

# DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

# JANUARY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

## 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025



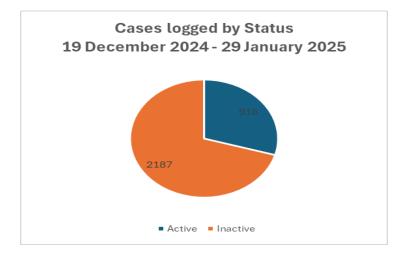
#### CONTENT DIRECTORATES

Corporate Affairs3
Director: Stephen Brady
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Director: Helena Cunningham
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Director: Catherine Keenan
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Director: Aidan Blighe
Forward Planning Infrastructure *
Director: Anne Devine
Infrastructure and Climate Change21
Director: Paul Kennedy
Architects
County Architect: Andrée Dargan
Community, Cultural Service and Parks
Director: Therese Langan

\*Included in Quarterly Management Report



#### **CRM Statistics Civic Hub Stats**



Open	916
Closed	2187

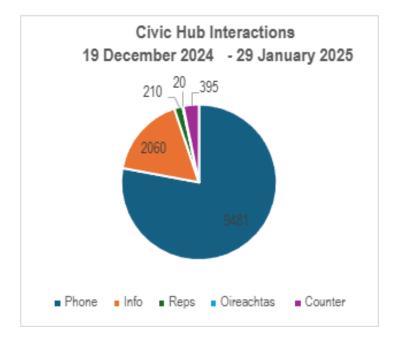
Section/Department	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects		4	4
Comms & Civic Hub	13	343	356
Corporate Services	4	6	10
dIrcoco	2	2	4
Enterprise	1		1
Environment	1		1
Finance	6	192	198
Forward Planning Infrastructure	1		1
Harbour	1	5	6
Housing	24	166	190
ICC	612	1242	1854
IT		1	1
Libraries	2	2	4
Parks	228	195	423
Planning & Economic Development	6	9	15
Property	3	5	8
Water Services	12	15	27
Grand Total	916	2187	3103



#### **Civic Hub Activities:**

#### Cases logged from

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly		Т	ransferred to	Total	
				overflow		
	4465			5016	9481	
Emails received	Info@	Reps	<u>ĝ</u>	Oireachtas@	Total	
	2060	210		20	2290	
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<b>Counter Interactions</b>	Civic	Civic Hub		Appointments	Total	
	34	342		53	395	



#### **Freedom of Information** – Total 18 (19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

#### **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.



## **19 December 2024 to 29 January 2025 - Monthly Report for dircoco.ie and dirlibraries.ie**

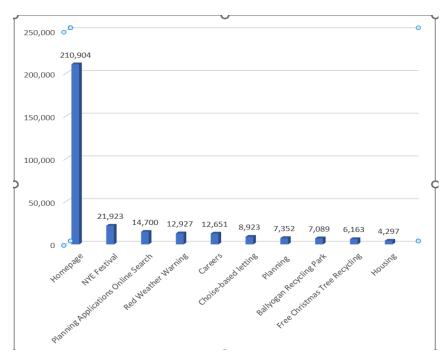
Website Activity – Page views and number of users

Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	470,337	133,261
dlrLibraries	56,396	20,596

#### Compared to 28 November – 18 December 2024

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

#### Top viewed pages on dlrcoco.ie



#### Press Releases: 6

#### Press Queries: 19

#### **Public Consultations:** 1

#### Highest Performing News Stories from 19 December 2024 to 29 January 2025

- 1. <u>Red Weather Wind Warning for Dublin Storm Eowyn | Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</u> <u>County Council</u>- Views 12,927
- 2. <u>Free Christmas Tree Recycling 2024 2025 | Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County</u> <u>Council</u> - Views 6,163
- 3. <u>Celebrate New Year's Eve with an Unforgettable Fireworks Display at Dún</u> <u>Laoghaire Harbour!</u> <u>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council</u> - Views 4,904

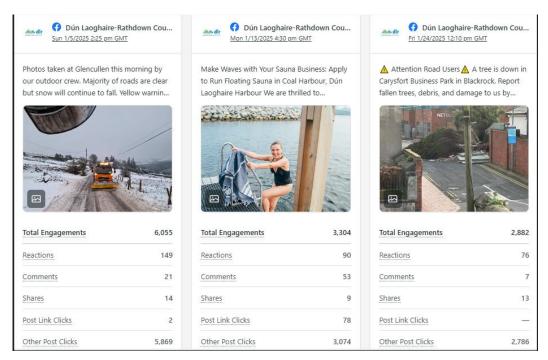
Click here to view all News Listings



#### **Social Media Activity**

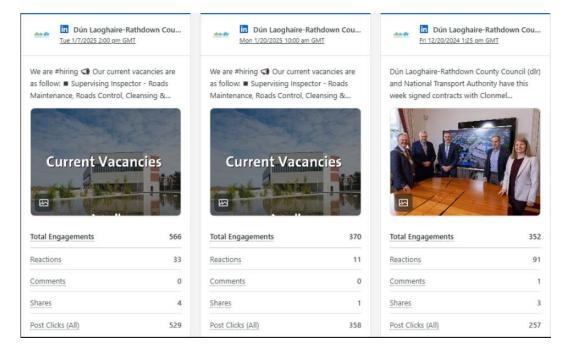
#### Highest performing social media posts on Facebook

- 1. Snow in Glencullen.
- 2. Floating sauna in Coal Harbour.
- 3. Tree down in Carysfort.



#### Highest performing social media posts on LinkedIn

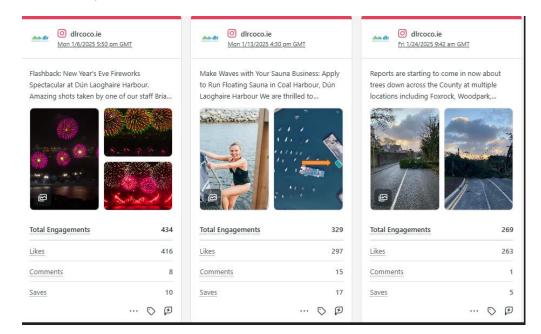
- 1. Current Vacancies 1.
- 2. Current Vacancies 2.
- 3. DIr and NTA sign with Clonmel Enterprises.





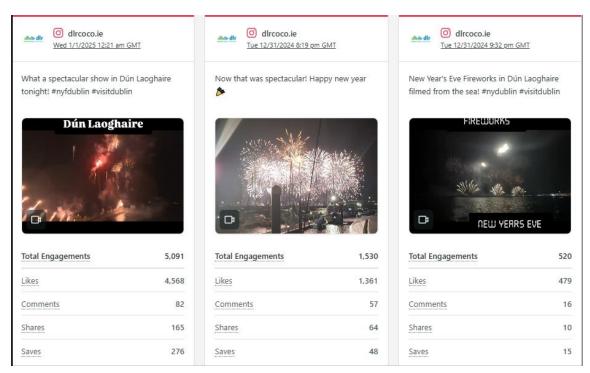
#### Highest performing social media posts on Instagram

- 1. Fireworks NYE
- 2. Floating sauna in Coal Harbour.
- 3. Storm Éowyn Trees Down



#### Highest performing Reels on Instagram

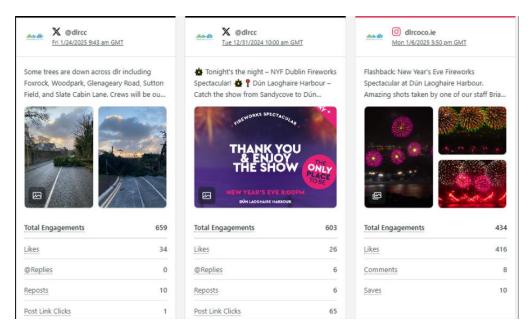
- 1. NYE Festival 1.
- 2. NYE Festival 2.
- 3. NYE Festival 3.





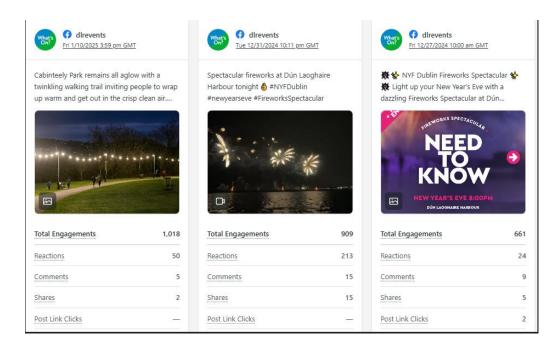
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- 1. Storm Éowyn Trees Down
- 2. NYE Festival 1.
- 3. NYE Festival 2.



#### **Highest Performing Facebook Event Listings**

- 1. Cabinteely Park Walking Trail
- 2. NYE Festival 1.
- 3. NYE Festival 2.





#### **Social media statistics**

We have over 99k followers across all social accounts including the corporate account, dlr events, dlr arts, libraries, LEO office, dlr heritage and dlr Sports Partnership.

We published 898 posts from 19 December 2024 to 29 January 2025. The previous period saw us publish 586 posts.

Further breakdown below of the accounts and performance.

