COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2020

ITEM NO. 1

MOTION TO AGREE VENUE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Fingal County Council's Standing Order No. 41 states that -

"All meetings of the Council shall be at County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin or at such

other place as the Council may decide."

Due to the CoVid19 Public Health Pandemic, the County Council meeting on Friday 19th June 2020 is scheduled to be held in the National Show Centre, Cloghran in order to facilitate health and safety and social distancing guidelines.

The following resolution should be passed to allow for the convening of this meeting:

"In accordance with Standing Order No. 41 the convening of a meeting of the County Council in the National Show Centre, Cloghran on Friday 19th June 2020 is hereby APPROVED."

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th March, 2020 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Conroy, Pamela
Cooper, Freddie
Dennehy, Brian
Doyle, Tania
Graves, Ann
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Healy, David
Henchy, Adrian
Hopkins, Joan
Kitt, Tom
Lavin, Anthony
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne
Mahony, Howard
Manton, Brigid
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom
Ó Rodaigh, Seána
O'Rourke, Aaron
Power, Karen
Rane, Punam
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John
Whooley, Daniel

The Mayor, Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive), Margaret Geraghty (Director of Services/Housing), Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance), Dave Storey (Director of Services/Operations), Emer O'Gorman (Director of Services/EETD), Ethna Felten (Director of Services/Environment and Climate Action), Matthew McAleese (Acting Director of Services/Planning), Brian Buckley (Senior Executive Officer), Dominic Byrne (Assistant Head of IT), Paul Carroll (Senior Engineer), Bronagh Corry (Administrative Officer), Aishling Hyland (Digital Strategy Manager), Natalie Dineen, (Senior Staff Officer), Niamh Reid (Staff Officer), Ashley McGovern (Staff Officer), Gina Smyth (Clerical Officer).

Guests to Chamber: Joe Lavin and TJ Malone, National Broadband Ireland (NBI)

F/118/19 (Agenda Item No)

Mobile Phones/Webcasting

The Mayor, Councillor. E. O'Brien, at the start of the meeting, made the following announcements:

All mobile phones should be on silent or switched off for the duration of the meeting.

Please note that this meeting is being webcast.

All Members please remember to switch off your microphone when you have finished speaking.

All Members are reminded that the Chamber is a non-smoking area.

The Mayor welcomed everyone in the Gallery.

F/119/19 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes from Council meeting held on Monday 10th February 2020

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 10th February 2020 at 5pm which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **RESOLVED -**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 10th February 2020 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/120/19 (Agenda Item No 2)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes from Special Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2020

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the County Council held on 25th February 2020 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **RESOLVED -**

> "That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the County Council held on 25th February 2020 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/121/19 (Agenda Item No 3)

Filling of Casual Vacancies on the following Strategic Policy Committees:

a **Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity SPC, vacancy occasioned following the election of Councillor Paul Donnelly to Dáil Éireann**

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **READ**.

It was proposed by Cllr. N. Treacy, seconded by Cllr. A. Graves and **AGREED:**

"That Cllr. A. O'Rourke be appointed to the Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity Strategic Policy Committee."

b **Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC, vacancy occasioned following the election of Councillor Roderic O'Gorman to Dáil Éireann**

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **READ**.

It was proposed by D. Healy, seconded by Cllr. D. Whooley and **AGREED:**

"That Cllr. I. Carey be appointed to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee and that Cllr. P. Conroy be appointed to the Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee."

c **Housing SPC , vacancy occasioned following the election of Councillor Duncan Smith to Dáil Éireann**

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was READ.

It was proposed by Cllr. B. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. M. McCamley and AGREED:

"That Cllr. J. Humphreys be appointed to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee."

d Transportation and Infrastructure Management SPC, vacancy occasioned following the election of Councillor Cian O'Callaghan to Dáil Éireann

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was READ.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Mulville, seconded by Cllr. E. O'Brien and AGREED:

"That Cllr. J. Hopkins be appointed to the Transportation and Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee."

F/122/19 (Agenda Item No 4)

Appointment of replacement Cathaoirleach to the Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity SPC, vacancy occasioned following the election of Councillor Paul Donnelly to Dáil Éireann

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor N. Treacy, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy and AGREED:

"That Councillor A. O'Rourke be appointed as Cathaoirleach of the Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity SPC."

F/123/19 (Agenda Item No 5)

Appointment of replacement Cathaoirleach to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC, vacancy occasioned following the election of Councillor Roderic O'Gorman to Dáil Éireann

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED.

It was proposed by Councillor I. Carey, seconded by Councillor K. Power and AGREED:

"That Councillor D. Healy be appointed as Cathaoirleach of the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC."

F/124/19 (Agenda Item No 6)

Appointment of replacement Cathaoirleach to Housing SPC , vacancy occasioned following the election of Councillor Duncan Smith to Dáil Éireann

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED.

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and AGREED:

"That Councillor R. O'Donoghue be appointed as Cathaoirleach of the Housing SPC."

F/125/19 (Agenda Item No 7)

Appointment of one Member to Howth SAAO Management Committee

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and AGREED:

"That Councillor Joan Hopkins be appointed to the Howth SAAO Management Committee."

F/126/19 (Agenda Item No 8)

Appointment of two Members to the Joint Policing Committee

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED.

It was proposed by Councillor I. Carey, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and AGREED:

"That Councillor P. Conroy be appointed to the Joint Policing Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and AGREED:

"That Councillor J. Humphreys be appointed to the Joint Policing Committee."

F/127/19 (Agenda Item No 9)

Appointment of one Member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED.

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and AGREED:

"That Councillor R. O'Donoghue be appointed to the LTACC".

F/128/19 (Agenda Item No 10)

Appointment of one Member to the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education Training Board

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Conroy, seconded by Councillor I. Carey and AGREED:

"That Councillor K. Power be appointed to the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education Training Board."

F/129/19 (Agenda Item No)

Questions

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 11 to 20 be ADOPTED."

F/130/19 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor B. Manton - 30KPH Limit for housing estates which have entrances to schools and Creches

F/131/19 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor T. Doyle - Fingal County Council's Property Asset Register

F/132/19 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor A. Henchy - Fingal Coastal Erosion

F/133/19 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor D. Whooley - The position of Cycling Officer

F/134/19 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor P. Rane - Locations for Schools under Consideration

F/135/19 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor K. Power - Fingal land ownership

F/136/19 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor C. Boland - Use of rooftop space

F/137/19 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor S. Ó'Rodaigh - Funding for Free Beach Wheelchair Service

F/138/19 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor B. Manton - Senior Citizens Clubs

F/139/19 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor A. Henchy - Dog Fouling across Fingal

F/140/19 (Agenda Item No 21)
Report of Committees

a Report of Committee from Balbriggan/Rush - Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on Thursday 13th February

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor A. Henchy and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report of Committee from the Balbriggan/Rush - Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on Thursday 13th February 2020, be **ADOPTED.**"

b Report of Committee from Howth/Malahide Services A held on Wednesday 4th March

It was **NOTED** that there was no report under this heading.

c Report of Committee from Howth/Malahide Services B held on Wednesday 4th March

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor A. Lavin, seconded by Councillor A. Tormey and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report of Committee from the Howth/Malahide Services B held on Wednesday 4th March 2020, be **ADOPTED.**"

d Report of Committee from Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B held on Thursday 5th March

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor H. Mahony and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report of Committee from the Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B held on Thursday 5th March 2020, be **ADOPTED.**"

F/141/19 (Agenda Item No)

Suspension of Standing Orders

At this point the Mayor informed the Members that he was suspending Standing Orders to vary the order of business in order to deal with Item No. 28.

F/142/19 (Agenda Item No 28)

Presentation from National Broadband Ireland on the rollout of Broadband for Fingal

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was given to the Members and following discussion the report was **NOTED.**

F/143/19 (Agenda Item No 22)

N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon Cross Scheme, Section 85 Agreement

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.**

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR:	26	TWENTY-SIX
AGAINST:	8	EIGHT
ABSTAINED:	1	ONE

FOR: Councillors O'Brien, Eoghan; Burtchaell, John; Graves, Ann; Hanaphy, Breda; Treacy, Natalie; O'Rourke, Aaron; Cooper, Freddie; Manton, Brigid; Kitt, Tom; Ó Rodaigh, Seána; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; O'Leary, Tom; Lavin, Anthony; Boland, Cathal; Newman, Joe; Guerin, Jimmy; Murphy, Tony; Maguire, Grainne; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Mahony, Howard; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James.

AGAINST: Councillors Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Mulligan, Dean; Healy, David; Power, Karen; Conroy, Pamela; Carey, Ian; Whooley, Daniel.

ABSTAINED: Councillor Doyle, Tania

The Mayor then declared the Motion **PASSED.**

F/144/19 (Agenda Item No 23)

N3 M50 to Clonee Scheme, Section 85 Agreement

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.**

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 27 TWENTY-SEVEN

AGAINST: 8 EIGHT

FOR: Councillors O'Brien, Eoghan; Burtchaell, John; Graves, Ann; Hanaphy, Breda; Treacy, Natalie; O'Rourke, Aaron; Cooper, Freddie; Manton, Brigid; Kitt, Tom; Ó Rodaigh, Seána; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; O'Leary, Tom; Lavin, Anthony; Boland, Cathal; Doyle, Tania; Newman, Joe; Guerin, Jimmy; Murphy, Tony; Maguire, Grainne; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Mahony, Howard; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James.

AGAINST: Councillors Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Mulligan, Dean; Healy, David; Power, Karen; Conroy, Pamela; Carey, Ian; Whooley, Daniel.

The Mayor then declared the Motion **PASSED.**

F/145/19 (Agenda Item No 24a)

Financial assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme - Call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Fingal area.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.**

It was then proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report be **ADOPTED.**"

F/146/19 (Agenda Item No 25)

Audit Committee

a Annual Report 2019

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

b Annual Work Programme 2020

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

F/147/19 (Agenda Item No 26)

Proposed Disposal of Properties/Lease of Lands/Grant of Wayleaves

a Proposed disposal of lands adjoining the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, Naul, Co. Dublin to Naul Properties Ltd.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor K. Power and seconded by Councillor C. Boland and **RESOLVED**:

"That the lands referred to in the attached report be disposed of in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b Proposed disposal of a site a Cappogue Industrial Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15 to Frylit (Dublin) Ltd.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor F. Cooper and seconded by Councillor K. Power and **RESOLVED**:

"That the site referred to in the attached report be disposed of in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c Proposed lease of land at Bremore, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to O'Dwyers GAA Club

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED**:

"That the lands referred to in the attached report be leased in accordance with the terms specified therein."

d Proposed grant of Wayleave at Ballycoolin to Step Telecoms Ltd.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor F. Cooper and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

"That the wayleave referred to in the attached report be granted in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/148/19 (Agenda Item No 27)

Declaration of Roads

a Old Ballymun Road (Footpath & Cycle Lane), Dublin 11

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan, and **RESOLVED**:

"That the roads referred to in the attached report be, and are hereby declared to be, public roads."

b Bremore Pastures Park Footpath, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy, and **RESOLVED**:

"That the roads referred to in the attached report be, and are hereby declared to be, public roads."

c Barnageeragh Distributor Road, Skerries, Co. Dublin.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor C. Boland, and **RESOLVED**:

"That the roads referred to in the attached report be, and are hereby declared to be, public roads."

F/149/19 (Agenda Item No)

Suspension of Standing Orders

At this point the Mayor informed the Members that he was suspending Standing Orders to vary the order of business in order to deal with Item Nos. 30 - 33.

F/150/19 (Agenda Item No 30)

Conferences

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

F/151/19 (Agenda Item No 31)

Mayor's Business - Councillor E O'Brien

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

F/152/19 (Agenda Item No 32)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a Letter from The Department of Health dated 2nd March 2020 re. Sláinte Care

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

F/153/19 (Agenda Item No 33)

Correspondence.

a Letter from Killarney County Council dated 5th February re. Planning permission objections

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

b Notice of Motion from Donegal County Council dated 14th February re. Reduction of Costs involved in Water Connections

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

F/154/19 (Agenda Item No 29)

Chief Executive's Report

The attached report which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.**

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. J. Humphreys and seconded by Cllr. J. Walsh:

"That this Council thanks all healthcare professional and volunteers that have been working diligently to contain the outbreak of CoVid19 on our island. Furthermore, that this Council welcomes the decision to cancel St. Patrick's Day parades but requests management liaise with stakeholders to organise an alternative date when the risk to public health is mitigated.
That this Council, calls on management to confirm that Special leave Circular 2/1976 is applicable to all Council staff. Also, that this Council strongly encourages 3rd Party contractors to extend same conditions."

Following discussion, the Motion was **PASSED.**

F/155/19 (Agenda Item No)

Suspension of Standing Orders

At this stage the Mayor suspended Standing Orders and extended the meeting to deal with two motions that had been submitted.

