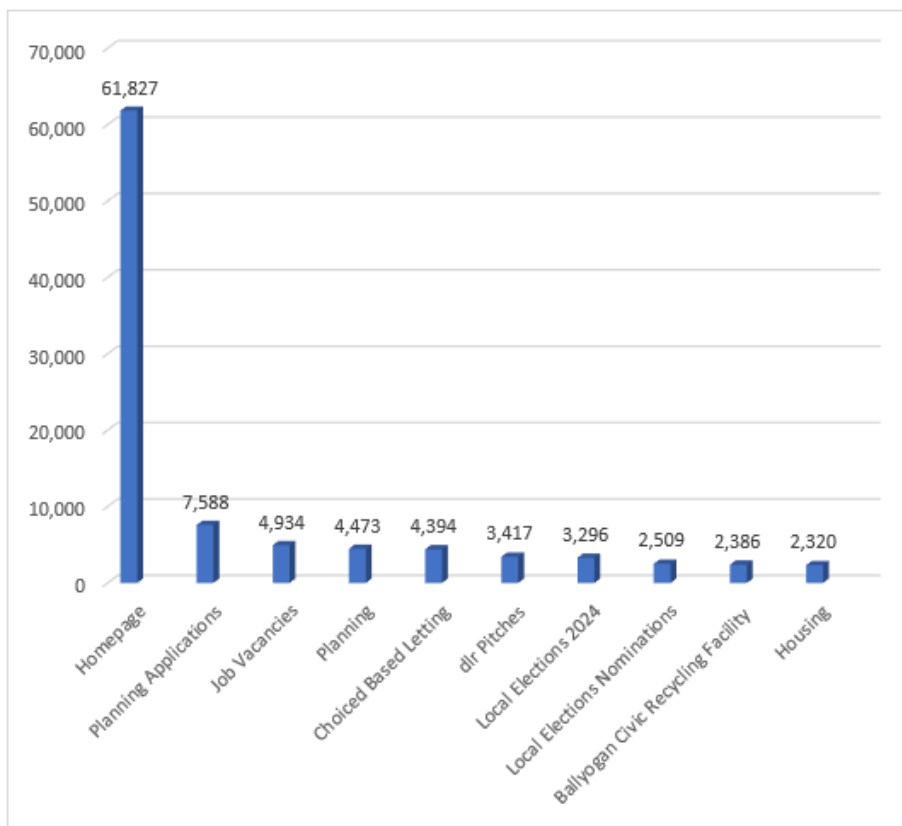
Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	184,717	64,483
dlrLibraries	27,407	10,439

Compared to Oct 31 – Nov 27 2024

Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	196,968	89,524
dlrLibraries	43,554	43,554

Top viewed pages on dlrcoco.ie

Top Pages Graph



Press Releases: 6

Highest Performing News Stories from 28 November to 18 December 2024

1. [Shanganagh Cost Rental Application Opening](#) - Views 1,101
2. [New Years Eve](#) - Views 853
3. [dlr Sparkles and Glows](#) - Views 830

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

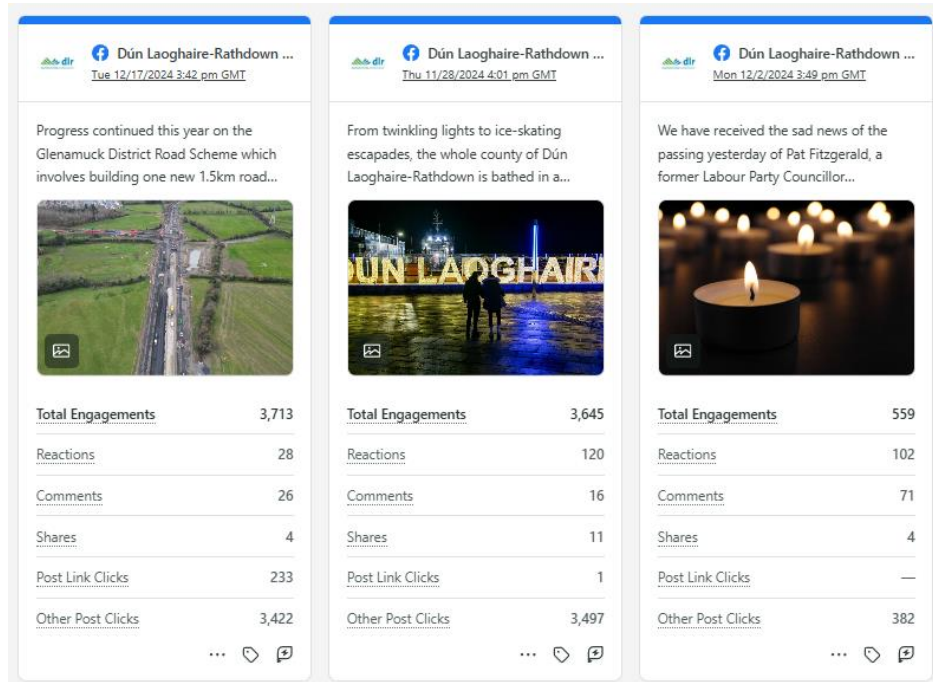
Press Queries: 13

Public Consultations: 2

Social Media Activity

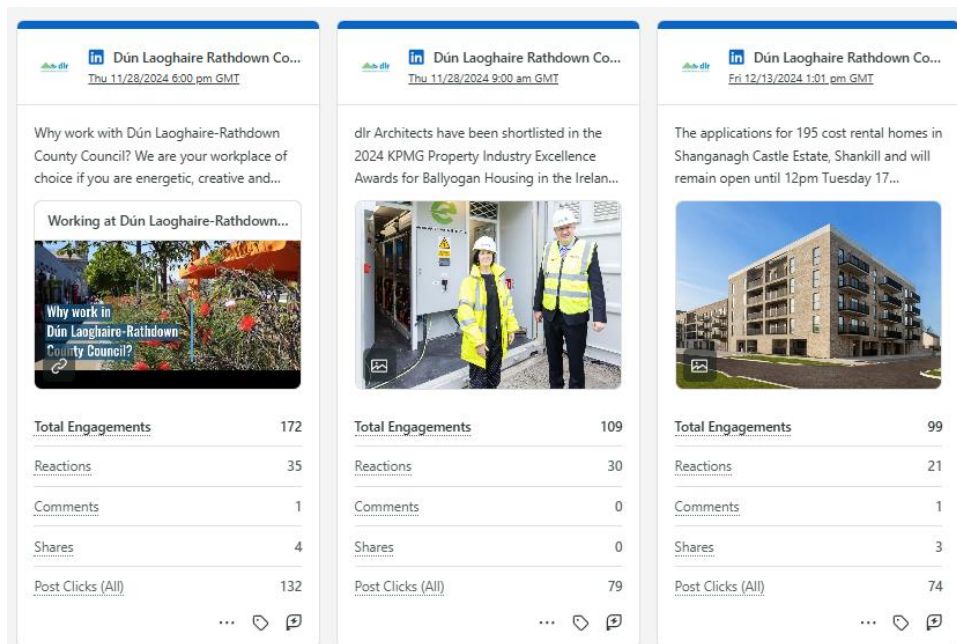
Highest performing social media posts on Facebook

1. Glenamuck District Road Scheme
2. Christmas in dlr
3. RIP notice for Pat Fitzgerald



Highest performing social media posts on LinkedIn

1. Why work with dlr?
2. KPMG Property Industry Excellence Awards (dlr Architects)
3. Shanganagh Estate Cost Rental



Highest performing social media posts on Instagram

1. Christmas Promotion
2. Fireworks NYE
3. Staff picture of Dún Laoghaire

Post Description	Total Engagements	Likes	Comments	Saves
From twinkling lights to ice-skating escapades, the whole county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is bathed in a...	120	117	0	3
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and are thrilled to bring a dazzling fireworks display at Dún Laoghaire...	109	82	2	20
Beautiful picture taken by one of our staff of Dún Laoghaire #visitdublin #winterindublin #sunrise	101	96	5	0

Highest performing Reels on Instagram

1. Santa Dash
2. Christmas promotion video
3. Elf Trail Cabinteely Park

Post Description	Total Engagements	Likes	Comments	Saves
And we're off.... dlr Santa Dash in Cabinteely Park #dlrchristmas2024	236	229	0	5
Lots happening in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown this weekend with exciting 3D light installations for that perfect insta...	84	73	1	6
Our ever popular illuminated walking trail in Cabinteely Park is open this evening and is free to attend. It's open from 4pm...	79	66	0	10