#### Audience growth

- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Facebook increased by 228 followers
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Instagram** increased by 1003 followers
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **LinkedIn** increased by 205 followers
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Profile	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Dec 19, 2024 – Jan 29, 2025	99,657	1,223	898	1,797,253	83,913	4.7%	190,268
😁 😚 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdo	23,520	228	233	631,874	43,343	6.9%	6,462
🎥 😚 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdo	4,986	62	47	284,375	15,166	5.3%	949
🖮 🞯 dlrcoco.ie	12,054	1,003	308	601,907	12,835	2.1%	169,235
- X @dlrcc	20,547	-102	179	190,941	5,787	3%	5,662
😁 즑 direvents	14,492	32	29	61,703	4,536	7.4%	7,604
🔤 🖪 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdo	3,537	205	10	16,596	1,956	11.8%	282
DLR Arts Office	2,787	2	10	4,749	202	4.3%	16
👔 🗶 @leo_dlr	5,407	-36	78	3,242	68	2.1%	47
	8,480	-108	4	1,835	19	1%	11
🔤 🗙 @dlrheritevents	3,847	-63	0	31	1	3.2%	0
₩ @dlrArts	_	_	0	_	_	_	-



## **Finance and Water Services**

	INCOME & EXPENDIT	DLR CAPITAL		TO 31/12/2024	
	SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/12/2024 €
1	Total Housing & Building	16,592,307	190,028,496	187,655,559	14,219,370
2	Total Road Transport & Safety	6,514,928	57,952,574	56,872,972	5,435,325
3	Total Water Services	2,395,933	471,174	251,799	2,176,559
4	Total Development Management	172,582,092	129,335,555	138,254,475	181,501,012
5	Total Environmental Services	3,082,539		530,000	3,612,539
6	Total Recreation & Amenity	20,662,434	16,452,456	13,084,770	17,294,748
7	Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,654,997	1,657,980	2,730,257	5,727,274
8	Total Miscellaneous Services	37,842,044	8,678,528	6,126,132	35,289,648
	Grand Total	€264,327,274	€404,576,764	€405,505,964	€265,256,475

#### SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/12/2024

	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Balance at 31/12/2024 €	Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year €
RATES	26,336,862	25,106,381	10,848,380	14,258,001



#### **DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**

#### **INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/12/2024**

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		E	XPENDITURE	
	SERVICE DIVISION	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	84,765,074	88,511,439	95.77%
в	Road Transport & Safety	33,689,655	34,951,331	96.39%
С	Water Services	10,681,615	11,221,779	95.19%
D	Development Management	49,756,416	40,188,734	123.81%
E	Environmental Services	39,843,166	37,994,245	104.87%
F	Recreation & Amenity	44,951,637	41,493,485	108.33%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	8,372,822	6,531,766	128.19%
н	Miscellaneous Services	14,442,014	14,138,326	102.15%
	Total Expenditure	286,502,400	275,031,105	104.17%

			INCOME	
		Income	Adopted Full year Budget	Inc as % of Budget
	SERVICE DIVISION	€	€	budget
A	Housing & Building	75,628,439	78,714,971	96.08%
в	Road Transport & Safety	12,424,911	13,797,248	90.05%
С	Water Services	7,135,805	7,492,649	95.24%
D	Development Management	28,593,949	17,566,157	162.78%
E	Environmental Services	6,469,383	5,716,330	113.17%
F	Recreation & Amenity	7,719,445	5,673,988	136.05%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,999,459	4,674,425	106.95%
н	Miscellaneous Services	20,652,810	18,042,934	114.46%
	Sub Total	163,624,200	151,678,702	107.88%
LPT	Local Property Tax	14,278,000	14,278,000	100.00%
RA	Rates	108,307,100	109,074,400	99.30%
	Total Income	286,209,300	275,031,102	104.06%
	Balance as at 31/12/2024	-€293,100	Deficit	



#### Water Services:

#### **Carrickmines Shanganagh River Flood Relief Scheme:**

Preliminary designs and environmental assessments have been completed including an Environmental Impact Assessment Report. Approval is awaited from the OPW, the funding agency, to progress to the planning stage. Once received (likely in February 2025) the scheme will be submitted to An Bord Pleanala for a determination. Such determination is unlikely until early/mid 2026.

#### **Deansgrange Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme:**

The scheme received planning approval following a Part 8 Planning process and a referral to An Bord Plealana, in May 2023. Design work is underway on several elements and advance environmental work (otter camera surveys, invasives removal, ecological surveys etc.) in addition to preliminary archaeological excavations taking place for the flood storage area proposed for Glenavon Park.

Ongoing liaison is taking place with key stakeholders on other elements of the project namely flood walls in private property on Killiney Hill Road and Irish Rail re the proposed flood relief tunnel under the rail line.

#### Fernhill Park SuDS and Climate Adaption Measure:

Design work is advanced on the proposed pond in Fernhill Park which is a collaboration project with Parks. This will provide an element of Sustainable urban Drainage and also will assist with Climate Change Adaption.

#### **River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 3:**

This scheme is a collaborative project with Dublin City Council. The preliminary design is nearing completion, an EIAR preparation is underway, and a ground investigation has commenced. It is planned to hold a Public Consultation Day later in the year and submit the scheme to ABP following that.

#### Water Pollution Control Section

The misconnection surveys that were left over after the Dublin Urban Rivers Life Project were fully completed in the Wedgewood Estate in the Deansgrange Catchment.

One Septic Tank Inspection was carried out and one farm survey was completed.

Two Section 4 Licenses (under the Water Pollution Acts) to discharge to waters were processed, both for construction sites.

The first progress meeting for the Acclimatise 2 Project, which is examining pollution pressures on the Elm Park stream, took place.



## **Planning and Economic Development**

## Planning Applications – monthly statistics: 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 – 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

	<b>Outline Permission</b>	Permission	Total
New application Received*		146	146
Decision Deferred		14	14
Decision to Grant**		78	78
Decision to Refuse**		10	10
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks		77	77
Invalid Applications		45	45

\*Includes 14 WEB Applications for Retention.

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\*\*Split decisions; are entered as follows

70 Grant Permission

1 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

6 Grant Permission for Retention

1 Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (Split Decision) these are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

#### Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications

Planning Applications received under Section 5 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (Large-scale Residential Development) Act 2021.

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of development	Date Application	Last Day for Submissions	Application Website	Decision due date by
		Received	/ Observations		DLR
		20/01/2025			24/02/2025
LRD25A/		28/01/2025	03/03/2025	www.bgrlrd.ie	24/03/2025
0065/WEB	Zolbury Limited intend to apply to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for planning permission for development for a Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) on a site of approx. 3.83ha on lands at Blackglen Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18. The development will consist of 192 no. residential units ranging from 2-5 storeys in height, associated resident amenity facilities, a childcare facility, all boundary treatment and landscaping works, site services connections and all site development works to include: a) Construction of 192 no. residential units, in the form of 6 no. new apartment buildings (A1 – B4), 40 duplexes (C1, C2, C2A) and 14 houses (D1 & D2), to include 33 no. 1-beds, 84 no. 2 - beds, 61 no. 3-beds and 14 no. 4-beds as follows: •Block A1 (4				



storeys) comprising 15 no.	
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apartments (3 no. 1 bed units, 6	
no. 2 bed units & 6 no. 3 bed	
units); a crèche facility of	
<i>,</i> , <i>,</i>	
approx. 378.2 sq. m with	
associated outdoor play space of	
approx. 170 sq. m; and resident	
•••	
amenity facilities of approx. 33.3	
sq. m. •Block A2 (3-4 storeys)	
comprising 26 no. apartments (2	
no. 1 bed units, 20 no. 2 bed	
units and 4 no. no. 3 bed units)	
and resident amenity facilities of	
approx. 353.6 sq. M. •Blocks B1	
and B2 (2-5 storeys) comprising	
51 no. apartments (15 no. 1 bed	
units, 29 no. 2 bed units, 7 no. 3	
bed units). •Blocks B3 and B4	
(2-5 storeys) comprising 46 no.	
apartments (13 no. 1 bed units,	
23 no. 2 bed units and 10 no. 3	
bed units). •Duplex Units C1 (4	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
storeys), C2 and C2A (3 storeys)	
comprising 40 duplexes (6 no. 2	
bed units, 20 no. 3 bed units and	
14 no. 4 bed units). •House Units	
D1 and D2 (2 storeys)	
comprising 14 houses (14 no. 3	
bed units). b) Total Open space	
(approx. 10,854 sq. m) is	
proposed in the form of public	
open space (approx. 8, 686 sq.	
m), and residential communal	
open space (approx. 2,168 sq.	
m). Each residential unit is	
,	
afforded with associated private	
open space in the form of a	
garden/terrace/balcony. c)	
The development will be served	
via a new vehicular access via	
Blackglen Road. This will be	
+	
designed as a priority junction	
with pedestrian and cycle	
crossings where required to tie in	
with the Blackglen Road	
Improvement Scheme.	
d) A new toucan crossing is	
proposed across Blackglen Road	
just to the east of the new	
vehicular access. This toucan	
crossing has been designed as	
per TL607 of the Cycle Design	
Manual to allow crossing of	
pedestrians and cyclists to the	
northern side of Blackglen Road	
for improved public transport	
access. e) Emergency access	
, , ,	
only is proposed via Woodside	
Road. f) A dedicated wildlife	
corridor is proposed to the	
east/south-east side of the site	
(approx. 442.4 m in length) and	
a public open space tree trail to	
a public open space tree trail to	L



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the west/north-west side of the			
site (approx. 307 m in length).			
g) Basement/Podium car park			
areas are proposed below Blocks			
B1, B2, B3 and B4. A total of 226			
no. car parking spaces are			
proposed, which includes 2 no.			
car club spaces, 12 no.			
accessible spaces and 47 no. EV			
charging spaces (198 no. long-			
stay spaces, 18 no. visitor spaces			
& 10 no. car parking spaces for			
creche use), in addition to 9 no.			
motorcycle spaces.h) A total of			
484 no. bicycle spaces are			
proposed in the form of 446 no.			
long stay bicycle spaces 38			
short-term stay visitor parking.			
i) 2 no. ESB substations at			
surface level. j) Bin Storage			
areas for the Duplex blocks are			
proposed at ground level			
adjacent to the Duplex blocks.			
k) All associated site and			
infrastructural works to include			
provision for water services; foul			
and surface water drainage and			
connections; internal roads,			
attenuation proposal; permeable			
paving; all landscaping works			
including green infrastructure			
zones; green roofs; and general			
plant areas; photovoltaic panels;			
landscaped boundary treatment;			
footpaths; public lighting; and			
electrical services. All application			
documentation and information			
is available for public viewing at			
the following website set up by			
the applicant: www.bgrlrd.ie			

https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/101370

## Planning Counter Figures: 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 – 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