It was then proposed by Cllr. N. Treacy and seconded by Cllr. A. O'Rourke:

"That the Chief Executive reports on how people can self-isolate in homeless family hubs or hotels and B&Bs when many are sharing rooms. And what plans are in place to protect families from infection if anyone living in such accommodation contracts the coronavirus, considering all share the communal food preparation and socialisation areas?"

Following discussion, the Report was **NOTED.**

It was then proposed by Cllr. J. Guerin and seconded by Cllr. H. Mahony:

"That Fingal County Council supports their Dublin 15 colleagues and the Executive in their total condemnation of the protest at Housing Development in Mulhuddart and acknowledge that the allocation of properties is always carried out by staff in line with the allocation scheme adopted by this Council. We urge the Executive along with Cluid and the contractor to challenge these protestors and take whatever steps necessary to complete this much needed social housing scheme."

Following discussion, the Motion was PASSED.

The Meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Organisation & Procedure Committee Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Swords, on Monday 9th March, 2019 at 4.00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Cooper, Freddie
Dennehy, Brian
Donnelly, Paul
Doyle, Tania
Graves, Ann
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
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McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Callaghan, Cian
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Gorman, Roderic
O'Leary, Tom
Ó Rodaigh, Seána
Rane, Punam
Smith, Duncan
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John
Whooley, Daniel

Apologies were received from Cllr Grainne Maguire.

At the start of the meeting the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Tom Kitt took the Chair.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive), John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Corporate Affairs & Governance), Brian Buckley (Senior Executive Officer), Bronagh Corry (Administrative Officer), Natalie Dineen (Senior Staff Officer), Niamh Reid (Staff Officer) .

OP/01/20

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of Organisation and Procedure Committee held on Monday, 9th December 2019 which had been circulated, were submitted.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kitt, seconded by Councillor H. Mahony and AGREED:

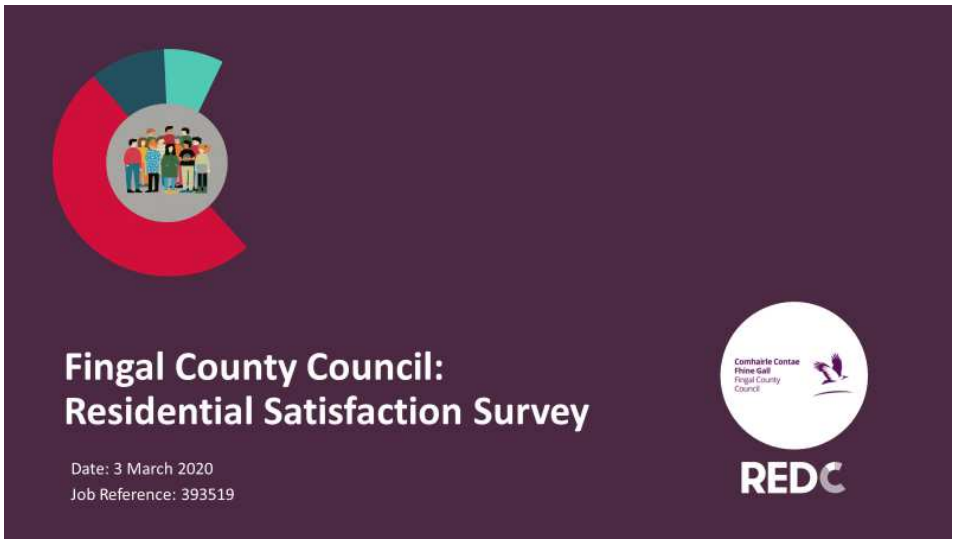
"That the minutes of the meeting of 9th December, 2019 be ADOPTED."

At this stage of the meeting the Mayor, Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, took the Chair.

OP/02/20

Presentation on Red C Residential Survey

Mr. Bryan Cox, of Red C gave the following presentation to the Members –



Background & Methodology

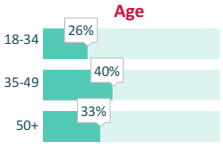
- Fingal County Council conducted Residential Satisfaction Surveys in 2005, 2010 and 2017 in order to assess residents' satisfaction with the Council's provision of services. The Council now wish to conduct a follow on research project to track changes in residential satisfaction over time. The purpose of this survey is to understand attitudes and opinions among residents of the service provided by the council which will in turn help the Council provide the highest level of customer service to its residents
- The findings within this report are based on 1,004 face to face interviews that have been conducted amongst residents aged 18+ living in Fingal. Interviews have been conducted within the following electoral areas:
  - Balbriggan
  - Blanchardstown
  - Castleknock
  - Howth
  - Ongar
  - Rush/Lusk
  - Swords
- Quotas and weighting were set to ensure that the demographics of each area were represented correctly.
- Fieldwork was conducted between 14th October – 6th December 2019.

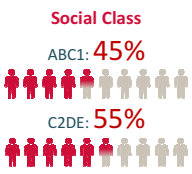
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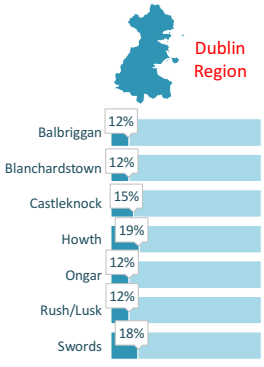
Sample Profile

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)







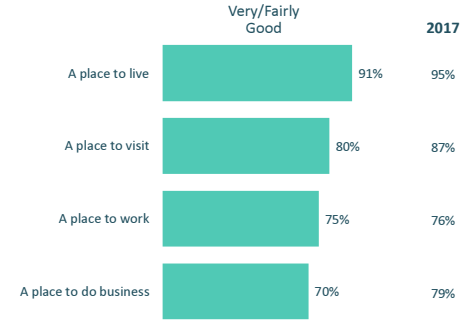


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Rating of Fingal County

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)

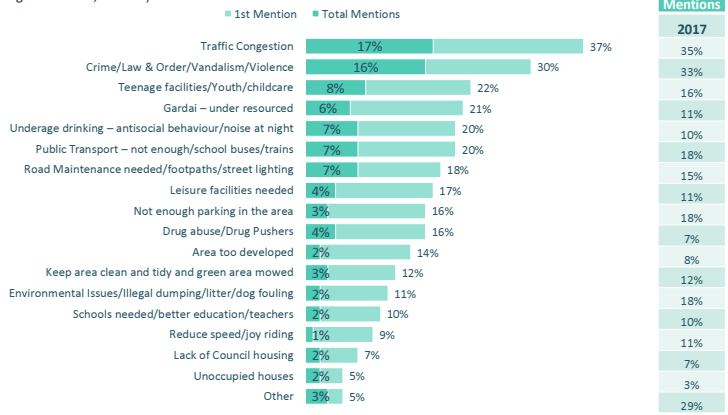


	2017	X Location						
		Balbriggan	Blanchards-town	Castle-knock	Howth	Ongar	Rush/Lusk	Swords
A place to live	95%	95%	97%	96%	93%	79%	92%	89%
A place to visit	87%	78%	87%	77%	95%	62%	65%	84%
A place to work	76%	76%	92%	69%	73%	67%	70%	76%
A place to do business	79%	75%	89%	71%	65%	54%	55%	76%

Overall, ratings of Fingal as a place to live, visit and do business have slipped back somewhat since 2017, with most negative sentiments registered among Ongar and Rush/Lusk residents. Ratings of Fingal as a place to work have held relatively steady over time.

Most Important Local Problems And Issues (Spontaneous)

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



Total Mentions
2017
35%
33%
16%
11%
10%
18%
15%
11%
18%
7%
8%
12%
18%
10%
11%
7%
3%
29%

Traffic congestion, followed by law and order remain the biggest local concerns among residents, while youth facilities, under resourced Gardai and antisocial behaviour have become more pressing issues over the past 2 years.

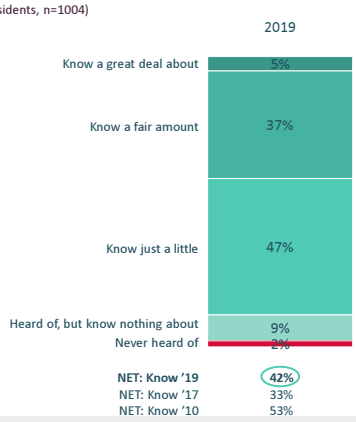
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Knowledge Of Fingal County Council

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



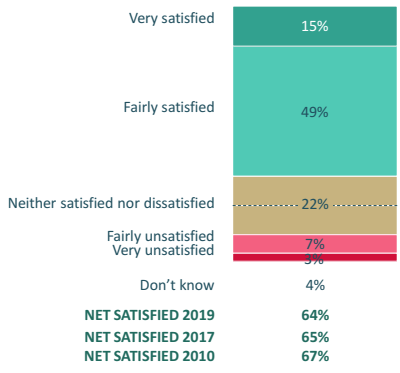
Net Know X Region 2019	
Total	42%
Balbriggan	43%
Blanchardstown	40%
Castleknock	51%
Howth	44%
Ongar	32%
Rush/Lusk	44%
Swords	39%

Knowledge of Fingal County Council has increased among residents over the past 2 years, with more than 2 in 5 (42%) knowing 'a great deal' or 'a fair amount' about it. Knowledge is highest among those in the Castleknock area.

(Q7)

Overall Satisfaction With Fingal County Council

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



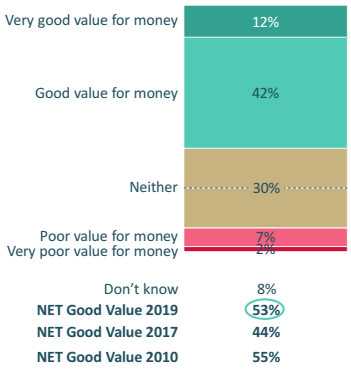
Top 2 box						
Balbriggan	Blanchards town	Castle-knock	Howth	Ongar	Rush/Lusk	Swords
69%	59%	67%	68%	51%	61%	68%

Satisfaction with Fingal County Council holds very stable over time; nearly 2 in 3 (64%) are satisfied with the Council. It is worth noting however that satisfaction is significantly lower among Ongar residents (51%).

(Q8)

Overall Value For Money In Relation To Fingal County Council

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



Q. Which of these statements best describes your overall opinion of Fingal County Council in terms of overall value for money for the service provided?

NET Good Value						
Balbriggan	Blanchards town	Castle-knock	Howth	Ongar	Rush/Lusk	Swords
68%	42%	54%	50%	49%	55%	55%

The perceived value for money in terms of the services provided by Fingal County Council has improved since 2017, with over half now feeling they are good value. Endorsements are most positive in Balbriggan, while those in Blanchardstown are most negative in this regard.

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Spontaneous Awareness of Services Provided by Fingal County Council

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)

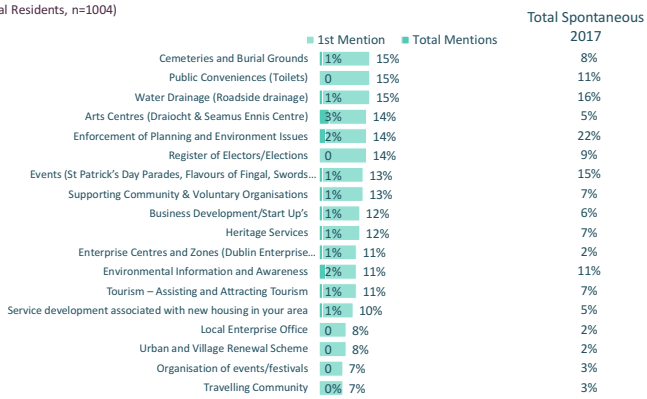
	1st Mention	Total Mentions	Total Spontaneous 2017
Street Cleaning	8%	40%	49%
Footpaths	4%	36%	35%
Litter Control	6%	33%	33%
Street Lighting	3%	33%	39%
Roads – Maintenance and Improvement of Road Network	5%	32%	34%
Affordable Housing	11%	31%	24%
Playgrounds/Parks/Open Spaces	5%	28%	46%
Providing and Maintaining Local Amenities & Leisure Area such as...	6%	28%	18%
Recycling Centres (Bottle Banks)	3%	28%	20%
Planning Applications and Development	4%	25%	26%
Road Safety and Parking	5%	25%	31%
Promoting the Interests of the Local Community	2%	22%	5%
Protecting the Environment/Controlling Pollution	2%	21%	9%
Library and Arts Services	3%	20%	17%
Community/Youth/Sports Centres	2%	19%	15%
Fire Services	1%	19%	19%
Promoting the Development of the County	4%	19%	5%
Dog Warden Service (Dog Fouling)	1%	18%	16%
Control and Monitoring Lakes, Waterways, Rivers, Streams, Beaches	1%	16%	8%
Local Authority Housing (e.g. Voluntary, Council & Shared Housing)	2%	16%	10%
Sports/Leisure Facilities and Events	1%	16%	18%
Access for the Disabled	4%	15%	5%

Street Cleaning and footpaths receive the highest number of mentions in terms of services provided by Fingal County Council. In terms of top of mind associations, more than 1 in 10 mention affordable housing.

