

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

October to December (Q4) QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1st October – 18th December 2024

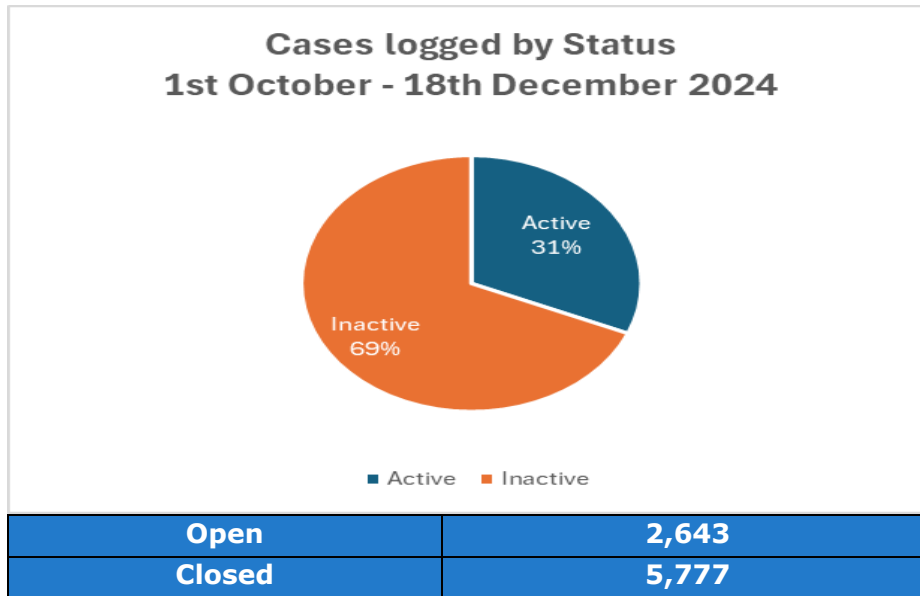
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Corporate Affairs

CRM Statistics

CRMS Logged



Section/Department	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	15	5	20
Ballyogan Depot	4		4
Comms & Civic Hub	48	878	926
Community	6	3	9
Corporate Services	7	6	13
dlrcoco	77	57	134
Enterprise	1	1	2
Environment	2		2
Finance	81	618	699
Forward Planning Infrastructure	3	2	5
Harbour	3	8	11
Housing	107	264	371
ICC	1688	3203	4891
IT	2	3	5
Libraries	2	1	3
Parks	543	687	1230
Planning	14	20	34
Property	18	2	20
Water Services	22	19	41
Grand Total	2,643	5,777	8,420

*This does not fully reflect the interaction of the Housing Department as they also directly deal with calls, emails and post.

Civic Hub Activities:

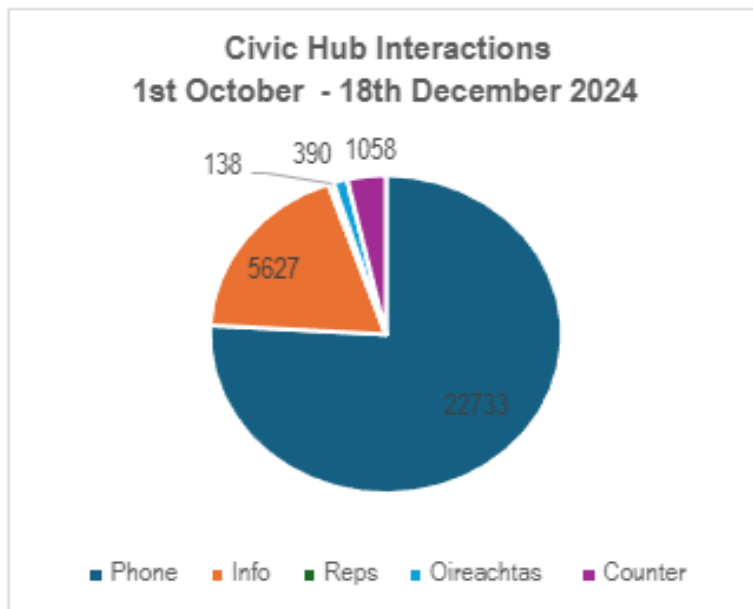
Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	7,760	14,973

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Oireachtas	Total Emails
	5,627	138	390	6,155

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	937	121	1,058

DLR Civic Hub:

In Quarter 4 of 2024, the Civic Hub has dealt with over 29,946 customer interactions:



Freedom of Information – 30 in Quarter 4 (1st October – 18th December 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.

Oct 1 – Dec 18 2024 - Quarterly Report for dlrcoco.ie and dlrlibraries.ie

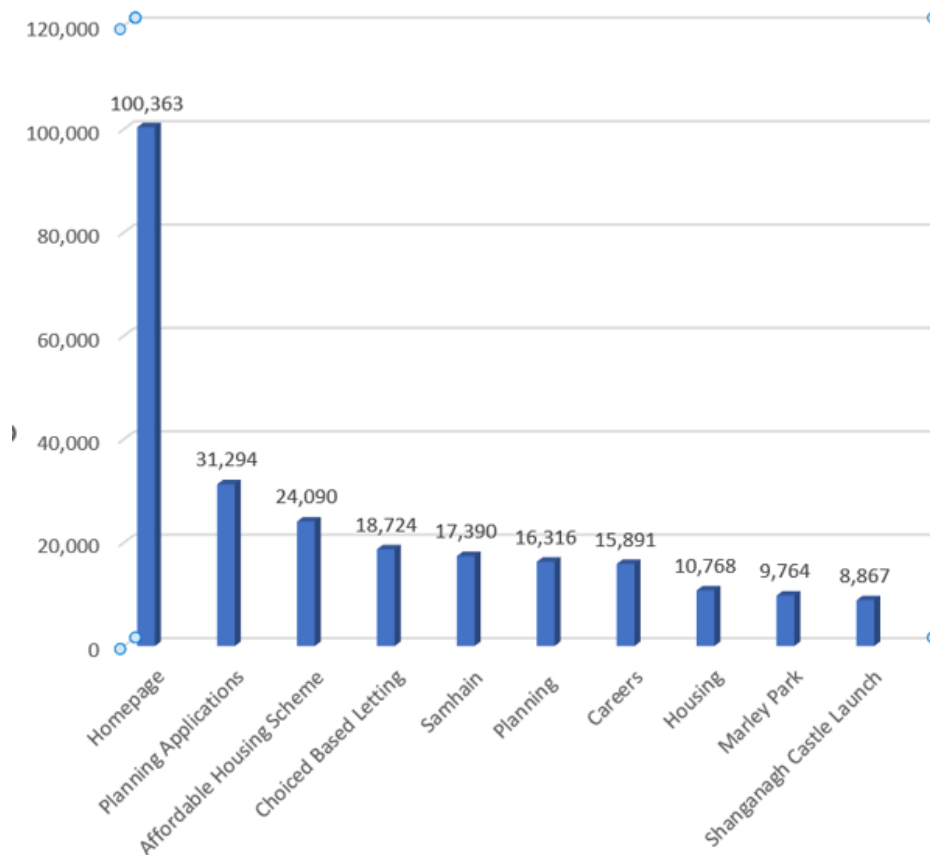
Website Activity – Page views and number of users

Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	610,623	238,433
dlrLibraries	115,453	42,155

Compared to 1 July – 30 September

Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	724,879	307,096
dlrLibraries	41,251	16,213

Top viewed pages on dlrcoco.ie



Press Releases: We issued 34 Press Releases from October 1 - December 18

Highest Performing News Stories

1. [DLR and LDA officially launch Shanganagh Castle](#) – Views 8,859
2. [Win tickets for Wonderlights Marley Park](#) – Views 3,496
3. [Magical Elves and Festive fun at the Santa Parade in Dún Laoghaire](#) – Views 2,497

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

Press Queries: 33

Public Consultations: 9

Social Media Activity

Highest performing social media posts on Facebook

1. Affordable Homes Information Evening.
2. Wonderlights at Marley Park launch.
3. Glenamuck District Roads Scheme Update.

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Highest performing social media posts on LinkedIn




1. Electric Vehicles roll-out.
2. Current Vacancies.
3. Water quality testing improvements.

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Highest performing social media posts on Instagram




1. QR Code Scam.
2. Cancellation of Samhain.

3. dlr Baths – Sauna applications.

 <p>Warning</p> <p>Impressions 10,112</p>	 <p>Sorry EVENT IS CANCELLED</p> <p>Impressions 7,519</p>	 <p>Impressions 6,677</p>
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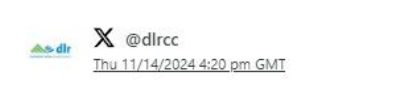



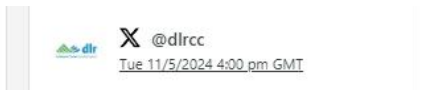

Highest performing Reels on Instagram

1. Santa’s arrival in Dún Laoghaire.
2. Forty Foot shower facility.
3. Santa Dash in Cabinteely Park.

 <p>Impressions 9,875</p>	 <p>Impressions 8,396</p>	 <p>Impressions 8,130</p>
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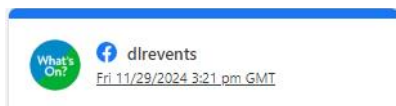

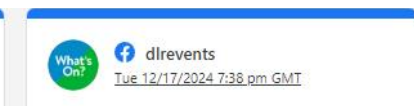

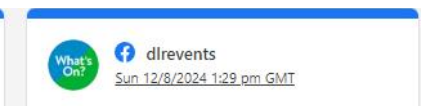

Highest performing social media posts on X

1. Kill O’ The Grange NS Walking routes.
2. New speed limit bylaws.
3. Road sweeping update.

 <p>Kill O'The Grange N.S. have recently developed new Walking & Cycling Bus routes to School. See extended video here:...</p>  <p>Impressions 9,160</p>	 <p>Today marks the introduction of new speed limit byelaws across Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, with the implementation of a...</p>  <p>Impressions 7,666</p>	 <p>At the moment, our entire road sweeping operation is focused on leaf collection throughout the County. If you want to reque...</p>  <p>Impressions 3,758</p>
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Highest Performing Facebook Event Listings

1. 3D light installations.
2. Cabinteely Park elf tree.
3. Santa Post Boxes AR.

 <p>Lots happening in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown this weekend with exciting 3D light installations for that perfect insta moment, th...</p>  <p>Impressions 1,052</p>	 <p>🎄 The magic of the elf tree in Cabinteely Park is alive! Our mischievous elves arrived in November and are keeping track of who's...</p>  <p>Impressions 311</p>	 <p>Have you downloaded our free Augmented Reality (AR) app at the Santa Post Boxes or from webcloudone.com/dlrchristmas to meet...</p>  <p>Impressions 300</p>
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Social media statistics

We have over 100k followers across all social accounts including the corporate account, dlr events, dlr arts, libraries, LEO office, dlr heritage and dlr Sports Partnership.

We published 2,272 posts from 1 October – 18 December 2024. Further breakdown below of the accounts and performance.

Audience growth since July – September 2024












- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Facebook** increased by 320 followers
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Instagram** increased by 1,091 followers

- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **LinkedIn** increased by 377 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 Oct 1, 2024 - Dec 18, 2024	98,382	1,359	2,272	2,715,576	102,591	3.8%	257,912
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	23,305	320	550	1,073,892	56,954	5.3%	56,841
 dlrevents	14,424	96	141	190,687	13,534	7.1%	7,292
 dlrcoco.ie	11,051	1,091	701	837,076	10,910	1.3%	178,098
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,886	53	90	313,944	10,179	3.2%	2,233
 Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	3,339	377	45	47,401	5,112	10.8%	949
 @dlrcc	20,649	-215	482	217,456	5,042	2.3%	12,213
 DLR Arts Office	2,787	14	55	18,146	537	3%	71
 @DLR_Libraries	8,588	-206	37	11,754	219	1.9%	86
 @leo_dlr	5,443	-77	166	4,567	62	1.4%	125
 @dlrheritevents	3,910	-94	5	653	42	6.4%	4
 @dlrArts	—	—	0	—	—	—	—

Finance and Water Services

Water Services

Drainage & Flood Alleviation

Engineering and environmental consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management Works on the **Deansgrange Stream**. Stages I and II of the project, namely Option Selection/Preliminary Design and Planning are now completed. Public consultation for the Part 8 Planning process on the proposed scheme ended in August 2023. The Chief Executive report for Part 8 was brought to, and approved at, the December 2023 Council Meeting, subject to approval from An Bord Pleanála (following an EIA determination direct request) and also a survey of SuDS opportunities being carried out in the wider catchment. An Bord Pleanála have recently determined that no EIAR is required.

Water Services are now progressing with detailed design. It is planned to progress the overall scheme in smaller projects to reduce the risk of significant cost overruns and also delays due to environmental/stakeholder issues. Glenavon Park Ponds/Wetlands project will progress initially and advance works are already underway - invasives burial, otter surveys, archaeological surface digging etc. The design work on the upgrade to the critical Seafield culvert screen has commenced.

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 EIAR report is now completed and includes final details from the environmental/ecological surveys. It is planned to submit planning documentation to An Bord Pleanála in January 2025.

The options for the **Dodder Phase 3 FRS** were recently presented to the Councillors in advance of a Public Consultation Day for the final options on the scheme. A Public Engagement event is scheduled for the end of October. Ground investigation work is currently underway which will inform the designs.

Water Pollution Control Section (WPCS)

While the Dublin Urban Rivers Life (DURL) Project will officially finish in March 2025, the Project's Stormwater Assessment team of six was disbanded in June this year. A commitment was made under the project to complete the misconnection surveys in Wedgewood, which is part of the Deansgrange catchment, and to ensure repairs were carried out to previously identified misconnections in the Shanganagh catchment. This work was carried out by the WPCS using the same methodology and computer systems, so that the information could be fed into the DURL statistics.

In addition three farm surveys were carried out.

Finance

Rates

The Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act (LGROMA), 2019 was passed by the Oireachtas and enacted on 11th July 2019. Only certain provisions of the Act relating to rates commenced in 2019. The Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2023 was identified as the vehicle for carrying Rates Act amendments. That Act was signed into law by the President on 13th October 2023.

Main Process Changes resulting from the commencement of the LGROMA 2019

- Removal of two moieties – there is now a single bill for the year due on 1st January each year.
- Amendments to a valuation list are effective immediately.
- There will now be provision for pro-rata liability and billing where occupation ends or begins mid-year.
- Interest Payable on Unpaid Rates - from the 1st January, 2026 interest will be chargeable on unpaid 2025 Rates.

Notice of Consideration of a Scheme for the Abatement of Rates in Respect of Vacant Properties

On the 10th July, 2024 the Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage published the '*Local Government Abatement Of Rates In Respect Of Vacant Properties Regulations 2024*'

As per the regulations, a notice was placed in the Irish Times on Thursday 1st August welcoming written submissions from the public specifically covering the potential effects of a scheme providing for the abatement of rates in respect of vacant properties on businesses, individuals and on local authority services. The closing date for submissions was midnight on 23rd August, 2024. Four submissions were received, three were in favour of no abatement and the other in favour of 100% abatement.

The Council adopted the 2025 Vacancy Abatement Scheme at the Budget meeting held on 27th November 2024. There will be no abatement of rates for commercial properties except for those with a rates bill of €10,000 or less in 2025.

The Council continues to facilitate businesses who are experiencing difficulties paying their rates and where possible payment plans are entered into which are mutually acceptable to the business and the Council. There has been a continued increase in the number of accounts paying monthly instalments by direct debit.

We have increased enforcement proceedings, including the use of a Debt Collection Agency, in respect of non-compliant rate payers.

RATEPAYERS SUPPORT GRANT

The Council's Budget for 2025 retained numerous Grants and Supports for Businesses including the Ratepayers Support Grant for eligible ratepayers whose 2025 rates bill is less than €20,000. Grant payments are graduated depending on the level of rates payable and the grant varies from 8% to 14%.

Any qualifying commercial ratepayers will have the Grant paid into their account at the end of 2025.

ICOB

The Increased Cost of Business (ICOB) grant was introduced as part of the 2024 Budget. This one-time grant, amounting to €257 million, was to be disbursed to small and medium-sized businesses nationally from the start of the second quarter of 2024.

This grant was intended as a one-time financial aid to help businesses with increased costs associated with running a business. This scheme was not a waiver for commercial rates, and businesses were expected to continue paying their commercial rates as usual.

Eligibility for the grant required businesses to operate from a commercially rateable location, to be compliant with their rates arrangements with their local authority and have had a 2023 rate bill not exceeding €30,000.

A total of 2,790 application for the grant were received and processed in DLR with €10.8 million in grants approved for businesses in DLR and paid out between April and August 2024. 2,550 local businesses benefited from the initial grant with 1,052 businesses also receiving a second grant per the Departmental guidelines.

PowerUp Grant

The PowerUp grant was introduced as part of the 2025 national Budget. This one-time grant, amounting to €170 million, was to be disbursed to small and medium-sized businesses in the retail and hospitality sectors nationally in late 2024.