Customers Served 156				
Building Control: 19th Dec 2024 – 29th Jan 2025				
Fire Safety Certs applications received*	16			
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *				
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *				
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **				
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**				
Commencement Notices Validated				
7 Day Notices received				



Completion Certs Validated

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

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

#### **Local Enterprise Office**

Approvals for LEO Financial Assistance Year to Date						
	Total approved to 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Enterprise Ireland target to 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025				
Feasibility Study	0					
Business Priming	0					
Business Expansion	1	4				
Market Explorer	0					
IP Start & RD&I	0					
Energy Efficiency	0	1				
Grow Digital	0	1				
Green for Business	0	1				
Digital for Business	2	1				
Lean for Business	0	1				
Trading Online Vouchers	28	0*				
Microfinance Ireland * *	0	1				
Total Approvals	31					

\* No target for 2025 as the Trading Online Voucher Scheme closed for applications on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024. Approvals are in respect of applications received in 2024. \*\*Number of clients supported to submit MFI application for approval by MFI

LEO job creation as a result of direct financial assistance					
January 2025					
No of jobs created	0				

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2025	Total to 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	31
Clients attending Networking Events	28
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	31
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	45
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	16
Total No of Clients Assisted	151



DLR Economic Development Supports	Total to 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	0
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	2
Business Promotion Grants	0
Street Furniture Grants	0

#### LEO Enterprise Training Events, Programmes & Initiatives

Business Advice Sessions	Sessions throughout January December
8 Week Start Your Own Business Course	Stated 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Enterprising Women Network Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> January
10 Week Digital Marketing & AI for Business Course	Started 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Showcase Ireland	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> January 5 LEO DLR clients exhibited at the Local Enterprise Office Showcase

#### LEO Enterprise Promotion activities in January 2025

DLR Enterprise News	LEO DLR - New Updates for January 2025
	(sent 19/12/2024) Open rate 50%, 3,301 recipients

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2025						
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions		
Facebook	2,234	1	69	2,623		
Х	5,410	-33	69	N/A		
Instagram	2,044	-163	69	4,319		
LinkedIn	1,126	6	69	1,150		

#### **Tourism Development**

- 7 Day a week tourist information service operating from Marine Road providing up to date tourist information to visitors and cruise guests.
- An estimated 19,000 attended the **New Years Festival** including fireworks on Dun Laoghaire east pier. Dun Laoghaire fireworks featured on national TV for the midnight countdown and was also circulated to global news networks.



- Planning **St Patricks Day Festival** and events in Dún Laoghaire 11am, Blackrock 12pm and Stepaside 2.30pm on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Updated promotional tourism maps for 'Urban Splash', 'Well Worth a Climb' and 'Between the Lines' for distribution to tourism and hospitality partners.
- Supporting **Dalkey Comedy Festival** at the end of January 2025.

#### **Economic Development**

- Participation in a Dublin Place Brand, FDI focused campaign, in conjunction with the four Dublin local authorities, with the objective of highlighting the positive impact that FDI has had on the region via testimonials from companies. DLRCC will be represented by Amgen and Microsoft with the first videos of the campaign shown at the Pendulum Summit on the 8th/9th January. The full campaign rollout will commence on 10th February via a range of digital assets and bus shelters in the county and at Dublin Airport.
- Launched **Purple Flag** (evening & nighttime economy) accreditation process for DúnLaoghaire with key internal and external stakeholders on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.

#### Dún Laoghaire Harbour

#### **Cruise Ship Business**

Dun Laoghaire Harbour are expecting approximately 75 Cruise ships in 2025, with approximately 125,000 passengers and 50,000 crew. Planning to welcome these ships and their guests has commenced.

#### **Naval Service**

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

#### Events:

#### Ice Rink

An Alpine Trail Ice Rink has launched in the Harbour since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 and ran through to 12<sup>th</sup> January. This is a new experience in terms of ice skating for Dublin and was successful despite the occasional storm.

#### **Projects:**

#### Harbour Masterplan

A project to create a Masterplan to guide the future development of the Harbour has been approved. Tenders for a design team were issued to a consortium led by a Danish firm, Arrow Architects was the successful tenderer. The initial Pre-Draft Public and Stakeholder Consultation was held in October 2024 with approximately 1050 submissions received from key Harbour stakeholders and the public. The consultation consultants (M-CO) have produced a Consultation Report which Elected Members were briefed on the 8<sup>th</sup> January



2025. Work is progressing next on the design / options study phase of the project, with design workshops to follow late February 2025.

#### **National Watersports Campus**

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 Grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information and are now finalizing the grant process and agreements with the project partners. An MOU has been signed with Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland in order to set out and agree the objectives of the project.

A scheme to apply for additional "top-up" funding was announced in July and DLRCC have been successful in securing an additional €410,952 for this important project.

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

#### Dublin Array Windfarm

The developers of the Dublin Array Windfarm (RWE) have approached the Harbour about the possibility of establishing an Operations and Maintenance Base for the windfarm. It is hoped that there might be synergies with the Ferry Terminal project.

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

#### **Innovation Hub in the Ferry Terminal**

It was agreed at the Special Council meeting held in January 2024 to bring an update on the Ferry Terminal to the March Council meeting.

Background:

The Ferry Terminal building has been vacant since 2016 generating no income for the former Harbour Company or the Council. An Estate agent was appointed in 2016 to act on behalf of both Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to seek a suitable tenant for the ferry terminal. The Estate agent ran several promotional and letting campaigns. Despite this, they were unable to find a party prepared to take on the investment risk.

Expressions of interest were sought in 2019 for the operation of the ferry terminal as a co working space in accordance with the existing planning permission to achieve the following objectives;

- Deliver a return for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
- Deliver services to the business sector and
- Provide a positive economic impact for Dún Laoghaire town

In addition to detailed business plans, applicants were required to submit additional information, including bank references and proof of funding for the first three years of the project. Amongst the required details to be included in the business plans were details in respect of the proposed rent and the level of capital investment to be made in the building.

As the harbour transferred to the Council without any funding the Council did not have any independent funds to make the required investment in the building. It was therefore essential that the successful tenderer had the financial capacity to make the required



capital investment in the building. Quarterdeck was the only applicant that had the financial capacity to make any capital investment in the building.

Members agreed to a S183 leasehold disposal of the terminal building to Quarterdeck at the Council meeting held on 13 June 2022 to operate an Innovation Hub. Quarterdeck had indicated that they expected to incur expenditure of  $c \in 4m$  and began the process of seeking tenders for the necessary works after the lease became effective in July 2022. Widespread tender price inflation meant that the tenders obtained by Quarterdeck came in significantly higher than expected, resulting in a delay to the commencement of the works as Quarterdeck sought to get the project to a position where it was financially viable, based on the relatively short-term lease.

In accordance with the terms of the lease Quarterdeck were required to commence the works within 3 months, but due to the inflated tender prices and unforeseen technical challenges this did not happened. Quarterdeck sought to get the project to a position where it was financially viable, based on the relatively short-term lease. We agreed to work with Quarterdeck Innovation Ltd and give them the time to manage these increased costs in a way that would make the project viable.

In the interim the following conditions of the lease have been satisfied:

- Work was completed on fit out of Stena Line Offices in April/May 2023.
- Work commenced on the fit out of Ground Floor Offices in October 2023.
- On the 30th April 2024 the Fire Safety Certificate was granted for the building.
- Office furniture installed in Stena offices and first floor.
- Leaseholder committed to accelerate fit out in November 2024.
- Leaseholder advised initial tenants will be in situ by end of 2024
- First tenants took up occupancy in December 2024
- Car parking access and improvements to progress with fit out and occupancy
- The Food Hall and Ground floor co-working area remain under design, being part
- of Phase 2 with the fit out to commence post Stena offices and first floor completion
- External signage and façade improvements remain in design phase

The Economic Development Team continue to engage with Quarterdeck Innovation on their plans to accelerate the fit out on a phased basis and occupy the building. The Economic team will continue to engage with Quarterdeck Innovation to ensure the conditions of the lease are being adhered to, and to seek remedy to address any non-compliance. It has been acknowledged in the past that progress on the project has been significantly slower than anticipated since the lease became effective. The level of construction price inflation experienced during 2022 following the war in Ukraine was unprecedented and unforeseeable. It would have been unreasonable not to have afforded Quarterdeck Innovation sufficient time to explore options for the longer-term viability of the project. Despite the extraordinary construction price inflation and project delays Quarterdeck Innovation have again reiterated their commitment to the project. The Innovation Hub requires a significantly larger budget which Quarterdeck Innovation have said they are willing to commit to. With the initial tenants occupying the property in December 2024 this will provide an impetus for further tenants. Quarterdeck Innovation have said that although they are committed to the project, the project timelines are still subject to change as they rely on external circumstances.