REDC (Q9) 11

Spontaneous Awareness of Services Provided by Fingal County Council

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



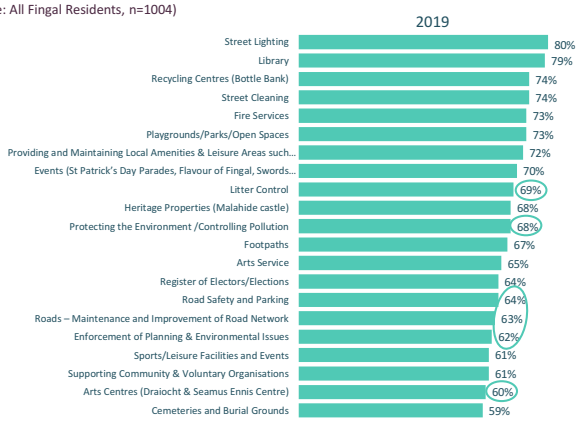
Low mentions of organising events, travelling community, urban renewal scheme and local enterprise office.

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(Q9)

Satisfaction With Services Provided By Fingal County Council (Top 2 Box) - I

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



2017	2010
62%	60%
65%	60%
62%	62%
56%	58%
73%	58%
59%	56%
57%	48%
65%	-
41%	52%
64%	-
44%	48%
49%	47%
-	-
46%	54%
39%	44%
37%	43%
34%	40%
50%	49%
46%	47%
38%	49%
41%	53%

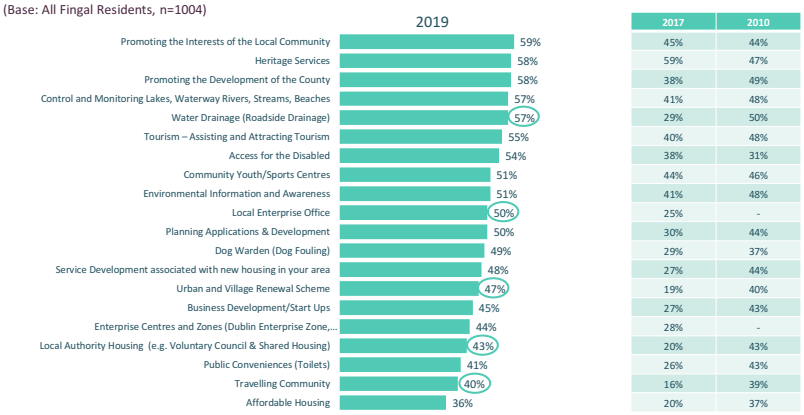
Over the past 2 years there has been significant growth in terms of satisfaction with services provided by Fingal County Council as levels for the majority of services increase over time. Strongest improvements noted for litter control, controlling pollution, road safety and maintenance, planning & environmental issues and the arts centre.

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(Q13a)

Satisfaction With Services Provided By Fingal County Council (Top 2 Box) - II

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



2017	2010
45%	44%
59%	47%
38%	49%
41%	48%
29%	50%
40%	48%
38%	31%
44%	46%
41%	48%
25%	-
30%	44%
29%	37%
27%	44%
19%	40%
27%	43%
28%	-
20%	43%
26%	43%
16%	39%
20%	37%

Strong improvements in satisfaction across the majority of services provided by Fingal County Council, with particularly high gains for water drainage, local enterprise office, urban renewal scheme, local authority housing and travelling community. Affordable Housing remains a concern, with only 1 in 3 (36%) satisfied with this service.

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Territory Overview (Identified in Cluster Analysis)

Within Community/Sports Service:
- Playgrounds/Parks/Open Spaces
- Supporting Community & Voluntary Organisations
- Promoting The Interests Of The Local Community
- Community Youth/Sports Centres
- Sports/Leisure Facilities And Events
- Providing And Maintaining Local Amenities & Leisure Areas
- Fire Services
- Urban And Village Renewal Scheme
- Access For The Disabled
- Travelling Community
- Register Of Electors/Elections

Within Pollution Control:
- Litter Control
- Dog Warden (Dog Fouling)
- Protecting The Environment /Controlling Pollution
- Street Cleaning
- Recycling Centres (Bottle Bank)
- Street Lighting
- Control And Monitoring Lakes, Waterway Rivers, Streams, Beaches

Within Planning/ Promoting awareness:
- Planning Applications & Development
- Enforcement Of Planning & Environmental Issues
- Promoting The Development Of The County
- Environmental Information And Awareness

Within Enterprise:
- Local Enterprise Office
- Enterprise Centres And Zones
- Business Development/Start Ups

Within Tourism/Art:
- Heritage Services
- Heritage Properties (Malahide Castle)
- Tourism – Assisting And Attracting Tourism
- Events (St Patrick's Day Parades, Flavour Of Fingal, Swords Summerfest, Festival Of Fire)
- Library
- Arts Service
- Arts Centres (Draiocht & Seamus Ennis Centre)

Within Housing:
- Affordable Housing
- Local Authority Housing (E.G. Voluntary Council & Shared Housing)
- Service Development Associated With New Housing In Your Area

Within Roads:
- Roads – Maintenance and Improvement Of Road Network
- Footpaths
- Road Safety and Parking

Within Public Convenience/Maintenance:
- Water Drainage (Roadside Drainage)
- Public Conveniences (Toilets)
- Cemeteries And Burial Grounds

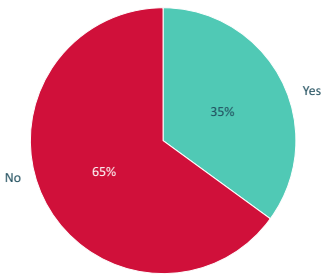
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Awareness of Vacant Homes In Area

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)

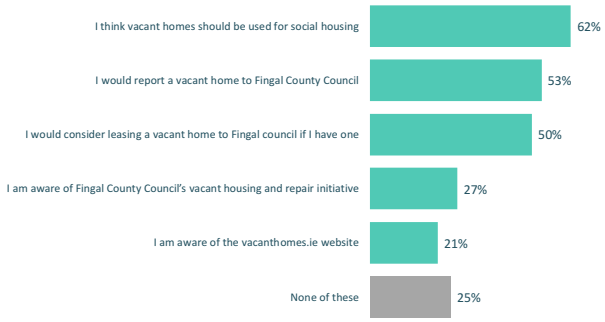


NET Aware/Unaware								
	Total	Balbriggan	Blanchard stown	Castle-knock	Howth	Ongar	Rush/ Lusk	Swords
Yes	**35%**	73%	34%	21%	27%	19%	59%	28%
No	**65%**	27%	66%	79%	73%	81%	41%	72%

More than 1 in 3 (35%) are aware of vacant homes in their area, with notably higher incidence in Balbriggan and, to a lesser extent, Rush/Lusk.

Management of Vacant Homes

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



More than 3 in 5 (62%) believe that vacant homes should be used for social housing. More than half (53%) say they would report a vacant home to Fingal County Council, while half (50%) would consider leasing a vacant home to Fingal County Council if they had one.

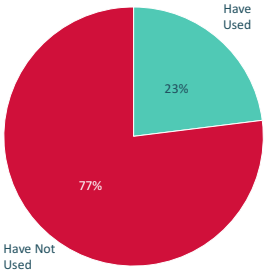
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Usage and Satisfaction of Fingal Library App

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



SATISFACTION WITH APP

(Base: All Using App, n=233)

Very satisfied	59%
Fairly satisfied	31%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	7%
Fairly unsatisfied	1%
Very unsatisfied	
Don't know	2%
NET SATISFIED	**90%**

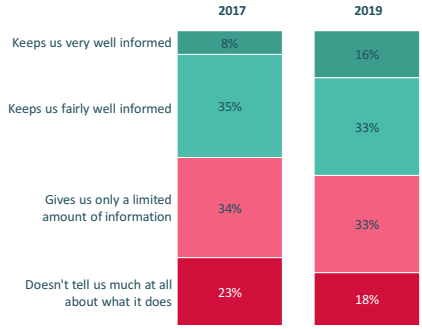
Almost 1 in 4 (23%) have used the Fingal Library App; among users, satisfaction is very strong, with 9 in 10 (90%) satisfied with the service.



Communication

How Well Informed Does Fingal CoCo Keep its Residents About Services it Provides?

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



Approximately half (49%) of residents now feel that Fingal County Council keeps them informed about the services it provides, growing vs. 2017. However, half still feel that the Council does not keep them sufficiently up to date on its services.

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Sources Obtain Most Information about Fingal CoCo

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)

Obtain Info from County Council		2017
Website www.fingal.ie	34%	42%
Leaflets/screens/notice boards	20%	20%
Friends and neighbours	18%	31%
Fingal Independent	18%	17%
Fingal News	17%	-
Northside People	14%	16%
Facebook	11%	10%
Local Magazine	10%	6%
Contact with council staff	7%	9%
Instagram	4%	-
The Herald	4%	3%
Dublin Gazette	3%	3%
Twitter	3%	2%
LinkedIn	1%	*
Phoenix FM	1%	1%
NEAR FM	1%	2%
Apps related to council services	1%	1%
Other Source	1%	12%

Most Trusted Sources for Information on County Council		2017
	16%	37%
	12%	15%
	10%	24%
	11%	13%
	9%	-
	9%	12%
	11%	6%
	5%	5%
	4%	7%
	1%	-
	4%	2%
	2%	2%
	2%	1%
	1%	0%
	0	1%
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	1%	8%

The most utilised source of information regarding Fingal County Council is the council's website, mentioned by 1 in 3 (34%). The website is also deemed to be the most trustworthy source for information on the Council.

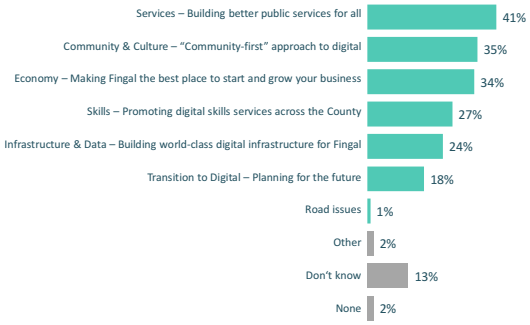
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Digital Strategy

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)

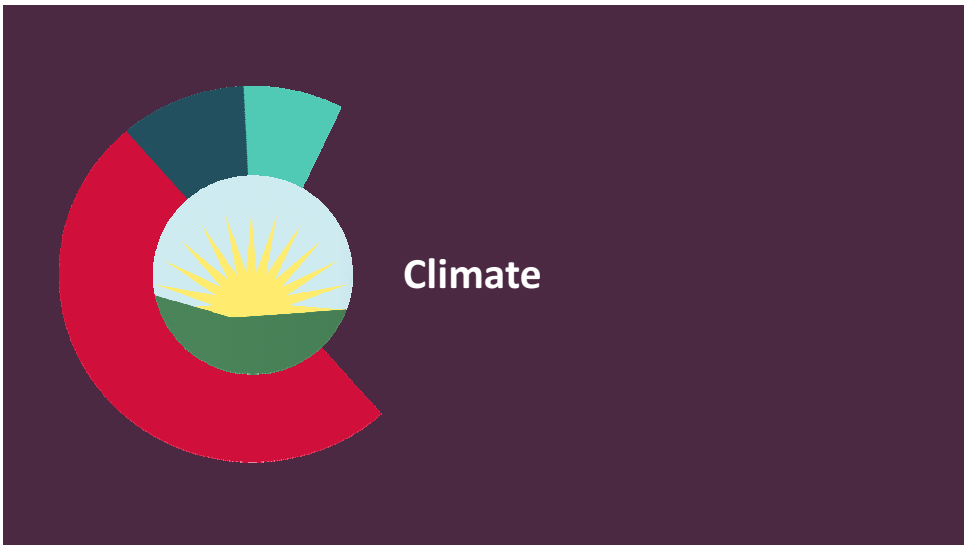
"Q. Fingal is creating a Digital Strategy to support citizens and businesses to take advantage of the opportunities of a digital society. Which of the following aspect of the strategy, if any, do you want to see focus given to?"



2 in 5 (41%) would like to see focus given to services, while 1 in 3 say that community & culture and economy should be focussed on.