This grant is intended as a one-time financial aid to help businesses with increased costs associated with running a business. This scheme is not a waiver for commercial rates, and businesses were expected to continue paying their commercial rates as usual. The grant is set at a flat rate of €4000 for each qualifying property.

Eligibility for the grant was set by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and is primarily limited to businesses that received both ICOB grants earlier in the year with applications being processed through the mycoco system.

The DETE identified 1,089 businesses in the DLR area that were eligible to apply for the grant. A total of 982 applications for the grant were received and processed in DLR with €3.84 million in grants approved for businesses in DLR and paid out in December 2024.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable continues to work to ensure suppliers are paid as quickly as possible to assist with their cash flow requirements. Invoices from almost 4,000 suppliers, totaling €432m, have been processed to date in 2024.

Financial Management

Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely. The 2025 Budget was adopted by the members at the Budget meeting held on 27 November 2024. Work is progressing on the preparation of the Report on the Capital Programme 2025 – 2027.

Overdraft Facility

The Council agreed a resolution at the Council meeting held on 9th September to keep the overdraft facility in place for 2025 with a limit of €10m. Sanction was received from the Minister in November.

Annual Financial Statement 2024

The unaudited Annual Financial Statement for 2023 was prepared and submitted to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage in March and The Local Government Auditor completed the audit of the accounts in August 2024. The audit report has been considered by the Audit Committee at its last meeting which the Local Government Auditor also attended. The report was included on the agenda for the Council meeting on 11 November 2024.

LPT

The provisional LPT allocation for 2025 was notified by the Department. The Council voted to reduce the basic rate of LPT by 15% for 2025 at the Council meeting held on 14 October 2024.

Housing

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Overview

In accordance with Guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Council's Corporate Plan, this Report is produced to give an overview of the Housing portfolio at Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The report covers the provision, maintenance and management of housing stock and the housing supports available for those who need them.

The data included in this report covers data for Q1 2024 from 1st January to 15th March, Q2 from 18th March to 7th June, Q3 from 8th June to 20th September and Q4 from 21st September to 13th December inclusive. The data regarding the activity of this department prior to this report can be found on our website at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/housing/housing-statistics>.

The Government's new housing plan, *Housing for All*, was published on 2nd September 2021. The plan can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ef5ec-housing-for-all-a-new-housing-plan-for-ireland/>.

This Report considers the following areas:

Housing Delivery

- Build
- Acquisition
- Part V
- Social Leasing
- Traveller Specific Accommodation
- HAP / RAS
- Cost Rental
- Affordable Purchase

Support

- Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock
- Retrofitting
- Housing Adaptation Grants
- Allocations & Assessments
- Choice Based Letting
- Homeless Services
- Private Rented Housing Standards
- Tenancy Management & Anti-social Behaviour
- Local Authority Home Loan Scheme
- Tenant Purchase Scheme

2. Housing Delivery

2.1 Overview

The Social Housing Target 2022-2026 for delivery by this Council is 1,994 homes.

Table 1: Homes Delivered

		2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total	2024 Target
DLR Build		0	4	0	73	77	372
DLR Part V		0	8	0	64	72	
AHB Build		0	34*	0	14	48	
AHB Part V		0	0	1	24	25	
DLR Acquisitions (includes Tenant-in-Situ)		7	5	18	18	48	
AHB Acquisition	CAS	1	0	2	1	4	
	CALF	0	6*	0	1	7	
Total Build & Acquisition		8	57	21	195	281	
DLR Lease		0	0	0	15	15	101
AHB Lease		0	0	0	0	0	
RAS		6	6	5	17	34	
HAP - Standard		29	24	41	26	120	
HAP - Homeless		16	16	29	17	78	
Total RAS & HAP & Leasing		51	46	75	75	247	
Total Delivery – all social housing delivery streams excluding bad relets		59	103	96	270	528	

*4 of these AHB CALF acquisitions were counted as AHB Build in Q2. The bottom-line figure remains the same.

Table 2: Traveller Specific Accommodation

	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Refurbishment Works and New Sites	0	0	0	0	0
Casual Vacancies/Relets	1	0	0	2	3
Standard Housing	0	1	2	0	3

2.2 Housing Construction

The Housing Department recognises the importance of managing the development process as part of the effort to achieve the targets set by the Department of Housing, Local

Government and Heritage (DHLGH). To this extent, the schemes are closely monitored from inception through to completion.

**DLRCC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2022 – 2026
Includes SHIP, Major Refurbishments and AHB New Build**

The following tables provide an overview of the different schemes under the Housing Construction Capital Programme, their current status and estimated completion date. It should be noted that dates indicated for handover are estimates and are subject to change. In some cases, the figure includes social and affordable housing. Schemes being delivered under the Planning and Development (S.179a) Regulations 2023 are identified.

Table 3: Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Rockville Green	13	On site 21 st June.	Q2 2024	Q3 2025
Park House	4	On Site	Q3 2022	Q4 2024
Shanganagh Residential Lands	597 (200 social)	On Site–Phase 2 & 3 Pending Phase 1 Social 35 Units Practical Completion Q4 2024 Affordable scheme & Cost Rental Launched.	Q3 2022	Phased delivery from Q4 2024
37A Rollins Villas (infill)	1	Completed	Q1 2023	Q4 2024
St. Laurence’s Park	88 (48 social)	On Site	Q4 2023	Q4 2025
Roebuck Road Infill	4	On Site	Q1 2024	Q1 2025
Total	707			

Table 4: Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date estimated	Handover estimated
Ballyogan Rise (Phase 2)	52	Stage 3 Approved.	Q2 2025	TBC
Woodpark TAU	3	Stage 4 Approved. On-Site Q1 2025	Q1 2025	Q4 2025
Infill Site at Rockville Drive	1	On-Hold. Costs under review. S179A exemption to Part 8	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
St Michaels TAU	3	Part 8 Approved. Stage 4 Submission being prepared.	Q1 2025	Q3 2026
27 Patrick’s Street (Cross Avenue)	4	Stage 4 Rejected. S179A exemption to Part 8	TBC	TBC
Old Connaught TAU	6	Stage 2 Approved. S179A exemption to Part 8	TBC	TBC
Total	69			

Table 5: Schemes at Design/Tender Stage

Site Name	No. Units estimated	Status Detail	On Site Date estimated	Handover estimated
Blackglen Road Phase 1	129	Stage 2 Approved. Preliminary Design stage.	Q2 2025	Q2 2027
Balally PPP – Bundle 5	62	Being developed under S85 Agreement.	TBC	2026
Lambs Cross PPP – Bundle 5	37	Being developed under S85 Agreement. Part 8 Published.	TBC	2026
Ballyman	300 (includes 150 for Affordable)	Accelerated Delivery Site Stage 1 Approved.	Q4 2024	2026
Lehaunstown	109	Accelerated Delivery Site Stage 2 Approved. S179A published, closed and under Judicial Review.	TBC	TBC
Old Connaught Avenue housing site	62	Accelerated Delivery Site Stage 1 Approval Pending.	Q4 2025	Q1 2028
Mount Anville	24 (Affordable)	At design stage.	Q4 2024	Q1 2026
Tig Mo Chroí	3	Stage 2 Approval Pending.	Q3 2025	Q4 2026
Total	726			
OVERALL TOTAL	1502			

3. Housing Support

3.1 Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock

Table 6: Re-lets and Retrofits

Re-lets & Retrofits	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Non-Standard Voids	0	2	0	1	3
Re-lets	26	27	28	30	111
Retrofits - Energy Upgrade Works completed	18	24	19	27	88
Retrofits – Energy Upgrade Works in progress	-	-	-	-	32
Planned Maintenance works completed		197*	543	550	1,290
Stock Condition Surveys completed	277	148	187	281	893

*Q2 data updated to include works completed in Q2 which were not confirmed as completed at the time of the Q2 report.

Table 7: Maintenance Requests

Routine Maintenance	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Requests received	2,035	1,621	2,397	2,074	8,127
Requests in progress	243	28	383	584	584
Requests completed	1,792	1,593	2,014	1,490	7,543*

* this is the total number of requests received this year (8,127) less the number of requests outstanding (584) at the end of Q4.

Table 8: Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme

	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Works on hand at beginning of quarter	162	171	157	149	–
Works Requests Received	47	40	61	62	210
Works Completed/Closed	38*	54	69	70	231
Works on hand at closing	171	157	149	141	–

* figure supplied in the Q1 report was incorrect.

3.2 **Allocations**

Table 9: Allocations

Allocations	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Social Housing List	90	105	123	109	427
Transfer List	54	75	113	38	280
Total Allocations	144	180	236	147	707

3.3 **Choice Based Letting (CBL)**

Table 10: CBL Adverts by Area of Choice

	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Area 1 (South West of M50)	11	2	10	12	35
Area 2 (Between M50 & N11)	6	8	14	19	47
Area 3 (North West of N11)	16	18	16	27	77
Total	33	28	40	58	159

Note: Figures shown are for adverts which may represent multiple properties. Under the new Allocation Scheme there are now three areas of preference as shown above.

3.4 Homeless Services

Table 11: Homeless Services

	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
No. of Homeless Families	86	96	97	87	-
No. of Homeless Individuals	150	159	173	179	-
No. of Allocations to homeless individuals/families	17	10	32	34	93
No. of social housing offers made to homeless individuals/families who have signed for or accepted a tenancy (still residing in EA)	16	16	29	22	-
No. of Housing First Tenancies	2	2	6	3*	13

*a further 12 Housing First Tenancies are being progressed; however, we are awaiting the appointment of the new Housing First provider which is being co-ordinated by the Housing Agency for the 4 Dublin Local Authorities.

3.5 Housing and Disability Steering Group

A meeting of the Steering Group was held on 4th December 2024. 27% of all allocations made from 1st January to 29th November this year were made to Disabled People. The Group continue to progress the actions of the Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability 2021 – 2026. This Plan can be found [here](#).

3.6 Grant Assistance to Older Persons and Disabled People

Table 12: Breakdown of Grant Assistance to Older Persons and Disabled People

Housing Adaptation Grant for Disabled People

Housing Adaptation Grant for Disabled People	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
No. of Applications received	31	55	76	65	227
Provisional approvals issued	29	58	47	74	208
Grants paid	29	41	45	53	168
Value of Grants paid	€351,903	€367,533	€419,593	€458,000	€1,597,029

Housing Aid for Older Persons

	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
No. of Applications received	26	27	42	28	123
Provisional approvals issued	25	38	26	37	126
Grants paid	19	30	21	34	104
Value of Grants paid	€72,187	€132,606	€121,378	€152,977	€479,148

Mobility Aids Grant

	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
No. of Applications received	13	10	8	4	35
Provisional approvals issued	5	12	6	4	27
Grants paid	5	7	11	5	28
Value of Grants paid	€20,013	€34,482	€57,446	€21,583	€133,524

2024 Budget - Update

Budget Provision (3 Schemes)	€2,570,000
Budget Spent to date	€2,209,702
Budget % Spent	90.25%

Note: Some applications may be received in one year and processed in the following year as it can take some time before full documentation is submitted by the applicant.

3.7 Rent Arrears

Table 13: Rents

	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Rent Charged	€4,013,596	€4,832,244	€5,326,396	€4,776,364	€18,948,600
Rent Payments Received	€3,978,557	€4,325,451	€5,450,498	€4,382,021	€18,136,527
Accrued Rent Arrears	€17,391	-€6,620	€129,641	-€1,186	€139,226

3.8 Private Rented Housing Standards

Table 14: Private Rented Housing Standards

Private Rental Inspections	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Inspections carried out	495	3,169	1,857	2,254	7,775
Dwellings Inspected	485	1,419	1,294	1,057	4,255
Dwellings Inspected Compliant with Housing Regulations	114	610	321	301	1,346
Dwellings Inspected non-Compliant with Regulations (this may include more than one inspection)	371	809	973	746	2,899

Note: Dwellings deemed compliant in a quarter are only deemed compliant with the Regulations at a particular point in time.

3.9 Tenancy Management and Anti-social Behaviour

Table 15: Estate Management

	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Pre-tenancy courses	0	1	1	1	3

Table 16: Anti-social Behaviour

Anti-social cases	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Received	38	40	50	34	162
Completed	28	38	46	32	144
Ongoing	10*	2*	4	2	18*
Tenancy Warning	0	3	5	6	14
Tenancy Notification	3	0	2	0	5
Verbal Warning	3	4	6	3	16
Advice Given	17	21	23	16	77
Refer to Other Depts	1	3	6	1	11
No Further Action	4	7	4	4	19
Successful Possession Proceedings	1	0	0	0	1
Ongoing Possession Proceedings	1**	1**	1**	1**	1**
Eviction	0	0	0	1	1
Successful Excluding Order Proceedings	0	0	0	0	0
Ongoing Exclusion Order Proceedings	1**	1**	1**	1**	1**

*These cases are ongoing and carried over each quarter

** These cases are carried over if ongoing or if not completed

Table 17: Tenancy Management Interviews

	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Tenancy Management Interviews	30	32	42	28	132

3.10 Loans

Table 18: Local Authority Home Loan Scheme

Local Authority Home Loans	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Total
Applications received	6	4	5	14	29
Applications approved in principle	0	1	3	4	8
Loan Drawdowns	0	2	0	1	3
Applications declined	1	3	3	4	11
Closed Applications	2	3	0	0	5
Applications in Progress	9	4	2	6	21

Planning & Economic Development

1st October 2024 – 18th December 2024

Section 48 and Glenamuck Scheme:

Section 48

1/10/2024 - 18/12/2024	Invoiced= €118,602,874.71	Received = €848,737.37
(S48 Waiver monies received for this period 2024 = €13,460,193.92)		
1/10/2023 – 18/12/2023	Invoiced= €5,204,669.64	Received = €3,563,617.26
1/10/2022 – 18/12/2022	Invoiced= € 6,380,343.82	Received = € 17,500,985.90

Glenamuck

1/10/2024 – 18/12/2024	Invoiced = €3,836,566.56	Received = €6,706,916.70
1/10/2023 – 18/12/2023	Invoiced = €0.00	Received = €5,166,853.53
1/10/2022 – 18/12/2022	Invoiced = €2,359,284.56	Received = €3,963,097.36

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/0974 /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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	06/12/2024	20/01/2025		07/02/2025

	<p>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/101007>

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/0965/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 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</p>	04/12/2024			05/12/2024 Application Declared Invalid

<p>(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 treatment.</p>				
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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/0919/WEB	<p>Dundrum Retail GP DAC: The proposed development relates to modifications to a permitted Strategic Housing Development (ABP-305261-19) and is a Large-scale Residential Development (LRD). The development will consist of: 1. Roofs and Terraces - Minor increases to parapets levels (raised by 0.47m at level 7, 0.77m at level 8 and 0.52m at the roof level), increase in height of lift over run, addition of smoke extract enclosures above roof parapet level and addition of roof access maintenance ladders. 2. Ground Floor Building Entrances and Louvres - Minor revisions to ground floor concierge/reception entrance and resident's amenity space emergency exit to southeast elevation (Internal Access Road) and at emergency exit and meter room entrance to northeast elevation (Sandyford Road) with all associated revisions to footpath levels and details locally and addition of louvre grilles for building ventilation on northeast (Sandyford Road) and northwest (Slang Stream) elevations. 3. Window/ Glazing Design and Balconies - Adjustment of balcony positions and miscellaneous revisions to sizes and positions of windows</p>	19/11/2024	23/12/2024	www.ironworks-ird2.ie	22/01/2025

	<p>and curtain walling and external vertical timber louvers on all elevations to rationalise openings and reduce solar gain, to provide louvres for air intake / extraction, to introduce window openings for natural ventilation and to facilitate apartment layout changes and fire escape changes internally. 4. ESB substation - Sub station moved between 800mm and 1100mm further away from the northern boundary with Sandyford Road and substation door cladding changed from timber louvers to fibre cement board with ventilation slots to match the substation cladding. 5. Miscellaneous Revisions - Consequential revisions to the floor plan layouts and internal apartment areas arising from the above. No change is proposed to the number of apartments (107no. units), unit mix and car parking spaces. The application is available to view at the following website: www.ironworks-lrd2.ie</p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/100834>

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/0897/WEB	<p>The proposed development relates to modifications to a permitted Strategic Housing Development (ABP-305261-19) and is a Large-scale Residential Development (LRD). The development will consist of: 1. Roofs and Terraces - Minor increases to parapets levels (raised by 0.47m at level 7, 0.77m at level 8 and 0.52m at the roof level), increase in height of lift over run, addition of smoke extract enclosures above roof parapet level and addition of roof access maintenance ladders. 2. Ground Floor Building Entrances and Louvres - Minor revisions to ground floor concierge/reception entrance and resident's amenity space emergency exit to southeast elevation (Internal Access Road) and at emergency exit and meter room entrance to northeast elevation (Sandyford Road) with all associated revisions to footpath levels and details locally and addition of louvre grilles for building ventilation on northeast (Sandyford Road) and northwest (Slang Stream) elevations. 3. Window/ Glazing Design and Balconies - Adjustment of balcony positions and miscellaneous revisions to sizes and positions of windows and curtain walling and external vertical timber louvers on all elevations to rationalise openings and reduce solar gain, to provide louvres for air intake / extraction, to introduce window openings for natural ventilation and to facilitate</p>	08/11/2024		www.ironworks-lrd2.ie	15/11/2024 Application Declared Invalid