## **Infrastructure and Climate Change**

## **1. Road Maintenance:**

		STATUS				
Ref.	Programme Type	Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comments
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
	Meadowmount (part of)				$\checkmark$	Works Completed
2	Village Road, Aikens Village (part of)				$\checkmark$	Works Completed
3	Brennanstown Road (part of)				$\checkmark$	Works Completed
4	Enniskerry Road (R-117)				$\checkmark$	Works Completed
5	Ballinteer Road, Dundrum (R-826)				$\checkmark$	Works Completed
6	Glenageary Road Upper				$\checkmark$	Works Completed
7	Ashlawn Estate	$\checkmark$				Consultant appointed - Meetings with Residents to be organised
8	Dalkey Avenue (part of)				$\checkmark$	Works Completed
9	Old Dublin Road (part of)				$\checkmark$	Works Completed
10	Dundela Estate (parts of)				$\checkmark$	Completed
11	Greenville Road public realm	$\checkmark$				Residents considering Design_Rev1
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Deerpark Road				$\checkmark$	Works complete
2	Woodpark				$\checkmark$	Works complete
3	Cornelscourt Hill Junction, Cornelscourt				$\checkmark$	Works complete
4	Mount Anville Park Cul-De-Sac				$\checkmark$	Works complete
5	Glenamuck Road				$\checkmark$	Works complete
6	The Gallops, Ballyogan				$\checkmark$	Works complete
7	Harbour Road				$\checkmark$	Works Complete



8	Breffni Road			$\checkmark$	Works Complete
9	Pucks Castle Lane			$\checkmark$	On hold - 2025
10	Foxrock Court			$\checkmark$	Completed
11	Grove Avenue (part of)			$\checkmark$	Completed
12	Abbey View (part of)		$\checkmark$		Works on Site
13	Hudson Road (part of)		$\checkmark$		Works on Site
12	Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park)			$\checkmark$	Works Completed
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme				
1	Sandyford Business District (part of)			$\checkmark$	Works Complete
2	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)			$\checkmark$	Works Complete
3	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)			$\checkmark$	Works Complete
4	Mount Anville Road (part of)			$\checkmark$	Works Complete
5	Cornelscourt Village	$\checkmark$			On hold - 2025
6	Balally Estate			$\checkmark$	Works Complete
7	Northumberland Avenue			$\checkmark$	Works Complete
8	Thornhill Road (part of)			$\checkmark$	Works Complete
9	Trafalgar Terrace	$\checkmark$			Surveys on Private Properties Completed
10	Beechwood Park (part of)	$\checkmark$			Design has commenced
11	Granville Road	$\checkmark$			Consultant appointed
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme				
1	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	$\checkmark$			Developing Tender Documents
	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment	$\checkmark$			survey ongoing
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme				
1	Landscape Park			$\checkmark$	Works Complete
2	Old Kilgobbin Road			$\checkmark$	Works complete
1	Brennanstown-Brighton Roads Junction			$\checkmark$	Works Complete
3	Brennanscenni Brighten Redae Sanetien			-	



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5	Castlebyrne Park	$\checkmark$				Site Investigation Works Required
6	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction				$\checkmark$	Works Complete
7	Kill Lane				$\checkmark$	Works have been undertaken at the location by Active Travel
8	Carrickbrennan Road	$\checkmark$				Works to be included on Gully Programme Contract
9	Glenageary Dart Station at junction with Marlborough Road	$\checkmark$				On hold - 2025
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3				$\checkmark$	
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Hillview				$\checkmark$	Works Complete
2	Laneway behind Rosehill (part of)				$\checkmark$	Works Complete
3	Corbawn Lane Beach access	$\checkmark$				Meeting to be held with nearby property owners
4	Sandycove Close				$\checkmark$	Works Complete
СМР	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	St. Olaf's National School				$\checkmark$	Works Completed
2	Village Road, Aiken's Village	$\checkmark$				design being prepared - 2025
3	Bellarmine Avenue	$\checkmark$				design being prepared - 2025
4	Johnstown Road (part of)	$\checkmark$				design being prepared - 2025
5	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3				$\checkmark$	Works complete
ЕМР	Estate Management Programme					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn				$\checkmark$	Works complete
2	Meadowlands Avenue		~			Tender has been isused to repairs some defective cobbled areas
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					



1	Redesdale (Laneway at Back of Shops)				$\checkmark$	Works Complete
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	$\checkmark$				Awaiting feedback from Property
3	Lane Station Road Killiney (near DART) to Marino Avenue West*	$\checkmark$				Section 11 process has been completed
	*Subject to investigation & clarification o	f owners	ship, as	sessme	nt of wo	orks & costs
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Cherrygarth				$\checkmark$	Works Complete
2	Kilgobbin Road (at Sandyford Hall r-about)				$\checkmark$	Works Complete
3	Landscape Park, Churchtown				$\checkmark$	Works Complete
3	Rock Road public lighting				$\checkmark$	Works are complete

#### **Roads Administration:**

Roads Admin Stats	Jan 25
Taking In Charge Certs	140
Footpath Dishings	3
Hoarding Licences	6
Surface Permits	4
Road Opening Licences	249
CRMs (Processed)	501 processed

## 2. Traffic and Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment	
Schemes beir	-		Schem 1 by Tr			Safety	Section	
Cycle Parking Development					√		Identification of further locations ongoing	
Stepaside Village – Cycle Link to Cruagh Wood			$\checkmark$				Detailed Design on- going for Phase 1.	
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme	$\checkmark$						Civil works for Traffic calming interventions at entry points to the village (Phase I)	



complete. Appointment of Engineering consultant to carry out design of Phase II ongoing

#### Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

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

#### Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

Area 1 (Dún Laoghaire) had a TAG meeting on  $22^{nd}$  of January 2025 and 28 items were dealt with.

#### **Road Safety and Sustainable Travel**

- Special Speed limit by-laws for 30kph countywide came into force on the 11/11/24. County wide signage is due to be erected at relevant locations before the end of February 2025.
- Shanganagh Road, Shankill: All works have now been completed. Awaiting connection for pedestrian lights from ESB.
- Pedestrians' crossing at Old Bray Road, Cabinteely: All works completed. Awaiting connection for pedestrian lights from ESB.
- Churchtown Road Upper Cycle Route: An engineering consultant has been appointed to carry out the design with detailed design currently underway.
- Shrewsbury Lawn pedestrian Crossing: Tender documents have been prepared to carry out design of the crossing and construction expected to begin in Summer 2025.
- A number of interviews took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2025 for School Wardens position and 4 reserve staff passed the interview.Garda vetting and training will now take place in due course.

#### Deputations

There were no deputations' meetings in January 2025 for Traffic and Road Safety Staff (Area 1)

Traffic and Road safety Staff met with residents from Dundrum Area (Ardilea Estate Residents) on 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

#### **Bus Connects**

The Bray Core bus corridor has been granted planning permission by An Bord Pleanála.

The contract documents for the Section 38 scheme for the Harbour Road Bus Terminal at Dún Laoghaire train station are currently being prepared following input from the Traffic Section and Road Safety Section and Harbour Section.

#### **Racecourse South land ABTA**

Feedback was given to DBFL from various stakeholders on the draft Local Transport Plan for the Racecourse.

TII requested that further transport modelling on Junction 15 be carried out following the initial modelling results/exercise carried out at the end of last year. DBFL are currently undertaking this work.

#### Kilternan and Glenamuck ABTA

An updated draft Local Transport Plan for Kilternan has been prepared. This follows extensive feedback and comments from various stakeholders including DLR. It is currently being reviewed internally.



Traffic participated in the public consultation video for the draft Kilternan LAP. They will also be involved in the public consultation sessions/meetings.

#### **ICAS for Old Connaught**

Traffic continue to work with Forward Planning on the ICAS (now at stage 5/Final stage) and the LAP.

#### Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and Eastern Bypass Corridor Study

A baseline report has been prepared for Sandyford Urban Framework Plan Area and Dublin Eastern Bypass Corridor, and feedback has been given on same from the Traffic Section.

January 2025	Road Closures	Filming Locations	Event Signage
Applications Received	3	0	0
Applications-Awaiting Further information	0	0	0

## 3. Roads Control:

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Programme 2025	
1	Locations are currently being reviewed for the 2025 Programme	

#### **Road Opening Licences**

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System				
Applications Received	273			
Applications Not Processed Yet	67			
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	4			
Valid Licenses Issued	144			
Applications Expired	17			

#### Section 254's

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

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



## 4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section:

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	July 2024	August 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	248	197	247	249	295	333
Clean-Ups Assisted	91	73	70	79	63	52
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	41	30	33	36	34	24
Bathing Water Samples Taken	49	38	32	18	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	1958	1198	1611	1410	1061	676
Dumping Incidents Managed	65	61	59	49	37	40
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	3	7	7	0	0	0
Reported Overflows	No	No	No	No	No	No
from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	report received	report received	report received	Report received	Report received	Report Received
Street Bin Collections	5089	5154	5054	6184	5560	5195
Filming/Event Licenses	Filming - 0 Events - 8	Filming – 0 Events – 4	Filming – 0 Events – 3	Filming - 0 Events - 1	Filming - 1 Events - 0	Filming - 0 Events - 0

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

#### **Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates**

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



## 5. Public Lighting:

#### **Road Restoration Programme**

#### **Public Lighting**

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

#### **Public Lighting Maintenance**

Number of repairs carried out in Jan 2025:	247
Percentage of lights out at the end of Jan 2025:	0.2%
Pole replacement carried out in Jan 2025:	7
Bracket replacements:	19
Tree trimming:	0
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	21
LED Upgrades	46
Total lights upgraded to LED	22,165
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	91%

#### **LED Upgrading Program**

ALBERT ROAD	1
ANGLESEA AVENUE	1
ASHGROVE	1
BALLYCORUS ROAD	1
BALLYCORUS ROAD	1
BLACKGLEN COURT	1
BREHON FIELD ROAD	1
BROOKFIELD AVENUE	2
BURDETT AVENUE	1
CARRIGLEA GARDENS	2
CHURCHVIEW ROAD	1
CONVENT ROAD (DALKEY)	1
CORBAWN LANEWAY ADJ DART	1
DOONANORE PARK	1
EATON WOOD	1
ENNISKERRY RD C Glenamuck Rd / Enniskerry	1
FERNDALE HILL FERNDALE RD RATHMICHA	1
HARBOUR ROAD	1
HYDE PARK	4
LANESVILLE	1
LANEWAY B/T CASTLE PARK ROAD & HYDE	1



LANEWAY FROM BALLYBRIDE ROAD TO NEW	4
LANEWAY HAZEL AVE.TO ST KEVINS PARK.	1
LAUREL AVENUE(BALLYBRACK)	1
LINK ROAD GLASTHULE	1
MEADOW GROVE	1
MURPHYSTOWN ROAD (16 SERVICED BY DCC)	1
SALLYNOGGIN ROAD ( PARTIAL ) POLES 9-26	1
SILVER PINES BREWERY ROAD	1
Stonebridge Grove	1
SYDNEY AVENUE	1
WALKWAY GLENCAR LAWN/ARAN AVENUE	1
Walkway Inagh Court to Cedar Court	1
WHITEBARN ROAD	1
Willow Estate - The Ramparts	1
WILMONT AVENUE	2
WOODBROOK GLEN	1

#### **Planning and Building Control**

Applications analysed	24
Inspections completed	0

#### Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	1
Legal requests:	3

## 6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2935 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 19 December 2024 to 29th January 2025 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	no. of fixed charge notices issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1284
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	562
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	499
Parking a vehicle on a footway	138



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Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	109
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	52
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	51
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	48
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	33
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person's parking bay	28
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	21
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	19
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	19
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	15
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	9
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	7
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	6
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	6
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	6
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	5
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	4
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	4
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	3
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	2
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	1
Parking out of the limits of a bay	1
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Total no. of fixed charge notices issued between 19 December 2024 to 29th January 2025	2935

There were 35 convictions secured in the District Court in December 2024.