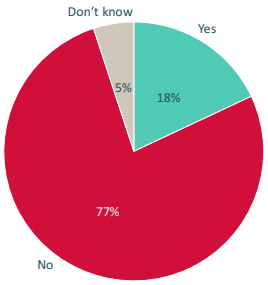
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Awareness of Fingal Climate Action Plan

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)



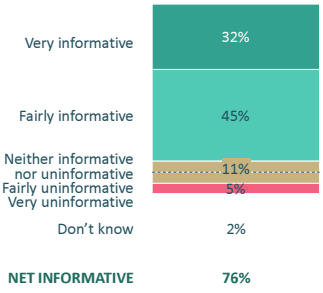
NET Aware X Region						
Balbriggan	Blanchards town	Castle-knock	Howth	Ongar	Rush/ Lusk	Swords
28%	22%	15%	12%	8%	19%	24%

Almost 1 in 5 (18%) are aware of the Fingal Climate Action Plan, with awareness highest in Balbriggan and Swords.

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How Informative Is Climate Action Plan?

(Base: All Aware of Climate Action Plan; n=201)



NET Informative X Region						
Balbriggan	Blanchards town	Castle-knock	Howth	Ongar	Rush/ Lusk	Swords
74%	83%	69%	71%	86%	73%	80%

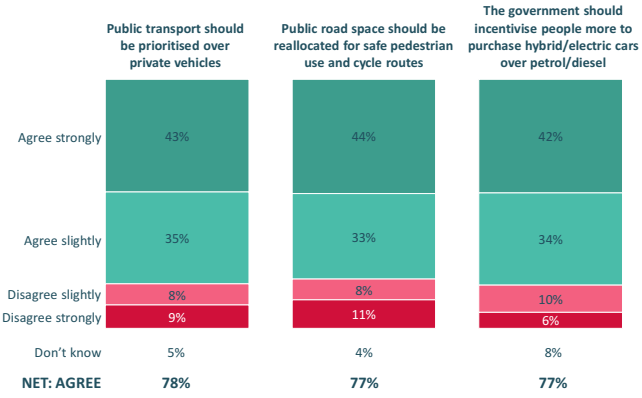
Among those aware of the initiative, 3 in 4 (76%) feel that Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan is informative, growing to 86% among Ongar residents.

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Agreement Statement on Public Transport in Fingal

(Base: All Fingal Residents, n=1004)

"Q. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements in relation to public transportation within Fingal?"

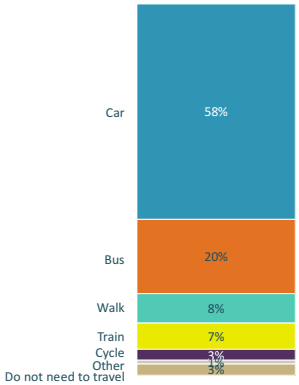


More than 3 in 4 (78%) agree that public transport should be prioritised over private vehicles, while a similar proportion (77%) feel that public road space should be reallocated for safe pedestrian use and cycle lanes and (77%) that the Government should incentivise people more to purchase hybrid/electric cars.

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Method of Transport Used Most Often for Travelling to Work/College

(Base: All Working or Student; n=662)

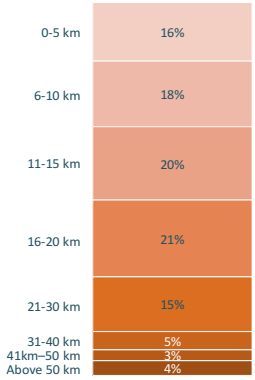


Among students and those in employment, nearly 3 in 5 (58%) travel by car most often to work/college, while 1 in 5 travel by bus.

(CS)

Daily Round Trip Distance

(Base: All Travelling for Work/College; n=639)



Average Round Trip:
17.2 km

Over half (54%) of those travelling for work/college have a daily round trip of less than 20km.

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Key Findings

Awareness of Fingal Council

- Knowledge of Fingal County Council has increased among residents over the past 2 years, with more than 2 in 5 (42%) knowing 'a great deal' or 'a fair amount' about it. Knowledge is highest among those in the Castleknock area (51%).
- Almost 1 in 5 (18%) are aware of the Fingal Climate Action Plan, with awareness highest in Balbriggan and Swords. Among those aware of the initiative, 3 in 4 (76%) feel that Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan is informative, growing to 86% among Ongar residents.

Satisfaction with Fingal Council

- Satisfaction with Fingal County Council holds very stable over time; nearly 2 in 3 (64%) are satisfied with the Council. It is worth noting however that satisfaction is significantly lower among Ongar residents (51%).
- The provision of affordable housing in Fingal remains a concern, with only slightly more than 1 in 3 (36%) residents satisfied with this service.

Quality of Life & Issues of Concern

- Ratings of Fingal as a place to live, visit and do business have slipped back somewhat since 2017, with most negative sentiments registered among Ongar and Rush/Lusk residents. Ratings of Fingal as a place to work have held relatively steady over time.
- Traffic congestion, followed by law and order remain the biggest local concerns among residents, while youth facilities, under resourced Gardai and antisocial behaviour have become more pressing issues over the past 2 years.

Communication

- Approximately half (49%) of all residents now feel that Fingal County Council keeps them informed about the services it provides, growing vs. 2017. However, half still feel that the Council does not keep them sufficiently up to date on its services.
- In relation to Fingal's Digital Strategy, 2 in 5 (41%) would like to see focus given to services, while 1 in 3 say that community & culture and economy should be focussed on.

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THANK YOU

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Following discussion, the presentation was NOTED.

OP/03/20

A statement was made by the Chief Executive in relation to the proposed St. Patrick's Day Parades and the Members were informed that all seven parades were cancelled. The Members were also advised that the launch of the Fingal Fleadh would be postponed.

OP/04/20

Councillor C. Boland - Presidential Selection Procedure - Follow up

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor C. Boland, was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy:

"That Standing Orders be amended setting out agreed procedures regulating the process to be applied by the Council in consideration of the question of nomination of a Presidential Candidate."

The proposed wording is as follows:

Presidential Elections

- Following the signing of a Presidential Election Order by the Minister, a Special Meeting of the Council may be held between four and fourteen days following the signing of the Order

- A person seeking the Council's nomination is required, in the first instance, to secure the sponsorship of four Elected Members of the Council before that applicant is allowed address the County Council

- Sponsored applicants may be allowed a period of up to fifteen minutes each to make a presentation to the Council

- Only those applicants who have addressed the Members will be eligible for nomination by the Council

- At the conclusion of the presentation(s) and any Questions and Answers, the Mayor may accept proposals for the nominations of candidates from the Members."

Following discussion, it was AGREED that the word "eligible" would be removed from the fourth bullet point to read –

- "Only those applicants who have addressed the Members can be nominated by the Council."

It was then proposed by Cllr. C. Boland, seconded by Cllr. E O'Brien and AGREED:

"That this Committee recommends that the Standing Orders be amended by the inclusion of the following –

Presidential Elections

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OP/05/20

Councillor P. Mulville - Circulation of SPC motions to Members

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor P. Mulville, was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys:

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to motion tabled at Organisation and Procedure meeting, Monday 9th September 2019, if the Chief Executive will confirm please, in relation to all Strategic Policy Committees, that written reports on SPC motions are circulated to SPC members at least 3 days in advance of the meeting and that agenda and minutes for all SPC meetings are published on the Council's website, as happens with Council monthly and area meetings?"

Following discussion, the report was NOTED.

OP/06/20

It was AGREED to take the motions submitted by Cllr. B Manton and T. Murphy together at this time.

Councillor B. Manton - Training for Members re. Development Plan

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor B. Manton, was proposed by Councillor B. Manton and seconded by Councillor F. Cooper:

"To ask the Chief Executive if there will be any training provided for new Members of the Council prior to the consideration of the Area Development Plan?"

Councillor T. Murphy - OPR Submission

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor T. Murphy, was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor E. OBrien:

"That the Chief Executive consider convening an information meeting for the Members with Planning staff of the Council in relation to the procedure for a variation of the County Development Plan".

Following discussion, both the motions PASSED.

OP/07/20

Councillor B. Manton - Prioritise motions on Agendas

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor B. Manton, was proposed by Councillor B. Manton and seconded by Councillor F. Cooper:

"That Fingal prioritise motions on the Agenda that are relevant to and within the gift of Fingal County Council."

Following discussion, the motion was PASSED.

OP/08/20

Councillor A. Tormey - Remove Item 13 from Standing Orders

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey, was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor A. Lavin:

“That within the Standing Orders, Item 13 be deleted and all pronouns within the Standing Orders be amended to “he or she”, “his or hers”, “him or her” etc where relevant.”

It was then proposed by Cllr. A. Tormey, seconded by Cllr. E O’Brien and **AGREED**:

“That this Committee recommends that the Standing Orders be amended by removing to “he or she”, “his or hers”, “him or her” etc. where relevant, and replacing with “they / their / them”.”

The meeting concluded at 5.00pm.

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Mayor **Date**

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

Calendar of Meeting Dates
Wednesday 1st July 2020 to Thursday 31st December 2020

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Wed 1st July		
Thurs 2nd July		
Fri 3rd July		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 6th July		
Tues 7th July		
Wed 8th July	Howth Malahide ACM (Services A) Howth Malahide ACM (Services B)	3.00pm B meeting to commence on conclusion of A meeting
Thurs 9th July	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A)	3.00pm – 6.00pm A meeting to commence on conclusion of B meeting
Fri 10th July		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 13th July	Council Meeting	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tues 14th July		
Wed 15th July		
Thurs 16th July	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A) Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B)	3.00pm - 6.00 pm B meeting to commence on conclusion of A meeting
Fri 17th July		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 20th July		
Tues 21st July		
Wed 22nd July		
Thurs 23rd July		
Fri 24th July		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 27th July		
Tues 28th July		
Wed 29th July		
Thurs 30th July		
Fri 31st July		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 3rd Aug	**Bank Holiday**	
Tues 4th Aug		
Wed 5th Aug		
Thurs 6th Aug		
Fri 7th Aug		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 10th Aug		
Tues 11th Aug		
Wed 12th Aug		
Thurs 13th Aug		
Fri 14th Aug		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 17th Aug		
Tues 18th Aug		
Wed 19th Aug		
Thurs 20th Aug		
Fri 21st Aug		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 24th Aug		
Tues 25th Aug		
Wed 26th Aug		
Thurs 27th Aug		
Fri 28th Aug		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 31st Aug		
Tues 1st **Sept**		
Wed 2nd Sept	Howth Malahide ACM (Services B) Howth Malahide ACM (Services A)	3.00pm – 6.00pm A meeting to commence on conclusion of B meeting
Thurs 3rd Sept	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B)	3.30pm - 6.00 pm
Fri 4th Sept		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 7th Sept		
Tues 8th Sept	Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 9th Sept	Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 10h Sept	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B)	3.00pm – 6.00pm B meeting to commence on conclusion of A meeting
Fri 11th Sept		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 14th Sept	Council Meeting	5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Tues 15th Sept	Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC	4.30pm - 6.30pm
Wed 16th Sept		
Thurs 17th Sept		
Fri 18th Sept		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 21st Sept		
Tues 22nd Sept	Housing SPC	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Wed 23rd Sept	Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 24th Sept	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A)	3.30pm - 6.00pm
Fri 25th Sept		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 28th Sept	Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity SPC	4.30pm -6.30pm
Tues 29th Sept		
Wed 30th Sept		
Thurs 1st Oct	Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B)	3.30pm - 6.00 pm
Fri 2nd Oct		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 5th Oct	Audit Committee	3.00 – 6.00 pm
Tues 6th Oct	Corporate Policy Group	6.00pm
Wed 7th Oct	Howth Malahide ACM (Services A) Howth Malahide ACM (Services B)	3.00pm – 6.00pm B meeting to commence on conclusion of A meeting
Thurs 8th Oct	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A)	3.00pm – 6.00pm. A meeting to commence on conclusion of B meeting.
Fri 9th Oct		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 12th Oct	Council Meeting	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tues 13th Oct		
Wed 14th Oct		
Thurs 15th Oct		
Fri 16th Oct		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 19th Oct		
Tues 20th Oct		
Wed 21st Oct		
Thurs 22nd Oct	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A)	3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Fri 23rd Oct		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 26th Oct	**Bank Holiday**	.
Tues 27th Oct		
Wed 28th Oct		
Thurs 29th Oct		
Fri 30th Oct		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 2nd Nov		
Tues 3rd Nov		
Wed 4th Nov	Howth Malahide ACM (Services B) Howth Malahide ACM (Services A)	3.00 pm – 6.00pm A meeting to commence on conclusion of B Meeting
Thurs 5th Nov	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B)	3.30pm - 6.00 pm
Fri 6th Nov		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 9th Nov	County Council	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tues 10th Nov	**Annual Budget Meeting**	2.00pm – 5.00pm
Wed 11th Nov		
Thurs 12th Nov	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B)	3.00pm – 6.00pm B meeting to commence on conclusion of A meeting
Fri 13th Nov		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 16th Nov		
Tues 17th Nov		
Wed 18th Nov		
Thurs 19th Nov		
Fri 20th Nov		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 23rd Nov	Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Tues 24th Nov		
Wed 25th Nov	Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 26th Nov	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A)	3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Fri 27th Nov		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 30th Nov	Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Tues 1st Dec	Housing SPC	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Wed 2nd Dec	Howth Malahide ACM (Services A) Howth Malahide ACM (Services B)	3.00pm – 6.00pm B meeting to commence on conclusion of A Meeting
Thurs 3rd Dec	Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B)	3.30pm - 6.00 pm
Fri 4th Dec		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 7th Dec	Corporate Policy Group	6.00pm
Tues 8th Dec	Audit Committee	3.00pm – 6.00pm
Wed 9th Dec	Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 10th Dec	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A)	3.00pm – 6.00pm A meeting to commence on conclusion of B meeting
Fri 11th Dec		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 14th Dec	Council Meeting	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tues 15th Dec	Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity SPC	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Wed 16th Dec		
Thurs 17th Dec	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A) **Change in schedule – due to be held on Thurs 24th Dec**	3.30pm - 6.00pm
Fri 18th Dec		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 21st Dec		
Tues 22nd Dec		
Wed 23rd Dec		
Thurs 24th Dec		
Fri 25th Dec	BANK HOLIDAY	

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 28th Dec		
Tues 29th Dec		
Wed 30th Dec		
Thurs 31st Dec		
Fri 1st Jan	BANK HOLIDAY	

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ITEM NO. 5

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE DUBLIN AND DÚN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION TRAINING BOARD

Following the resignation of Councillor Grainne Maguire from the board, nominations are now sought for the appointment of one Member to the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education Training Board.