Highest performing social media posts on X

1. Glenamuck Road District
2. Weather Warning
3. Shanganagh Cost Rental

Post Title	Total Engagements	Likes	@Replies	Reposts	Post Link Clicks	Other Post Clicks	Other Engagements
Progress continued this year on the Glenamuck District Road Scheme which involves building one new 1.5km road...	100	5	1	0	25	69	0
An orange weather warning has been issued by @MetEireann. All dlr parks, pitches & recycling centres will be close...	95	3	0	3	22	66	1
Applications open today at 12pm for 195 cost rental homes in Shanganagh Castle Estate, Shankill and will remain open for...	75	7	0	6	31	31	0

Highest Performing Facebook Event Listings

1. Santa Dash
2. Christmas at dlr promotion
3. Christmas at dlr promotion

Event Title	Total Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares	Post Link Clicks	Other Post Clicks
So much fun at the Santa Dash in Cabinteely Park as part of dlr Christmas 2024. 🎅🎄🎁🎶🎵 The Dun Laoghaire...	295	13	0	0	—	282
From twinkling lights to ice-skating escapades, the whole county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is bathed in a...	283	15	4	0	—	264
From twinkling lights to ice-skating escapades, the whole county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is bathed in a...	180	10	0	1	—	169

Social media statistics

We have 98k followers across all social accounts including the corporate account, dlr events, dlr arts, libraries, LEO office, dlr heritage and dlr Sports Partnership.

We published 586 posts from 28 November to 18 December 2024.

Further breakdown below of the accounts and performance.



Audience growth

- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Facebook** increased by 29 followers
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Instagram** increased by 212 followers
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **LinkedIn** increased by 97 followers

Profiles

Review your aggregate profile and page metrics from the reporting period.










↓ Descending by Engagements

Profile	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Nov 28, 2024 – Dec 18, 2024	98,377	276	586	559,768	20,980	3.7%	73,331
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	23,300	29	138	189,209	11,658	6.2%	5,197
 dlrcoco.ie	11,051	212	192	203,174	2,514	1.2%	60,403

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Profile	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,886	10	24	34,277	2,261	6.6%	628
 Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	3,339	97	16	14,297	1,384	9.7%	748
 @dlrcc	20,649	-15	116	84,514	1,381	1.6%	3,230
 dlrevents	14,424	4	23	26,475	1,347	5.1%	3,036
 DLR Arts Office	2,787	0	23	4,311	381	8.8%	11
 @DLR_Libraries	8,588	-29	9	1,913	40	2.1%	42
 @leo_dlr	5,443	-20	45	1,570	14	0.9%	36
 @dlrheritevents	3,910	-12	0	28	0	0%	0
 @dlrArts	—	—	0	—	—	—	—

Water Services:

Flood Alleviation

Engineering and environmental consultants have also been appointed in 2020 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. Preliminary design of a preferred option is completed. A Public Engagement Event took place on the 13th of December 2023. Comments have been incorporated into the final option, where appropriate, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been completed and includes final details from the environmental/ecological surveys. In accordance with the governance requirements of flood relief schemes funded by the Office of Public Works (OPW), Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is awaiting the approval of the Board of the OPW to go to the formal planning process. Once the approval is granted, DLR will arrange for the submission of the Carrickmines Shanganagh Flood Relief Scheme to an Bord Pleanála.

Water Pollution Control Section

Misconnection Surveys have continued in the Deansgrange and Shanganagh catchments. Two farms surveys were carried out in the Glencullen area.

Finance

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2024				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/11/2024 €
1 Total Housing & Building	16,592,307	188,568,266	185,620,703	13,644,744
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	6,514,928	53,534,408	53,130,662	6,111,182
3 Total Water Services	2,395,933	213,771	239,299	2,421,462
4 Total Development Management	172,582,092	105,235,400	96,437,863	163,784,556
5 Total Environmental Services	3,082,539		492,500	3,575,039
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	20,662,434	15,887,144	12,732,373	17,507,662
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,654,997	1,865,122	2,781,317	5,571,192
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	37,842,044	7,288,802	5,725,293	36,278,535
Grand Total	€264,327,274	€372,592,913	€357,160,010	€248,894,371

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/11/2024						
	Balance at 01/01/2024 €		Balance at 30/11/2024 €		Current year debit €	Arrears > 1 year €
RATES	26,336,862		31,235,821		19,247,695	11,988,126

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2024

91.67%

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	83,164,261	88,511,496	94%
B	Road Transport & Safety	31,695,705	34,951,380	91%
C	Water Services	10,237,663	11,221,860	91%
D	Development Management	46,534,335	40,188,816	116%
E	Environmental Services	36,004,106	37,994,148	95%
F	Recreation & Amenity	39,645,085	41,493,588	96%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	6,162,549	6,531,876	94%
H	Miscellaneous Services	13,113,088	14,138,364	93%
Total Expenditure		266,556,792	275,031,528	97%

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	73,338,438	78,714,972	93%
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,147,867	13,797,252	88%
C	Water Services	6,936,860	7,492,656	93%
D	Development Management	27,704,216	17,566,176	158%
E	Environmental Services	5,798,225	5,716,296	101%
F	Recreation & Amenity	6,206,635	5,674,080	109%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,729,434	4,674,420	80%
H	Miscellaneous Services	18,342,736	18,042,912	102%
Sub Total		154,204,410	151,678,764	102%

LPT	Local Property Tax	13,088,163	14,277,996	92%
RA	Rates	99,200,399	109,074,396	91%
Total Income		266,492,971	275,031,156	97%

Balance as at 30/11/2024	-€63,820	Deficit
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Planning and Economic Development

Planning Applications – monthly statistics: 28th November – 18th December 2024

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*		93	93
Decision Deferred		11	11
Decision to Grant**		91	91
Decision to Refuse**	1	12	13
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks		87	87
Invalid Applications		11	11

*Includes 6 Applications for Retention. (3 Retention WEB Applications)

*Includes 82 WEB Applications

**Split decisions; are entered as follows

82 Grant Permission

2 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

6 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.

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/096 5/WEB	We, Orchid Residential Limited, intend to apply for planning permission for a large-scale residential development (LRD) at this site of approximately 0.34 hectares comprising the car sales premises currently known as Vector Motors (formerly known as Victor Motors), Goatstown Road, Dublin 14, D14FD23. The development will consist of demolition of the existing building (c.960sqm) and hard surface parking area on site and construction of a purpose built student accommodation development (including use as tourist or visitor accommodation outside the academic term) comprising: 220 no. student bedspaces (including 10 no. studios), all within a part single storey, part 4 no. storey and part 6 no. storey 'U'-Shaped building; The building is single to 4 no. storeys along the southern	04/12/2024			05/12/2024 Application Declared Invalid

	<p>boundary, part 5 and 6 storeys along Goatstown Road and northern boundary (with setbacks); External amenity space of c. 1,247 sqm is provided in the form of a central courtyard at ground level (c. 694 sq. m) and roof terraces at 4th floor level (c. 220 sq. m) and 5th floor level (c. 333 sq. m) fronting onto Goatstown Road; Internal amenity space equating to c. 538 sqm is provided in the form of 2 no. ground floor lounge/study areas, kitchen/tearoom, laundry, and concierge/office space; Provision of 218 no. bicycle parking spaces distributed across the central courtyard and northern boundary and adjacent to the front boundary of the site (north-west); Provision for 6 no. carparking spaces comprising 2 no. disabled parking spaces and 4 no. setdown parking spaces adjacent to the front entrance to the site; Vehicular access to the site is via Goatstown Road from 2 no. entrance points [reduction from 3 no. entrances currently]; Ancillary single storey ESB substation and switch room and refuse store are provided at ground level; Provision of surface water and underground attenuation and all ancillary site development works including site wide landscaping works, lighting, planting and boundary treatments.</p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/100970>

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/0974/WEB	<p>We, Orchid Residential Limited, intend to apply for planning permission for a large-scale residential development (LRD) at this site of approximately 0.34 hectares comprising the car sales premises currently known as Vector Motors (formerly known as Victor Motors), Goatstown Road, Dublin 14, D14FD23. The development will consist of demolition of the existing building (c.960sqm) and hard surface parking area on site and construction of a purpose built student accommodation</p>	06/12/2024	20/01/2025		07/02/2025