## 7. Environmental Enforcement

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	27	Air/Noise
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	28	Air/Noise
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter/Bonfire)	160	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter/Bonfire)	155	Litter Section
Abandoned car Cases - Opened	42	Waste Section



Graffiti Cases - Opened	66	Waste Section
Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened	29	Waste Section
Litter Fines issued	16	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	3	Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act
Legal Proceedings initiated	2	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye- laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act

Dog Statistics from 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		
No. of dogs on hand on 19 <sup>th</sup> December	5	
No. of dogs entering the shelter stray/seized 8		
No. of dogs surrendered	1	
No. of dogs rehomed	2	
No. of dogs reclaimed	2	
No. of dogs sent to rescue	3	
No. of dogs put to sleep	0	
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 29 <sup>th</sup> January	7	
Certificate of Exemption issued for XL Bully	9	
Dog attacks in this period	4 – 1 on people	



#### Conservation

Planning Applications (inc. FI & comp reports)	13
LRD Applications	1 no. Stage 1 and 1no. stage 2 meetings
Section 5 Declarations	5
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025 Grant Scheme	Submitted provisional list of 25 no. grant projects to DHLGH in December. We are expecting confirmation that we can issue Provisional Approvals to each applicant by the end of January 2025.
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2025 Grant Scheme	Closing date for Applications 17 January 2025. We received 10 no. Private and 1no. Public. We are only permitted to send 3 no. Private applications to the DHLGH and 1 no. Public. Currently assessing and marking each application under the 5 no. Selection Criteria set out in the HSF Guidance Circular for Local Authorities 2025.

#### **Dangerous Buildings**

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	3
Not Dangerous	1
Total	4

#### Energy

dlr are participating in the Reduce Your Use Energy Efficiency campaign. Staff were encouraged to wear a warm jumper; to help reduce the heating in corporate buildings and it was tied into a charity staff Christmas Jumper day which raised  $\leq$ 1,871.50 for Barnardos. Emails and digital posters encouraged staff to switch off equipment and monitors over the Christmas break.

A staff 'Coffee Break Talk' is planned for February to raise awareness about low carbon travel options and general tips for staff to save energy in buildings.



#### **Community Integration Forum:**

The dlr Community Integration Forum (CIF) meets every second Monday and met on the 13 & 27 January and discussed and coordinated support services to International Protection Applicants (IPA's) and Ukrainians living in state supported accommodation in dlr.

The CIF is chaired by Chief Executive Frank Curran and a wide range of supports and activities are in place and available to new arrivals 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 on the 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, Libraries, Cultural Services & Housing.

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

The dlr LAIT continue to visit accommodation centres across dlr, hosting clinics to meet residents and to assess their needs, assist with queries and to signpost and encourage engagement of new arrivals with service providers appropriate to their needs – employment, developing English language proficiency, training, healthcare, social welfare, volunteering, childcare & education, sporting, community & cultural activities etc. as well as NGO's and organisations providing support services, advocacy, administrative and legal assistance.

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

The dlr LAIT is planning activities for 2025 with a number of organisations and also with community and sporting groups in identifying collaborative projects to support new arrivals and assist with integration in the community.

Training will continue into 2025 as part of the 'dlr together – dlr Le Chéile' Anti-Racism campaign, and information sessions on the IOM UN *Assisted Voluntary Return Process & Reintegration Program* have been taking place over January for support organisations and accommodation centres and information sessions for the Ukrainian community will take place in conjunction with the Irish Refugee Council and Southside Partnership during February.

#### 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 25<sup>th</sup> November and the closing date to accept applications has been extended to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 1pm, with recommended applications to be sent to the DRCD no later than 28 February 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 dlrcc website at: <u>https://www.dlrcoco.ie/community/community-funding-support/community-recognition-fund-2024</u>

Recommended applications under Window 2 were sent to the DRCD by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for assessment and successful applicants will be notified by DRCD in early 2025.

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

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

During July 2024 dlr invited expressions of interest to the appointment of Chairperson of the new Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) which will be established in dlr in line with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024. The closing date was on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, a number of submissions were received and were assessed. The announcement of the successful candidate will be announced by the Minister of Justice and letters will be sent to the unsuccessful candidates following the announcement.

The Meeting of the Sandyford/Stepaside LPF took place on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The Meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF took place on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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

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

#### LCDC

A meeting of the LCDC took place on the  $27^{Th}$  November 2024.

#### Comhairle na nÓg

A Christmas event for Comhairle members was held. Comhairle members engaged in a consultation with DLR PPN.

#### Estate Management

The 12 Forums came together for their annual Christmas Training event. Action Plan 1 funding requests first round queries were communicated to the Estate Management Forums, and end of year accounts were submitted.

#### **Community Grants 2025**

The dlr Universal Grant Scheme 2025 opened for applications in September and closed on 25<sup>th</sup> October. In addition to online information sessions held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October, Community Section staff held in person grant information and application support sessions



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

#### dlr Integration Forum

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

#### dlr Older People's Council

The dlr Older People's Council Meetings are now bi-monthly and a meeting took place on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

#### **Domestic Violence Refuge**

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

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

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

#### **Arts Office**

#### Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme

The two exhibitions Moments of Domesticity by Mary Burke and Safe Harbour by Róisín White finished on 19 January. The completion of Mary Burke's series of paintings of homes in the County was marked by an informal reception in the Gallery with the Cathaoirleach and the home owner/occupiers.

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

#### **Gallery Learning Programme January**

The Project Room was open to visitors during the exhibition opening times and an Adult Open Art Studio took place this month. Holy Trinity School visited the Gallery as part of their tour of dlr LexIcon. Residents from Shrewsbury House Nursing Home took part in a Brain Health Gallery tour.



#### dir Arts and Health Programme update

'Yellow Days' a new collection of poems by the Harbour Poets in partnership with HSE service The Memory Harbour was launched by An Cathaoirleach on 16 January with the poets and 45 family and friends. The Memory Harbour is part of a national network of HSE Memory Technology Resource Rooms (MTRRs). These are assistive technology and memory enablement demonstration sites where people with memory concerns or dementia and their families, when referred, can meet with an Occupational Therapist for a consultation. Through this project, the poets navigated the brain health challenges of planning, organising, meeting new people as well as challenging their language skills to reflect and write this fantastic collection of poetry. They came together with poet Grace Wilentz and Catherine Keogh, Senior Occupational Therapist to this create this collection of poetry.

#### **Musicians in Residences Scheme 2025 launched**

Funded by the Arts Council and managed by Music Network we launched the Musicians in residence scheme which is now in its 11th year. It provides musicians with space and time to create new work, develop their skills, collaborate with other artists and showcase their music. The closing date for applications is Friday 21 February at 2pm.

The established musicians residency has a maximum funding award of  $\leq 12,000$ , and there is an award of up to  $\leq 7,500$  to support the work of an emerging musician or group. This year's residencies will run from May to November 2025.

#### dlr Primary Arts Programme 2024-25

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

#### Cuairt agus Cultúr Programme 2024-25

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

#### Libraries

#### **Online Resources**

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

Highlights include:

**Borrowbox:** Mediahuis titles, including the Irish Independent, Sunday Independent, Herald, Sunday World, Ireland's Own, and various regional and local publications, are now available remotely on BorrowBox. While current loans may still require access from a library location, all new and future loans can be accessed from home or elsewhere. Users



can borrow up to 50 newspapers or magazines at a time through the ePress section of the app, which now features a wide range of titles. This update enhances accessibility and offers greater flexibility for users of BorrowBox.

**Kanopy:** film streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of criticallyacclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.

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

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

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

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

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

#### Sensory resources from dlr Libraries

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

#### **Events for Adults**

#### New experiences for 2025 with dlr Libraries

**Digital Services in Dundrum Library Virtual Reality Demonstration** (21 January)



A relaxed and fully seated demonstration of VR technology for adults. Participants had an opportunity to explore the Colosseum, the Amazonian rainforest, or the depths of the ocean without ever leaving the library!

#### e-Resources Interactive Session (16, 23 January)

An interactive session introducing library members to the many library e-resources available to them, from Borrowbox to Universal class.

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

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

# **St. Brigid's Crossmaking Workshops with Wicklow Willow** (Various dates, various libraries)

Ahead of the Bank Holiday to celebrate our female patron saint, participants in branches throughout the county joined Aoife from Wicklow Willow to make their own St. Brigid's Crosses and Brideogs.

#### Musical Memories Dementia Friendly Choir (Thursdays, Deansgrange Library)

The Musical Memories Choir for older people offers the opportunity to come together in a relaxed environment and reconnect through music, which is known to help lift mood, provide cognitive stimulation, and support social interaction. Specifically welcoming to people affected by dementia and their family carers, this weekly choir is led by a professional choral director from Newpark Academy of Music.