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB was established on 1st July 2013 under the Education and Training Act 2013, as an amalgamation of Dublin and Dún Laoghaire VECs. Three SOLAS Training Centres transferred in January 2014. It has a corporate structure which is made up of an education and training board and a management (executive) team.

The administrative area covered by DDLETB reaches from Balbriggan in north Dublin, to Dún Laoghaire in south Dublin and Lucan in west Dublin.

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ITEM NO. 6A

REPORT OF ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2020 AT 4PM

1. Councillor C. Boland - Presidential Selection Procedure - Follow up

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor C. Boland, was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy:

"That Standing Orders be amended setting out agreed procedures regulating the process to be applied by the Council in consideration of the question of nomination of a Presidential Candidate."

The proposed wording is as follows:

Presidential Elections

- Following the signing of a Presidential Election Order by the Minister, a Special Meeting of the Council may be held between four and fourteen days following the signing of the Order
- A person seeking the Council's nomination is required, in the first instance, to secure the sponsorship of four Elected Members of the Council before that applicant is allowed address the County Council
- Sponsored applicants may be allowed a period of up to fifteen minutes each to make a presentation to the Council
- Only those applicants who have addressed the Members will be eligible for nomination by the Council

- At the conclusion of the presentation(s) and any Questions and Answers, the Mayor may accept proposals for the nominations of candidates from the Members."

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that the word "eligible" would be removed from the fourth bullet point to read –

- "Only those applicants who have addressed the Members can be nominated by the Council."

It was then proposed by Cllr. C. Boland, seconded by Cllr. E O'Brien and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the Standing Orders be amended by the inclusion of the following –

Presidential Elections

- Following the signing of a Presidential Election Order by the Minister, a Special Meeting of the Council may be held between four and fourteen days following the signing of the Order

- A person seeking the Council's nomination is required, in the first instance, to secure the sponsorship of four Elected Members of the Council before that applicant is allowed address the County Council

- Sponsored applicants may be allowed a period of up to fifteen minutes each to make a presentation to the Council

- Only those applicants who have addressed the Members can be nominated by the Council

- At the conclusion of the presentation(s) and any Questions and Answers, the Mayor may accept proposals for the nominations of candidates from the Members."

2. It was **AGREED** to take the motions submitted by Cllr. B Manton and T. Murphy together at this time.

Councillor B. Manton - Training for Members re. Development Plan

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor B. Manton, was proposed by Councillor B. Manton and seconded by Councillor F. Cooper:

"To ask the Chief Executive if there will be any training provided for new Members of the Council prior to the consideration of the Area Development Plan?"

Councillor T. Murphy - OPR Submission

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor T. Murphy, was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor E. OBrien:

"That the Chief Executive consider convening an information meeting for the Members with Planning staff of the Council in relation to the procedure for a variation of the County Development Plan".

Following discussion, both motions **PASSED.**

3. Councillor B. Manton - Prioritise motions on Agendas

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor B. Manton, was proposed by Councillor B. Manton and seconded by Councillor F. Cooper:

"That Fingal prioritise motions on the Agenda that are relevant to and within the gift of Fingal County Council."

Following discussion, the motion was **PASSED.**

4. Councillor A. Tormey - Remove Item 13 from Standing Orders

The following Motion, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey, was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor A. Lavin:

"That within the Standing Orders, Item 13 be deleted and all pronouns within the Standing Orders be amended to "he or she", "his or hers", "him or her" etc where relevant."

It was then proposed by Cllr. A.Tormey, seconded by Cllr. E O'Brien and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the Standing Orders be amended by removing to "he or she", "his or hers", "him or her" etc. where relevant, and replacing with "they / their / them"."

Signed: _____
Councillor E. O'Brien,
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 6B

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (SERVICES B) HELD WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS BUSINESS

Applications for Funding

The attached report, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**

An application for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme has been received from the organisation listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder:-

Name of Applicant Group	Eligible Funding Amount	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
	€1,784.00		Yes		€1,427.00

Sutton Bridge Club Sutton		Bridge Equipment		2018 - €486.40 2019 - €614.00	

Applications for Arts Funding

Applications for funding under the Council's Arts funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to these organisations, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder:-

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Portmarnock Arts Group Portmarnock	€4,150.00	Exhibition of the Groups Work	Yes	2018 - €2,000.00 2019 - €2,000.00	€2,000.00
	€7,000.00		Yes		€2,000.00

Malahide Camera Club Malahide		Annual exhibition		2018 - €2,000.00 2019 - €2,000.00	
St. Fintan's High School Sutton	€12,000.00	The Adams Family Musical Production	Yes	2017 - €1,500.00 2019 - €1,500.00	€1,500.00

All application material to be made available in the event of the funding being queried by an Elected Member.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor D. Healy, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **AGREED:**

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding in the foregoing report".

Signed: Councillor David Healy

Area Chairperson

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 6C

REPORT OF COMMITTEE BABRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE
(SERVICES B) 12TH MARCH 2020

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder:-

Name of Applicant Group	Eligible Funding	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Balbriggan Bridge Club	€839.00	Laptop & Wireless Bridgemate Scoring Equipment	Yes	2016 - €2,000.00	€839.00
The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival Swords	€830.00	International Women's Day	Yes	2019 - €558.40 2018 - €1,500.00	€664.00
	€2,847.00		Yes		€2,000.00

Rivervalley Community Club – Swords		Purchase of 60 Foldable Chairs		2019 - €1,949.60	
Fingal Rowing Club Balbriggan	€2,829.00	Purchase of Skiff Launching Trailer	No	N/A	€2,000.00

APPLICATION FOR ARTS FUNDING

An application for funding under the Council's Arts funding Scheme has been received from the organisation listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder:

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Fingal International Festival of Voices – Balbriggan	Total Cost of Project €110,886.00	First Annual International Festival of Voices	No		€10,000.00
Rush Musical Society	Total Cost of Project €52,299.00	Production of "Sweeney Todd"	Yes	2017 - €3,000.00 2018 - €3,000.00	€2,000.00

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy.

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the funding in the foregoing report."

Signed: Councillor Darragh Butler
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Governance and Oversight Meeting of the County Council
11th May 2020

A virtual meeting of Members was held on the Microsoft Teams Platform at 5.00 pm on Monday, 11th May, 2020. The meeting was for the purpose of governance and oversight and no decisions were taken.

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

1. Meetings of the County Council and Committees

A presentation was given by John Quinlivan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs and Governance and the following the documents were presented to the Members –

GUIDANCE ON CONDUCT OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL DURING THE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – COVID 19

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1. Introduction

a) This Guidance is to be applied to all Council and Committee Meetings. The Guidance will be kept under ongoing review and may change as required.

b) Meetings of the Council and its Committees must take place in a physical place and Members must be present to cast a vote.

c) The decision-making function of the Local Authority, whether in relation to Reserved Functions or any other decision, may only be exercised where the Council or Committee is sitting in a physical place and Members are present.

d) The scope of business that can be conducted by way of virtual meetings is therefore limited to matters where a decision is not to be taken.

e) The governance and oversight functions of the Council and Committees in relation to the performance and delivery of services by the executive are essential functions of the Members.

f) The requirement to implement Public Health Authorities guidance on workplace protection including physical distancing and "cocooning" is fundamental to any decision to convene meetings of the Council including Committee Meetings. Meetings will only be convened where:

i) A facility is available which enables physical distancing requirements to be implemented i.e. minimum 2 metres between people.
ii) Provides for Members who are advised to adhere to "cocooning" advice and therefore may not be in a position to attend.

2) Council & Committee Meetings

A) Decision Making Functions – Meetings in Person

a) For the exercise of the decision-making function it is necessary for the Council and Committees to convene in person and for any Members who wish to contribute to a debate or cast a vote to be present.

b) Where a meeting is convened in person, only those present may participate.

c) Meetings in person will only be considered where –

i) Essential statutory business requiring decision of the Council or Committee is for consideration.

ii) Agreement exists amongst Members on the number of Members required to attend in the context of the required Quorum, voting requirements, the political views and make-up of the Council /

Committee, pairing arrangements or such other arrangement as agreed by Members

iii) That Agreement has been reached to ensure that Members, who are following public health advice on "cocooning", are not disadvantaged or discounted when it comes to recognition of their vote

iv) Physical Distancing requirements can be met

v) Staff attendance will be kept to a minimum.

vi) The duration of Meetings is kept to a minimum.

vii) Questions and Motions should not be submitted.

d) In relation to decisions on planning matters, C (ii) & C (iii) do not apply.

e) Meetings may take place at the times allotted in the calendar to the relevant Council or Committee Meeting or such other date agreed with the Mayor or Chairperson

f) In the context of public health advice, non-attendance at Meetings will not count towards overall attendance where it is agreed that reduced numbers are required or Members are following that advice

g) It may be necessary for meetings to be held at locations other than Council buildings. These meetings will be open to the public and press. Webcasting of Meetings will be subject to public health advice and the ability to meet those requirements.

B) Governance & Oversight - Virtual Meetings

a) The governance and oversight role of the Council & Committees facilitate information sharing, briefings, the raising of questions and the provision of answers.

b) As no decisions are to be made, it is not necessary that Members convene in person for such matters to be discussed.

c) Meetings may therefore take place in a virtual setting

d) A programme will be devised and circulated for agreement with Members. Members will be asked for their input into the programme.

e) Members will be given the opportunity in advance to request issues for update and inclusion in the report. These issues will be addressed as part of presentations or during Q&A at the virtual meeting. Issues submitted will be listed by Councillor as part of the report.

f) Virtual Meetings are not formal meetings of the Council or Committee and no decisions of any kind can be made – Reserved Functions, Notice of Motions,

Motions from the floor may not be considered. The purpose is to facilitate governance, oversight, information exchange and the posing of questions.

g) Where decisions are necessary, formal meetings of the Council or Committee will be convened in a format agreed in line with "A) Decision-making Functions" above.

h) Meetings will take place at the times allotted in the calendar to the relevant Council or Committee Meeting and will be subject to the relevant time limits

i) Members are strongly encouraged to participate from home and are required to adhere to current public health advice.

j) Virtual Meetings will take place via Microsoft Teams and will be subject to the following–

i) An Invitation to Join the Meeting will issue to Members

ii) Members may only participate within the virtual setting

iii) Meetings will be chaired by the Mayor / Chair

iv) In so far as is practicable within the constraints of this guidance, the Standing Orders of the Council will apply. Interpretation will be as determined by the Mayor / Chair.

v) The format will be –
(a) Introduction by Mayor / Chair
(b) Headed Items - Presentation / Report
(c) Contributions including questions from Members
(d) Conclusion

vi) During Q&A sessions, statements / questions may relate only to the subject matter covered in the presentation. (Members may submit questions in relation to any subject, at any time, through the Members Reps System)

vii) Webcasting of Meetings will be subject to public health advice and the ability to meet those requirements.

3) Interpretation of Guidance & Application of Standing Orders

In line with Standing Orders, the Mayor / Chair's decision in all matters in relation to interpretation of this guidance or the application of Standing Orders within this guidance is final.