<p>apartment layout changes and fire escape changes internally. 4. ESB substation - Sub station moved between 800mm and 1100mm further away from the northern boundary with Sandyford Road and substation door cladding changed from timber louvers to fibre cement board with ventilation slots to match the substation cladding. 5. Miscellaneous Revisions - Consequential revisions to the floor plan layouts and internal apartment areas arising from the above. No change is proposed to the number of apartments (107no. units), unit mix and car parking spaces. The application is available to view at the following website: www.ironworks-rd2.ie</p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/100735>

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/0832/WEB	<p>Knockrabo Investments DAC intend to apply for permission for a Large-scale Residential Development (for a period of 7 years) with a total application site area of c. 2.54 hectares, at Knockrabo, Mount Anville Road, Goatstown, Dublin 14. The proposed development relates to Phase 2 of the development on the 'Knockrabo' lands. Phase 1 of 'Knockrabo' was granted under Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) Reg. Ref. D13A/0689/An Bord Pleanála (ABP) Ref. PL06D.243799 and DLRCC Reg. Ref. D16A/0821 (Phase 1) and DLRCC Reg. Ref. D16A/0960 (Phase 1A) and comprises a total of 119 No. units. The site is bounded to the south-east by Mount Anville Road; to the south by 'Mount Anville Lodge' and by the rear boundaries of 'Thendara' (a Protected Structure – RPS Ref. 812), 'The Garth' (a Protected Structure – RPS Ref. 819), 'Chimes', 'Hollywood House' (a Protected Structure – RPS Ref. 829); to the south-west by existing allotments; to the north by the reservation corridor for the Dublin Eastern By-Pass (DEBP); and to the east by the site of residential development 'Knockrabo' (Phase 1, permitted under DLRCC Reg. Ref. D13A/0689 / An Bord Pleanála (ABP) Ref. PL.06D.243799 and DLRCC Reg. Ref. D16A/0821 (Phase 1); and DLRCC Reg. Ref. D16A/0960 (Phase 1A)). The site includes 'Cedar Mount' (a Protected Structure- RPS Ref. 783), 'Knockrabo Gate Lodge (West)' (a Protected Structure RPS Ref. 796), including Entrance Gates and Piers. The</p>	04/11/2024	09/12/2024	www.knockrabolrd.com	07/01/2025

<p>development with total of c.17,312.2 sq.m. gross internal area (GIA) will consist of the construction of 158 No. residential units (12 No. houses and 146 No. apartments (35 No. 1 beds, 81 No. 2 beds, 3 No. 3 beds and 27 No. 3 bed duplex units), a childcare facility (c.400 sq.m. GIA) and Community / Leisure Uses (c. 223 sq.m. GIA), as follows:Block E (c.1,077 sq.m. GIA): a 5-storey including semi-basement podium level apartment block, comprising 8 No. apartments (1 No. 1 bed and 7 No. 2 beds); Block F: (c.8,390.8 sq.m. GIA): a part 2 to part 8 storeys including semi basement podium apartment block, comprising 84 No. units (31 No. 1 beds, 50 No. 2 beds and 3 No. 3 bed duplex units); Block G: (c.2,022.1 sqm GIA): a part 4 to part 5-storey apartment block, comprising 20 No. units (3 No. 1 bed units, 14 No. 2 bed units and 3 No. 3 bed units); (with sedum roof/PV panels at roof level of Blocks E, F and G; a communal Roof Terrace of c. 198 sqm on Block F; and balconies/wintergardens on all elevations of Blocks E, F and G); Duplex Blocks: (c. 3,292.6 sqm GIA): 1 No. 3 storey and 1 No. 4 storey block, comprising a total of 32 No. units (8 No. 2 bed units and 24 No. 3 bed duplex units); 10 No. (new build) houses: 6 No. 4 bed 2.5-3 storey terraced/semi-detached units (ranging in size from c.162.1 sqm GIA to c.174.2 sq.m. GIA); 1 No. 3 bed 2 storey detached unit (126.2 sq.m. GIA); 1 No. 3 bed 2 storey mid terrace unit (c.127.4 sq.m. GIA); 1 No. 3 bed 2 storey end of terrace unit (c.127.9 sq.m. GIA); and 1 No. 1 - 2 storey 'Gate House' (c. 122.6 sq.m. GIA) to the west of proposed repositioned entrance to Cedar Mount from Mount Anville Road; The use of existing 'Coach House' as a residential dwelling and for internal / external repair / refurbishment works at ground and first floor levels, including the removal of 3 No. roof lights, 1 No. metal clad dormer roof window and external water tank; the construction of 2 No. single storey flat roof extensions (c.35.5 sq.m. GIA), revisions to the external facade including the addition of 1 No. new window ope on the south facade and rendered finish to all original facades, solar panels at roof level; removal / re-use of stone to form new garden wall; to provide 1 No. 2 bed house (c. 99.5 sq.m. GIA) with refurbished stone shed (c. 13.9 sq.m. for storage GIA). The use of Knockrabo Gate Lodge (West) (a Protected Structure) as a residential dwelling; and for repair / refurbishment works</p>				
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<p>including demolition of existing section of extension on top of stone boundary wall; removal of 1 No. roof light and 1 No. internal partition wall; construction of replacement extension (c.77.5 sq.m. GIA) to provide 1 No. 3-bed unit (c. 128 sq.m. GIA) with solar panels at roof level, bin storage, landscaping, all repair works to the existing Gate and Piers, and all associated internal and external elevational changes. The proposed development comprises works to Cedar Mount (a Protected Structure) to provide: 1 No. Childcare Facility at Lower Ground Floor level (c.400 sq.m. GIA) with associated external play and bin storage areas; Community / Leisure Uses at Ground Floor Level (c. 223 sq.m. GIA), comprising Gym / Studio (c.35.6 sq.m. GIA), Library / Office (c. 35.9 sq.m. GIA), Meeting room (c.28.4 sq.m. GIA) and Conservatory room (c. 21.6 sq.m. GIA); and 2 No. 2 bed apartments at 1st floor level, (c.77.6 sq.m. GIA and c.88.2 sq.m. GFA). The works to Cedar Mount to consist of: At lower ground floor/ basement level, the removal of internal walls and sections of external and internal walls and access doors; insertion of openings through external and internal walls; repair of existing "loggia" (covered external corridor) on northern, north-western and north-eastern facades, with revised elevations comprising glazed panels / glazed entrance doors located within loggia opes; the additional area (c. 58 sq.m. GIA) to form part of proposed Childcare Facility; At ground floor level removal of wooden staircase to 1st floor level and replacement with open-tread staircase, and construction of conservatory room (c. 21.6 sqm GIA) with flat roof on south - western side of Cedar Mount with sedum roof; removal of 1 No. WC; At 1st floor level removal of sections of internal walls; insertion of doors through internal walls; o Re-instatement of 1 no. new chimney stack on the western end of the existing roof; replacement of rubble masonry finish with lime and sand plaster finish on all elevations relating to sections of original façade; removal of security bars from existing windows in front porch; replacement / reconfiguration of rainwater downpipes, hopper heads and associated roof outlets; Re-modelling of extension on northern side including replacement of timber / pressed metal cladding with brick / zinc cladding and glazing at ground and 1st floor levels, removal / replacement of external doors and windows; replacement of flat roof deck,</p>				
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	<p>parapet, eaves and roof-light with flat roof comprising brick / zinc clad parapet and removal of internal link at 1st floor level; repair works to external walls at ground floor level; Construction of rendered blockwork wall and steel handrail to terrace and associated repair works to section of existing parapet wall on eastern side of Cedar Mount; all hard and soft landscaping; revisions to garden wall and pillars on western side of Cedar Mount; and all associated internal and elevational changes; and the repositioning of existing access (including gates and piers) to Cedar Mount (a Protected Structure) on Mount Anville Road to the northeast with associated works to boundary wall to Mount Anville Road. The development will also provide 130 No. car parking spaces consisting of 117 No. residential spaces (comprising 54 No. at podium level, 63 No. on-street and on curtilage spaces, 6 No. visitor spaces and 2 No. on-street car sharing spaces); and 5 No. non-residential spaces; provision of 366 No. bicycle parking spaces (consisting of: 288 No. residential spaces, 70 No. (residential) visitor spaces, 6 No. (non-residential) spaces and 2 No. visitor (non-residential) spaces); and 9 No. motorcycle parking spaces. All other ancillary site development works to facilitate construction, site services, piped infrastructure, 1 No. sub-station, plant, public lighting, bin stores, bike stores, boundary treatments, provision of public, communal and private open space areas comprising hard and soft landscaping, site services all other associated site excavation, infrastructural and site development works above and below ground. In addition to the repositioned access to Cedar Mount (a Protected Structure) as referenced above, the development will be served by the permitted access road 'Knockrabo Way' (DLRCC Reg. Ref. D13A/0689; ABP Ref. PL.06D.243799, DLRCC Reg. Ref. D16A/0821 and DLRCC Reg. Ref. D16A/0960). The application does not impact on the future access to the Reservation for the Dublin Eastern Bypass. The planning application may be inspected online at the following website: www.knockrabolrd.com</p>				
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/100684>

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/08 70/WEB	<p>The proposed development seeks to demolish existing outbuildings on site and provide for the construction of 157 no. residential units, a childcare facility with a GFA of 187.3 sq.m., associated internal roads, pedestrian and cycle paths, open space, and all associated site and infrastructural works. The residential component of the development consists of 66 no. apartments, 46 no. duplex / apartment units and 45 no. houses, to be provided as follows:</p> <p>17 no. 1-bed apartments; 19 no. 2-bed apartments; 30 no. 3-bed apartments; 30 no. 2 bed duplex / apartment units; 16 no. 3 bed duplex / apartment units; 10 no. 3-bed (Type B1, B2, B3, C and D) houses; 35 no. 4-bed (Type A and A1) houses. The 66 no. apartments are provided within 2 no. apartment buildings (B.01 and B.02) of 5 no. storeys in height, with undercroft and surface car parking. The childcare facility is located at the ground floor of Building B.01. The 46 no. duplex / apartment units are provided in 2 no. 4 storey duplex / apartment buildings (D.01 and D.02) comprising 2 storey duplex units over ground and first floor apartment units, and 1 no. 3 storey duplex / apartment building (D.03).comprising 2 storey duplex units over ground floor apartment units. The houses consist of 2 and 3 storey terraced, semi-detached, and detached houses. The proposal contains a total of 218 no. car parking spaces, including 90 no. in-curtilage and surface level spaces for the houses, and 128 no. undercroft and surface level spaces for the duplex / apartment units, the apartments and the childcare facility, and 5 no. motorbike parking spaces for the apartments. The proposal contains 282 no. bicycle parking spaces for the duplex / apartment units, apartments and childcare facility, and 4 no. bicycle parking spaces for 2 no. mid-terraced houses. Cycle parking for all the other houses is provided in-curtilage. The vehicular access to the development is to be provided from Cairnbrook residential estate to the west, including associated works to facilitate same. A vehicular entrance is also proposed from Springfield Lane to access the house proposed on the northern part of the site. Pedestrian and cycle links are</p>	30/10/2024	03/12/2024		02/01/2025

	<p>proposed to Springfield Lane to the north (also providing a secondary emergency vehicular access) and to the permitted development (Reg. Ref.: PC/H/01/19) at Rockville Drive / Glenamuck Cottages to the south-west, and the proposal includes for the provision of infrastructure up to the application site boundary to facilitate future connections to adjoining lands to the north, east and south. Bike stores, apartment stores, childcare facility store, bin stores, plant rooms, ESB Substation and block cores are located at the undercroft and ground floor levels of the apartment buildings. The proposal includes free-standing bike and bin stores adjacent to the duplex / apartment units and mid-terraced houses. The proposed development includes private amenity space, consisting of balconies / terraces for all apartments and duplex / apartments and private gardens for the houses, public and communal open space, including children's play areas and an ancillary play area for the childcare facility, PV panels at roof level of the apartment buildings and the houses, public lighting, and utilities infrastructure. The proposal includes all associated site and infrastructural works, including tie-ins to existing infrastructure in the Cairnbrook residential estate, foul and surface water drainage, the culverting of the on-site watercourse, attenuation tanks, hard and soft landscaping, boundary treatments, internal roads, cyclepaths and footpaths.</p>				
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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/08 50/WEB	<p>The proposed development seeks to demolish existing outbuildings on site and provide for the construction of 157 no. residential units, a childcare facility with a GFA of 187.3 sq.m., associated internal roads, pedestrian and cycle paths, open space, and all associated site and infrastructural works. The residential component of the development consists of 66 no. apartments, 46 no. duplex / apartment units and 45 no. houses, to be provided as follows:</p> <p>17 no. 1-bed apartments;</p>	23/10/2024			25/10/2024 Application Declared Invalid

<p>19 no. 2-bed apartments;</p> <p>30 no. 3-bed apartments;</p> <p>30 no. 2 bed duplex / apartment units;</p> <p>16 no. 3 bed duplex / apartment units;</p> <p>10 no. 3-bed (Type B1, B2, B3, C and D) houses;</p> <p>35 no. 4-bed (Type A and A1) houses.</p> <p>The 66 no. apartments are provided within 2 no. apartment buildings (B.01 and B.02) of 5 no. storeys in height, with undercroft and surface car parking. The childcare facility is located at the ground floor of Building B.01. The 46 no. duplex / apartment units are provided in 2 no. 4 storey duplex / apartment buildings (D.01 and D.02) comprising 2 storey duplex units over ground and first floor apartment units, and 1 no. 3 storey duplex / apartment building (D.03) comprising 2 storey duplex units over ground floor apartment units. The houses consist of 2 and 3 storey terraced, semi-detached, and detached houses. The proposal contains a total of 218 no. car parking spaces, including 90 no. in-curtilage and surface level spaces for the houses, and 128 no. undercroft and surface level spaces for the duplex / apartment units, the apartments and the childcare facility, and 5 no. motorbike parking spaces for the apartments. The proposal contains 282 no. bicycle parking spaces for the duplex / apartment units, apartments and childcare facility, and 4 no. bicycle parking spaces for 2 no. mid-terraced houses. Cycle parking for all the other houses is provided in-curtilage. The vehicular access to the development is to be provided from Cairnbrook residential estate to the west, including associated works to facilitate same. A vehicular entrance is also proposed from Springfield Lane to access the house proposed on the northern part of the site. Pedestrian and cycle links are proposed to Springfield Lane to the north (also providing a secondary emergency vehicular access) and to the permitted development (Reg. Ref.: PC/H/01/19) at Rockville Drive / Glenamuck Cottages to the south-west, and the proposal includes for the provision of infrastructure up to the application site boundary to facilitate future connections to adjoining lands to the north, east and south. Bike stores, apartment stores, childcare facility store, bin stores, plant</p>				
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	<p>rooms, ESB Substation and block cores are located at the undercroft and ground floor levels of the apartment buildings. The proposal includes free-standing bike and bin stores adjacent to the duplex / apartment units and mid-terraced houses. The proposed development includes private amenity space, consisting of balconies / terraces for all apartments and duplex / apartments and private gardens for the houses, public and communal open space, including children's play areas and an ancillary play area for the childcare facility, PV panels at roof level of the apartment buildings and the houses, public lighting, and utilities infrastructure. The proposal includes all associated site and infrastructural works, including tie-ins to existing infrastructure in the Cairnbrook residential estate, foul and surface water drainage, the culverting of the on-site watercourse, attenuation tanks, hard and soft landscaping, boundary treatments, internal roads, cyclepaths and footpaths.</p>				
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Planning Statistics: 1st October 2024 – 18th December 2024

	Outline Permission	Full Permission
New application Received*	1	351
Decision Deferred		47
Decisions to Grant**	1	250
Decision to Refuse**	1	30
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks		234
Invalid Applications		66

*Includes 36 Applications for Retention.

