

Blackness Library – an update



Many residents have asked me when Leisure & Culture Dundee aims to reopen Blackness Library.

Last Friday, it was announced that the Central Library will reopen on Monday 26th April with reduced opening hours (Monday, Thursday, Friday 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm; Tuesday 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm and Wednesday and Saturday 10am to 1pm).

It will be open for lower floor departments only – returns, browsing and borrowing, limited PC access. Reconnect and Collect will also be available.

I have asked the Director of Leisure & Culture Dundee the position regarding Blackness Library and she has advised as follows :

“As with previous reopening plans, Leisure & Culture Dundee is working closely with Dundee City Council to ensure a co-ordinated approach to service resumption.

These plans are still being finalised and in terms of libraries will take place on a phased basis initially with reduced hours. I will let you know the date for Blackness Library as soon as I have confirmation.”

I will, of course, continue to keep residents updated.

Minister Hargey builds up social housing stock

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey has announced that 2,403 new social homes were started in 2020/21 – almost 30% more than the target for the year (1,850 units).

Minister announces major new health service support funds

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced the establishment of new grant schemes for cancer and mental health charities and a Carers Support Fund.

Dodds announces third Microsoft Assured Skills Academy

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today announced 20 high quality training places on an Assured Skills Academy with Microsoft.

Mallon progresses Ballynahinch Bypass

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon today confirmed her intention to make the Direction Order for the Ballynahinch Bypass scheme.