4) Other

a) The Mayor and the Chief Executive will continue to provide a weekly update to Council during COVID 19

b) A monthly Chief Executive's Report will be circulated to Council to align with the Calendar of Council meetings.

An Roinn Tithíochta,
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil
Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government

20 April 2020

Councillor Michael Cahill
President
Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)
Maynooth

Dear Mr President

I refer to the important matter of the holding of Council meetings during this COVID-19 national emergency and the COVID response measures announced by An Taoiseach on 27th March and extended on Friday 10th April to Tuesday 5rd May.

Council meetings are an integral and critical part of local democracy through which elected councils carry out statutory reserved functions and provide policy direction and oversight to local authorities. Arrangements for Council meetings are a matter for elected members who must, in accordance with the relevant legislation, ensure the effective discharge of Council business, including meeting statutory obligations.

In making such arrangements, Councils should take account of the public health measures introduced by Government, on the advice of the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHET), to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Councils should also have regard to the attached Health Act 1947 (Section 31A - Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) Regulations 2020, as amended (S.I. 121 of 2020) ("the 2020 Regulations").

The purpose of these measures is to protect the health of elected members and local authority employees required to support council meetings, as well as members of the public and/or media who may attend such meetings. Links to the latest public health information and advice are at Annex 1 below.

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Given the current public health advice and the 2020 Regulations, appropriate steps will have to be taken by Councils to ensure compliance and some matters for consideration by Councils in holding meetings in this unprecedented period are presented at annex 2.

It is noted that casual vacancies have arisen in Councils following the recent elections to Seanad Éireann. In such instances, the co-option of new members is governed by the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended). Section 19(4)(a) of the 2001 Act provides that co-options shall be made, after due notice, "*at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit*".

In relation to "Incorporeal Council Meetings" by way of online platforms, the Department is of the view that the provisions of the 2001 Act require meetings convened for a statutory purpose under that Act to be convened in a physical place, *in so far as practicable*, the principal Council offices. To convene such meetings, at which resolutions are determined or votes taken for example, in a virtual space or on an online platform would give rise to legal uncertainty regarding any decisions taken by the Council at such meetings. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that formal decisions, which are required under statute to be made by a Council at a meeting properly constituted under the Act, are not taken by Councils meeting incorporeally on online platforms.

It is the case that online platforms and other technologies are being used widely across the public service and proving invaluable in maintaining operations and essential services across the State. Indeed, this approach is being used very effectively by local authorities across their areas of activity. While recognising that there may be constraints on resources and capacities available at this time, the use of technological solutions is encouraged by local authorities to ensure that elected members can carry out their duties and functions. To the greatest extent possible, elected members

should be supported to enable them to engage in Council business through the use of technology.

If Councils have any specific concerns or matters arising in relation to Council governance at this time, please contact the Local Government Governance and Elected Members Section (Email: diarmuid.o'leary@housing.gov.ie; gary.mcguinn@housing.gov.ie or jeanette.young@housing.gov.ie).

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment shown by local authorities in continuing to provide essential local services during this time of national crisis.

Yours sincerely



Barry Quinlan
Assistant Secretary
Local Government Division

C.C. Mr Michael Walsh, Chairman, County and City Management Association (CCMA)

Annex 1:

The latest public health measures, introduced by the Government on the recommendation of the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHET), advising people to stay in their homes can be found here:
https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/cf9b0d-new-public-health-measures-effective-now-to-prevent-further-spread-o/

Health Service Executive (HSE) guidelines on protecting yourself and others from COVID-19, including social distancing, are here:-
https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protect-yourself.html

Important guidance on "cocooning" to protect people over 70 years and those extremely medically vulnerable from COVID-19 is available here:
https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/cocooning.html
https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/at-risk-groups.html
https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/923825-guidance-on-cocooning-to-protect-people-over-70-years-and-those-extr/

Annex 2:

Options for consideration in the holding of Council meetings at this time

1. Reduced member sittings of Councils could be considered, by agreement, provided there is the required minimum quorum present (25% of total members plus 1), in accordance with Paragraph 11 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended). In this regard, the Department is aware of instances where Councils agreed that only a quorum of elected members would participate in the Council meeting and this allowed for social distancing requirements to be observed in the Chamber.

2. Paragraph 2 of Schedule 10 of the LG Act 2001[1], places an obligation on local authorities to make arrangements for accommodation for the holding of meetings and *"in so far as practicable"* the place for the holding of meetings should be the principal Council offices. Where it might facilitate social distancing requirements, Councils could however decide to designate other more suitable places for the holding of meetings.

3. Councils could proactively consider assigning appropriate statutory decisions to municipal district level, in accordance with Section 21 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, for example, where it may be more feasible to conduct meetings of municipal district members in a manner which respects social distancing requirements. In this regard, local authorities may look to Schedule 14A of the 2001 Act, as inserted by the Local Government Act 2014 Act, which lists the division of statutory functions between plenary and municipal level. In particular, Part 2 of Schedule 14A lists those statutory functions that may be carried out at either plenary or municipal level. Councils may wish to consider assigning such statutory functions to municipal level in cases where this has not already been done.

[1] Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 "Meetings and Proceedings of Local Authorities"



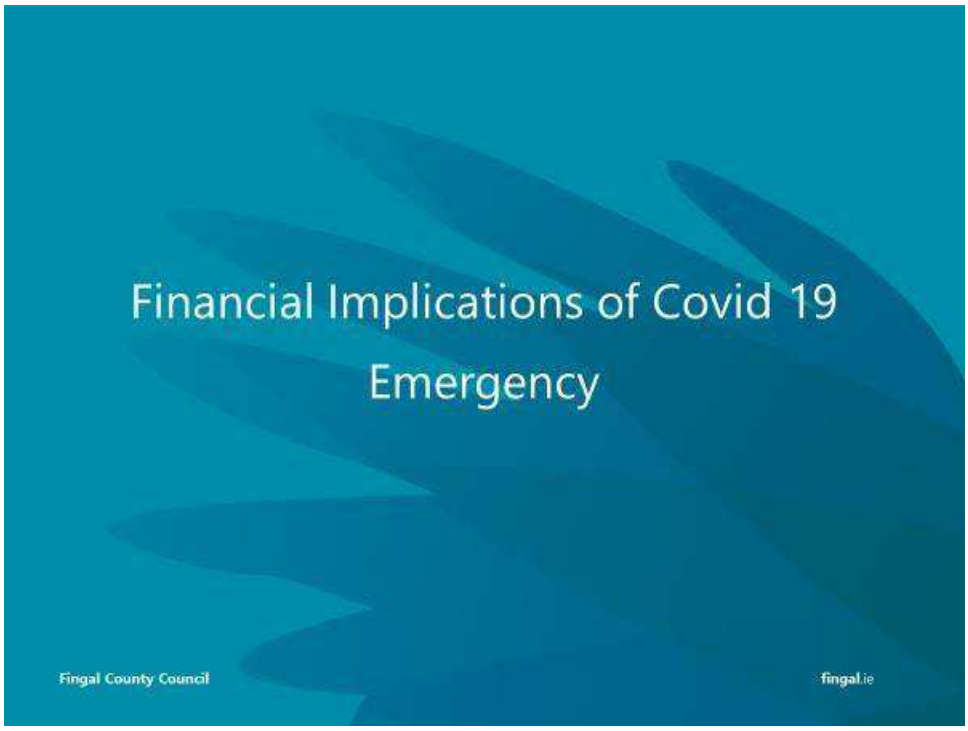
It is recognised that, if a Council wished to explore options 2 and 3 above, consideration should be given to whether resolutions to amend existing standing orders may be required and, if so, how this could be achieved in a manner which complies with public health advice and the 2020 Regulations.

4. Councils may also wish to consult guidance provided by the World Health Organisation (WHO) - and in particular the advice linked herewith on getting the workplace ready for COVID-19, including on how to manage risk when organising meetings: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/getting-workplace-ready-for-covid-19.pdf

Following discussion, the presentation was noted.

2. Finances of the Council

Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, updated the Members in relation to the financial situation of the Council. The following presentation was given:



Rates

- The world is in an unprecedented health crisis which is precipitating a financial crisis with significant impact on ratepayers in Fingal.
- A high level analysis suggests that a significant value of FCC rates income could be affected by the crisis outside the scale of what FCC can do from its own resources.
- **Rates waiver scheme**
  €260m of funding to be put in place – details on the administration of this scheme are awaited from DHPLG.
- Continue to engage with ratepayers having difficulty making rates payments.

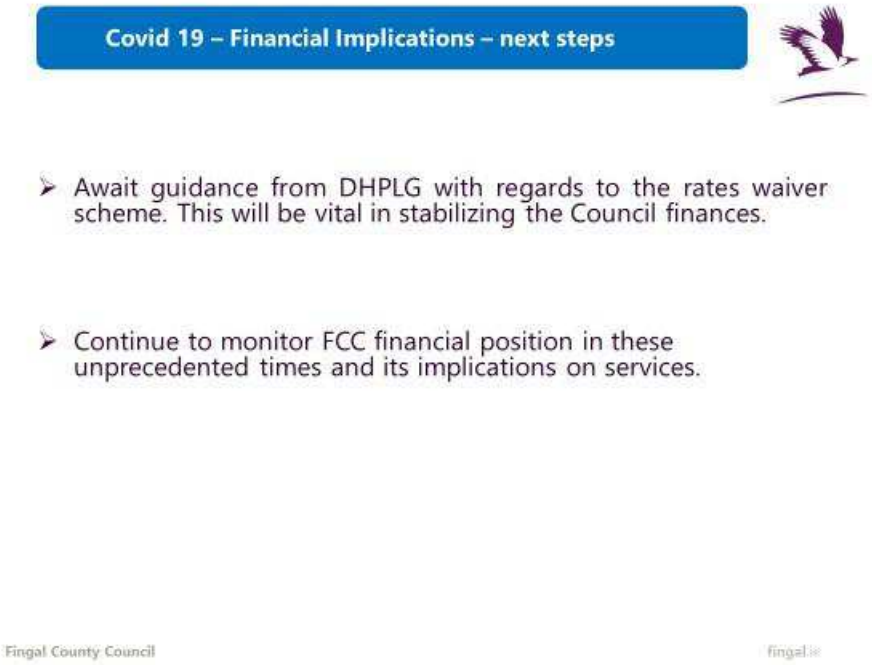
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Covid 19 – Financial Implications

- All departments have carried out a high level review of their income and expenditure in light of the Covid 19 emergency.
- Reduced income due to Covid 19 estimated at €2.1m
  - Concert Income €400k
  - Parking €320k
  - Planning €200k
  - Rent €500k

Covid 19 – Financial Implications

- Additional expenditure due to Covid 19 is estimated at €2.1m.
  - These additional costs have been driven primarily by increased IT spending, facilitating social distancing, cleaning etc.
- Currently the main area of decreased spending in 2020 is within events funding.
- We continue to review capital expenditure plans for 2020.
  - Includes engagement with external funders of projects (NTA, TII, DHPLG etc.)
  - Continue to focus on the development of projects through detail design, pre-planning etc.



Following discussion, the presentation was noted.