*Includes 298 Web Applications ()

- 265 Permission (0 Outline/ 1 on foot of Outline Permission)
- 5 LRD
- 2 SDZ
- 25 Retention

**Decisions are as follows:

221 Grant Permission (1 Outline)

4 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

24 Grant Permission for Retention

2 Grant Permission & Refuse Permission are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

Building Control	1st October 2024 – 18th December 2024
Fire Safety Certs applications received *	49
Fire Safety Certs Applications Granted *	38
Fire Safety Certs Applications Refused/Invalid	0

Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	33
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted/Refused **	38
Commencement Notices Validated ***	178
7 Day Notices received	32
Completion Certs Validated	60

*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs & Rev Fire Certs

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

*** Includes 7 Day Notices

Taking in Charge

Taking in Charge requests are submitted under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

TIC Applications Received:	2 applications received: - Proby Place, Blackrock - Dun Gaoithe, Aikens Village, Stepside, Dublin 18
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Customers to Planning Counter:	Customers
1st October 2024 – 18th December 2024	499

The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 (Commencement) Order 2021 (SI 714 of 2021), provides that points of detail relating to a grant of permission be agreed between the planning authority and the person carrying out the development and, accordingly— (a) where for that purpose that person has submitted to the planning authority concerned such points of detail, then that authority shall, within 8 weeks of those points being so submitted, or such longer period as may be agreed between them in writing either-

- (i) reach agreement with that person on those points, or
- (ii) where that authority and that person cannot so agree on those points, that authority may—
 - (I) Advise that person accordingly in writing, or
 - (II) refer the matter to the Board for its determination,

This came into effect on 17th December 2021.

The following number of compliance submissions have been received in the last quarter:

Month	No. of submissions
October	103
November	106
December	69

Local Area Plans

Since the adoption of the dlr County Development Plan 2022-2028, the Council have been progressing three separate LAPs, as part of the overall six-year programme for the County.

Dundrum Local Area Plan

The Draft Dundrum LAP was made by way of a resolution, with minor amendments at a Special Council Meeting on the 10th of October 2023. The LAP then came into effect, 6 weeks later, on Tuesday, 21st November 2023.

The Dundrum LAP is available to view online at www.dlrcoco.ie/dundrumlap

Kiltiernan/Glenamuck Local Area Plan

The Pre-Draft public consultation stage for the Kiltiernan/Glenamuck Local Area Plan concluded on the 17th of October 2023. A total of 109 submissions / observations were received following well attended public consultation events.

A Chief Executive's report on the submissions / observations received was circulated to the Elected Members in Q4 2024 and is available to view online at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/KGLAP2024>.

Work on the Draft Kiltiernan/Glenamuck LAP has now commenced with a view to having a full Draft Plan ready for public display in Q1 2025.

Old Connaught Local Area Plan

Pre-Draft public consultation for the Old Connaught Local Area Plan finished on the 6th June 2023 and 38 submissions were received. A Chief Executive's Report on the submissions made to the Pre-Draft public consultation stage was prepared and issued to the Elected Members on 4th September 2023.

The Council have now commenced the preparation of a Draft LAP for Old Connaught, taking into consideration the submissions made during the Pre-Draft public consultation stage. Once prepared, the Draft LAP will be placed on public display in Q1 2025 for a further period of public consultation.

Rathmichael Local Area Plan

Work has now commenced on the Rathmichael Local Area Plan. It is intended that the Pre-Draft Consultation process will be commenced in Q1 2025.

Active Land Management

Housing Task Force

The Housing Supply Coordination Task Force, established by the DHLGH, tracks the quantum of residential development in the four Dublin Local Authorities on a quarterly basis for residential schemes consisting of 10 or more homes. The data has been collected since 2016 and provides detailed insight into planning and construction activity in the residential sector. The Housing Returns exclude all Part 8 planning applications.

Dublin Local Authorities 'Tier 1' Housing Task Force Returns – Q3 2024

The most up-to-date data available for the 4 no. Dublin Local Authorities relates to Q3 2024. The Table below details the Q3 2024 Returns for the four Dublin Local Authorities as published by the DHLGH. The data comprises residential developments (schemes consisting of 10 or more homes) where a final grant of planning permission has been obtained from

the Local Authority or An Bord Pleanála. The data includes schemes that are both commenced and not commenced but does not include schemes which have been completed.

The data indicates a 21% decrease in construction activity in DLR since Q2. At Q3 2024, there were 2,214 homes under construction in DLR which comprised a rate of c. 11.4% of all homes under construction across the four Dublin Local Authorities.

Tier 1 (Permissions) Subcategories								
	Total Number of Permitted Units		Total Number of Units Built to Date		Total Number of Units Under Construction		Total Permitted but not Commenced	
	Houses	Apartments	Houses	Apartments	Houses	Apartments	Houses	Apartments
	DCC	428	27,718	82	1,222	280	8,364	66
DLRCC	1,916	14,696	766	2,049	295	1,919	855	10,728
SDCC	4,559	9,480	1,883	938	1,153	3,566	1,523	4,976
FCC	6,604	12,700	1,716	853	1,761	2,042	3,127	9,805
Total	13,507	64,594	4,447	5,062	3,489	15,891	5,571	43,641

* 2,843 of the 11,583 units in DLR classified as 'Permitted but not Commenced' at Q3 2024 are currently caught up in Judicial Review proceedings.

DLR 'Tier 1' Housing Task Force Returns – Q3 2024

The following Table details the confirmed Housing Task Force Returns for DLR at Q3 2024.

	Total Number of Permitted Units		Total Number of Units Built to Date		Total Number of Units Under Construction		Total Permitted but not Commenced	
	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.	Houses	Apts.
DLR	1,916	14,696	766	2,049	295	1,919	855	10,728
Total	16,612		2,815		2,214		11,583	

* 2,843 of the 11,583 units in DLR classified as 'Permitted but not Commenced' at Q3 2024 are currently caught up in Judicial Review proceedings.

DLR 'Tier 2A' Housing Task Force Returns – Q3 2024

The following Table details the data relating to sites in DLR which were subject to a 'live' planning application for residential development at Q3 2024. The data relates to sites where: a planning application was lodged with the Planning Authority (Local Authority or ABP); or was within the appeal period of 4 weeks of the date of the decision of the Local Authority; or was the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

At Q3 2024, there were planning applications in the system for 4,557 potential new homes. 924 of the units in the planning system at Q3 2024 were for Build-to-Rent residential schemes. The ratio of houses to apartments for units in the planning system was 1:7.57

	Houses	Apartments	Total
DLR Q3 2024	532	4,025	4,557
(% mix)	(12%)	(88%)	(100%)

Conclusions

Based on the Q3 2024 Housing Task Force Returns for DLR, the following is noted:

- There were 591 residential units completed in DLR, in schemes of 10 units or more, in Q3 2024. A total of 3 residential schemes were recorded as fully completed in Q3 and there were residential completions recorded in 8 other schemes that remain under construction.
- Compared to the year previous, there was a slight increase in the number of sites with planning permission from 114 in Q3 2023 to 118 Q3 2024. In terms of the total number of units with planning permission, there was a 1% decrease from 16,806 in Q3 2023 to 16,612 units in Q3 2024.
- Compared to the year previous, there was an 18% decrease in the number of active sites from 39 sites in Q3 2023 to 32 sites in Q3 2024, and a 36% decrease in the number of units under construction from 3,437 in Q3 2023 to 2,214 in Q3 2024. These decreases reflect a moderation in residential commencement levels (see chart below).

At Q3 2024, there were 8,740 homes that had the benefit of planning permission which were not commenced and could be progressed to implementation stage. This figure excludes residential schemes subject to Judicial Review proceedings.

At Q3 2024, there were planning applications in the system for c.4,557 potential new homes. This represents a 39% decrease from the 7,471 units that were in the system at Q3 2023.

In terms of housing mix, the ratio of houses to apartments for permitted units at Q3 2024 was approximately 1:7.7. The ratio of houses to apartments for units in the planning system was 1:7.57.

Housing Trends

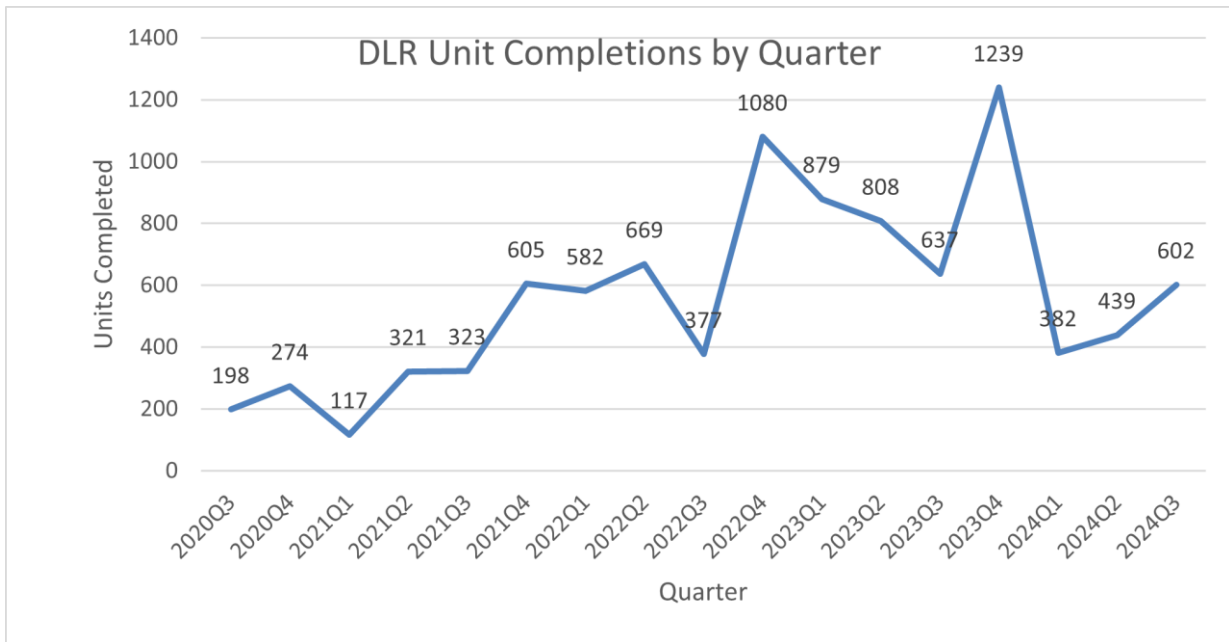
The following section illustrates housing trends in DLR using data from a range of data sources. Each data source is referenced and is based on its own methodology.

Residential Completions in DLR

The following chart details new housing completions in DLR for the period Q3 2020 to Q3 2024. The data is sourced from the CSOs 'New Dwelling Completions' database which comprises a comprehensive data set capturing all completions in the County.

In Q3 2024, there were 602 residential completions recorded in DLR (6.7% of the national total). 50% of the completions in Q3 were apartments (302 units).

There were 2,662 residential completions in DLR in the last 12 months (from the end of Q3 2023 to end of Q3 2024). This comprises 5% of the national total over the same period.

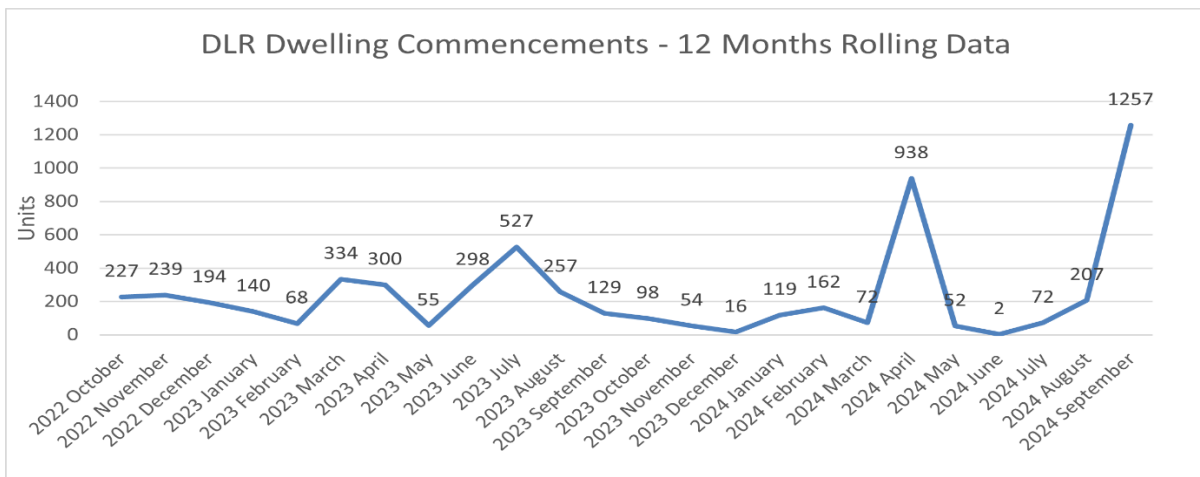


Source: CSO New Dwelling Completions (Table NDQ06: <https://data.cso.ie/table/NDQ06>)

Residential Commencements

The following data comes from the Building Control Management System and is based on Commencement Notices recorded on a rolling 12-month average basis.

An impressive number of commencements were made between Q2 and Q3 2024 of 1,257 dwellings. Compared to the post pandemic spike in commencements, the more recent level of commencements in DLR moderated with 3,049 commencements recorded in the 12-month period up to the end of September 2024. This comprises 2.9% of the national total, over the 12-month period.

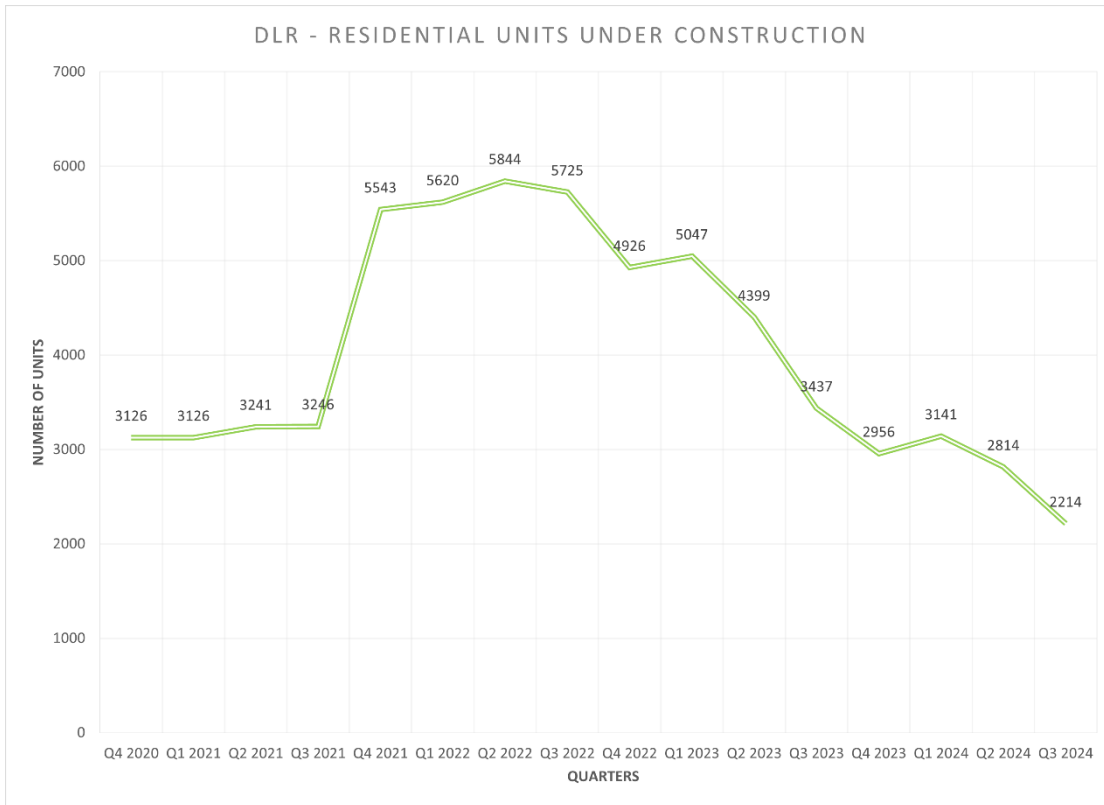


Source: CSO – Commencement Notices (Table HSM13: <https://data.cso.ie/table/HSM13>)

Residential Construction Activity

The data in the following chart is taken from DLR’s Housing Task Force Returns for Q3 2024 and illustrates the number of homes under construction in the County at each Quarter from Q4 2020 to Q3 2024.

The graph illustrates a downward trend in the number of homes under construction in DLR from the post pandemic high of c. 5,844 at Q2 2022. At Q3 2024, c. 2,214 homes were under construction in the county. The decrease in the number of units under construction in DLR between Q3 2023 and Q3 2024 reflects a moderation in residential commencement levels, but a high level of completions in Q3 2024.