	<p>development (including use as tourist or visitor accommodation outside the academic term) comprising: • 220 no. student bedspaces (including 10 no. studios), all within a part single storey, part 4 no. storey and part 6 no. storey 'U'-Shaped building; • The building is single to 4 no. storeys along the southern boundary, part 5 and 6 storeys along Goatstown Road and northern boundary (with setbacks); • External amenity space of c. 1,247 sqm is provided in the form of a central courtyard at ground level (c. 694 sq. m) and roof terraces at 4th floor level (c. 220 sq. m) and 5th floor level (c. 333 sq. m) fronting onto Goatstown Road; • Internal amenity space equating to c. 538 sqm is provided in the form of 2 no. ground floor lounge/study areas, kitchen/tearoom, laundry, and concierge/office space; • Provision of 218 no. bicycle parking spaces distributed across the central courtyard and northern boundary and adjacent to the front boundary of the site (north-west); • Provision for 6 no. carparking spaces comprising 2 no. disabled parking spaces and 4 no. setdown parking spaces adjacent to the front entrance to the site;</p> <p>• Vehicular access to the site is via Goatstown Road from 2 no. entrance points [reduction from 3 no. entrances currently]; • Ancillary single storey ESB substation and switch room and refuse store are provided at ground level; • Provision of surface water and underground attenuation and all ancillary site development works including site wide landscaping works, lighting, planting and boundary treatments.</p>			
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/101007>

Planning Counter Figures: 28th November – 18th December 2024

Customers Served	118
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Building Control: 28th November – 18th December 2024

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	17
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	2
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	8
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	8
Commencement Notices Validated	61
7 Day Notices received	14

Completion Certs Validated	11
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*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs, 7 Day Notices & Rev Fire Certs

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Cruise Ship Business

The 2024 Cruise season is now complete with 71 ship visits and excellent engagement with the Dun Laoghaire Business Association and the DLR chamber throughout. Planning for the 2025 season will commence in the New Year.

Naval Service

We have been advised that the Department of Defence have been instructed to commence discussions with DLRCC with a view to securing berthage for the two new inshore patrol vessels procured by the Naval Service in 2022. Some initial contact has been made and we look forward to this engagement.

Events:

Ice Rink

An Alpine Trail Ice Rink has launched in the Harbour since 1st November 2024 and will run through to late January. This is a new experience in terms of ice skating for Dublin and is sure to attract a good audience.

NYE Fireworks

Faillte Ireland in conjunction with DLRCC are hosting a New Years Eve fireworks display from the East Pier at 8am on 31st December. The primary viewing area for this spectacular will be Newtownsmith. Due to the safety legislation around explosives, the East Pier will be closed for the day on 31st December only.

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 to a consortium led by a Danish firm, Arrow Architects was the successful tenderer. The initial Pre-Draft Public and Stakeholder Consultation was held in October 2024 with approximately 1050 submissions received from key Harbour stakeholders and the public. The consultation consultants (M-CO) have produced a Consultation Report which Elected Members will be briefed on the 8th January 2025. Work will progress next on the design / options study phase of the project.

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 out to tender at present for a design team to commence design and permitting for this exciting project.

Dublin Array Windfarm

The developers of the Dublin Array Windfarm (RWE) 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.

RWE are working towards lodging a planning application for the windfarm, to include the cable route, substation and Operations and Maintenance base in Q1 2025.

1. Road Maintenance:

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Meadowmount (part of)				✓	Works Completed
2	Village Road, Aikens Village (part of)				✓	Works Completed
3	Brennanstown Road (part of)				✓	Works Completed
4	Enniskerry Road (R-117)				✓	Works Completed
5	Ballinteer Road, Dundrum (R-826)				✓	Works Completed
6	Glenageary Road Upper				✓	Works Completed
7	Ashlawn Estate	✓				Consultant appointed
8	Dalkey Avenue (part of)				✓	Works Completed
9	Old Dublin Road (part of)		✓	✓		Works on Site
10	Dundela Estate (parts of)				✓	Completed
11	Greenville Road public realm	✓				Consultant appointed
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Deerpark Road				✓	Works complete
2	Woodpark				✓	Works complete
3	Cornelscourt Hill Junction, Cornelscourt				✓	Works complete
4	Mount Anville Park Cul-De-Sac				✓	Works complete
5	Glenamuck Road				✓	Works complete
6	The Gallops, Ballyogan				✓	Works complete
7	Harbour Road				✓	Works Complete
8	Breffni Road				✓	Works Complete
9	Pucks Castle Lane				✓	On hold - 2025
10	Foxrock Court				✓	Completed
11	Grove Avenue (part of)				✓	Completed
12	Abbey View (part of)		✓			On hold - 2025

13	Hudson Road (part of)			✓		On hold - 2025
12	Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park)				✓	Works Completed
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Sandyford Business District (part of)				✓	Works Complete
2	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)				✓	Works Complete
3	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)				✓	Works Complete
4	Mount Anville Road (part of)				✓	Works Complete
5	Cornelscourt Village	✓				On hold - 2025
6	Balally Estate				✓	Works Complete
7	Northumberland Avenue				✓	Works Complete
8	Thornhill Road (part of)				✓	Works Complete
9	Trafalgar Terrace	✓				Contractor Appointed to do Surveys
10	Beechwood Park (part of)	✓				Design has commenced
11	Granville Road	✓				Consultant appointed
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				Consultant appointed
2	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment	✓				survey ongoing
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Landscape Park				✓	Works Complete
2	Old Kilgobbin Road				✓	Works complete
3	Brennanstown-Brighton Roads Junction				✓	Works Complete
4	Blackthorn Road, Sandyford				✓	Works Complete
5	Castlebyrne Park	✓				Site Investigation Works Required
6	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction				✓	Works Complete
7	Kill Lane				✓	Works have been undertaken at the location by Active Travel
8	Carrickbrennan Road	✓				Works to be included on Gully Programme Contract

9	Glenageary Dart Station at junction with Marlborough Road	✓				On hold - 2025
NRP National Roads Programme						
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3				✓	
AWP Accessibility Works Programme						
1	Hillview				✓	Works Complete
2	Laneway behind Rosehill (part of)				✓	Works Complete
3	Corbawn Lane Beach access	✓				Meeting to be held with nearby property owners
4	Sandycove Close				✓	Works Complete
CMP Cycleway Maintenance Programme						
1	St. Olaf's National School				✓	Works Completed
2	Village Road, Aiken's Village	✓				design being prepared - 2025
3	Bellarmino Avenue	✓				design being prepared - 2025
4	Johnstown Road (part of)	✓				design being prepared - 2025
5	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3				✓	Works complete
EMP Estate Management Programme						
1	Moreen/Blackthorn				✓	Works complete
2	Meadowlands Avenue		✓			Tender has been issued to repairs some defective cobbled areas
TICP Taking in Charge Programme*						
1	Redesdale (Laneway at Back of Shops)				✓	Works Complete
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				Awaiting feedback from Property
3	Lane Station Road Killiney (near DART) to Marino Avenue West*	✓				Section 11 process has been completed
*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)				✓	Works Complete
3	Landscape Park, Churchtown				✓	Works Complete
3	Rock Road public lighting				✓	Works are complete

Roads Admin

Roads Admin Stats	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24
Taking In Charge Certs	103	115	104	83	188	134	211	180	190	166	126	110
Footpath Dishings	10	3	1	4	2	7	11	7	5	5	10	3
Hoarding Licences	3	2	1	n/a	2	4	6	3	3	6	3	3
Surface Permits	12	9	6	7	5	3	5	12	7	12	28	7
Road Opening Licences	218	237	220	250	272	219	220	161	170	245	168	
CRMs Processed	423	327	280	288	571	365	410	327	353	370	524	269

2. Traffic and Road Safety

	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					✓		Identification of further locations ongoing
Stepside Village – Cycle Link to Cruagh Wood			✓				Detailed Design ongoing 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
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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)

Area 2 (Dundrum) had a TAG meeting on 3rd December 2024 and 20 items were dealt with.

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

- Special Speed limit by-laws for 30kph countywide came into force on the 11/11/24. County wide signage is due to be erected at relevant locations before the end of January 2025.
- Shanganagh Road, Shankill: All works have now been completed. Awaiting connection for pedestrian lights from ESB.
- Pedestrians’ crossing at Old Bray Road, Cabinteely: All works completed. Awaiting connection for pedestrian lights from ESB.
- Rollins Villas/Sallynoggin park Traffic Calming scheme; Upgrade of footpath for new pedestrian crossings was completed by December 2024.
- Pencil bollards have been installed at Willow Place, Booterstown Avenue to improve traffic flow and safety near school. They aim to prevent footpath parking during drop off and pick up times

Deputations

There were no deputations meetings in December 2024 for Traffic and Road Safety Staff. Traffic And road safety Staff met with residents from Lanesville in Monkstown.