3. Re-starting the Economy of Fingal

The following presentation was given by Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services, Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development:

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Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development

Re-Starting the Economy
Council Briefing May 2020

Contents

- Pre-Covid environment
- How we pivoted and modified our LEO service delivery model
- Being reactive to business needs –
  - Supporting our tourism & hospitality sector
  - Food tourism and agri food sector
  - Social enterprise
- Economic recovery plan

Helping your business respond to COVID-19 | Local Enterprise Office

Coronavirus COVID-19 National Programme

LEO Fingal response to COVID-19

- Loan repayments freeze
- Mentoring fees waived for 100% of applicants, and moved online
- Business Expansion Grants – 0% repayability applied from January 2020
- All training re-assessed, new programmes created, all moved online
- Online Networking platforms developed
- New programmes created: Business Continuity Voucher
- Substantial move to assist businesses to sell online (Trading Online Voucher)
- All core clients contacted and surveyed (ref report received this morning 07.05.20)

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Pre-Covid

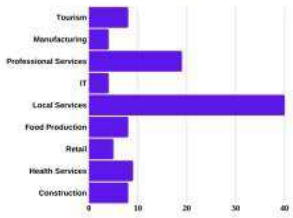
- Well engaged business community
- Established tourism & heritage provenance
- Excellent stakeholder engagement – Chamber of Commerce/IDA/EI etc
- Quality business environment in the County
- Significant infrastructural investment delivered and planned

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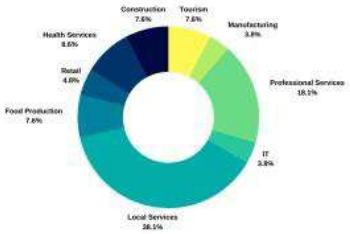
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Business Continuity Voucher Sector Breakdown

No of Applications by Sector



Sector Percentage Breakdown

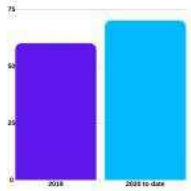


Trading Online Vouchers

- 3 national TOV sessions held with 1,800 participants
- 150 Applications since COVID-19 Emergency started



TOV Approvals 2019 vs 2020



Online Programme Offerings

- 2 **five-day** programmes introduced
- Leading Your Business Through COVID-19
- Cash Management in a Crisis

- Range of Half-day Programmes on various topics including:
- Business Continuity Programme
- Lean Workplace Organisation
- Human Resource Management for Remote Workers
- Don't lose touch with your customers

Tourism in Fingal



Tourism & Hospitality Working Group established

- Members from Fingal Chamber and representatives from businesses
- Templates being developed for content and itineraries
- Promoting and supporting Fingal tourism businesses through digital /social strategies
- Facilitating co-operative marketing initiatives like cluster and cross sell experiences for local businesses
- Looking at new ways of enabling doing business

Tourism general supports

- Collaborating with tourism groups to develop marketing propositions
- Assisting with the content management of local tourism websites
- 5 Tourist Information Offices - distribute marketing collateral, maps, brochures
- Engaging with Fáilte Ireland & Tourism Ireland
- Fáilte Ireland - dedicated support hub for tourism businesses



Food - Fingal Agri Food Strategy:
To create a Fingal food and drink tourism destination

- Fingal Food Story
- Fingal Food Directory
- Marketing collateral including social media platforms, website, maps, banners stands, signage (dcals etc)
- Establish a Fingal Food Tourism Network (with supports from Fáilte Ireland)
  - Collaborating with businesses and food producers
  - Identifying the saleable components of the Fingal visitor experience
  - Sharing the promotion of these



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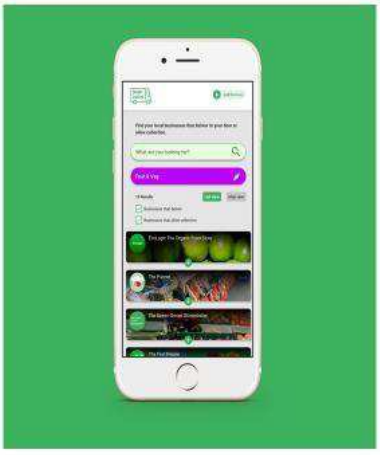
Responsive - Post Covid-19 events

- On-line social media events over Easter, May and June bank holiday weekends
- Facebook- average reach of 24,000
- Twitter – average views 11,000
- Our 3rd On-line social media event will take place over the June B/H
- 90,000 colouring books delivered in Fingal
- Events unit are part of the corporate wellbeing group
- Planning in place for a 'Festival of Flame' over Halloween – 8-10 events
- Events & festivals funding 2021 – launch October , re-engage, support and advise groups
- Planning for Christmas markets
- Planning for calendar of events 2021



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Responsive - Social Enterprise



Case study:
Approached by online content developer to establish a shop local website that offered collection and/or delivery service.

Team mobilised to offer mentoring hours from LEO, advise on company structure and promotion of the platform across all Fingal social media channels.

Time from contact to go live:- two weeks

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Economic Recovery Plan



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Corporate Plan 2019 - 2024

Corporate Focus on:

- Quality of Life
- Quality & Climate Resilient Environment
- Quality Business Environment

Economic Recovery Plan

1. Pre-recovery Stage – where we are now!

- Data-gathering & learning
- Capacity building
- Local Co-ordination & Leadership
- Building on stakeholder relationships established through Community Call Forum
- Establishment of Cross-Department Economic Recovery Taskforce
- Developing a 'Fingal In It Together' Charter
- Series of videos being developed to reposition Fingal as the driver of the national recovery

Economic Recovery Plan

2. Recovery Stage

- Marketing to attract investment
- Telling the story of economic recovery
- Economic stimulus initiatives
  - Shop front design schemes
  - Small grants schemes
  - Using our public spaces differently
- Commitment to investment in strategic infrastructure
- Local Co-ordination & Leadership
- Health & Wellbeing
  - Healthy Ireland Community Mental Health Small Grants Scheme
  - Community Call wellbeing programme



Following discussion, the presentation was noted.

4. Housing - the impact of the CoVid19 Crisis on the Housing Programme

The following presentations were given by Margaret Geraghty, Director of Services, Housing and Community in relation to the impact of CoVid19 Crisis on the Housing Programme:



Covid-19
Housing Critical Services

Homeless Services
Traveller Accommodation
HAP
Leasing (emergency basis)
Allocations (emergency basis)
Maintenance & ASB (emergency basis)

Covid-19
Differential Rents Scheme

- Loss of income for tenants
- Standing Orders cancelled
- Cash Office closed to the public - phone contact only
- Household Budget paid Fortnightly
- Interpretation of "Rent Freeze"

Covid 19
Fingal Mortgage Holders

-Borrowers loss of income
-On Covid-19 Payment
-Must pay Mortgage Protection Insurance -
91 Agreements to Pay in place to date

Covid-19 Contact with Customers

-Tenants contacted by phone/email

-Borrowers facilitated via phone/email

-989 tenants >70yrs contacted by phone -

259 tenants >70yrs live alone

Covid-19 Delivery is Continuing

- New Build delivery is strong Q1 & Q2Essential
- Essential Projects – 6 designated
- Turnkey opportunities presenting
- Leasing properties becoming available
- Priority acquisitions identified for future viewing

Covid-19 Essential Projects (91 units)

- Swords FCC construction
- Hansfield, Dublin 15 AHB Turnkey - Ballymun Cross AHB Turnkey - Balbriggan AHB Turnkey
- Kinsealy x2 AHB Turnkey (works not required)

Projects to be delivered by 29th May

Construction Pipeline

- Projects being brought to tender stage
- Ready to stimulate economic recovery
- Projects being prepared for Part 8
- Design work on larger land banks continues

Projects at Part 8

- Leonard's Garage, Lusk
- Church Road, Lusk
- Clonsilla Road Infill site

Schemes to go to ACM over next 2 months

Projects at Detail Design/Tender Stage

- Church Fields 70 units
- Cappagh 69 units
- Wellview Infill 20 units
- Outlands 11 units
- Tuckett's Lane 8 units

Church Fields Land Bank

- Phase 1 - 498 Houses & Apartments
- 60% Affordable Purchase/Rental & 40% Social
- SSF €11m
- Road Infrastructure Part 8 June Council Meeting
- Design of Green Infrastructure being tendered
- Housing Planning Application at design stage

Dun Emer Affordable Scheme

- 39 Affordable Purchase
- 12 Social
- Tenders being Evaluated
- Applications Open on Award of Contract
- Online Application Process

Hackettstown Lands

- LDA/Housing Agency owned lands
- SSF €2.2m – Road Upgrade/Bridge Construction
- LDA Lodging Planning for Junction Upgrades
- Housing Design Underway – 346 units approx
- 28% Social
- 72% Affordable Rental/Purchase

Delivery

2019

	Target	Delivered
New Build	419	514
Leasing	170	85
Acquisitions	121	170
TOTAL	**710**	**769**
HAP & RAS	1474	1188
Overall Totals	**2184**	**1957**

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Delivery

2015-2019

	Target	Delivered
2015-2017	1,376	2,241
2018	1,832	1,953
2019	2,184	1,956
TOTAL	**5,392**	**6,150**
		(+14%)

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Housing Department
Tenancy Services Division

COVID 19 Update

11th May 2020

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Business as Usual

- Housing Support / Lettings - Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
  01 890 5902
- Homeless Services - homeless@fingal.ie
  01 890 5090
- Housing Assistance Payment - HAP@fingal.ie
  01 870 4515
- Housing Welfare / Housing
- Estate Management / Maintenance – estatemanagement@fingal.ie
  01 890 5588
- Traveller Accommodation / supports – estatemanagement@fingal.ie
  01 890 5588
- Anti Social Behaviour Unit - estatemanagement@fingal.ie
  01 890 5588
- Inspectorate – estatemanagement@fingal.ie
  01 890 5588

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Information Videos

The Housing Department have launched a suite of videos on various social media platforms to deliver information to our citizens on how they can access housing support services during the Covid 19 outbreak.

- https://www.facebook.com/pg/fingalcoco/videos/
- https://twitter.com/fingalcoco
- https://www.instagram.com/fingalcountycouncil/

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Housing Support

- Offers of accommodation continuing as normal

Month	Offers of Housing Support 2020
January	117
February	103
March	137
April	114
TOTAL	471

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Housing Support

Allocations scheme for social housing support under review for presentation to SPC during 2020

Social Housing Support with Fingal County Council Video
https://twitter.com/fingalcoco/status/1235592369132556288?s=21

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Homeless Service / HAP

- Working with DRHE and other Service Providers to provide accommodation during COVID-19
- 187 exits from homeless circumstances for families during 2020 (incl. 125 Homeless HAP)
- 34 exits during April (Additional Supports with NOVAS)
- 110 Standard HAP tenancies in place 2020

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Estate Management/Housing Maintenance

- All maintenance calls being logged and actioned on a priority basis
- Clerk of Works inspections and contractor works undertaken in line with public health guidelines
- Grass cutting programme for vulnerable tenants to commence as normal during May
- Re-let works continuing on casual voids

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Traveller Specific Accommodation

Circular and Guidelines issued by DHPLG regarding COVID-19 emergency measures

- Regular Site Inspections including Out of Hours/Weekends
- COVID– 19 Traveller Action Log managed daily with regular updates to the DHPLG
- Updates provided to the LTACC, Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group, Pavee Point, Exchange House, the Balbriggan Travellers Project
- Site Clean-ups ongoing with significant volumes of rubbish being removed

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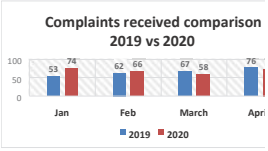
Traveller Specific Accommodation

- Additional Toilet facilities provided as required
- Caravans procured for self-isolation where required, validated and feasible.
- Offers of off-site accommodation; Permanent and Temporary.
- Vulnerable residents supported by Social Workers/Community Response Service
- COVID-19 Information Boards & Social Distancing Signage erected

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Anti Social Behaviour

- Anti-Social Behaviour Unit operating as normal with rota of In Office and Remote staff
- Inter-agency collaboration and external stakeholder engagement remains an essential component
- Effective stock management is being maintained
- 77 cases under Active Investigation, 69 cases under Active Monitoring and 40 cases Closed



April 2020	
Tenancy Alerts issued	16
Formal Tenancy Warnings issued	2
Interviews conducted	53

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Inspectorate & Tenancy Welfare

- Housing Inspectors working in line with public health guidelines
- 153 Estate Inspections in April 2020
- 555 Traveller specific site inspections in April 2020
- Pictured: delivery of activity packs to Traveller Specific Sites and Group Housing Schemes by Inspectorate



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Inspectorate & Tenancy Welfare

- In response to **Covid-19,** Housing Social Workers are actively engaged with most vulnerable cases at this time providing support, information and inter-agency linkages when and where required.
- Identification of Tenants by the Social Workers and Housing Inspectors who may be considered vulnerable and linking with support mechanisms including the Fingal Community Response Forum.
- 24 cases being provided with supports by the Tenancy Sustainment Service, on an ongoing basis.

Site Clean Ups





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Social Distancing Signs & Notice Boards





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Following discussion, the presentations were noted.

The Teams meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

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Governance and Oversight Meeting of the Members of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee 14th May 2020

A virtual meeting of the Members of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee was held on the Microsoft Teams Platform at 3.00pm on Thursday 14th May, 2020. The meeting was held for the purpose of governance and oversight and no decisions were taken.

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

1. COVID 19 - Business Continuity



Pandemic Planning – Initial Stages

Identification of Critical Services

- Litter and Cleansing Services
- Management of Burial Grounds
- Responding to identified emergencies
- Provision and maintenance of public lighting
- Provisions and maintenance of traffic signals
- Provisions and maintenance of public open space
- Road opening licences and management of wayleaves

Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

Pandemic Planning
Staff Management

- Physical Distancing in offices and depots
- Flexible working hours for staff where possible
- Regular and ongoing sanitisation of all Council vehicles and depots
- Remote working where possible
- Roll out of laptops to critical staff
- Signage and hand sanitisers in depots and offices

Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Closure of all playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment, MUGAs etc
- Car parks in regional parks and beaches closed from the 28th March 2020
- Emergency cover provided during working day for designated non-critical services
- Additional fleet vehicles hired to ensure safety of staff.