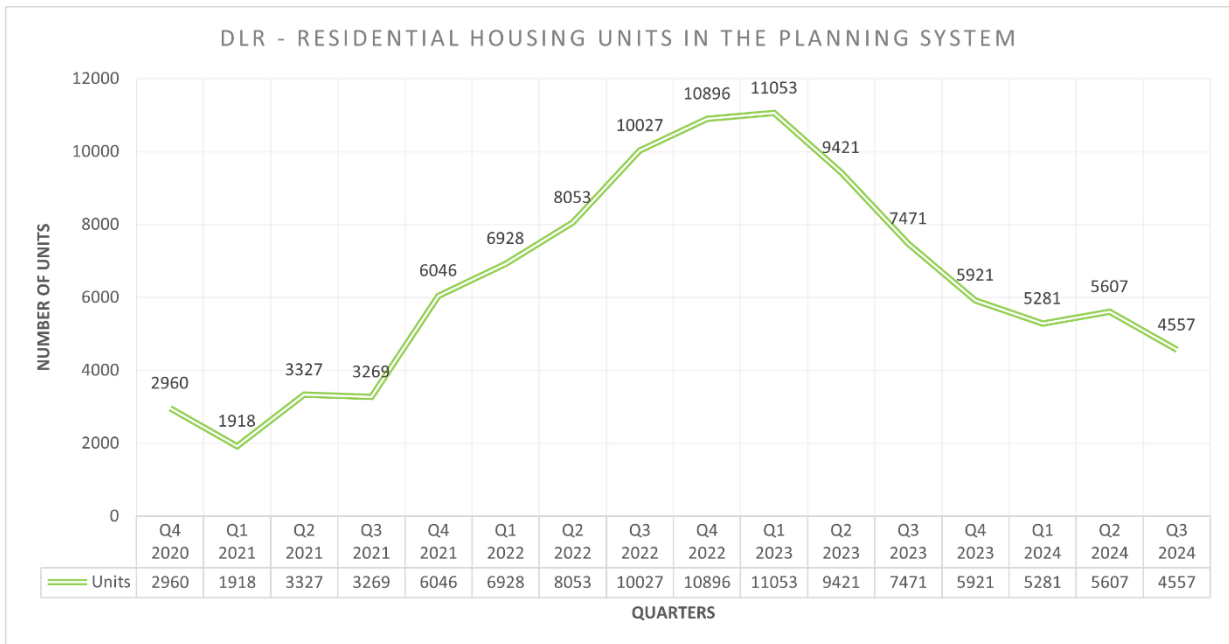


Source: DLR Housing Task Force Returns

Planning Applications in the System Pending Decision

The data in the following chart is taken from DLR’s Housing Task Force Returns (HTF Tier 2A) and illustrates the number of residential units in the planning system pending decision from Q4 2020 to Q3 2024. The graph indicates a moderate number of units in the planning system with c. 4,557 units awaiting decision at Q3 2024. However, this is a 39% decrease on the 7,471 units in the planning system awaiting decision at Q3 2023.

This trend indicates that the backlog of cases awaiting decision with An Bord Pleanála is being reduced as SHD figures awaiting decisions has lowered.



Source: DLR Housing Task Force Returns

Residential Zoned Land Tax

Under the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended) the Planning Authority have a statutory requirement to prepare mapping identifying lands that will be subject to the new Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT). The administration of the tax is then a matter for the Revenue Commissioners. Although existing residential properties are included on the map they are not liable for RZLT.

The legislation requires that the mapping is reviewed annually and the display of the first draft annual map took place from 1st February 2024. 21 submissions seeking an exclusion from the mapping were received within the time period. No rezoning submissions were received. Of the 21 submissions received, 13 were repeat submissions from landowners who had previously sought to have their lands removed under an earlier process.

Determinations were issued in accordance with the relevant timeframes and those submitters who were aggrieved by dlr’s determination had until 1st August to appeal those determinations to An Bord Pleanála. 11 such appeals were lodged, with the Board upholding dlr’s determinations in all but one case, where they decided that a small portion of the relevant lands should be excluded.

The Finance Act 2024 provides another opportunity for a rezoning request to Local Authorities on land, which will appear on the final map to be published on 31 January 2025. Where such a rezoning request has been made, an exemption from RZLT may be claimed for 2025 where certain conditions are met. The draft annual map for the 2026 liability year will be published on 1st February 2025.

RZLT is an annual tax calculated at 3% of the market value of land and will apply from 2025 onwards, with registration for the tax opening from January.

Economic Development-supported Events

Age Friendly Business in Foxrock

An Cathaoirleach Councillor Jim O’Leary and Chief Executive Frank Curran presented Age Friendly Business Charters to fifteen businesses in Foxrock in November. The initiative is overseen nationally by Age Friendly Ireland and training was provided by the Economic Development section.



A new music festival took place in Stepside in October.

The very well-attended Music in the Mountains festival was organised by the Stepside Business Association, supported by Economic Development.



Myrtle Scare took place in Dún Laoghaire on Saturday October 26th. The event is in its second year, and a range of family-friendly events on the Square attracted large numbers.



The Dún Laoghaire Comedy Festival took place in November, attracting audiences of almost 2,500. Among those performing at a range of venues across the town were Dylan Moran, Emma Doran and Ardal O'Hanlon.

Local Enterprise Office

Katapult graduation

This is the sixth year of the highly successful Katapult program which saw 8 businesses graduate in December. This program provides early-stage high potential companies with a strong foundation for growth and positive founder outcome. It is delivered by a variety of experts who raise the founder's awareness of critical aspects of starting successfully. Katapult has developed a strong national reputation and is instrumental in growing our HPSU base of companies and EI/ LEO clients regionally.

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.



A Cruise Ship arriving into Dun Laoghaire Harbour early in the morning.

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.

Projects:

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 finalising 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 concept brochure was presented to the Elected Members during the February Council meeting and has since been published. It is hoped that this initiative will assist in building momentum and support for the project. This document was presented to Councillors in February 2023.

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.

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.

DLR Tourism Development

- Continue to provide quality in person visitor information services 7 days per week, operating from the Tourism Kiosk at the Metals.
- A new Music in the Mountains Festival was delivered in October. This new festival was very successful and we hope to build on it for 2025.
- Coordination of the Christmas Festival in Dun Laoghaire. Delivery of a significant Santa Arrival event on November 23rd together with national radio broadcast on 2FM covering the event.
- DLRCC hosted the 2nd Tourism Providers Network Meeting which took place in November in the Talbot Hotel Stillorgan. Over 60 providers attended this event.
- The first meeting of the new DLR Tourism Committee took place in November. Chaired by the Chief Executive the committee agreed priority actions for implementation in 2025.
- Failte Ireland launched the start of a new Destination Experience Development Plan for the Dublin Mountains. This is one of the key actions in the DLR Tourism Strategy.

Events and Festivals in the County supported by DLR in Q4

1. Echoes Festival – Dalkey Castle October 2024
2. Music in the Mountains October 2024
3. Dun Laoghaire Music Festival Oct 2024
4. The Dun Laoghaire Comedy Festival took place in Nov in Dun Laoghaire tow
5. The Santa Experience operated through Nov /Dec at the Maritime Museum.
6. NYF Fireworks to take place on 31st December 2024

Forward Planning Infrastructure

(Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) and Cherrywood Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) - Progress Report

LIHAF

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH) as part of their 'Rebuilding Ireland' programme announced in March 2017 that DLR were successful in their LIHAF application in respect of 4 projects, for which final approval for 3 of these projects was received in March 2018.

The underlying principle of LIHAF is to provide public off-site infrastructure to relieve critical infrastructure blockages which have been identified as one of the main impediments to the development of key sites for housing, thus enabling the accelerated delivery of residential units on these sites in both Dublin and urban areas of high demand for housing.

A website published by the DHLGH in August 2023 incorporates an interactive web map that highlights the progression of infrastructure delivery under LIHAF across the State:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/87cc342bff20462bb896087b0ce16215>

As previously advised to the Members, there is 1 remaining active LIHAF project in DLR, an overview of which is as follows;

Project Name	Detail of Infrastructure	Total LIHAF allocation €M	Amount to be funded by DHLGH €M (75%)	Amount to be funded by DLR (S48 Cherrywood specific dev contributions) €M (25%)
Cherrywood	Druid's Glen Road (road only); Druid's Glen bridge - (short bridge structure traversing Cabinteely stream); New N11 junction 'Q' at Druid Glen Road; Druid's Glen Road feature bridge (long bridge structure traversing Druid's Glen and Carrickmines River)	€15.19	€11.39	€3.80

The status of the Cherrywood LIHAF project, which is split into 3 phases, is as follows:

➤ **Phase 1 – Complete**

Construction works on Phase 1 comprising Junction Q (a new signalised junction on the N11) and part of the Druid's Glen Road (130m in length) are complete.

➤ **Phase 2 (P* - P3) – Complete**

Construction works on Phase 2 of this project comprises approx. 315m of road and a 40m short bridge spanning the Cabinteely Stream are complete from the perspective of Practical Completion.

➤ **Phase 3 – Consultants Appointed**

The concluding section of the road will comprise approx. 60m of road and a 120m significant bridge feature.

DLR has appointed a multi-disciplinary team of consultants to bring the final Phase of the Druid's Glen Road infrastructure project from concept design through to completion. Concept and Options Development is currently underway, which will help identify an emerging preferred vertical alignment and concept design for the bridge and sections of road in advance of stakeholder engagement and Preliminary Design.

LIHAF affordability proposal - update

DLR has had extensive discussions with the Cherrywood Landowners and the DHLGH in relation to landowner commitment to LIHAF. Given the passage of time and expiration of the original landowner affordability proposal, a revised landowner affordability proposal is required.

An updated landowner affordability proposal was received in April 2024, which DLR forwarded to DHLGH and subsequently met with DHLGH in May 2024, July 2024 and more recently in October 2024. A tripartite meeting was also held with the Cherrywood landowners, DHLGH and DLR in October 2024 during which further landowner affordability proposals were discussed. A further meeting with DHLGH regarding LIHAF funding is to take place in December 2024 and a workshop regarding landowner affordability proposals is expected to take place in Q1 2025. In the meantime, the Council will continue to work with the DHLGH and the Cherrywood Landowners in addressing infrastructure deficits required to open up land for development, particularly for housing.

Within the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme Area, statistics regarding grants of planning permission, live applications, commencements, and residential completion are all highlighted in the Planning Update below.

The commencement of the remaining homes granted will be dependent on developer construction programmes, but it is envisaged that the momentum of development that has accrued across the Planning Scheme Lands will continue, and these developers will commence as soon as practicable.

Cherrywood URDF Infrastructure

The URDF 2018 (first call) was established to support more compact and sustainable development, through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Ireland's five cities and other large towns, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework and National Development Plan (NDP). This is to enable a greater proportion of residential and mixed-use development to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of our cities and towns and to ensure that more parts of our urban areas can become attractive and vibrant places in which people choose to live and work, as well as to invest and to visit.

DLR was successful in obtaining funding under the URDF in respect of the Category A Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project, the total cost of which is estimated at €17.8M and for which formal approval of the total project was received in June 2020. Funding is by way of 75% direct government funding and 25% funded by the separate Section 48 Cherrywood Development Contributions.

This will see the development of 4 distinct sub-projects comprising the Linear Park, surface water attenuation ponds 2a and 5a and completion of Tully Park Phase 2.

A brief update on the status of each sub-project is as follows –

➤ **Linear Park – Part 8 Planning secured**

Statutory Part 8 was approved by the Elected Members on the 13th of June 2022. The procurement of a consultant to manage the project from Phase 5 (Detailed Design) through to Phase 7 (Closeout and Review) will be conducted under the NTA's new

framework, which is expected to be in place in Q1 2025. A draft project program, design brief, and tender documents have been developed. It is likely that the project will be delivered in stages noting the length of the project c. 5kms.

➤ **Pond 2a – at Detailed Design and Tender**

Statutory Part 8 stage is complete. Site clearance for ground investigations, ground penetrating radar and topographical surveys is complete. Site investigations including pre-development archaeological investigations have been completed. The tender documentation will be finalised at the completion of the detailed design.

➤ **Pond 5a – at Implementation Stage**

DLR has appointed Clonmel Enterprises Limited to undertake the construction works of Pond 5a and work has commenced on site. The construction stage is estimated to be completed in Q1 2025.

➤ **Tully Park Phase 2 – Project complete**

Construction commenced on site in June 2021 and is now completed. The Tully Park area (Phase 1 and Phase 2) opened to the public on 31st May 2023.

Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF) Call 2

A second call for proposals under the URDF 2020 was advertised in January 2020. DLR submitted 5 applications for consideration under this Call 2 process on 29 May 2020.

These 5 applications are listed in their ranked order as follows:

1. Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity
2. Dundrum – Civic & Community Centre
3. Dún Laoghaire Greening Project
4. Sandyford Green Infrastructure
5. Shanganagh Park

In addition, a standalone request to initiate a study for Blackrock Village was also submitted. On the 5 March 2021, DLR was notified by the Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage, that two of the applications submitted by the Council for funding, under Call 2, were successful. The DHLGH formally confirmed preliminary approval of the €44,361,115 funding on the 25 of August 2021 for the Dundrum and Cherrywood projects for the inclusion in the URDF supported capital programme and approval to move to the next stage of the project lifecycle, the preliminary business case stage.

Information in relation to the national announcement may be found via the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/56ef8-urban-regeneration-and-development-fund-urdf/>

Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity €40,361,115

The infrastructure being provided under 'Call 2' consists of the following:

- **Castle Street Link** - Completion of Cherrywood's bus priority route to connect it to the existing Park & Ride facility at Carrickmines Luas stop. DLR has appointed a consultant to advance a flood mitigation review to inform the Castle Street Link project and this study is underway.
- **Ticknick Park – Ballycorus Access** – development of cycle, pedestrian and vehicular access to Ticknick Park, which opened to the public on 31st May 2023. A prioritisation of options has now been identified and DLR is currently in the process of procuring a

consultant to develop the preliminary design and bring the project through the planning stage.

- **Town Centre Pedestrian & Cycle Link** – development of an elevated pedestrian and cycle bridge within Cherrywood Town Centre. This project is at the concept design stage and is dependent on two of the Town Centre quadrants advancing.
- **3 Public Parks** – creation of centrally located, multi-functional spaces providing a focal area for each of the associated village communities.
 - **Lehaunstown Park** – Planning Permission in place and it is now intended to progress to the detailed design stage.
 - **Priorsland Park** – To be progressed in line with Castle Street Link project.
 - **Parade Green** – To develop concept and commence preliminary design stage. The progress of this project will be informed by the adjacent progress of the development plots.
- **Smart Parking Study** – research and application of measures to create efficiencies in Cherrywood’s required parking provision. DLR established a Framework of technical consultants in May 2024 under a 2-stage statutory procurement process. This process is nearing conclusion with a new Framework being established and this study will be the commission awarded to the new technical consultant on the Framework.
- **Beckett Link (& Barrington Rd Connection)** – development of circa 2km pedestrian, cycle, and vehicle new link from the Kiltarnan Link to the Cherrywood Town Centre, to include the uncompleted portion of Barrington’s Road and the construction of an underpass under the Wyattville Link Road.

DLR received confirmation on 14th of March 2023 from the DHLG&H, that five URDF Call 2 projects will be approved to proceed to Decision Gate 2 of the Public Spending Code subject to further information being provided by DLR. This information was issued through an addendum to the Department on the 3rd of May 2023. The final URDF 2 project ‘Beckett Link’ was determined to require a standalone Preliminary Business Case, given the scale of the project which was subsequently approved by the Department on the 24th of July 2023.

This project will be delivered in 2 Phases - The landowner secured planning permission for Phase 1 of this project on 11th November 2022 and DLR has engaged a consultant to progress Phase 1 through detailed design, tender, construction, and handover and final close out. Stage 1 of the 2-stage procurement process to appoint a contractor was completed in Q1 2024. DLR have reviewed the second draft of Tender Documents. These will be issued to 5 contractors shortlisted from 11 SAQ submissions. DHLGH have provided approval to allow project to go to tender. Tender documents are due to issue on 19th December 2024.

Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) – Progress Report.

The **current Main Work Streams** include:

- Cherrywood LIHAF - as reported above;
- URDF Call 1 Projects (2018) - Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation – as reported above;
- URDF Call 2 Project (2020) – Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity application submitted to DHLGH on 29 May 2020 which received funding approval in the order of c.€40M - as reported above;

- The Cherrywood Steering Group, comprising the Chief Executive and Directors of Services in key service departments met 24 times since it was established in 2017. The Steering Group has been convened to provide oversight in all key aspects of the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ that cover multi – disciplinary themes;
- Progressing the required legal agreements for the provision of the common infrastructure in the buildout of Cherrywood;
- Approved Amendments 1 – 9 to the Cherrywood Planning Scheme 2014 (as amended) are all available to view on the dlr webpage at the following link: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/cherrywood-sdz-news/amendments-cherrywood-sdz-planning-scheme>;
- Amendment No. 9: Car Parking Standards Review – DLR as Development Agency for Cherrywood submitted this proposed amendment to An Bord Pleanála on 31st May 2023. An Bord Pleanála, as the competent authority, issued its determination to approve the proposed amendment, effective 22nd November 2024.
- Proposed Amendment No. 10: Non-Residential Car Parking Standards – DLR in its role as Development Agency for Cherrywood SDZ submitted this proposed amendment to An Bord Pleanála on 29th November 2024. The purpose of this review was to update the approved Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme 2014 (as amended) to align with National, Regional and Local policy, promote sustainable public and active travel modes and address Climate change mitigation measures. An Bord Pleanála have assigned reference ABP-321401 to this matter and advise that their indicative determination date is 14th April 2025. Please see link to DLR webpage for further details: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/forward-planning-infrastructure/proposed-amendment-no-10-non-residential-car-parking>
- Proposed Amendment No. 11: Cherrywood Town Centre & Environs Review: DLR has concluded a plan-led review of the Cherrywood Town Centre and Environs, the purpose of which is to ensure an appropriate mix, quantum and phasing of uses in this area to secure a balance of employment, commercial, retail, residential, community and social uses. DLR submitted this proposed Amendment to An Bord Pleanála as the competent authority to determine the matter. The detail of the Proposed Amendment, as submitted to the Board, can be accessed on the DLR webpage at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/forward-planning-infrastructure/proposed-amendment-no-11-cherrywood-town-centre-and-environs-review>
- The DAPT has established an internal cycling review group to draw from the expertise of the NTA and from within DLR to scope out enhancements to what has been provided in the area and explore new experiences in cycling (including technology). DAPT are also presently engaging with the NTA & TII in the context of further promoting and enhancing active travel modes with the Town Centre & Environs Area, and general connectivity to the wider SDZ Area. It is intended to report on the potential further opportunities for active travel modes and supporting infrastructure such as mobility hubs, in early 2025.