#### **Creative Writing Groups**

Creative writing groups currently taking place in dlr Libraries: Scriveners – Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library Writeway - Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library Monthly Writers' Group, Deansgrange Library Green Kites Poetry Group – Fortnightly writing group, Deansgrange Library Dalkey Library Writers' Group – Monthly writers group, Dalkey Library dlr LexIcon Writers Group – Fortnightly writers' group, dlr LexIcon

#### Language Exchange Groups (Daily, Deansgrange Library)

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

# Clubs & Groups for adults Film Clubs in dlr Libraries

LexIcon Studio Film Club (27 January, dlr LexIcon)

A special screening of the surrealist, pitch-dark labyrinthine masterpiece *Mulholland Drive* (2001), the ninth feature made by the late, inimitable creative powerhouse David Lynch.

#### Irish Cinema Season – LexIcon Studio Screenings (30 January, dlr LexIcon)

A monthly film event which allows for a provoking and inclusive "frame by frame" discussion of Irish Cinema with a panel of experts followed by a Q&A. Attendees are asked to vote for their favourite Irish film on the night and they will be screened monthly until May. The film choice for January was *Garage* (2007) directed by Lenny Abrahamson and starring Pat Shortt.



# dlr LexIcon Family Film Club (30 January, dlr LexIcon)

dlr LexIcon Family Film Club this month held a fun-filled family movie screening of *A Shaun the Sheep Movie: Farmageddon* (2019) The Family Film Club takes place on the last Thursday of the month in the Studio, Level 1, dlr LexIcon.

#### Blackrock Library Film Club

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

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to meet in our library spaces. These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, Scrabble Club in Dundrum, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library and Craft and Chat in dlr LexIcon, the Knit Clubs in Cabinteely and Blackrock Libraries, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The English in the Library group meet weekly in dlr LexIcon and Blackrock Library hosts a Local History Group every month. Dalkey Library now hosts an Adult Board Game Club and a self-led Sketch Club offering the opportunity to sketch in a warm, friendly environment.

#### **Book Clubs**

Across our libraries, a total of 21 book clubs continue to thrive, offering a mix of in-person and online options to suit diverse interests, including:

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

Dalkey Library: Irish-language Club Leabhair.

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

Dundrum Library: Audio Book Club.

Our long-running Online Book Club, facilitated by Mary Burnham, meets on the last Wednesday of each month. The book choice for January 2025 is *The Vegetarian* by Han Kang.

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

#### **Exhibition Programme**

### Libraries in Dún Laoghaire, 1834-2024 (2 - 31 January, dlr LexIcon)

dlr Local Studies presents an exhibition exploring the history of public libraries in Dún Laoghaire, tracing the various reading rooms operating in the town in the 19th century, through to the opening of the Carnegie Library in 1912, and finally dlr LexIcon in 2014.

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

#### **Events for Children & Families**

Family Quiz (Fri 24 January, Online)

We hosted a general knowledge quiz online for families. 264 teams entered with a total of 607 people taking part.

#### Mindfulness Colouring Sessions (6, 13, 20, 27 January, Stillorgan Library)

To dispatch the Winter Blues, library users could avail of the multiple benefits of colouring for kids & adults for boosting your physical and mental health while engaging in a fun activity providing mindfulness and relaxation.

Where's that Pokemon? (13 - 20 January, Cabinteely Library)



Calling all Pokémon Masters! Pokémon got loose in Cabinteely Library and we need you to identify them all. Children were allowed to search the children's library for 12 different Pokémon.

# **St. Brigid's Crossmaking Workshops with Wicklow Willow for Families** (Various dates, Cabinteely, Shankill, Deansgrange Libraries)

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

dlr LexIcon Family Film Club this month held a fun-filled family movie screening of *A Shaun the Sheep Movie: Farmageddon* (2019). The Family Film Club takes place on the last Thursday of the month in the Studio, Level 1, dlr LexIcon. Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely and Dalkey Libraries once a week. Shankill Library host a monthly Junior book club and Dalkey has a popular family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a baby/parent group that meets weekly. Cabinteely Library organises a number of clubs which foster creativity and skills, including a Builders' Club which uses Magformers and blocks, and a Gamers Club which provides a changing selection of board games and PS4 games for kids from ages 7 and up.

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

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

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

# **Events for Schools**

# **Discover the Joy of Reading with Julianne Mooney Siron** (14, 21 January, Deansgrange Library)

Local primary schools have the opportunity to discover the joy of reading with our Reading Programme for primary schools, where classes will engage in fun and interactive bookbased activities tailored by the Reader to suit different age groups and ability levels. The programme is a fun and exciting way of providing opportunities for positive engagement with libraries and reading for children and will involve reading excerpts of books to children, book recommendations, creative responses to the stories including drama, drawing, storywriting and arts and crafts. The children get time to choose their own books as part of the session.

#### Library Outreach Programme

Library staff presented at an information webinar on National Arts in Nursing Homes Day, 29 January, giving an overview of creative programmes that are currently running in nursing homes and day centres across the County. *Music in the Moment* is an initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme under the Creative Health and Wellbeing Pillar, while *Cuairt agus Cultúr* is a collaboration between dlr Libraries, dlr Arts Office and dlr Age Friendly Programme.



Library staff ran a membership drive for dlr County Council colleagues outside the canteen in County Hall on Thursday 30 January from 12-2pm. The idea of the drive is to raise awareness among Council staff of the services and resources available through the dlr Libraries' branch network with just a library membership card. More membership drives will be scheduled in the coming weeks and months for staff, community groups and other agencies and organisations across the County.

#### Creative Ireland dlr (22 January, dlr LexIcon)

We welcomed a delegation from the Creative Ireland Programme Office to dlr LexIcon to meet with the dlr Culture & Creativity Team. The Team, led by a Director of Service, is a cross-departmental group tasked with embedding culture and creativity across the local authority area. The aim of the meeting was to update on progress made to date by the Team in line with the 5-year Culture & Creativity Strategy.

#### Statistics

#### Social media (as of 20 January)

Facebook	8,582 followers
X (formerly Twitter)	8,536 followers
Instagram	5,158 followers
TikTok	645 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	15,160 subscribers

#### **Online resources (as of 20 January)**

Resource	Description	stats Jan 2025		
Overdrive	eBooks	1,189		
	eaudio	955		
	Comics	0		
Borrowbox	eaudio	7,949		
	eBook	3, 690		
	ePress	16,116		
Find my Past	Views	Stats available at the end of the month		
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	2,059		
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	7		
Lote4Kids	logins	12		
Who else writes	logins	0		
Who next guide	logins	0		
Medici	Videos Viewed	Stats available at the end of the month		
Kanopy	Visits	6, 574		
Totals		38,551		

#### **DLR Sports Partnership Update – January 2025**

• **MenoWell** – 6-Week online physical activity and health education programme for women being delivered by EduFit beginning on 28th January (350 registered).



- **Community Walk** 3km family walk on 18th of January in Dun Laoghaire (50 participants).
- Weekly Walking Programme 5 weeks walk to be led by a walk leader in Marlay Park.
- **Get Going Get Rowing** TY Leadership programme finishing this month (75 participants).
- **Stonger in Sallynoggin** 10-week multi exercise class being delivered in the Sallynoggin area (25 female participants).
- **Strength Training in Ballybrack** delivering a 6-week return to activity programme in Ballybrack for 6 weeks (40 participants).
- **Tea Dances** delivering 6 more events in 2025 with €15,00 in Healthy Ireland fund secured.
- **Female Aqua Aerobics** weekly sessions on Tuesdays & Wednesdays in CastlePark Swimming pool (42 participants).
- **Balance Bikes** loaning out our fleet of 30 balance bikes to local schools to assist in junior/senior infant cycle skills (fully booked toil end of school year).
- **Try Track & Field** physical literacy programme with Athletics Ireland with 10 schools to take part in 24/25 school year.
- **Staffing** Awaiting date to start recruitment for Programmes Manager and Sport 4 Empowerment Officer positions. Two other positions to be made permanent and recruited.
- **Sport Ireland Core Grant Allocation 2025** confirmation of funding totaling €352,338 in addition to €80,000 deferred from 2024.
- Local Sports & Physical Activity Plan Final draft complete and document being brought to full Council for approval.
- **Volunteers in Sport Awards** national initiative with promotion of nominations for DLR based volunteers. Event taking place in February with the LSP network as the main sponsor.
- **2025 Calendar of Workshops** full calendar of volunteer training and development workshops complete and available for booking online.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme 2025** total allocation of €37,000 across 29 projects. 17 Women in Sport, 7 Volunteer Training and 5 Disability Sport.
- **BoxUp** awaiting delivery of a third 6-locker unit to be located in Ballyogan through Active Cities Dublin and the Dormant Accounts Fund.
- **Social Basketball** installing permanent basketball hoops for two locations where International Protection Applicants are based.
- **Play Innovation** working with Sports Development in DLRCC to purchase number of Play Innovation Boards for selected parks to enhance informal play.
- **Research** DLRCOCO, Active Cities Dublin, DLRSP and UCD working together on a project to measure/track participation levels across DLR.
- **Parastanding Tennis 'Come and Try' Event** held on the 18th January for people with a physical disability that do not require a wheelchair to play tennis.
- Athletics Group for Children with a Disability due to commence on the new Kilbogget Track in March in partnership with IWA Sport & Cabinteely AC.
- **Dance Classes for Children with Autism** taking place in Sandyford Community Centre for 6 weeks (20 participants).
- **Inclusive Bike Hire** Ongoing support provided to this free inclusive bike hire service for people with a disability along the Coastal Mobility Route.
- **Inclusive Cycling Programmes** 2 more 6-week courses due to start on 6th February to teach child with a disability to cycle.
- **Teen/Adults Swim Lessons** two 6-week programmes have begun in Enable Irelands pool.
- Adult Mental Health Gym Programme due to start in dlr Leisure Meadowbrook gym.



- **Did You Know Campaign** awareness campaign to let the public know about facilities, programmes, clubs and initiatives within DLR. Will run for the month of January.
- **DLRSP Website** we have introduced an Irish translation of our website for the first time.
- **Videos** We produced a "What Does a Sports Partnership Actually Do" video, to raise awareness of the DLR Sports Partnership.