Bus Connects

Following previous feedback from DLRCC Aecom prepared a 'revised set of final drawings' for the Section 38 scheme for the Harbour Road Bus Terminal at Dún Laoghaire train station, which were distributed again to various internal departments within DLRCC (conservation, drainage, lighting etc.) for review and feedback.

The NTA sent DLRCC a Temporary Traffic Management plan for the Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor. Feedback was given on this by DLRCC to the NTA mid November.

Racecourse South land ABTA

A draft Local Transport Plan for the Racecourse has been prepared and this is with various stakeholders for review (internal and external). Modelling results for the ABTA (in conjunction with the Kilternan ABTA) are also with various stakeholders (TII/NTA) for review.

Kiltarnan and Glenamuck ABTA

A draft Local Transport Plan for Kiltarnan has also been prepared and this is with various stakeholders for review (internal and external). As above modelling results for the ABTA are with various stakeholders (TII/NTA) for review.

ICAS for Old Connaught

Feedback has been given (and meetings are ongoing) on the draft 'part 4' ABTA report for the ICAS/Old Connaught. In particular on Active Travel routes, permeability, and road infrastructure among other things.

Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and Eastern Bypass Corridor Study

Ongoing engagement with the Sandyford Urban Framework Plan Area and Dublin Eastern Bypass Corridor, including various stakeholder meetings, and progress meeting/s with consultant.

December 2024	Road Closures	Filming Locations	Event Signage
Applications Received	1	2	2
Applications-Awaiting Further information	0	0	0

3. Roads Control:

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Programme 2024	
1	Landscape road	Works are completed

Road Opening Licences

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	168
Applications Not Processed Yet	60
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	2
Valid Licenses Issued	68
Applications Expired	8

Section 254's

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

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
Applications	
Received	0
Granted	0
Withdrawn	0

4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section:

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	218	248	197	247	249	295
Clean-Ups Assisted	89	91	73	70	79	63
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	42	41	30	33	36	34
Bathing Water Samples Taken	36	49	38	32	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	753	1958	1198	1611	1410	1061
Dumping Incidents Managed	41	65	61	59	49	37
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	1	3	7	7	0	
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	No report received	No report received	No report received	No report received	No Report received	No Report received
Street Bin Collections	5026	5089	5154	5054	6184	5560
Filming/Event Licenses	Filming - 0 Events - 5	Filming - 0 Events - 8	Filming - 0 Events - 4	Filming - 0 Events - 3	Filming - 0 Events - 1	Filming - 1 Events - 0

* Statistics available up to the end of November 2024.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates

- Bathing water sampling is on-going at 9 locations, with bi-weekly sampling
- Bathing area maintenance, ringbuoy inspections and maintenance are on-going.
- The DLR Road Sweeping schedules are temporarily suspended from the start of October 2024 to enable the Sweeping Crews to concentrate on heavy leaf fall areas within the County.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going. Gully Cleaning works that require Traffic Management are also on-going
- Weeding is ongoing with DLR and Contractor crews
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going
- The fleet of Smart Bins are being maintained and emptied on a daily basis throughout the county
- Litter Picks and Blue Bag collections are on-going.
- DLR Baths – Dlr Cleansing crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc.
- Seapoint Beach Access repairs project is ongoing and due to weather conditions will be completed early new year throughout the county
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5.Relevant Statistics

There were 1769 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 28th November to 18th December 2024 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	no. of fixed charge notices issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	731
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	382
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	242
Parking a vehicle on a footway	102
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	75
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	45
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	36
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	30
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	26
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	24
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	15
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	8
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	7
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	7
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	7
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	5
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	5
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	5
Parking out of the limits of a bay	4
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	4
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	3
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	2
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	1
Total no. of fixed charge notices issued between 28th November and 18th December 2024	1769

There were 41 convictions secured in the District Court in December 2024.

5. Public Lighting

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

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Dec 2024:	163
Percentage of lights out at the end of Dec 2024:	0.4%
Pole replacement carried out in Dec 2024:	0
Bracket replacements:	12
Tree trimming:	13
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	15
LED Upgrades	39
Total lights upgraded to LED	22,119
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	91%

LED Upgrading Program

AVONDALE ROAD (KILLINEY)	1
BALLYMAN ROAD	1
BRAEMOR PARK	1
BURDETT AVENUE	1
Cabinteely Car Park	9
COOLKILL	1
DORNDEN PARK	1
ENNISKERRY ROAD (Columns 42-133)	1
GLANDORE PARK	1
GLENAMUCK ROAD	1
KILBEGNET CLOSE	1
KILLINEY ROAD	1
KILMACUD ROAD UPPER	1
LEAD MINE HILL ROAD	1
LEOPARDSTOWN ROAD (ESB MAINTAINED)	2
Library Crescent	3
MONKSTOWN ROUNDABOUT	1
MULVEY PARK	1
PARK DRIVE	1
ROWAN PARK (DEANSGRANGE ROAD)	5
TEMPLE HILL POLES (53 TO 76)	2
WHITEBARN ROAD	1
WOODBROOK GLEN	1

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	24
Inspections completed	0

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	1
Legal requests:	3

Environmental Enforcement

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	35	Air/Noise
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	30	Air/Noise
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter/Waste)	106	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter/Waste)	100	Litter Section
Abandoned car Cases - Opened	26	Waste Section
Graffiti Cases - Opened	26	Waste Section
Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened	9	Waste Section
Litter Fines issued	30	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	4	Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act
Legal Proceedings initiated	6	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act

Dog Statistics from 28 th November to 18 th December 2024	
No. of dogs on hand on 28 th November	5
No. of dogs entering the shelter stray/seized	6
No. of dogs surrendered	0
No. of dogs rehomed	0
No. of dogs reclaimed	3
No. of dogs sent to rescue	2
No. of dogs put to sleep	0
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 18 th December	6
Certificate of Exemption issued for XL Bully	2
Dog attacks in this period	5 – 1 on people

The owner of the dog that was put to sleep was surrendered due to extreme aggression, the breed was a Pitbull – 28th November put to sleep

The owner of the dog that was put to sleep was surrendered, it was attacked by another dog, the breed was a Whippet – 28th November put to sleep

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc. FI & comp reports)	15
Section 57 Declarations	1
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025 Grant Scheme	Following assessment the list of 25no. grant projects was submitted for approval to the DHLGH on the 6 December.
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2025 Grant Scheme	Grant scheme announced by Minister Noonan on 8 October 2024. Details of the scheme are on the DLR website. Closing date for applications is the 17 January 2025.

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	5
Potentially Dangerous	9
Not Dangerous	1
Total	15

Energy

The ISO 50001 Audit was successful and fully compliant, with no findings. From the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) Auditor "Congratulations to all the team a lot of hard work and job well done and excellent commitment by all levels of the organisation to climate change, sustainability and energy management improvements". Next year will be a full 3-day re-certification audit which will include one of each type of Significant Energy User – a visit to the public lighting team, the fleet yard, a dlr leisure centre, a sample library and a building classified as Corporate Services.

34 staff completed the [SEAI Energy Academy](#) Reduce Your Use online certified training course, made a personal action pledge to reduce energy and made suggestions about energy improvements in the Council. Further information on the Reduce Your Use energy efficiency campaign: [Reduce Your Use - Public Bodies](#)

A dlr Charity Christmas Jumper Day took place Thursday 12 December as part of the [Reduce Your Use](#) energy efficiency campaign. The added warmth of a light jumper is the equivalent of about 2°C and a heavy jumper up to 4°C, so it raises body warmth. Over €1,880 was raised for Barnardo's including a contribution from the dlr staff charity HUG.

Community Integration Forum:

The dlr Community Integration Forum (CIF) meets every second Monday and met on the 2nd & 16th December and discussed and coordinated support services to International Protection Applicants (IPA's) and Ukrainians living in State supported accommodation in dlr.

The CIF is chaired by Chief Executive Frank Curran and a wide range of supports and activities are in place and available which include HSE clinics and health services provision, English language, digital skills, employment and job seeking supports, support with school places, young people's activities, family counselling and supports, volunteering opportunities as well as the provision of sporting, health and wellbeing, social & cultural activities by many organisations and groups.

Member organisations of dlr CIF include 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, dlr CYPSC, dlr PPN, ETB REALT, Crosscare, Barnardos and a number of dlr County Council departments including Community, Housing & Cultural Services.

dlr Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT):

The dlr LAIT continue to visit accommodation centres across dlr hosting clinics to meet residents and to assess their needs, assist with queries and to signpost and encourage engagement of new arrivals with service providers appropriate to their needs – employment, developing English language proficiency, training, healthcare, social welfare, volunteering, childcare & education, sporting, community & cultural activities etc.