Planning Applications – FOR NOTING

The Status of applications from 28th September to 17th December 2024 inclusive is as follows:

- DZ24A/0621/Web - Manciano DGR Amendment to Planning Application DZ19A/0863, as extended under DZ19A/0863/E – Request for Further Information issued 03/10/2024
- DZ24A/0696/WEB - Amendment to Planning Application DZ23A/0028 to add 4 no. units and ancillary and associated works – Decision to grant issued 29/10/2024

There are currently 3 live SDZ applications for which reports are being prepared.

To date, the total no. of residential units permitted is 5,075 (this figure includes the application that was previously subject to Judicial Review which is now resolved). An additional 62 units are at Further Information Stage. There are 933 homes under construction and 1,680 units completed. The Tully primary school is also in operation with permission granted for the first post primary school. The Blackrock Educate Together post primary school is currently operating from the primary school site on a temporary basis since the beginning September 2024.

The total amount of non-residential development permitted is circa 113,724 sq.m of Town Centre Mixed use (retail/non-retail/commercial including HIE) including circa 35,340sq.m of High Intensity Employment (HIE).

Stakeholder Engagement

The delivery of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme is complex requiring a number of stakeholders to engage and DLR, as Development Agency continues to actively promote the implementation of the objectives of the approved Planning Scheme through collaboration and engagement with all relevant stakeholders.

With the Government's focus on the housing crisis the DHLGH has taken specific interest in progressing the Cherrywood Planning Scheme and has designated it 1 of 23 key strategic national Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites (MUHDS). Meetings with all key stakeholders are on-going with the DAPT facilitating progress meetings on key issues, as they arise, that require a coordinated approach from a number of state agencies and service providers including high-level engagement with the DHLGH on the main issues. In more recent times, Cherrywood has been identified as an optimum location for Transport Orientated Development (TOD) in the Dublin area.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/0b532-opportunities-for-transport-orientated-development-tod-in-major-urban-centres-dublin-study/>

Funding

The Development Contribution Scheme in respect of development in the Cherrywood Planning Scheme Area 2023-2028 ("the Cherrywood Scheme"), was adopted at a meeting of the Council on 9th October 2023 having undergone the statutory process in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. All planning applications for development in the Cherrywood Planning Scheme area will be subject to financial conditions relating to development contributions under this Scheme.

In addition to the Cherrywood Scheme, government funding, LIHAF and URDF (Call 1 and Call 2) have been secured and contribute to the funding of internal common infrastructure. These current funding mechanisms, along with the new Cherrywood Scheme resolve the funding gap that existed in relation to the provision of the entire common infrastructure. The Report indicating the current Programme of Capital Projects 2025 – 2027, due to be presented in Q1 2025 will provide further detail.

With regard to the application for Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Access under the URDF Call 2 DLR received confirmation on 14th of March 2023 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), that five URDF Call 2 projects will be approved to proceed to Decision Gate 2 of the Public Spending Code subject to further information being provided by DLR. This information was issued through an addendum to the Department on the 3rd of May 2023. The final URDF 2 project 'Beckett Link' was determined to require a standalone Preliminary Business Case, given the scale of the project, which DLR issued to the Department on the 21st of April 2023 and subsequently approved by the Department on the 24th of July 2023. The project is progressing well and DLR advertised the tender for a contractor to construct the project on 19th December 2024.

Infrastructure and Climate Change

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Blackglen Road/ Grange Road Improvement Scheme – Blackglen Road/ Grange Road Improvement Scheme – the Blackglen Road Improvement Scheme was substantially completed on 14th June 2024. The contractor is finishing out snagging and repairs to defects and minor elements of accommodation works. Works to complete road alignment and accommodation works at, and adjacent to, Plot 17 commenced in late September by a separate contractor. These works are progressing well on site. Access to Ticknock Drive to complete foul sewer connection is awaiting final confirmation and start date.

Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS) including the Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade (Golden Ball) – Contracts were signed with the successful contractor BAM Civil Ltd. – on the 19th March 2024, with the construction phase commenced in April 2024. The estimated construction period is 2 years. Good progress is being made on Glenamuck District Distributor Road (GDDR), and it is anticipated to have GDDR open to traffic towards the end of Q2 2025.

Druids Glen Road Phase 2 - The scheme was substantially completed and open to traffic on Friday 28th June 2024.

M50 Junction 14 Link Road - Tender documents for construction are scheduled to be issued on the 20th December, 2024, with an estimated construction start date in Q1 2025. Estimated construction period is 12 months.

Blackrock DART to Park Active Travel Scheme – The former Dublin Bay Trail/S2s scheme now focuses on the link between Blackrock Park and Blackrock Dart station (Blackrock Link). Part 8 public consultation closed on 9th August 2024 and the Part 8 report was approved at the October County Council meeting. Discussions with the landowner are ongoing.

Bray Woodbrook Landfill Remediation Project - Project has been completed, and maintenance has been taken over by Parks and Beaches Departments.

Hillcrest Road Improvement Scheme – Surveys and options report have been completed. Preliminary design is substantially completed and consultations have commenced. Plan to commence statutory process (Part 8) Q1/2 2025. The reason for the delay is that there were additional surveys needed to conclude the Environmental reports. It is intended to meet all individual property owners in advance of issuing the Part 8.

Cherrywood Road Improvement Scheme – At feasibility stage.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Lehaunstown Neighbourhood Road & Plot A Access – Projects Office is assisting the Client Department, Housing, for this project. SYSTRA has been engaged to carry out preliminary design (to 179A stage) of the neighbourhood road which connects Grand Parade to Lehaunstown Lane as per the Cherrywood Planning Scheme (CPS). Their brief also includes the preliminary design of an access point into the Council's Housing Plot A. S179a Notice published on 26th July 2024. The proposed new neighbourhood road connecting Grande Parade to Lehaunstown Lane has been approved.

Infrastructure Capacity Assessment Study for Old Connaught and Rathmichael LAPs – Projects office is assisting Forward Planning with this project. ARUP has been engaged to carry out the study. Part 4 is nearing completion, with the expected overall completion due end of October 2024.

Dundrum Community, Cultural and Civic Hub (DCCCH) - An Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) Call 2 project application was provisionally allocated funding support (up to max of 75% of eligible costs) for advance Public Realm works. Architects Department is developing a project brief. Feasibility of emerging preferred site is under investigation. Indecon Consultants have completed the Strategic Assessment Review (SAR) which has been agreed. Indecon Consultants have completed the draft Preliminary Business Case which is being revised based on DLR comments. Upon direction from the Department there is now a requirement for an additional business case to cover the URDF allocation. Indecon Consultants to be appointed to carry out this additional report and have submitted a draft report for this, which is under review. Traffico have been engaged to prepare the project brief for the Taney Cross Junction Upgrade Scheme.

Dún Laoghaire Baths Phase 2A (Accessibility/Mobility Works) - the accessibility ramps located at the Baths were opened in July 2024. The Serpentine Path and associated additional works are due for completion in January 2025.

Blackrock Seafont - Initial concept layout ongoing. Consultants to be appointed to carry out the preliminary business case. Early consultations underway.

Samuel Becket Phase 2A – Ballyogan Library - Substantially completed in December 2024.

Samuel Beckett Phase 2B - Sports Campus and Swimming Pool. Indecon Consultants have been appointed by the Projects Office to prepare the Preliminary Business Case. The Part 8 was approved at the May 2024 County Council meeting. Design consultants being have been appointed for the detailed design/tender stage.

URDF Call 3 – DLR has been allocated €6m in funding under URDF Call 3 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for an initial approved programme of 24 properties. Call 3 is designed to address long term vacancy and dereliction across URDF cities and towns and the acceleration of the provision of residential accommodation.

Out of the original list of 27 approved properties, 12 properties were served Derelict Site Notices and several of them were put on the Derelicts Site Register (DSR). These properties have since been made non-derelict and will be removed from the DSR. The property owners have advised us that they plan to develop the site.

DLR submitted five additional properties to the DHLGH to be added to the approved list. The Department have approved two of these properties.

DLR are progressing to acquire two properties by agreement, the first of which is now with Legal Services for purchase. A briefing session about URDF was provided for the Elected Members in December, 2024.

Shanganagh Castle Buildings and Grounds - Building 'B' (the dormitory building) and Building 'C' (sports hall): The DHLGH has decided that the property is no longer under consideration for use under the refurbishment programme.

For Building 'A' (Castle – a Protected Structure, RPS No. 1845 refers) the contractor has completed all propping works for immediate works for safe access to the building. Temporary fencing and safety signage has been erected around the immediate perimeter of Building 'A'. A Shanganagh Castle feasibility report prepared by conservation consultants 7L Architects with assistance from CORA Consulting Engineers has been received. To ensure that further deterioration is limited, ongoing maintenance is required until such time as major capital works can be commenced. The next steps will be an outline brief for roof repairs and review of priority works identified in the conservation and structural reports prior to preparation for tender.

Offshore Windfarms and onshore grid connection - Dublin Array (RWE) will be one of Ireland’s first commercial offshore wind farms to be constructed, helping to meet the Government’s target of 5GW of offshore wind energy being connected to the Irish national grid by 2030. The project intends to apply for planning consent in early 2025 and, subject to this being secured, construction of Dublin Array Project could begin in 2027. RWE are currently preparing planning application for submission to An Bord Pleanála (ABP). The application will encompass the entire development, onshore and offshore components, including planned operations and maintenance base in Dun Laoghaire.

IB-Green Corrig Park Sandyford Business Estate - This Sandyford Green Infrastructure Project, a collaborative effort between Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Sandyford Business District, aims to transform 0.8 hectares of land into the Sandyford Business District Civic Park, strategically positioned at the junction of Corrig Road and Carmanhall Road, (consistent with SLO 57 CDP 2022-2028). This undertaking not only seeks to enhance the overall quality of public spaces but also addresses heat stress within the business park area. This project is an integral part of the Interreg North-West Europe Programme (NWE) known as IB-Green <https://ib-green.nweurope.eu/>.

The Council and Sandyford Business District are 2 of the 11 project partners from 6 NWE countries representing local authorities, business park operators and managers, networks, sector organisations and science institutions in the field of climate adaptation who are joining forces to work on this challenge. Special focus lies on older industrial and business parks from the last century which are becoming less attractive. Here, the need for change is high but complex.

The Council’s Property Management Section with assistance of a commercial negotiator is progressing engagement with affected parties.

Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Development update
Bride's Glen (Cherrywood-Shankill Bridge)	Pedestrian and cycle connection from Bride's Glen Luas Stop via St Colmcille's Hospital grounds and the old viaduct to the footbridge over the N11 north of the Loughlinstown roundabout.	A quick build option that avoids CPO (Compulsory Purchase Order) and land acquisition using the N11 is being progressed. Public consultation period is completed, report to the Members was given in September and the scheme now progresses to detail design.

Rochestown Avenue Multi-modal Transport Improvement Scheme	Design of walking and cycling facilities and bus routes along Rochestown Avenue.	Detailed design consultant has been appointed and work is underway.
DLR Connector	Design and implementation of walking and cycling facilities east / west across the County	Non statutory consultation on the project is planned for Q1 2025.
Dun Laoghaire to N11 (Mounttown Road and Kill Avenue)	Design and implementation of walking and cycling facilities on Kill Avenue, Mounttown Road Upper / Lower, Glenageary Road Upper.	Tender for contractor completed. Works to commence January 2025
Seafield Safe and Quiet Streets	Traffic calming and public realm enhancement scheme developed in conjunction with residents.	Construction underway
Love our Laneways	Upgrade of the existing laneways in Sallynoggin.	Construction underway
Cabinteely Park Greenway	Cornelscourt Road to Cherrywood.	Pre-design consultation completed and preparation of Part 8 documentation ongoing
Safe Routes to Schools	Carysfort NS, Holy Family, Holy Cross, St. Kevin's, St. Patricks, The Harold, Sion Hill	Lot 1 consultation completed and progressing to detailed design. Lot 2 design underway.
Living Streets: Dun Laoghaire	Pathfinder project	Part 8 completed detailed design underway with first phase of works planned for Q1 2025
Living Streets: Blackrock	Permanent scheme for the village.	Detailed design continuing. Tender for contractor programmed for Q1 2025
Living Streets: Coastal Mobility Route	Permanent scheme	Public consultation completed.
Deerpark Entrance Improvements	Accessibility improvements to the entrance off North Ave	Construction underway
Sandyford Business District	Active Travel improvements along Blackthorn Road	Revised general arrangement (incorporating the updated details from cycle design manual) completed and agreed with NTA. Detailed design progressing
Dodder Greenway	Quick build scheme along Dodder Road Lower	Public Consultation completed detailed design underway
Stillorgan Park Road	Active Travel improvements from N11 to Carysfort Avenue	Construction completed

Climate Action

- As a requirement of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, each local authority prepared a Climate Action Plan in 2023/2024, addressing both climate mitigation and adaptation.
- Continued development of a roadmap for the implementation of the DLR Climate Action plan 2024-2029.
- DLR signed a new service level agreement with Dublin City Council to act as lead authority for the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) to provide support to the Dublin local authorities under the headings of governance, climate action plans, adaptation, mitigation, training, communications and knowledge sharing. The Agreement runs until 30th June 2029.
- DLR signed a service level agreement with the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for Phase 3: Implementation of The Local Authority Climate Action Plans which runs to 31st December 2028. The purpose of the Agreement is to provide funding to DLR for the roles of Climate Action Coordinator and Climate Action Officer to ensure the DLR Climate Action plan 2024-2029 is implemented.
- DLR entered into an application, as a knowledge transfer partner, for an EU funded project to demonstrate the feasibility of aqua thermal heat sources for district heating systems. The outcome of that application will be known in April 2025.

Community Climate Action Programme

DLR is currently working with successful Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) applicants on project implementation. A number of groups have commenced work on their projects.

The successful projects for funding are listed in Strand 1 table:

Strand 1 of the Community Climate Action Programme		
	Group Name	Grant Amount
1	Dalkey Hillside Estate	€ 5,170
2	Fernhill Community Garden	€ 4,850
3	Foxrock Area Community & Enterprise CLG (FACE)	€ 14,090
4	Sallynoggin Estate Mgmt Forum	€ 12,903
5	Wedgewood Residents Association	€ 17,475
6	Pine Valley Residents Association	€ 1,708
7	Meadowbrook Residents Association	€ 5,563
8	Delbrook Park Residents Association	€ 12,575
9	Mount Merrion Community Centre	€ 1,761
10	Kilternan Parish	€ 20,000
11	St Patrick's Parish	€ 9,140
12	Sandyford Downes Residents Association	€ 1,490
13	Meadowvale Tennis Club	€ 22,000
14	The Bike Hub	€ 50,000
15	Blackrock Community Men's Shed	€ 34,100
16	Shanganagh Community Gardens	€ 27,915
17	Airfield Estate	€ 27,231

18	Wayside Celtic FC	€ 28,519
19	Dalkey Parish	€ 31,972
20	Shankill Old Folks Association	€ 20,500
21	Ballybrack Project Centre	€ 43,770
22	Dublin Society of Model and Experimental Engineers (DSMEE)	€ 25,824
23	Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC	€ 25,194
24	Dundrum Methodist Church	€ 78,869
25	Shanganagh Park House and Stonebridge CC	€ 86,333
26	St. Anne's Parish Shankill	€ 97,958
27	Naomh Olaf GAA	€ 96,090
28	Ski Club of Ireland, CLG	€ 80,000
Total Funding:		€ 883,000

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

9 Georges Place & The Washhouse, Kelly's Avenue, Dún Laoghaire: The application for Strand 1 THRIVE funding for George's Place, Dún Laoghaire was successful (subject to pre-agreement conditions).