#### **Filming in Parks**

Location	Filming/ Photography	Filming Dates	Start time	End Time	CRM/ Email	Permissio n Given (Y/N)
Dillon's Park/ Deansgrange	Filming	11/01/2025	16:00	01:00	345812	Y
Shanganagh Park & Cemetery	Filming	15/01/202 25/01/2025	11:00 08:00	13:00 09:00	345907	Y
Killiney Hill Park	Filming	31/01/2025	12:00	14:00	346851	Y
Killiney Hill Park	Photography	31/01/2025	10:00	11:00	350534	On-going

#### Allotments

Castle Allotments, Shankill:

- Letters and Licence renewals posted to all plot holders for 2025 season on 02/01/2025.
- Follow-up reminder letters posted to remaining plot holders on 17/01/2025.
- To date:
- 85 licences and renewal fees have been returned;
- 19 are yet to return payment/licence;
- 4 plots are Vacant.

#### Mount Anville Allotments, Goatstown:

- Letters and Licence renewals posted to all plot holders for 2025 season on 02/01/2025.
- Follow-up reminder letters posted to remaining plot holders on 17/01/2025.
- To date:
  - 56 licences and renewal fees have been returned;
  - 31 are yet to return payment/licence;
  - 34 plots are Vacant, but 8 have been offered to people from the waiting list.

#### Markets

Fial Kets					
		Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun	Category
CRM	03-Jan		1		Craft
Email	06-Jan		1	1	Other Food
Email	01-Jan		1		Hot Food
email	07-Jan	1			Other Food
Email	10-Jan		1		Other Food
email	08-Jan		1	1	Other food
email	08-Jan	1			Hanging Artist



CRM	02-Jan	1	1	craft
email	22-Jan	1	1	Craft
email	24-Jan	1	1	Craft

# Benches/

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Source	Date Applied	Tree	Bench	Location
CRM	02-Jan		1	Killiney Hill
CRM	05-Jan		1	Blackrock
email	23-Jan		1	Kilbogget

#### **Biodiversity**

- DLR Biodiversity presentation to the South Dublin Branch BWI on the DLR Biodiversity Plan actions updates
- DLR Biodiversity presentation on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) to the Heritage Council, Biodiversity Officer and Heritage Officer Network
- DLR Biodiversity presentation to DLR Staff on Invasive fauna species
- DLR Biodiversity Plan actions in 2024 report to the Heritage Council
- Green Infrastructure Strategy presentations to DLR sections continue
- Development of DLR County wide Riparian and Wetland Restoration Plan in progress
- Development of Dalkey Island Conservation Plan 2025- 2035 in progress
- Review of the DLR County Biodiversity Action Plan in progress
- Wintering Bird surveys 2024/20225 of Booterstown Marsh SPA continue
- Wintering Bird surveys 2024/2025 of Dalkey Island SPA continue
- Engagement with An Taisce to progress bat surveys of Booterstown marsh area as part of the ongoing collaboration with An Taisce.
- LBAF grants applications for various projects and actions of the DLR Biodiversity Plan
- DLR Goat project for 2025 commenced with the Old Irish Goat Society for the Fire Strategy, Biodiversity and Heritage.
- Development of remedies for Fitzsimons Woods pNHA with DLR Parks and management of the main impacts identified by the woodland specialist
- Meeting with Marlay Grange residents, Lawpro, DLR Parks to discuss biodiversity initiatives with the residents
- DLR Biodiversity hosted a workshop with the mammal ecologist managing the red squirrel project in Aberdeen, with FCC, DCC, WCC and SDCC and NPWS. The aim is to progress a similar landscape- level approach to management of the red squirrel across Wicklow/Dublin (and to support the DLR Red squirrel restoration project) and collaborate on a feasibility study and learnings from the Aberdeen red squirrel project. See link here regarding the success of the Aberdeen project https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/2024/10/red-squirrels-re-populating-aberdeencity-centre/
- Develop catchment invasives treatment programme for 2025 for mink, giant hogweed, Japanese knotweed, American skunk cabbage, Giant rhubarb etc
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups

# Heritage

- dlr Heritage Community Grant scheme 2025 distribution of initial funding to 18 successful applications, planning for round 2 scheme
- Dublin Mountains Archaeology Lesson Plans (in English and Irish) to Blackrock Education Centre for distribution to all primary schools
- Blackrock business and community heritage workshop (Jan 7)



- Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology PPN online training webinar (Jan 28)
- Launch of Southside Travellers Action Group Archives project exhibition in dlr Lexicon (Jan 29)
- DLR Heritage Plan actions in 2024 annual report to the Heritage Council
- Preparation for 2025 geophys survey of Rathmichael Hillfort
- Planning for "Discovering dlr" 8 week course as part of "Let's Get Social" programme in collaboration with Libraries and Southside Partnership Feb/March '25
- Carrickbrennan cemetery wall repair works started January 20th
- Meeting with UCD Director of MA in Archives and Records
- Meeting with Cabinteely Tidy Towns Heritage Keepers group
- Meeting with OPW, NMS and dlr Parks re archaeology of Tully Park
- Committee meeting to progress International Mother Language commemoration
- Creative Ireland team meetings
- Heritage article for 2025 Age Friendly magazine
- Procurement planning restoration of haha at Marlay Park
- Input to THRIVE project in collaboration with dlr Architects
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Input to Harbour Masterplan heritage baseline
- Support for secondary school students carrying out Class Based Assessments on local heritage subjects
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups
- Ongoing maintenance of dlr heritage properties

# Parks Capital Projects – Jan 2025 Progress

	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Grass Pitch Refurbishments – Lots 1 & 2						•	All complete except Rosemount
Oatlands All Weather Pitch						•	Complete in June 2024
Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion)						•	Complete in Jan 2025
New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross						•	Kilcross complete. Finsbury complete but will remain fenced off to give it an opportunity to establish.
Play Space Development 2024 Projects (Refurbishments)					•	•	Some projects complete, other projects for completion in Q1 2025.
Mounttown Boxing Facility					•		Works commenced in Jan 2024 for completion in Feb 2025.
Blackrock Park - Phase 2					•	•	Teenage zone, boules court, seating, Phoenix Terrace planting and play space



							complete, renovation of steps
							all complete. Historic Kiosk
							conservation works are on-
							going – for completion in $Q1$
							2025.
							Works commenced early Nov
Shankill Tennis					•		2024 – for completion in April
Upgrade Works							2025.
							Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-
				•		•	leash area, sports pavilion
Fernhill Park &							complete. Adventure Play
Gardens - Phase 3							Space tenders have been
							received – evaluation now
							concluded.
Pavement					•		
Improvement				•	•		Works and procurements on-
Programme							going.
Marlay Golf				•			On-going. To be progressed
Redevelopment				•			through section 183.
Multi-Use Campus				•			-
at St. Thomas							Tender evaluation is complete –
Estate – Phase 2							contract award to take place.
Cabinteely Park			•				
Projects			•				Part 8 approved in Nov 2024.
New Play Spaces		•					
at Clonkeen &		•					Communications & stakeholder
Ludford							engagements on-going.
Sandyford Urban		•					Design team in the process of
Open Space							being appointed.
Hyde Park		•					Application issued for the LSSIF
Community Sports							in 2024 & successful. This is
Building							progressing with the club.
Shanganagh Park	•						Dart 9 approved at the Ech
Masterplan –							Part 8 approved at the Feb 2024 Council Meeting. Judicial
Phase 1							Review is delaying the works
Jamestown Park	•						Masterplan considerations on-
Masterplan							going. Design team to be
							appointed.
Parks Donote	•						Initial stakeholder engagement
Parks Depots							is taking place.
Shanganagh	•						No progress. To progress when
Castle Sports							resources permit.
Facilities							
Woodbrook	•						Delay due to Dept. of Education
College All-							review but now starting to
Weather Pitch							progress. Surveys on-going.
Dalkey Island	•						No progress. To progress when
(Upgrade Tower &							resources permit.
Gun Battery)							
	•						Progress on the ha-ha
Marlay Park							restoration only. Application
Masterplan							issued for the LSSIF in 2024 &
							successful – to progress.



Wetlands & Attenuation (East & West)	•			Recent work on Cabinteely pond and Corke Abbey Valley Park. Other projects being identified.
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	•			Application issued for the LSSIF in 2024 but unsuccessful. To progress Part 8 in 2025.
Clifton Park Improvement Works	•			To progress.
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms	•			No funding available. On hold. Skills wall is complete.

#### **Sports Development**

DLR Sports set up the following activities in January 2025.

#### **DEIS After School Sports Programme**

- Good Shepherd School, Nutgrove; mixed group (10-12 age).
- Our Lady's School, Clonskeagh; mixed group (10-12 age).
- Queen of Angels, Balally; mixed group (10-12 age).
- Scoil Cholmcille, Ballybrack; mixed group (10-12 age).
- Holy Family School, Monkstown; mixed group (10-12 age).
- Dominican School, Dún Laoghaire; mixed group (10-2 age).

#### **Youth Groups**

- Holly House Southside Partnership, Ballybrack girls only group (15-16 age).
- Sallynoggin Crosscare group 1, mixed group (10-12 age).
- Sallynoggin Crosscare group 2, mixed group (13-15 age).
- Shankill Crosscare, mixed group (10-14 age).
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare gym session, boys only group (15-17 age).
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare, girls only group (12 -14 age).
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare, mixed group (16-17 age).
- Mounttown Crosscare, mixed group (10-16 age).
- Whitehouse Crosscare Ballyogan group 1, boys only group (12-15 age).
- Whitehouse Crosscare Ballyogan group 2 mixed group (15-17 age).
- Kilcross youth club, mixed group (10-12 age).

#### **Special Needs Groups**

- Strive Dún Laoghaire, mixed group (20-24 age).
- Carmona Services, mixed group (24 age).
- Festina Lente, mixed group (24 age).
- St. Michael's Goatstown, mixed group (24 age).