The dlr LAIT have also been meeting with various organisations and community groups that are providing support to IPA's and BOTP's in dlr to map service provision, identify any gaps in service provision avoiding duplication and identifying collaborative projects to support residents and assist with integration in the community.

Initiatives such as volunteering training with dlr Volunteering Centre; football, running and hiking and arts activities with dlr Sports Partnership, Cuala GAA, Crosscare and Trail Criú; Creative Ireland funded Drumming & Dancing as well as Circus Skills workshops etc. are taking place in family centres with the dlr LAIT & Creative Communities Engagement Officer, and voluntary community groups have organised warm clothing appeals to support new arrivals over the winter period.

The dlr LAIT also continue to signpost, support and encourage new arrivals to avail of the services, training and supports provided by DDLETB, Southside Partnership DLR, Crosscare, HSE, JRS, Irish Refugee Council, DePaul Housing; dlr Libraries etc. and local community and sporting groups.

Training will continue into 2025 as part of the 'dlr together – dlr Le Chéile' Anti-Racism campaign that was launched during October in conjunction with the dlr Equality Office. Christmas and end of year events for families and individuals were held in Dalkey organised by the Dalkey Inter Faith Migrant Support Group and Cuala GAA during December and support to attend activities for children and families have been organised by a number of groups over the Christmas period.

Community Recognition Fund 2024 (CRF)

DLRCC has been allocated €765,487 under the Community Recognition Fund 2024 and the dlr Local Authority Integration Team is administering the fund on behalf of the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD).

DLRCC opened Window 3, the final round of CRF 2024 funding on the 25th November and is accepting applications until the closing date of Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 1pm with recommended applications to be sent to the DRCD no later than 31st January 2025. These applications will be assessed by the DRCD, with applicants notified in Spring 2025.

All information and the application form for Window 3 CRF 2024 is available to view on the dlrc website at: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/community/community-funding-support/community-recognition-fund-2024>

Recommended applications under Window 2 were sent to the DRCD by the 30th September 2024 for assessment and successful applicants will be notified by DRCD in late 2024.

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

In accordance with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 the JPC has been replaced with the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) – not yet established in LA's. The last meeting of the JPC was the Public Meeting held on 28th May 2024.

During July 2024 dlr invited expressions of interest to the appointment of Chairperson of the new Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) which will be established in dlr in line with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024. The closing date was on 2nd August, a number of submissions were received and have been assessed.

The Meeting of the Sandyford/Stepaside LPF took place on 3rd December 2024.
The Meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF will take place on 10th December 2024.

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

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan for 2023-2028 has been developed to guide the sustainable economic and community development of the County over the next five years. The LECP 2023-28 was adopted at the County Council meeting held on 8th April 2024 and the plan was launched in County Hall on Wednesday 25th September 2024. A copy of the plan is available at [DLR LECP 2023-2028](#)

LCDC

A meeting of the LCDC took place on the 27th November 2024.

Comhairle na nÓg

The first members meeting since the Annual Youth Conference (AYC) took place. A total of 18 new members were recruited from the AYC.

Estate Management

The 12 Forums came together for their annual Christmas Training event.

Community Grants 2025

The dlr Universal Grant Scheme 2025 opened for applications in September and closed on 25th October. In addition to online information sessions held on 2nd and 16th October,



Community Section staff held in person grant information and application support sessions for community groups on 9th October in County Hall and 17th October in Dundrum. These in person sessions were well attended and Community Section staff supported many community groups with their grant applications. More than 250 Community Grant applications have been received for assessment.

dlr Integration Forum

The dlr Integration Forum is a voluntary committee and the main objective of the Forum is to promote the participation and integration of migrant communities in the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and membership is free. The dlr Integration Forum will hold their end of year event on the 19th December and a number of member organisations held end of year events to showcase and celebrate migrant communities in dlr.

dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024

The dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024 was launched during March with closing date of 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 took place during the months of July and August.

dlr Older People's Council

The dlr Older People's Council Meetings are now bi-monthly and the last meeting took place on 19th November 2024.

Dalkey Age-Friendly DART Station

Iarnród Éireann have recently appointed a National Age-Friendly Manager and 10 train stations have been piloted nationally to become Age-Friendly train stations. A formal walkability audit took place on 5th December 2024 to assess accessibility and Age-Friendly services at Dalkey DART Station. A report will be compiled by Age-Friendly Ireland in the new year.

dlr Age-Friendly Alliance Quarter 4 meeting

The dlr Age-Friendly Alliance held their Quarter 4 meeting on Tuesday 10th December in the New Council Chamber and presentations were made by Arts Officer, Eastern Regional Manager Age-Friendly Ireland and Healthy Age Friendly Homes. Updates and opportunities for collaboration were discussed between the 20+ older person's groups and organisations operating in dlr. Actions in the Age Friendly Strategy continue to be implemented.

Domestic Violence Refuge

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



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

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

Arts Office

Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme

Moments of Domesticity by Mary Burke is a series of paintings of homes in the County. Mary embarked on a series of house visits that took her to Dundrum, Leopardstown, Dún Laoghaire, Dalkey, Ballybrack, Monkstown, Deansgrange, and Ballycorus. She spent the following year painting these homes in her studio at the dlr Baths Artist Studios. Safe Harbour by Róisín White explores our relationship with the sea as a place of leisure and play and the sea's power, strength and unpredictable nature. It includes sculptural forms and images that engage with our experiences and memories of Dún Laoghaire Bay.

Both of the exhibitions showcase work developed as part of public art commissions funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Public Art Programme. The work was created over the last year in the Dún Laoghaire Baths Artist Studios.

Gallery Learning Programme – December

Lots of activity in December for all ages to take part in as part of the Gallery Learning Programme. A Kids Open Studio with a festive theme, the final Open Art Studio for adults for 2024 and drop-in art workshop in conjunction with Library Services for children and families from de Paul Trust took place in December.

dlr Arts and Health Programme update

We were delighted to welcome HSE Service Users and Staff from The Memory Technology Resource Room, St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown and The Memory Harbour, Clonskeagh Hospital to dlr LexIcon on 11 December. Taster Gallery Tours for Brain Health were organised by dlr Arts Office and Library Staff offered information about library services. Many of the visitors were new to dlr LexIcon and the many services offered by the Arts and Library Services.

Youth Creative Engagement Programme

Coming towards the end of a very busy year, the Youth Creative Engagement Programme, ended 2024 with a flurry of creative activity this December. Hip Hop sessions with young people from IPAS, DJ/Music workshops with young people from the CASTLE Youth Diversion Project, Ballyogan, Print workshops with TASK, Southside Travellers Action Group and Festive Workshops with the White House, Ballyogan. Also, the UBU Your Place Your Space funded programme supported Nutgrove, Sandyford and Ballybrack Youth Services.

Arts Grants

Following an open call Arts grants funding of 117,600 euro has been approved by Council for Artists, Arts organisations and Arts activity taking place in 2025. This includes funding for events and projects, professional development, community arts events as well as a specific grants to support access to the arts for older people.

dlr Primary Arts Programme 2024-25

We are delighted to be celebrating 30 years of the Primary Arts Programme this academic year. It is one of the longest running arts in primary schools' programmes in the country and one that the Council is enormously proud of. We have partnered with Blackrock Education Centre since 2008. It offers children of primary school age access to the arts school hours; in addition, we support teachers' professional development. We have just kicked off this year's programme in six local schools; Dún Laoghaire Educate Together NS, Mount Anville NS, Rathfarnham Educate Together NS, Holy Trinity NS, St. Patricks Girls NS and Guardian Angels NS.

Cuairt agus Cultúr Programme 2024-25

Cuairt agus Cultúr is a collaboration between dlr Age Friendly Programme, dlr Arts Office and dlr Library Service. The programme supports creative and wellbeing activities in residential and day service centres in the County. The main purpose of the programme is to explore creativity and/or wellbeing with older people in either a residential or day service in the County. The programme has just begun for the Winter, and we are supporting nine local services this year.

Féile na Púca, Ballyogan, 2 November

A community celebration of Samhain took place on Ballyogan Green on Saturday 2 November. Over 250 local people attended the event that included young people from Crosscare Youth Services, including the youth group from IPAS Centres. The UBU funded Sports team supported the community arts event, with local performers, circus performers, arts activities and dance workshops. The event was peaceful, safe and welcoming with a positive atmosphere and local residents would welcome similar events in the future. It was co-funded by dlr Arts Office and Creative Ireland.