The funding is for up to €200,000 for the renovation, renewal, and adaptive reuse of two vacant protected structures, nos. 9 George's Place and the former Wash House and Council Stores, Kelly's Avenue, Dún Laoghaire.

A Public Consultation Survey for the Integrated Urban Study of George's Place and Kelly's Avenue has been conducted and four submissions were received.

Acquisition of 12.3HA / 29.4 Acres of land at Brennanstown / Lehaunstown, Co. Dublin

The Council intends to use the lands for the development of housing, including the provision of social and affordable housing, provision of land for Cherrywood Green Routes Network and for heritage & conservation purposes (Glendruoid House, a Protected Structure).

- Lands adjacent to the Beacon Hospital, Drummartin Link Road – 3-year lease finalised.
- Lands adjacent to Drummartin Link Road, Sandyford – 6-month licence entered into.
- Rear of Mountwood, Saul Nua & No.5 Ballyogan Road – Sale of a plot of land. Finalised December, 2024.
- Former Coastguard Station – 15-year lease agreed at Council meeting in November, 2024. With Legal Services for completion.
- TEK United – 35-year lease agreed at Council meeting in December, 2024. Will go to Legal Services section for completion.
- Dalkey Avenue – Right-of-way agreed and completed in Legal Services.
- Sonas, Kilcross – 35-year lease agreed at Council meeting (March, 2024), currently being concluded by our Legal services section.
- 1 St. Lukes Crescent – Approved at Council meeting (May, 2024) and with Legal Services to complete.
- Former Freight Office, Dún Laoghaire Harbour – Licence to be signed and sealed.

- M50 Junction 14 CPO – Notice to Enter issued, Oct/Nov, 2024. Council took possession of these plots, Dec 2024.

Derelict Sites

There are currently 17 sites on the Derelict Sites Register.

Letters of consent 1st Jan, 2024 to 18th December , 2024

- 34 Letters of Consent
- 10 Re-issues

Sandyford Commercial consents 1st January 2024 – 18th December, 2024

32 Sandyford consents applications have been received since 1st January, 2024.

**The Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2020 (Schedule 3, Prescribed Notices, Form No. 2, p426) specifically states that "If you are not the legal owner, please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation."*

Environmental Enforcement Section

Halloween Operations

In the run up to Halloween, collections were undertaken by the Environmental Enforcement Unit, along with their contractors, to remove bonfire stockpiles from a number of locations across the County.

On Halloween day, staff from Environmental Enforcement, Housing and Parks, along with our waste contractors and supported by members of An Garda Síochána, removed bonfire materials. In total, over 54 tonnes of bonfire material was removed from the County, including over a tonne of tyres. Dublin Fire Brigade's statistics on callouts on Halloween night demonstrated the low number of bonfires in the County.

Air Monitoring

The section has now installed 12 air quality monitors in strategic locations around the County. All the sensors are available to view on <https://airly.org/map/en/>.

Waste Collection Permit Monitoring

The Enforcement Section will validate all 2023 waste collection permit data returns from waste collectors that operate from DLR. Detailed audits were undertaken with certain waste collectors in our county with a focus on waste streams such as construction and demolition waste.

Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024-2028

The Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan was made on 18 August 2024 and is available on the dlr website. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/environmental-health/environmental-noise>

During Q4 2024, DLR initiated a pilot project examining a priority important area identified as part of the noise action plan. In addition, the internal Noise Working Group met with representatives from Active Travel, Roads Maintenance, Traffic, Planning and Environmental Enforcement.

Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI plan)

Recommendation of the European Parliament and the Council Providing for the Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections in Member States (2001/331/EC) Inspection & Compliance Plan under RMCEI 2024 has been supplied to the EPA. The Inspection and

Compliance Plan (relates to the environmental enforcement (air, noise, waste, litter) and water pollution control in the functional area of DLR for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024.

The 2024 Plan continues to be implemented and encompasses both routine and non-routine environmental inspections to be carried out in the year. It includes monitoring and inspection of permitted activities and ensuring compliance by the public and the commercial and industrial sectors with regards to environmental legislation.

The 2025 RMCEI planning process is underway with new National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs) 2025 - 2027 for waste, water, air & noise established as areas for focus.

Environmental Awareness

- Under the DLR Community Clean-up Scheme, a total of 31 community groups received 1,662 blue bin bags, 77 litter pickers and 165 pairs of gloves to carry out local community clean ups in Q4.
- The 32nd Annual Tidy Districts Awards Ceremony was held on 3rd October in County Hall, with €15,200 in prize funds awarded to 38 community groups for projects aimed at improving their local environment.
- A total of 38 community projects were evaluated and deemed successful under the 2025 Environment and Climate Action Grant, amounting to a total grant award of €16,724, approved at the Council meeting on 9th December 2024.
- The 22nd Annual Recycled Competition and Awards Ceremony was held on 12th December with awards for primary 'Schools Champions' representing 31 schools from across the county.
- The Green School Program for 2024/2025 was launched in September and promoted to all 118 participating schools in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, including 75 schools who are eligible to renew their flag or to rejoin following deferral. Multiple DLR funded workshops and training opportunities for schools in 2024/2025 were marketed and promoted widely to schools including ReLove Fashion, the Rubbish Film Festival, Composting and Recycling for Schools and the Picker Pals programme.
- Several anti-dog fouling awareness programmes, including Scally the Dog and the Green Dog Walkers Campaign, were rolled out and promoted across multiple platforms.

Green business

Green business work completed or ongoing in the period for the following items:

- The Climate Success Award Winners and Highly Commended were announced at the Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Chamber Awards 2024 at the Royal Marine Hotel. APC/VLE Therapeutics won the overall award in the category for a company of greater than 50 employees with Manna Drone Delivery highly commended. Dundrum Town Centre won the overall award in the category for less than 50 employees with the Frascati Centre highly commended.
- Project roadmap and timeline completed for Green Hub project on the segregation of waste in Nutgrove Shopping Centre as part of the national drive to segregate more recyclables. This includes deliverables and commitments to increase recycling rate and decrease contamination.
- The Dargan Forum for 2025 will include a Green Business breakout session. The theme of this will be collaboration and productivity. Currently working on the programme for the event including guest speakers and interactive session with the attendees.

Waste Management Section

We provide 3 Recycling Centres and 37 Bring Centres throughout the County.

Ballyogan Recycling Park accepts a wide variety of waste types, Eden Park and Shanganagh Recycling Centres accept mainly mixed dry recyclables and the Bring Centres accept glass

bottles and aluminium/steel cans and textiles. Hard Plastics were accepted on a trial basis at Shanganagh and this service is continuing.

We participate in the Rediscovery Paint Re-Use Scheme and the Rotary Bikes to Africa Scheme at Ballyogan Recycling Park.

National Waste Management Plan For A Circular Economy 2024-2030

The implementation of the Plan will be co-ordinated by the existing Regional Lead Authorities, Regional Waste Management Planning Offices, supported by the established regional waste steering groups.

Dublin Waste To Energy

Increased Treatment Capacity

An Bord Pleanála approved the planning application for the increase in treatment capacity from 600,000 tonnes per annum to 690,000 per annum in December 2021.

The EPA license has now also been granted but it is not expected that the throughput will increase significantly in 2024 in the plant until certain operational constraints are removed. The operator estimates that between 605,000-610,000 tonnes will be handled in 2025.

Management of Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA)

Currently the IBA is being transported and stored at a facility near Slane in County Meath. It is expected that the operator will receive End of Waste (EoW) status from the EPA in Q1 2025 and the plant will become fully operational at that stage. Transport to the facility is via the Port Tunnel and the same trucks that deliver waste are used in order to reduce emissions.

It is noted that the Netherlands plant that was used for recovery and reuse has now closed.

After the metal is removed, the resulting ash can be reused in the construction sector, as a replacement for virgin raw materials. Once EoW is achieved, Dublin Waste to Energy will have developed a more sustainable solution for the IBA produced at the facility.

Environmental Enforcement: 1st October – 18th December 2024

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	231	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	230	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	316	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	304	Litter Section
Abandoned car Cases - Opened	93	Waste Section
Graffiti Cases - Opened	163	Waste Section
Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened	32	Waste Section
Litter Fines issued	75	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	9	Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act
Legal Proceedings initiated	11	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act

Routine Enforcement Section Inspections	Number completed
Air and Noise Incident/complaint related inspections (non-routine)	40
Ambient Air Monitoring Programme	2
Article 27 Inspections	1
Construction & Demolition handling at development sites	21
Commercial Food Waste	54
Deco Paints Regulations – Vehicle Refinishers	6
Hazardous waste (e.g., garages, mini-labs, C&D sites, industrial, healthcare & others)	39
Inspections (environmental) in advance of grant/refusal of planning permission	41
Inspections (environmental) of existing planning permissions	41
Mercury inspections	17
Solid fuel regulations	10
Solvents Regulations (e.g., Dry cleaners, surface cleaning etc.)	5
Tyres and End of Life Tyres	16
Vehicle Checkpoints	6

Dog Statistics from 1st October 2024 – 18th December 2024	
No. of dogs on hand on 1 st October	1
No. of dogs entering the shelter – stray/seized	19
No. of dogs surrendered	6
No. of dogs rehomed	2
No. of dogs reclaimed	10
No. of dogs sent to rescue	5
No. of dogs put to sleep	3
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 18 th December	6
Certificate of Exemption issued for XL Bully	7
Dog attacks in this period	26 – 13 on people

The owner of the dog that was put to sleep surrendered the dog as it had bitten someone, the breed was a Rottweiler – 12th November put to sleep.

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.

Architects

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	50
Section 5 Declarations	10
Pre-planning	8
Section 57 Declarations	1

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	7
Potentially Dangerous	14
Not Dangerous	1
Total	22

Energy

dlr is taking part in the Government's Reduce Your Use energy efficiency campaign and we need your help. The Public Sector has been challenged to take a leading role in reducing our nation's energy demand, and it is expected that this campaign can deliver 5-10% energy savings overall across the sector. The Reduce Your Use energy efficiency campaign is an effective way to assist with increasing our energy security, lowering energy bills and meeting our targets relating to climate change. A cross-department team has been established to organise the campaign and a range of monthly initiatives from November 2024 – April 2025. Further information on the Reduce Your Use energy efficiency campaign: [Reduce Your Use - Public Bodies](#)

Community, Cultural Services & Parks

Community Integration Forum:

The dlr Community Integration Forum (CIF) meets every second Monday and continues to discuss and coordinate support services to International Protection Applicants (IPA's) and Ukrainians living in State supported accommodation across dlr.

The CIF is chaired by Chief Executive Frank Curran and a wide range of supports and activities are provided 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. The dlr CIF will hold their next meeting on the 13th January 2025.

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

A Public Meeting of the Sandyford/Stepaside LPF took place on 8th October 2024.

A Public Meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF took place on 23rd October 2024.

A Public Meeting of the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF took place on 5th November 2024.

A Public Meeting of the Loughlinstown/Ballybrack/Shankill LPF took place on 12th November 2024.

A meeting of the Sandyford/Stepaside LPF took place on 3rd December 2024.

A meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF took place on 10th December 2024.

Joint Policing Committee Meeting (JPC) & establishment of new Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

In accordance with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 the JPC has been replaced with the Local Community Safety Partnership (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 for consideration 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 2024. Submissions were received and have been assessed.

dlr Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT):

The dlr LAIT continued to visit accommodation centres across dlr during Q4 for 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 that are providing support to IPA's and BOTP's in dlr in identifying gaps in service provision avoiding duplication and identifying collaborative projects to support residents and assist with integration in the community.

Creative Ireland funded Drumming & Dancing as well as Circus Skills workshops took place in family centres supported by the dlr LAIT & Creative Communities Engagement Officer during Q4 and will continue into 2025. Initiatives such as volunteering training with dlr Volunteering Centre took place in 2 centres and will be expanded during 2025. Sporting and physical activities such as football, running and hiking activities with dlr Sports Partnership, Cuala GAA, Crosscare and Trail Criú were provided for residents across the county and 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, Barnardos, DePaul Housing, JRS, Irish Refugee Council, dlr Libraries etc.

The 'dlr together – dlr Le Chéile' Anti-Racism campaign was launched during October in conjunction with the dlr Equality Office and 3 training sessions took place on Anti-Racism and Integration during October and November to assist support organisations, centre managers, community groups and facilitators supporting new arrivals to dlr. This training will continue into 2025 and is organised by the dlr LAIT.

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 has been provided by dlr Arts Office, Libraries, Southside Partnership, Barnardos, Cuala GAA, DDLETB and dlr LAIT with activities and attendance at events for children and families 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.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2028

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 2023-2028 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

Meetings of the LCDC took place on the 25th September 2024 and 27th November 2024.

Pride of Place 2024.

This annual competition is an all-island competition that acknowledges and celebrates the work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland. The four dlr entries for 2024 were as follows:

Group	Category
Shanganagh Community Gardens/Men's Shed	Climate Action and Biodiversity.
Dlr Men's Shed	Community Wellbeing Initiative.
Ballinteer Active Retirement Association	Age Friendly-Communities.
Shankill Village	Population over 5,000.

Two of the groups from DLR were successful at the annual IPB Pride of Place Awards in Monaghan on 2nd November 2024.

Ballinteer Active Retirement Association (BARA) won the National Award for Age Friendly Communities and Shankill Village received runner up in the Population over 5,000 category. These National awards recognise and acknowledge the work that volunteers and communities are doing all over the island of Ireland and winning is a testament to the dedication and passion displayed by the members of the Ballinteer Active Retirement Association and all the Community groups involved with Shankill Village.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim O’Leary, presented an engraved token of appreciation to all of the dlr nominees for Pride Of Place 2024 at a presentation in County Hall on 26th November 2024.

Local Enhancement Programme for 2024 under the Community Enhancement Programme

This DRCD grant fund closed for application in February with 68 eligible applications received for funding support. €140,317 is available to community groups for capital projects and €29,854.68 for ringfenced women’s groups funding. LCDC recommendations for grant funding were forwarded to the DRCD. The mainstream fund was approved for payment by the Minister on the 22nd of May 2024 and the ringfenced women’s groups funding were approved for payment by the Minister on the 5th June 2024. Letters have been sent to all applicants and payments are currently being processed.

Comhairle na nÓg

Comhairle members took part in a consultation for the Harbour Masterplan. DLR Comhairle na nÓg's Annual Youth Conference 2024 took place on November 6th. This year's Annual Youth Conference was opened by Therese Langan, Director of Community and Cultural Development. 100 enthusiastic young people from 27 schools across Dún Laoghaire Rathdown gathered together to have their voices heard through consultations on the issues affecting youth. This included primary schools as well as secondary schools in dlr. Youth Spaces/ Facilities was the predominant topic, which was democratically chosen as the topic for 2025. 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

Community Recycling Skip Days took place in 8 estates. Estate Management Forums were supported by Litter Wardens in reporting and removing of bonfire stockpiling. Estate Management Forums were supported by the Community Team Staff in submitting their Action Plan 1 funding requests for 2025. The 12 Forums came together for their annual Christmas Training event.

National Recovery Month September 2024

The DLR Community Addiction Team, DROP and other service providers organised numerous community events throughout the month of September culminating in the Recovery Festival held on Saturday 28th September. These events aim to promote, support and increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery. There was great attendance at all events. The Recovery Festival itself was held in The People's Park, Dun Laoghaire, included a community walk, entertainment for all the family, singing, facepainting, and much more.

Community Grants 2025

The Community Grants for 2025 opened on 24th September for applications and will close on 25th October. Information sessions will be held online and in person over the coming

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.

Age-Friendly & Social Inclusion Unit:

Cuairt agus Cultúr 2024/2025

In conjunction with Arts Office and Libraries with funding from Creative Ireland Cuairt agus Cultúr is taking place again this year. This programme brings performers into both Residential Centres and Day Care Centres for a number of weeks to interact with residents.

The programme's goal is to allow residents to express themselves through art and wellbeing activities and to deepen the value of arts and wellbeing in both Residential Centres and Day Care Centres. A call out was made to artists, over 30 Artists/Performers submitted their interest and 6 were selected. The call out to Residential and Day Care Centres for where these Artists/Performers will perform got 9 settings responded. Artists/Performers have started in the settings and will continue in New Year.

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 held meetings every

month from October – 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 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 took place during the months of July and August.

dlr Older People's Council

2024 dlr OPC Transport Grants closing date was the 31st May and over 20 groups applied for Transport Grant's worth €300 for day & evening trips taking place during 2024.

There are now 42 older people's groups registered with the dlr OPC. Members of the dlr OPC are sitting on the National Committee of OPC's, the National Commission on Care, Irish Senior Citizen Parliament.

The events subcommittee held an Older People's Variety Show in Royal Marine Hotel on 9th October 2024 and Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Kazi Ahmed attended. Over 120 people attended and a great night was had by all.

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 and a report will be compiled by Age-Friendly Ireland in 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.