#### Sallynoggin Youth Reach

Continued our gym sessions for the above group mixed group (16-18 age).

#### **Other Activities**

- Met with Ronan Adams from Royal St. George Dún Laoghaire, in relation to setting up our after-school sailing programme in May.
- Ran a 5-week block of spinning classes in collaboration with Colm Philips, School Competition Officer for the following schools: Scoil Cholmcille Ballybrack, St. John's Ballybrack and St. Laurence College, Loughlinstown.



- Held our Q1 meeting with Aoife Heffernan from the ETB.
- Met with Kilcross Crosscare in relation to setting up sports programmes in February (Update to follow in later reports)
- Met IPA youth worker for Blackrock in relation to running sport sessions for their Easter camps. (Update to follow in later reports)
- Ballybrack Crosscare booked in to commence a 6-week block of sport sessions starting in February. (Update to follow in later reports).
- Arranged 5-week block of spinning classes for Dún Laoghaire and Mounttown Crosscare, starting in February. (Update to follow in later reports).

#### Leinster Rugby – January Report

#### J. Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools = 6. Males = 369, Females = 323

#### E. McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO)

Primary Schools = 5. Males = 225, Females = 376 Secondary Schools = 2. Males = 0, Females = 36

#### **R. Hayes (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Seapoint RC)**

Primary Schools = 7. Males = 186, Females = 168 Secondary Schools = 1. Males = 21, Females = 29

#### E. Furlong (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Blackrock College RFC)

Primary Schools = 2. Males = 65, Females = 77

K. McDonald (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC)

Primary Schools = 7. Males = 323, Females = 258

#### **DLR Rugby Clubs Sessions, Workshops or AOB**

Seapoint RC U9's – 36 male players Seapoint RC U13's – 43 male players Blackrock College RFC U4's – 20 male players IRFU Children's Coach Award, Willow Park School – 30 coaches

#### **DLR Female Club Rugby**

DLSP FC & Old Wesley RFC U12's (female) – 15 female players Blackrock College RFC U12's – 6 female players Blackrock College RFC U4's – 10 female players

#### **DLR Rugby Development Schools**

St. Raphaela's Secondary School junior team – 10 female players St. Colmcille's Secondary School first years - 17 female players

#### South Dublin 7's or Female Tournaments 1<sup>st</sup> Year Touch or X7's

Leinster Rugby x7's finals' day, (junior & senior) Thursday, 23rd January in Energia Park, Donnybrook – 2 DLR schools attended.

#### **Cricket Leinster – January Report**

Planning sessions for the year are nearing completion, with playground sessions already up and running at Kill O' The Grange and Ballinteer GNS; sessions are also due to commence in Cherrywood ETNS and Holly Park GNS.



**Open-Space Cricket Group** - Several meetings have taken place with this group to facilitate the commencement of sessions, hopefully before end of February.

Thanks to Kevina for arranging a stand-alone Safeguarding course for 10 people on 5<sup>th</sup> February. This will be followed on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February by an activators' course, to allow the group to coach the cricket group. The group will run the course from St. Laurence's Community Hall in Stillorgan.

Cricket Leinster ran a TY introduction to coaching course in Corduff Leisure during January. It was attended by 14 students, 5 of whom live within the DLR county boundary. 4 of these students will accompany the Development Officer for 5 days each during the spring and early summer terms.

#### FAI – January Report

**Coach Education -** New grassroots format being developed. "Me and My Ball" module staff workshop held in January.

**Club Mark** – All junior soccer clubs in DLR registered.

**Primary 5's** – 40 DLR Schools registered for first round of national tournament.

**Futsal in the Yard** – Plans for delivery ongoing.

**Disney Playmakers** – Three clubs planned for next block.

# **Operations East County January Monthly Report**

#### **Projects/Works completed:**

• Christmas Tree recycling operation complete

#### **Projects/Works commenced:**

- Initial Review of sites on the ground at Roaches Hill for Goats Fire buffer zone grazing - 2025
- Trees delivered for tree planting programme
- Commencement of Playground Installation at Springhill Park and Soldiers & Sailors Park
- Engineers engaged to compile reports for contractor to progress localized repairs to pedestrian bridge at Rockfield park to facilitate re-opening as soon as possible.

#### **Project Planning:**

- Initial discussions with Seapoint Boules Club regarding the possibility of installing additional boules facilities in Kilbogget Park.
- Tenders received and progress with award of tender for path upgrade works at Dorney Court, Thomastown Park, Brackenbush.
- Initial discussion with Watson Residents Association in relation to improvements to open space beside Auburn Drive and Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

#### Meetings attended:

- Attend Green Infrastructure presentation to depts by Biodiversity officer.
- Meeting with Eirgrid and Powering UP Dublin regarding SI works in Blackrock Park.
- Site meeting with Electrical Contractor at Hyde Road Muga to progress improved access to facility



#### **Tenders:**

• Tree Tenders Awarded to King Tree Services and All About Trees

#### Works ongoing:

- Ongoing Countywide Landscape Maintenance works focus on winter maintenance of planted areas, flailing and hedgerow management and grass cutting
- Contract works commenced on Tree contracts awarded for Shanganagh, Blackrock and Loughlinstown Depot areas
- Tree works ongoing via Parks Staff
- Tidy up works after storm Eowyn ongoing
- Numerous Wayleaves and Road Opening Licenses processed

#### **Council Business:**

- 2024/25 Tree Care Programme will be presented to Dun Laoghaire Committee in February
- Preparing and input into responses to both Council and Area Committee Meetings relation to Dun Laoghaire Electoral Area

# Parks Operations West County

#### **Projects/Works completed:**

- Goat holding and welfare facilities completed in Fernhill Park and Gardens and Goats relocated there in preparation of grazing the firebreaks at Killiney & Rochestown Hill and Fernhill in association with the Old Irish Goat Society
- Restoration of Wet wall and ornamental fountain in Marlay Walled Garden complete
- The Gallops playground works complete and partially open grassed areas to remain closed to allow for grass establishment (weather dependent)
- Christmas Tree recycling operation complete

#### **Projects/Works commenced:**

• Trees delivered for tree planting programme

#### **Project Planning:**

- Initial consultation with Lakelands Res. Assoc regarding Community Tree Planting Project Mar.2025.
- Planning works initiated for playground upgrades in Clonmore and Patrick Doyle Road

#### Meetings attended:

- Tully Crosses Consultation meeting re maintenance advice held with OPW /Heritage section re: Crosses in Lehaunstown Lane and Tully Park
- Meeting with Marlay Grange res assoc. and Waterpro rep regarding implementation of biodiversity plan for the open spaces.
- Meeting with Uisce Eireann regarding future works in open spaces in Dlr
- Attend Green Infrastructure presentation to depts by Biodiversity officer.
- Attend Local Authority Play & Recreation Network (LAPRN) meeting with Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY)
- Meeting with Eirgrid and Powering UP Dublin site visits.
- Tree Council in person meeting
- Meeting to progress lease with Kilternan Scouts

#### **Tenders:**

- Landscape Maintenance multiparty framework tender Stage 1 issued on e-tenders
- Tender issued to Framework for Tree works pertaining to Marlay Park and Marlay area



#### Works ongoing:

- Ongoing Countywide Landscape Maintenance works focus on winter maintenance of planted areas, flailing and hedgerow management and grass cutting
- Contract works commenced on Tree contracts awarded for Sandyford and Cabinteely areas
- Tree works ongoing via Parks Staff
- Tidy up works after storm Eowyn ongoing
- Numerous Wayleaves and Road Opening Licences processed

#### **Council Business:**

- 2024/25 Tree Care Programme presented to Dundrum Area Committee
- Deputation with Ardilea Residents Association

#### Parks Planning January 2025

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

- Reports:
  - o Between 2<sup>nd</sup> January and 29<sup>th</sup> January there has been 21 planning reports completed by the Parks Planning Team.
  - These reports include pre-planning, planning and compliances. Reports for planning applications this month range from small scale residential infill projects up to a large scale residential LRD project at the Vector Motor site on Goatstown Road.
- **Pre-planning** The Parks Planning team have provided preplanning input for large proposed residential developments including:
  - o The Avid Technology site in Sandyford
  - The former Bray Golf Course site
  - o The Aikens Village site in Stepaside
  - o Balally Shopping Centre redevelopment which will be a mix of residential
  - o Chesterfieldand of Cross Avenue
  - Sites to the north and south of Brennanstown Road
- LAP: The Parks team continue to have input into:
  - o The Old Conna and Rathmichael LAP process
  - o Glenamuck/ Kilternan LAP
  - o The Sandyford Urban Framework Plan.
- **The Eastern Bypass Reserve:** Parks provided a report on the draft baseline information for this project.
- Section 38: Nothing this month
- Section 179A: The Parks Planning Team have provided feedback for:
  - o Wildrock Stage 2
    - o Mount Saint Mary's Stage 2.
- Meetings:
  - There is also a fortnightly Planning files meeting which takes one hour. This meeting is run by the Planners and they go through applications which have been recently received. This is a productive meeting which gives all departments a heads up on impending applications and what the general attitude is around the proposal.
  - We hold our own 2 hour Parks Planning Team meeting every Tuesday morning to discuss and assign the applications to each of the four members of the Parks Planning Team.
  - Once a month Neill attends a Taken In Charge meeting, and updates Building Control on the Parks Dept progress in relation to 32 development currently listed for TIC.



- **Return of bonds**. (ROB)
- o Works continue
  - Taken In Charge (TIC)
    - Ongoing work to move many developments closer to the TIC completion process.
- Land transfer.
  - Honey Park land transfer is near completion. A lot of time has been spent arranging this between the developer, legal dept, building control and the property section.
- New sites due to commence.
  - o 2 sites visit with arborist, on sites due to commence.

# • Return of tree bonds.

- o On going work into return of tree bonds
- o No tree bonds returned this month.
- o One tree bond removed
- o One tree bond reduced