Writer in Residence Reading with Sonya Gildea and Joanne Hayden 12th November

Olivia Fitzsimons interviewed emerging writers in residence Joanne Hayden and Sonya Gildea to celebrate the culmination of their residencies and the work they created during that time. They both read from their work to an audience of over 50 people.

Libraries

Online Resources

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

Highlights include:

Borrowbox: Mediahuis titles, including the Irish Independent, Sunday Independent, Herald, Sunday World, Ireland's Own, and various regional and local publications, are now available remotely on BorrowBox. While current loans may still require access from a library location, all new and future loans can be accessed from home or elsewhere. Users can borrow up to 50 newspapers or magazines at a time through the ePress section of the app, which now features a wide range of titles. This update enhances accessibility and offers greater flexibility for users of BorrowBox.

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.

LOTE: online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations.

Medici.tv: video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballets and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

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

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://shorturl.at/HMQX5> and at <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>. As with all DLR websites, content on <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/> can be accessed in multiple languages, including Ukrainian and Russian, by using the Accessibility button at the top of the webpage. Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include: [LOTE Online](#) and [Borrowbox](#).

Library staff in dlr LexIcon have engaged with the staff and service users of the International Protection Centre in the Eblana Centre (Dún Laoghaire) to let them know of the services and resources available to them in their local dlr Library. Also in the LexIcon, tutors from the *English in the Library* group offer English conversational sessions for Eblana Centre users. Library staff in Blackrock Library are in contact with the staff and service users of Blackrock Hall raising awareness of the services and resources they can avail of through dlr Libraries, especially free internet use, printing and copying service and the ScanEZ scanning/translation resource. Library staff in Dundrum Library are liaising with International Protection Centre staff in the surrounding area and have helped facilitate English lessons for service users. Excess book stock is being sent from Library HQ to these centres.

December Highlights

Happy 10th Birthday, dlr LexIcon!

dlr LexIcon opened its doors to the public for the first time on 8 December 2014. Library users celebrated this milestone anniversary with An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim O'Leary. Birthday celebrations will continue in April 2025 to mark the official opening of the building a decade ago.



(Credit: Coalesce)

Family Time at Your Library (dlr Library branches, throughout December)

Part of the national Right to Read literacy campaign, family events and activities took place in libraries during December to support the involvement of the whole family in children's

reading and to increase awareness of the benefits of reading as a fun, educational activity for everyone.

Highlights included:

- Storytime with Santa Claus & Helena the Storyteller (dlr LexIcon, Dundrum Library)
- Christmas Puppet Show with Julie-Rose McCormick (dlr LexIcon, Stillorgan Library)
- Myths and Legends Storytelling with Wayne O'Connor (Cabinteely Library)

Sensory resources from dlr Libraries

- Our Tover tafels (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 library staff to borrow from Library HQ for events in their own library.

Creative Ireland Programme



(Dance & drumming workshop in Taney Parish Hall. Credit: Coalesce)

A highlight for December was the official launch of dlr's highly ambitious and innovative **Let's Get Social** programme, which took place on Friday 6 December in Taney Hall with An Cathaoirleach Cllr Jim O'Leary, participants in our performing arts club for older people, stakeholders, and internal and external partners. Let's Get Social is a 2-year Health and Wellbeing initiative funded by Creative Ireland and developed in collaboration with dlr Libraries, Arts Office, Age Friendly programme, and Local Area Integration Team, and Southside Partnership and the HSE.

Events for Adults

Active Movement Classes (dlr LexIcon, 2, 9 December)

The ever-popular Active Academy returned this Autumn with more exercise classes to get adults moving, with two levels. Beginner sessions specifically designed for those who are new

to movement or interested in getting back into a regular exercise routine, and more advanced sessions aimed at adults of all levels. All sessions were fully booked throughout.

Christmas Craft Workshops (Various libraries throughout December)

- Christmas Wreathmaking Workshops with Wicklow Willow (Dalkey Library, Shankill Library)

These two-hour workshops allowed participants to use basketry grade willow to form a wreath, and then decorate their creations with fresh, hand-harvested, sustainably sourced organics.

- Christmas Crafts with Kim Jenkinson (Deansgrange Library)

Participants created colourful baubles using découpage.

Adult Education Service: Drop-in information Hub (Every Tuesday morning, dlr LexIcon)

The Adult Education Service Dún Laoghaire hosts a Drop-In Information Hub every Tuesday morning in dlr LexIcon. The Hub will have information on a wide range of adult education courses, with something to suit everyone.

Dementia-friendly Tour (11 December, dlr LexIcon)

We welcomed a group for a dementia-friendly tour of the LexIcon and to learn more about our services and resources, including our Reader Pens and Acorn tablets.

Creative Writing Groups

Creative writing groups currently taking place in dlr Libraries:

Scriveners – Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library

Writeway - Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library

Monthly Writers' Group, Deansgrange Library

Green Kites Poetry Group – Fortnightly writing group, Deansgrange Library

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

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

Language Exchange Groups (Daily, Deansgrange Library)

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

Clubs & Groups for adults

Film Clubs in dlr Libraries

Irish Cinema Season – LexIcon Studio Screenings (19 December, dlr LexIcon)

A monthly film event which allows for a provoking and inclusive "frame by frame" discussion of Irish Cinema with a panel of experts followed by a Q&A. Attendees are asked to vote for their favourite Irish film on the night and they will be screened monthly until May. The film choice for December was *Quackser Fortune has a Cousin in the Bronx* (1970) directed by Waris Hussein and starring Gene Wilder.

dlr LexIcon Studio Film Club: Seasonal Favourites (16 December, dlr LexIcon)

Dlr LexIcon Studio Film club screened the holiday classic *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* (John Hughes, 1987)

dlr LexIcon Family Film Club (19 December, dlr LexIcon)

dlr LexIcon Family Film Club this month held a fun-filled family movie screening of *Smallfoot* (2018) The Family Film Club takes place on the last Thursday of the month in the Studio, Level 1, dlr LexIcon.

Blackrock Library Film Club

Blackrock Film Club holds a monthly film club every third Thursday of the month. November's selection was *Kolya* (1996), directed by Jan Sverák

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to 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. Dalkey Library now hosts an Adult Board Game Club and has also started a self-led Sketch Club offering the opportunity to sketch in a warm, friendly environment.

Book Clubs

Across our 8 libraries, book clubs continue to thrive, offering a mix of in-person and online options to suit diverse interests, including:

Blackrock Library: Online Book Club, meeting monthly via Zoom on the second Thursday of the month.

Dalkey Library: Irish-language Club Leabhair.

dlr LexIcon: Thriller Tuesday Book Club, History Book Club, Irish-language Club Leabhar Filíochta and a Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club.

Dundrum Library: Audio Book Club.

Our long-running Online Book Club, facilitated by Mary Burnham, meets on the last Wednesday of each month. The club took a break in December but will return in January 2025.

These clubs provide valuable community engagement opportunities and foster a love of reading across a range of genres and formats.

Exhibition Programme

Migrants: An exhibition of work by artist Issa Watanabe (8 November - 13 December, dlr LexIcon)

Presented by the Peruvian Embassy in Ireland, this exhibition highlights the work of Issa Watanabe, one of the most recognised Latin American illustrators in recent years. Her book *Migrants*, published in Spain and in 18 countries, has received important distinctions, such as the Libreter Award (Barcelona, 2020) and the Gran Premio BIBF Ananas (Beijing, 2021). The artist's journey has a strong self-taught element: she began studying Literature at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, later resided in Mallorca, where she took some art courses, and then returned to the Peruvian capital to fully dedicate herself to her creative work.

The Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (November & December, Deansgrange Library)

The Big House formed the private domain for generations of the political, military and financial elites of Ireland and while it was largely removed from the everyday experience of Irish men and women, it often stood at the centre of the local economy, providing employment for those living in the area. The world of the Big House became increasingly unsteady as Ireland tilted towards independence and the grand houses that survived the fires of the 1920s faced further change during the twentieth century. Many of them were adapted and changed for use as convents, hospitals and schools. This exhibition was originally curated by David Gunning, former dlr Historian in Residence.

Libraries in Dún Laoghaire, 1834-2024 (6 December – 31 January, Level 5, dlr LexIcon)
dlr Local Studies presents an exhibition exploring the history of public libraries in Dún Laoghaire, tracing the various reading rooms operating in the town in the 19th century, through to the opening of the Carnegie Library in 1912, and finally dlr LexIcon in 2014.