Dormant Accounts Funding

dlr Libraries successfully received funding of €28,000 to progress 4 projects under Dormant Accounts Funding, provided by Department of Rural and Community Development.

- Event programming for Ukrainian families in the County
- Accessible Services – events and talks for those with additional needs and their families
- Sensory Equipment – including signage, sensory toys
- Literacy supports – LOTE (Languages other than English)

Creative Ireland Funding

2022 saw the completion of 50+ projects under the Creative Ireland Programme, with over an audience of 11,500 across the year.

Funding in the amount of €394,061 has been claimed by DLRCC in 2022 under the various funding strands including Creativity in Older Age, Social Prescribing, Cruinniú na nÓg and Economic Action Fund.

dlr Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023-2027

Draft document approved for the next 5 years of Creative Ireland.

Callout for event facilitators 2023-2025

68 successful applicants from 75 received.

Dún Laoghaire Baths Artists’ Studios

Following the extensive redevelopment of Dún Laoghaire Baths, the Arts Office has advertised opportunities for artists to apply for new workspaces. Six awards are currently available to support local artists with rent free, purpose-built artist workspaces and project funding. Two studios are available to assist local artists to develop their practice in Dún Laoghaire. A Public Art commission will fund a studio and the creation of new work in response to the theme of Home. A fourth opportunity will allow artists to engage in a series of 3-month residencies in a new large workshop space that invites the public into the Baths to engage with the creative process. The studios are provided rent free with additional funding support to assist with the purchase of materials, the making of new work or the presentation of workshops, talks and performances.

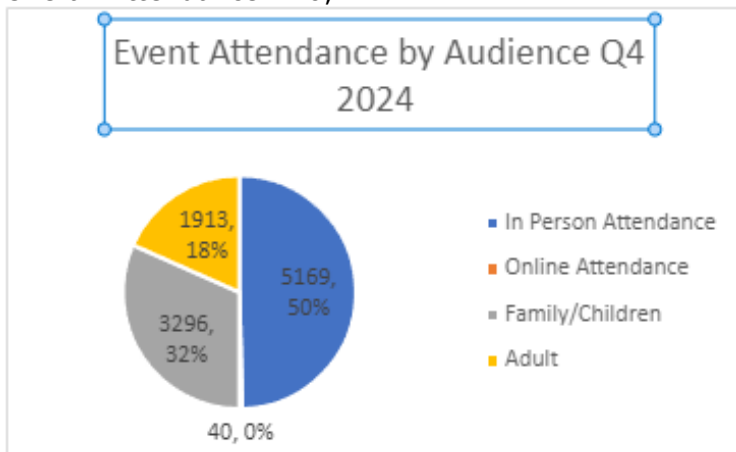
These opportunities are funding by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office, the Arts Council, Creative Ireland and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/d%C3%BAAn-laoghaire-baths-studios>

Libraries

Total No. of Events (as of 13 Dec): 680

Overall Attendance: 10,217



Selection of Feedback Comments for Q4 2024

- Just to say a big thank you to the staff in the LexIcon for organising the Active Academy Exercise classes. The classes have been so enjoyable and beneficial to us all in terms of both physical and mental health wellbeing.

Participants, Active Movement with Lisa Redmond, Dec 2024

- I just want to say a big thank you for the effort that went into yesterday. It was a lovely to meet you all and I am really looking forward to seeing the Scéal Trail installed.

Kate Sheehy, author, Scéal Trail, Dec 2024

- Just wanted to send a thank you appreciation for all the wonderful workshops & events organised during the year. They have been so enjoyable and really contribute to Wellbeing 😊 Know a lot of work happens in the background in the organisation of each & every event/workshop so THANK YOU, they are really appreciated Look forward to many more wonderful workshops in 2025

Patron, dlr LexIcon events, Dec 2024

- Thanks so much for organising all of these events! They're amazing!

Parent, Neurodiverse events, Dec 2024

Thanks for all you and the team do in arranging the book club - I really enjoy both the books and the discussion...One of the great things for me from the Club is that I read books I wouldn't necessarily pick up myself - and I get to hear the views of others on them.

Online Book Club members, Nov 2024

- On behalf of the Health Promotion and Improvement Team, I wanted to express our sincere gratitude for the incredible support and space each library provided during our recent tobacco awareness stall events. These events were a success because of your welcoming atmosphere and your involvement on each visit.

HSE Health Promotion Officer, Healthy Ireland at Your Library promotional events, Dec 2024 Nov 2024

- I'm currently living in Germany but visiting Dún Laoghaire every year with my family. One of our favourite places to go is the LexIcon. So thank you for the quality of service there. We love the variety and also the exhibitions! *Visitor, Dec 2024*

- Just wanted to Thank everyone involved in organising storytime yesterday evening. It was absolutely magnificent, exceeded all expectations. The lady was unbelievably fantastic and created such a warm and wonderful atmosphere. Santa was the best.

Parent, Deansgrange Christmas Event, Dec 24

- Ba chóir go bhfuil sé seo ar fáil i ngach Leabharlann sa tír seo. Áiseanna den scoth 🍊🍊
Maith sibh uilig 🙏

Instagram follower, Aistear in Your Library Story Sacks, IG, Nov 24

Refurbishment & Conservation Programme for Library Buildings

Cabinteely Library Windows

Project selected for an energy upgrade under the dlr Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029.

Essential conservation work to improve energy efficiency of the 1912 Carnegie building and protect our built heritage. Includes installation of internal glazing designed by Conservation architects, to protect heat loss from the building. The project is funded under the dlr Energy retrofit programme and part-funded by Pathfinder funding through SEAI and the Government of Ireland.



Before and after – ongoing conservation works to Cabinteely Library windows (Credit: Coalesce)

Dundrum Library Shelving and Desk

New shelving on castors installed downstairs in the adult library. Installation of new mains filtered water fountain for public use reducing single-use plastic bottles. The compact new welcome desk in the Children’s Library allows more circulation space for families visiting the children’s section. Further refurbishment works planned for early January 2025 include an accessible meeting space downstairs.



New mobile shelving unit – Dundrum Library (Credit: Coalesce)

New compact welcome desk – Dundrum Library (Credit: Coalesce)

Capital Projects

Ballyogan Library: Samuel Beckett Civic Campus

We continue to liaise with stakeholders in the Samuel Beckett Community Centre and local community, ahead of the opening of Ballyogan Library. Critical snags are being worked through by the builder in order to allow handover of the site, followed by a deep clean of the Library space in preparation for library staff to get onsite and prepare for opening. The team in Library HQ continue to order books, including titles for the popular short loan collections, and sensory toys and equipment.



Image: Boxes of books ready to be sent to their new home in Ballyogan Library

Stillorgan Library

Stillorgan Library is progressing well. The site groundworks are complete and the concrete base slab poured. The structural steel for the Library is being prefabricated offsite, and is on schedule for delivery in January, after which time the blockwork will quickly progress. Libraries and Architects are working together on designing layouts to deliver essential spaces and services to the community there including study facilities, space for people to work remotely, have meetings, includes a messy play area, sensory space, and a changing places bathroom as well as all the usual services such as books, computer facilities, wifi, and Eduroam, available at all dlr Libraries. Eduroam is a service which enables students, researchers and staff from participating institutions to securely access the internet at their college/university and whilst visiting the Library.



Creative Ireland Programme



(Eamon Sweeney singing with residents in Simpson’s Hospital, Dundrum. Credit: Coalesce)

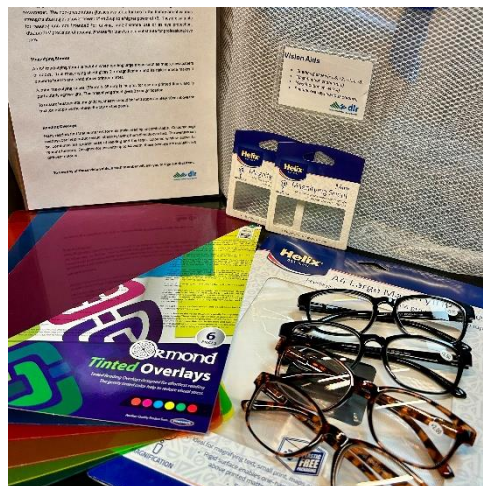
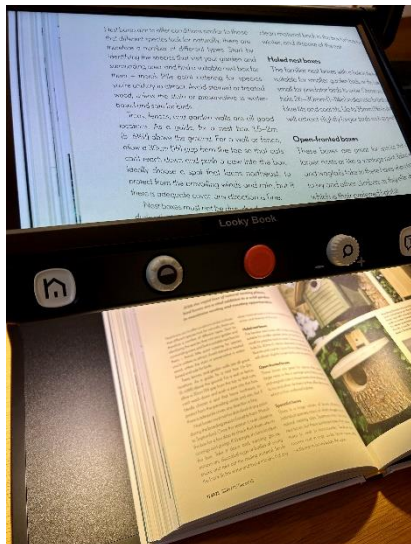
2024 has been a busy year for the Creative Ireland programme which supports creative engagement for our communities and develops the creative sector across the county, informed by our [Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023 - 2027](#). The programme in dlr includes the Creative Communities programme of initiatives delivered by the Culture Team, two Health and Wellbeing funded programmes, and Cruinniú na nÓg.

Here are some highlights from the year:

- Total funding received €367,394
- Total participants 33,088
- Total number of creative practitioners engaged across the programme as facilitators and through capacity building 289
- Total number of projects/events delivered was 51, including 21 core funded initiatives, 26 events for Cruinniú na nÓg, and 5 Health and Wellbeing in the community projects
- Projects took place across the county, including in dlr LexIcon, Cabinteely, Blackrock, Deansgrange, and Dundrum Libraries, and with communities in Ballybrack, Ballyogan, Blackrock, Clonskeagh, Dalkey, Dún Laoghaire, Dundrum, Fern Hill, Glenageary, Kilternan, Leopardstown, Loughlinstown, Marlay, Monkstown, Mounttown, Sandyford, Shankill, and Ticknock.

In-Branch Services

Visual Aids & Portable Magnifying Devices



(Looky Book Pro and Vision Aids pack)

Through a combination of funding secured via the Dormant Accounts Fund as well as from dlrLibraries, a set of Vision Aids is now available in each branch library for use by members of the public. These packs contain reading glasses of various strengths, magnification sheets and coloured reading overlays.

4 Looky Book Pro devices have also been purchased which are available for use in Dundrum, Deansgrange, Cabinteely and Shankill libraries. The Looky Book Pro is a portable desktop video magnifier with text to speech functionality, OCR and touch screen.

These resources support patrons in using our spaces independently and increase accessibility.

Heritage Q4

- dlr Heritage Community Grant scheme; 18 community-led projects supported for 2025, Round 2 call out will take place in Feb '25
- Onboarding of new Heritage and Biodiversity Communications graduate, work includes;

- heritage and biodiversity web pages review/update
- 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
- The Oratory: specialists engaged for photogrammetry, condition survey and recommendations to inform enhanced visitor access arrangements
- Presentation of dlr Geoheritage projects 2022-2024 (guided walks, events and brochures) at Geological Survey Ireland open day
- Decade of Centenaries’ funded project
 - Thank you event in Talbot Hotel for participants in the People’s History of dlr oral history project 2021-2023 – 180 attendees
 - Launch of *A People’s History of dlr* book in Maritime Museum
 - Talk on dlr domestic servants and veterans of World War 1 as part of the Dublin Festival of History in dlr Lexicon, Irish Sign Language translated
- Heritage Council funded projects
 - Gathering the archive of 40 years of the Southside Travellers Action Group (in collaboration with dlr Community/Creative Ireland/Heritage Council) - exhibition planned for Jan/Feb ‘25
 - Planning for launch of “Made in Blackrock” audio trail/podcast about the garment industry - Feb ‘25
 - Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology programme Year 4 in collaboration with Dublin Mountains Partnership and SDCC;
 - Archaeology talks in Dundrum Library and Tallaght Library
 - Guided archaeology walk for residents of Direct Provision
 - Archaeology training for DMP volunteers, Coillte/Council staff, Hillwalking clubs and Mountaineering Ireland
 - Launch of new Dublin Mountains archaeology storymap <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/541b560e0c4747cc87ec7bae85d69480>
 - Preparation for 2025 geophysics survey of Rathmichael Hillfort
- Creative Ireland funded projects
 - Update/reprint of *Martello Towers of Dublin* book
 - Creative Café social prescribing heritage sessions on oral history in dlr Lexicon and Deansgrange Library
 - Planning for “Discovering dlr” 8 week course in early 2025 as part of “Let’s Get Social” programme in collaboration with dlr Libraries and Southside Partnership – Feb/March ‘25
 - Planning for launch/screening of *Lios an Uisce* film in ‘25
- Community Monument Fund projects complete
 - Shankill Castle Conservation Plan
 - Puck’s Castle restoration works
 - Cill Iníon Léinín graveyard wall repair
- Ironwork restoration of Stillorgan Wood railings complete, painting to take place in new year
- Carrickbrennan cemetery wall repair – consents in place, works to start Jan ‘25
- Presentation and dissemination of local heritage resources to Regional Tour Guiding students at Stillorgan College of Further Education
- Awards for Dún Laoghaire Harbour Trail signage in collaboration with dlr Tourism
 - Selected for Ireland’s 100 Archive (100 notable communication design projects selected annually), <https://www.100archive.com/projects/dun-laoghaire-harbour-trail>
 - Commended in the Institute of Designers in Ireland awards 2024 (structures and spaces) <https://www.idiawards.ie/projects/dun-laoghaire-harbour-trail/>
- Selection of *A True Record, a creative response to Marlay House* for Dublin Art Book Fair

- Distribution of dlr heritage books to local bookshops
- Input to Rathmichael and Old Conna ICAS reports and Harbour Masterplan heritage baseline
- Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre 5 year strategy finalised
- James Joyce Tower strategy and publication workshops, Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre board meetings
- Tourism advisory committee meetings
- Dalkey Islands Conservation plan steering group meeting
- Budget meetings
- Heritage and Biodiversity Officers national Training and Development meetings
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups
- Ongoing maintenance of dlr heritage properties

Market

Source	Date applied	Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun	Category
Email	03-Oct				Craft
Email	03-Oct		1		Craft
email	04-Oct		1		Hot Food
Email	07-Oct		1		Craft
DLR-CRM	08-Oct		1		Craft
CRM	08-Oct			1	Hot Food
CRM	09-Oct	1			Other Food
Email	15-Oct		1		Hot Food
CRM	15-Oct			1	Craft
Email	21-Oct	1			Hot Food
Email	24-Oct	1			Craft
CRM					
CRM	04-Nov	1	1		Craft
CRM	06-Nov		1		Craft
Email	07-Nov	1			Artist
Email	11-Nov			1	Craft
CRM	17-Nov		1		Hot Food
CRM	20-Nov			1	Hot Food
CRM	21-Nov		1		Craft
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	
email	01-Oct		1	Marlay Court	
Email	08-Oct	1		Killiney Hill	
CRM	15-Oct	1		Killiney Hill	
CRM	22-Oct		1	Dun Laoghaire	
CRM	01-Nov		1	Blackrock	
Post	18-Nov	1		Cabinteely	
CRM	22-Nov	1		Marlay	

Filming

CRM Source or Email	Location	Date Request Received	Date of Filming	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
Email	Marlay Park	11/10/24	19/10/24	Y	
Email	Deer Park	09/10/24	04/12/24	Y	
Email	Shanganagh Park	25/10/24	25/11/24	Y	
342283	Kilbogget Running Track	01/11/24	30/11/24	N	Applicant decided not to use track for filming. Withdrew application
Email	Deansgrange Cemetery	12/11/24	13/11/24	Y	
345795	Killiney Hill Park	03/12/24	20/12/24	Y	

Allotments

Castle:

- Installation of 9 raised beds completed (in space formerly marked as Plot 80 and 81).
- 6 raised beds have been allocated to former plot holders who wished to downsize.
- The resulting 6 vacant plots were allocated to people on the waiting list.
- 1 vacant full plot allocated to someone from the waiting list.
- 3 raised beds left to be allocated.
- 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.
- Seven plots have been allocated to people from the Mount Anville waiting list.
- Letters prepared to renew contracts with plot holders; to be sent out in January 2025.

Parks Operations:

- Ongoing Countywide Landscape Maintenance works focus on winter maintenance of planted areas, flailing and hedgerow management and grass cutting
- Playground upgrades completed at Deerpark, Belarmine and Marlay

- Works underway on the redevelopment of the Gallops playground which is nearing completion
- Calisthenics area completed in the a
- 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, Shanganagh, Peoples Park and Blackrock Park
- Benches delivered for installation in Parks 2025
- Red Jetty seating removed from Bracken Road Park
- Cluney upgrade works complete (new paths and resurfacing works and benches)
- A Climate for Tree Strategy 2024-2030 officially launched in Marlay Park on 18th Nov 2024
- Inclusion of inclusive roundabout in Kilbogget Park Playground
- New 3G Carpet installed at Hyde Road Pitch (previously Muga)