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

Events for Children & Families

De Paul Family event (17 December, dlr LexIcon)

We welcomed families to the LexIcon for arts and crafts workshops, VR sessions and Santa.

Ballyogan outreach event: Christmas Experience in the Samuel Beckett Centre (14 December)

We joined with our stakeholders and estate management in Ballyogan to support the Christmas experience for the community. Mrs. Claus was provided with books to read and give to the children.

Staff manned a library stand to promote the new library and its facilities and patrons were signed up to the library in advance of opening.





Supertones Children's Choir (18 December, Blackrock Library)
Festive singing from the talented members of the Supertones Choir.

Christmas Storytimes in dlr Libraries (throughout December)
Festive storytelling sessions with library staff:

- 9 & 16 December, Deansgrange Library
- 11 & 18 December, Shankill Library
- 12 December, Dalkey Library

Dalkey Library Video Game Club (5 December, Dalkey Library)

A staff-led video game club where children aged 9-12 yrs can test their gaming skills with some of the best titles on the Xbox One? This is a staff –led event.

Soap Making Workshop (3 December, Dundrum Library)

An eco-friendly soap making workshop for children aged 5yrs+

Christmas Crafting

- Children's Christmas Crafting (5 & 12 December, Shankill Library)
- Christmas Crafting with White Doodle Art (7 December, Blackrock Library)
- Design Your Own Christmas Mug Workshop (11 December, Lab, dlr LexIcon)
- Christmas Crafts (17 December, Dalkey Library)

Library Clubs & Groups for children and families

dlr LexIcon Family Film Club this month held a fun-filled family movie screening of *Smallfoot* (2018). The Family Film Club takes place on the last Thursday of the month in the Studio, Level 1, dlr LexIcon. 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 has 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 Gamers Club which provides a changing selection of board games and PS4 games for kids from ages 7 and up.

Dabbleboo Music Monthly Workshops in Dundrum Library are designed to be accessible, engaging and fun, and focuses on playing together as a group.

Dalkey Library holds a Gaming Club, meeting on the first Thursday of the month, suitable for 9-12 yr olds. Lego clubs are held in Dalkey, dlr LexIcon and Blackrock libraries, with monthly events for families. Family Lego Time in Blackrock Library, children are asked to bring their most creative ideas and the library will provide the Lego. Dalkey Library Lego Challenge Club is a free play session on the first Saturday morning of the month.

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

Statistics

Social media (as of 11 December)

Facebook	8,576 followers
X (formerly Twitter)	8,595 followers
Instagram	5,099 followers
TikTok	645 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	15,034 subscribers

Online resources (as of 11 December)

Resource	Description	Prelim Stats: Dec 2024
Overdrive	eBooks	512
	eaudio	440
	Comics	0
Borrowbox	eaudio	4,014
	eBook	1,882
	ePress	7,766
Find my Past	Views	<i>Stats available at end of month</i>
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	1,129
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	7
Lote4Kids	logins	5
Who else writes	logins	0
Who next guide	logins	0
Medici	Videos Viewed	<i>Stats available at end of month</i>
Kanopy	Visits	2,917
Total:		18,672

DLR Sports Partnership Update – December 2024

- **Santa Dash** - third year of this family fun 2km around Cabinteely Park took place on the 8th December for all ages & abilities (nearly 500 participants).
- **Her Moves Ping Pong Art** – completed a 6-week table tennis and art programme with Table Tennis Ireland in St Raphaela's and St Tiernan's (52 participants).

- **Introduction to Tennis** – completed a 6-week beginners tennis programme in Marlay Park for over 55's with a focus on females (24 participants).
- **Boules Event Day** – come & try session that included a cup presentation to encourage social competition (50 Participants).
- **Social Basketball** – installing permanent basketball hoops for two locations where International Protection Applicants are based.
- **Local Sports & Physical Activity Plan** – presentations to both Area Committees and online workshop for Councillors in November. Bringing to full Council for approval.
- **Staffing** – Awaiting date to start recruitment for the Programmes Manager (Grade 6) and Sport 4 Empowerment Officer (Grade 5) positions.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme 2025** – total allocation of €37,000 across 29 projects. 17 Women in Sport, 7 Volunteer Training and 5 Disability Sport.
- **Sports Development Networking Meeting** – hosted an information and networking event for Development Officers with a remit for DLR.
- **Participation Nation Grant Scheme** – notification of €60,000 allocation under this new fund for outdoor activity equipment with a biodiversity component in Kilbogget Park.
- **SportsAbility Forum** – hosted third meeting of this information sharing and networking group for services, clubs and special schools held.
- **Inclusive Bike Hire** – secured two new inclusive bikes to add to fleet (adult trike, tandem).
- **Playground Equipment** – installed a new wheelchair roundabout in Kilbogget Park.
- **BoxUp** – awaiting delivery of a third 6-locker unit to be located in Ballyogan through Active Cities Dublin and the Dormant Accounts Fund.
- **Play Innovation** – working with Sports Development in DLRCC to purchase number of Play Innovation Boards for selected parks to enhance informal play.
- **Research** – DLRCOCO, Active Cities Dublin, DLRSP and UCD working together on a project to measure/track participation levels across DLR.
- **DLRSP Website** – over previous 12 months new users 17K (up 151%), returning users up 138%, page views 42,570 (up 103%), event count 126,640 (up 110%).
- **Club Directory** - completed the upgrading of our Sports Club Directory and that is now one of the busiest areas on the website.
- **DLRSP Newsletter** – 5th edition of the Sports Partnership quarterly newsletter circulated.

Heritage

- dlr Heritage Community Grant scheme – correspondence with submitters
- Heritage and Biodiversity Officers national Training and Development meetings
- Onboarding of new Heritage and Biodiversity Communications graduate; heritage and biodiversity web pages upgrade, making dlr heritage and biodiversity resources more widely available through digitization and dissemination, creation of ArcGIS storymaps with existing content, AR “Windows on the Past” project, social media appraisal and strategy
- Planning for Blackrock business community heritage workshop (Jan 7th)
- Heritage Council funded projects
 - Preparation for 2025 geophys survey of Rathmichael Hillfort
 - Planning for launch of “Made in Blackrock” audio trail/podcast - Feb '25
 - Southside Travellers Action Group archives project (in collaboration with dlr Community/Creative Ireland/Heritage Council) - exhibition planned for Jan/Feb '25
- Creative Ireland funded projects
 - Planning for “Discovering dlr” 8 week course in early 2025 as part of “Let’s Get Social” programme in collaboration with Libraries and Southside Partnership – Feb/March '25
 - Planning for screening of Lios an Uisce film
 - Update/reprint of Martello Towers of Dublin book
- Carrickbrennan cemetery wall repair – works starting January
- Distribution of dlr heritage books to local bookshops

- Tourism advisory committee meeting
- Dalkey Castle Board meeting and 5 year strategy finalization
- Procurement planning - restoration of haha at Marlay Park
- Input to THRIVE project in collaboration with dlr Architects
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Input to Rathmichael and Old Conna ICAS reports and Harbour Masterplan heritage baseline
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups
- Ongoing maintenance of dlr heritage properties

Filming

CRM Source or Email	Location	Date Request Received	Date of Filming	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
345795	Killiney Hill Park	03/12/24	20/12/24	Y	

Allotments

Castle:

- Letters prepared to renew contracts with plot holders; to be sent out in January 2025.

Mount Anville:

- Lock has been changed on main entrance to Mount Anville Allotment, and all members have been given the new key.
- Letters prepared to renew contracts with plot holders; to be sent out in January 2025.
- People from the waiting list have been offered plots in Mount Anville.

Market

Source	Date applied	Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun	Category
CRM	03-Dec	1			Hot Food
CRM	04-Dec	1			Hot Food
Email	04-Dec	1			Hot Food
Email	12-Dec		1		Hot Food
Email	12-Dec	1			Artist

Benches/Tree

Source	Date Applied	Tree	Bench	Location	Accepted
CRM	18/12/2024		1	Beechpark Drive	Ongoing

Parks Planning

Team: Dara O'Daly, Deirdre O'Riordan, Neil Molloy, Norman Kelly

• Reports:

- Between 3rd December and 19th December there has been 17 planning reports completed by the Parks Planning Team.
- These reports include pre-planning, planning and compliances. Reports for planning applications this month range from small scale residential infill projects up to a large scale residential project ABP compliances for Murphystown Way on Murphystown Road.

- **Pre-planning** The Parks Planning team have provided preplanning input for the Balally Shopping Centre redevelopment which will be a mix of residential and commercial. We had a face to face meeting with the landscape consultants for the Kiltiernan Village site.
- **LAP:** The Parks team continue to have input into the Old Conna and Rathmichael LAP process as well as the Glenamuck/ Kiltiernan LAP.
- **Section 38:** The Parks Planning Team have provided comments for the demolition of the Boylan Centre in Dun Laoghaire and the proposed renovation of no.9 George's Place and the adjacent Washhouse.
- **Meetings:**
 - There is also a fortnightly Planning files meeting which takes one hour. This meeting is run by the Planners and they go through applications which have been recently received. This is a productive meeting which gives all departments a heads up on impending applications and what the general attitude is around the proposal.
 - We hold our own 2 hour Parks Planning Team meeting every Tuesday morning to discuss and assign the applications to each of the four members of the Parks Planning Team.
 - Once a month Neill attends a Taken In Charge meeting, and updates Building Control on the Parks Dept progress in relation to 32 development currently listed for TIC.
 - Neill attend 4 onsite meetings with developers and Arborists.
- **Return of bonds. (ROB)**
Investigated the planning files for the ROB of 3 development.
Signed off on 2 older ROB
- **Taken In Charge (TIC)**
Ongoing work to move many developments closer to the TIC completion process.
- **Land transfer.**
Honey Park land transfer is near completion. A lot of time has been spent arranging this between the developer, legal dept, building control and the property section.
On site meeting was also held by the Parks Dept, with the Ward Councillors and Residents
- **New sites due to commence.**
2 sites visit with arborist, on sites due to commence.
- **Return of tree bonds.**
On going work into return of tree bonds
No tree bonds returned this month.
One tree bond removed
One tree bond reduced

Parks Operations:

- Ongoing Countywide Landscape Maintenance works focus on winter maintenance of planted areas, flailing and hedgerow management and grass cutting.
- Works underway on the redevelopment of the Gallops playground which is nearing completion and Marlay Woodland Playground is complete and opened on Monday 16th Dec.
- Calisthenics area completed in the Gallops.
- Works completed on upgrading steps at St Patrick's Park, Kilgobbin Rd – landscape works to follow.
- Repair works under way on Marlay walled garden fountains (ongoing).
- Boules area extended and improved in Cabinteely Park – reopened 9th Dec.
- Fountain in Overend Park serviced and pond cleaned.
- New entrance upgrade works complete at O'Rourke Park Open Space.
- Bulb planting carried out at Loughlinstown Woods Park, Pine Wood and Ralahine, Beechpark Drive, Foxrock, Longford Gardens, Farmleigh Ave , Rathsallagh Park and Rockfield Park.
- Numerous Wayleaves and Road Opening Licences processed.
- Tree Works for East and West county tendered and awarded – due to commence in Jan
- Tree Purchases tender awarded.
- Additional Estate railing installed in Marlay Park.

- Fernhill Park & Gardens – works to provide safe area and welfare facilities for the goat herd due to be relocated to dlr to manage firebreaks on Killiney Hill, Rochestown Hill and Fernhill has been complete and goats expected mid Jan 2025.
- Works ongoing on the clean up after Storm Darragh.
- Green Flags awarded in Marlay, Cabinteely, Deerpark, Shangannagh, Peoples Park and Blackrock Park.
- Benches delivered for installation in Parks 2025.
- Red Jetty seating removed from Bracken Road Park.

Parks Capital Projects – Dec 2024 Progress

	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Grass Pitch Refurbishments						✓	All complete except Rosemount
Oatlands All Weather Pitch						✓	Complete in June 2024
Mounttown Boxing Facility					✓		Works commenced in Jan 2024 for completion in Jan 2025.
Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion)					✓		Modular building being constructed on site – for completion in Jan 2025
Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 3				✓		✓	Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-leash area, sports pavilion complete. Adventure Play Space tenders have been received – evaluation to be concluded.
Blackrock Park - Phase 2					✓	✓	Teenage zone, boules court, seating, Phoenix Terrace planting and play space complete, renovation of steps all complete. Historic Kiosk conservation works are on-going – for completion in Q1 2025.
New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross					✓	✓	Kilcross complete, Finsbury for completion in Dec 2024
Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works					✓		Works commenced early Nov 2024 – for completion in April 2025.
Pavement Improvement Programme				✓	✓		Works and procurements on-going.
Play Space Development 2024 Projects (Refurbishments)					✓		Some projects complete, other projects for completion in Q4 2024/Q1 2025.

Marlay Golf Redevelopment				✓			On-going. To be progressed through section 183.
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2				✓			Part 8 approved in Oct 2024 and tenders have been received.
Cabinteely Park Projects			✓				Part 8 approved in Nov 2024.
New Play Spaces at Clonkeen & Ludford		✓					Communications on-going.
Sandyford Urban Open Space		✓					Acquisition is being progressed. Tenders for a consultant team are being assessed.
Hyde Park Community Sports Building		✓					Application issued for the LSSIF in 2024 & successful. To progress.
Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1	✓						Part 8 approved at the Feb 2024 Council Meeting. Judicial Review is delaying the works
Jamestown Park Masterplan	✓						Masterplan considerations on-going.
Parks Depots	✓						Initial stakeholder engagement is taking place.
Shanganagh Castle Sports Facilities	✓						No progress. To progress when resources permit.
Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch	✓						Delay due to Dept. of Education review but now starting to progress. Surveys on-going.
Dalkey Island (Upgrade Tower & Gun Battery)	✓						No progress. To progress when resources permit.
Marlay Park Masterplan	✓						Progress on the ha-ha restoration only. Application issued for the LSSIF in 2024 & successful.
Wetlands & Attenuation (East & West)	✓						Recent work on Cabinteely pond and Corke Abbey Valley Park. Other projects being identified.
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	✓						Application issued for the LSSIF in 2024 but unsuccessful. On hold.
Shanganagh Crematorium	✓						No funding available. On hold.
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms	✓						No funding available. On hold. Skills wall is complete.

Sports Development – December Report

DLR Leisure set up the following activities in December 2024.

DEIS After School Sports Programme

- St. Joseph's Dún Laoghaire, mixed group (10-12 age).
- St. Kevin's Sallynoggin, mixed group (10-12 age).
- Scoil Mhuire Shankill, mixed group (10-12 age).
- Holy Family Monkstown, mixed group (10-12 age).
- St. Laurence College Loughlinstown, mixed group (13-16 age).
- St. John's Ballybrack, mixed group (10-12 age).

Youth Groups

- Sallynoggin Crosscare group 1, mixed group (10-12 age).
- Sallynoggin Crosscare group 2, mixed group (13-15 age).
- Shankill Crosscare, mixed group (10-14 age).
- Ballybrack, boys only group (12-14 age).
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare gym session, boys only group (15-17 age).
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare, girls only group (12 -14 age).
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare, mixed group (16-17 age).
- Mounttown Crosscare, mixed group (10-16 age).
- Balally Family Resource Centre, mixed group (12-14 age)
- Whitehouse Crosscare Ballyogan, group 1 boys only group (12-15 age).
- Whitehouse Crosscare Ballyogan, group 2 mixed group (15-17 age).

Special Needs Groups

- Strive Dún Laoghaire, mixed group (20-24 age)
- Carmona services, mixed group (24 age).
- Festina Lente, mixed group (24 age).

Sallynoggin Youth Reach

- Continued our gym sessions for the above group and also ran an archery session, mixed group (16-18 age).

Other Activities

- Assisted Sports Partnership with Santa Dash event on the 8th December in Cabinteely Park.
- Assisted Sports Partnership with their sports ability session in Tallaght Leisure Centre.
- Have booked in a number of youth services and DEIS schools for our sports programme starting in January 2025. Updates will be provided on these activities in January report.

Leinster Rugby

No report received.

Leinster Cricket

Sessions completed at the following schools: Holly Park Girls N.S. St. Laurence's B.N.S. Stillorgan and cricket for all sessions have also been completed in Enable Ireland.

Work has been on going with the Dalkey Community Group (Thomas Joseph) to facilitate "Smash It" sessions in the new year with plans well advanced.

Planning for the new year school yard sessions has commenced, with plans to bring at least 5 new schools into the program for the next term.



First Aid and child safeguarding sessions have also been arranged to help clubs get ready for the new season.

We are planning to hold a youth cricket forum (province wide) so that clubs can outline what help they need from us to continue/start youth cricket in their clubs and what formats will suit best.

Plans are progressing to have some form of junior cricket at Sandyford Cricket Club next season.

Moving forward into 2025 we are going to run a girls after school cricket academy program (initially at national school level) to offer a pathway to girls who wish to develop their game but are not members of cricket clubs.

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No report received.