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Physical distancing signage in parks, open spaces and public footpaths
- Additional rangers service in key parks and open spaces at request from Gardai
- Rangers acting as a visible presence reminding members of the public on the need to maintain physical distancing
- Grass cutting in regional parks, open spaces continues.



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

Operational Area	Complaints Received Since 1st of March 2020
Balbriggan, Rush, Lusk, Swords	849
Castleknock, Mulhuddart	656
Howth, Malahide	415



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Increase in littering observed generally
- Increased levels in dog fouling observed.
- Small number of blackspot areas with increased dumping.
- Messaging being pushed out by Communications to increase public awareness and to report littering



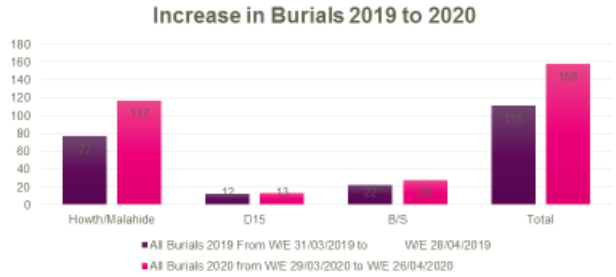


Operations Department - Covid 19 Response



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Management of burial grounds
- Significant increase in burials across the County



Following discussion the presentation was noted.

2. Works Programme 2020

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Operations Department

Programme of Works 2020

Mick Carroll 14th May 2020

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Operations Department – Restoration Improvement

Item	Road Reconstruction	Status
	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	
1	River Valley, Swords	Contract Awarded
2	Seatown Villas, Swords	Contract Awarded
3	Hayestown, Rush	Survey Required
4	Forest Road, Swords	Survey Required
5	Old Coach Road, Balrothery	Partially Completed
6	Featherbed Lane and Balduggan Junction, Loughshinny	Contract Awarded
7	South Shore Road, Rush	Survey Required
8	Turvey Avenue, Donabate	Contract Awarded
9	Turnapin Lane, Santry	Contract Awarded
10	Seatown Ind Est, Swords	Contract Awarded
11	Quay Street, Rush	Contract Awarded

Operations Department – Restoration Maintenance

Item	Location	Status
	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	
	Surface Dressing & Macadam Overlay	
1	Rapoli Road, Oldtown	Contract Awarded
2	Killougher, Naul	Contract Awarded
3	Forte de Fyne, Naul	Contract Awarded
4	Batter Lane, Swords	Contract Awarded
5	Commons Upper Doles Rd, Garristown	Contract Awarded
6	Hollywood Great/Streamstown Rd, Garristown	Contract Awarded
7	Knightstown Hollywood, Naul	Contract Awarded
8	Raheny Lane, Lusk	Contract Awarded
9	Wyestown, Oldtown	Contract Awarded

Operations Department

Operations Department – Restoration Maintenance Contd.

Item	Location	Status
	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	
	Surface Dressing	
10	Stephentown/White Hart Rd, Balbriggan	Direct Labour
11	Hynestown, Naul	Direct Labour
12	Balleally Lane, Lusk	Direct Labour
13	Corrstown Lane, St Margarets	Direct Labour
14	Brazil Lane/Killeek, St Margarets	Direct Labour
15	Clonard/Bridgefoot, Balbriggan	Direct Labour
16	Dollards Skidoo, Swords	Direct Labour

Operations Department – Special Works Drainage

Item	Location	Status
	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	
1	O' Briens Lane, Oldtown	Contract Awarded
2	Tougher Hill, Skerries	Contract Awarded
3	Drishoge, Oldtown	Contract Awarded
4	Minister Road, Lusk	Contract Awarded

Operations Department – Special Works, Traffic Management

Item	Location	Status
	Pedestrian Crossing	
1	Lusk – R127 Race Course Green, Lusk	Tendered
2	Fancourt Road, Balbriggan	Tendered
3	Balbriggan Road, Skerries	Tendered
4	Murragh Road, Swords	Tendered
	Solar Powered Driver Activated VAS	
1	Garristown	Tendered
2	Fieldstown Junction, Lispopple	Tendered
3	Man O War	Tendered
4	Old Road, Rush	Tendered
5	Portrane Road	Tendered

Operations Department – Special Works, Traffic Management

Item	Location	Status
	Traffic Management	
1	The Hand, Donabate	Public Consultation Commenced
2	Brackenstown Road, Swords	Public Consultation Commenced
3	Rush, St Catherine's National School, Rush	Public Consultation Commenced
4	Carr's Mill, Donabate	Public Consultation Commenced

Operations Department – Parks and Open Spaces

Item	Location	Description	Status
	Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk		
1	Kenure Woods, Rush	Upgrade paths for Junior Park Run	Tendered
		Restoration of Capping and stonework on Bridge	Site meeting Required
2	Echlin Court	Installation of Resin surfacing at base of trees on square and traffic island in the car park	Tendered
3	Main Street, Lusk	Landscaping of Square Planting	Tendered
4	Hoar Rock entrance	Landscape Scheme	Tendered
5	Glebe Park, Balrothery	Seating	Tendered
6	Village Centre, Ballyboughal	Removal of tree stumps, reinstatements & Planting of hedgerow	Commenced
7	Bun a Cnoic Estate, Naul	Hedge, planters & seating	Tendered
8	Village Centre, Garristown	Planters	Commenced
9	Village Centre, Balscadden	Planters	Commenced
10	Flemmington Community Centre, Balbriggan	Landscaping along the entrance at front boundary	Tendered

Operations Department – Parks and Open Spaces

Item	Location	Description	Status
	Swords		
1	Footpath, Aston Broc	Footpath across the open space	Detailed design underway
2	Swords Town Park	Planters at Entrance, Benches at various locations	Tendered
3	Sli Na Slainte, Donabate	Development of route & signage	Commenced
4	River Valley Park	Benches	Tendered
5	Tower Bay, Portrane	Construction of stone pillars at entrance to carpark	Detailed design underway
6	Royal Oak, Santry	Footpath network	Detailed design underway
7	Rivermeade	Outdoor Exercise Equipment	Tendered

Operations Department – Public Lighting

Item	Location	Description	Status
	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords		
1	Commons West, The Green, Watery Lane, Swords	Install new lighting	
2	Flemington Lane at Flemington Park, Balbriggan	Install new lighting	
3	Pine Ridge , Balbriggan	Install new lighting	
4	Togher Hill, Skerries	Install new lighting	
5	Millers Lane, Skerries	Install new lighting/upgrade lighting	
6	Palmer Road to Kenure Park, Rush	Install new lighting	
7	R130 Coolquay at Kilcoscan School, Swords	Infill lighting on existing poles	

Following discussion the presentation was noted.

3. Roads / Footpaths Social Distancing

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Walk Bike Fingal!

Plan for Social Distancing in the Public Realm (Covid-19 Temporary Measures)

Paul Graham, Senior Executive Engineer
Traffic Section, Operations Department

Swords-Balbriggan ACM 14th May 2020

Fingal County Council during Covid-19 Restrictions

- Fingal seeks to encourage physical activity at a safe social distance and thereby improving the physical and mental health of its citizens during this time of restricted movements.







Background to 'Walk Bike Fingal!' the Plan

- FCC acknowledged the changing needs of its communities & Engineers carried out a needs assessment at sites across the whole Fingal county
- Solution: to temporarily repurpose roads, streets and public realm spaces to facilitate social distancing
- Aim: to provide residents with safe space to walk, run, exercise and travel by bike and adhere to the 2m rule.
- Temporary Measures: are being introduced by Fingal in consultation with Local Gardai.



Background – Why was This Required

- During Covid-19 restrictions - Vehicular traffic decreased and pedestrians & cyclists increased
- Some people walking and exercising on busy and sometimes crowded footpaths are moving out into the road to preserve the required 2m social distance.
- Others, especially if walking with children are staying on the footpath but passing others at less than the 2m required distance and thereby risking infection rather than risking injury from vehicular traffic.
- All of these raise new road safety issues not experienced before to this extent.



Plan Approved by Corporate Policy Group



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'Walk Bike Fingal!'

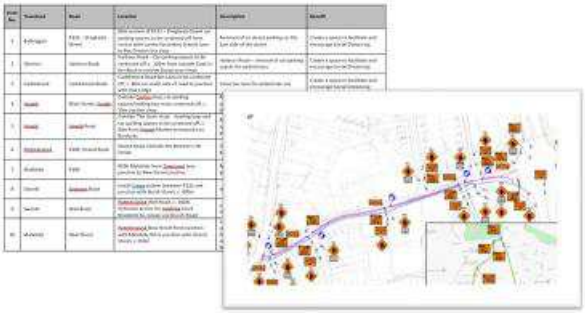
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Swords - Balbriggan Initial Locations

Details & Maps

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Dept. Name

2. Skerries

Harbour Road, Skerries - Removal of car parking spaces for pedestrian use

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Car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 100m from outside Goat in the Boat to outside Stoop your Head.

3. Swords - Seatown Road

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Seatown Road, Swords - Make one way system between R132 and North Street





Make one way system between R132 and North Street, c. 400m to create a space to facilitate and encourage social distancing.

4. Swords - Well Road

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Well Road, Swords - Pedestrianise Well Road to facilitate and encourage social distancing





Pedestrianise Well Road, c. 100m to facilitate and encourage social distancing. Vehicular access for Cooldriona Court residents to remain via Church Road.



Following discussion the presentation was noted.

4. Housing Delivery Update



Covid-19
Delivery is Continuing

- New Build delivery is strong Q1 & Q2Essential
- Essential Projects – 6 designated
- Turnkey opportunities presenting
- Leasing properties becoming available
- Priority acquisitions identified for future viewing

Covid-19
Essential Projects (63 units)

- Swords	FCC construction
- Ballymun Cross	AHB Turnkey
- Balbriggan	AHB Turnkey
- Kinsealy x2	AHB Turnkey (works not required)

Projects to be delivered by 29th May

Construction Pipeline

- Projects being brought to tender stage
- Ready to stimulate economic recovery
- Projects being prepared for Part 8
- Design work on larger land banks continues

Projects at Design Stage

Schemes to go to ACM in next 2 months

- Leonard's Garage, Lusk
- Church Road, Lusk
- Hayestown, Rush

Dun Emer Affordable Scheme

- 39 Affordable Purchase
- 12 Social
- Tenders being Evaluated
- Applications Open on Award of Contract
- Online Application Process

Affordable Scheme (Pilot)

- Living in Fingal >12months
- Working/Attending Education
- Charging Order (instead of claw-back)
- First time buyer
- Income criteria similar to RIHL

Hackettstown Lands

- LDA/Housing Agency owned lands
- SSF €2.2m – Road Upgrade/Bridge Construction
- LDA Lodging Planning for Junction Upgrades
- Housing Design Underway – 346 units approx
- 28% Social
- 72% Affordable Rental/Purchase

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Housing Department
Tenancy Services Division

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Housing Support

- 480 offers of accommodation to date in 2020
- Schemes Ongoing
  - Rowlestown Phase 2) Taylors Hill, Pappins Grove, Northwood Avenue Wrens Hill, Semple Woods,
- Schemes due for Delivery/ Offers under Prep
  - Holymount (Rathbeale Rd)

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Estate Management/Housing Maintenance

- All maintenance calls being logged and actioned on a priority basis in line with Public health Guidance
- Re-let works continuing on casual voids to allow for offers of accommodation
- Grass cutting programme for vulnerable tenants to commence as normal during May
- Laneway surveys will resume in respect of requests for closures/gates eg Ministers Park, Pinewood

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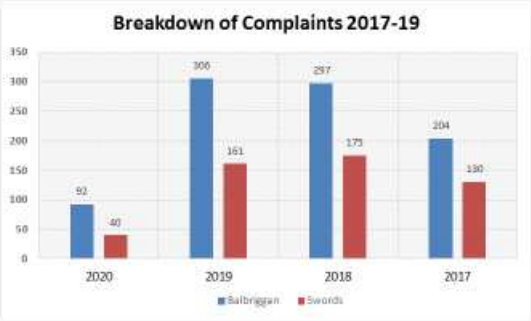
Traveller Specific Accommodation

- Gardiners Hill/Ardla Cottages/Matt Lane/Bog of the Ring/Ennis Lane/Lissenhall Green/Hazelwood Cottages
- Regular Site Inspections including Out of Hours/Weekends
- COVID– 19 Traveller Action Log managed daily with regular updates to the DHPLG
- Site Clean-ups /Bulk Waste Removal/ /additional toilet facilities/Social Distancing Signage
- Accommodation Supports being offered eg Permanent,Temporary,Isolation facilities

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ASB Unit, Inspectorate & Tenancy Welfare

- Anti-Social Behaviour Unit operating as normal with active responses to complaints of bad behaviour



- In response to **Covid-19,** Housing Social Workers and Inspectors are actively engaged with most vulnerable cases at this time

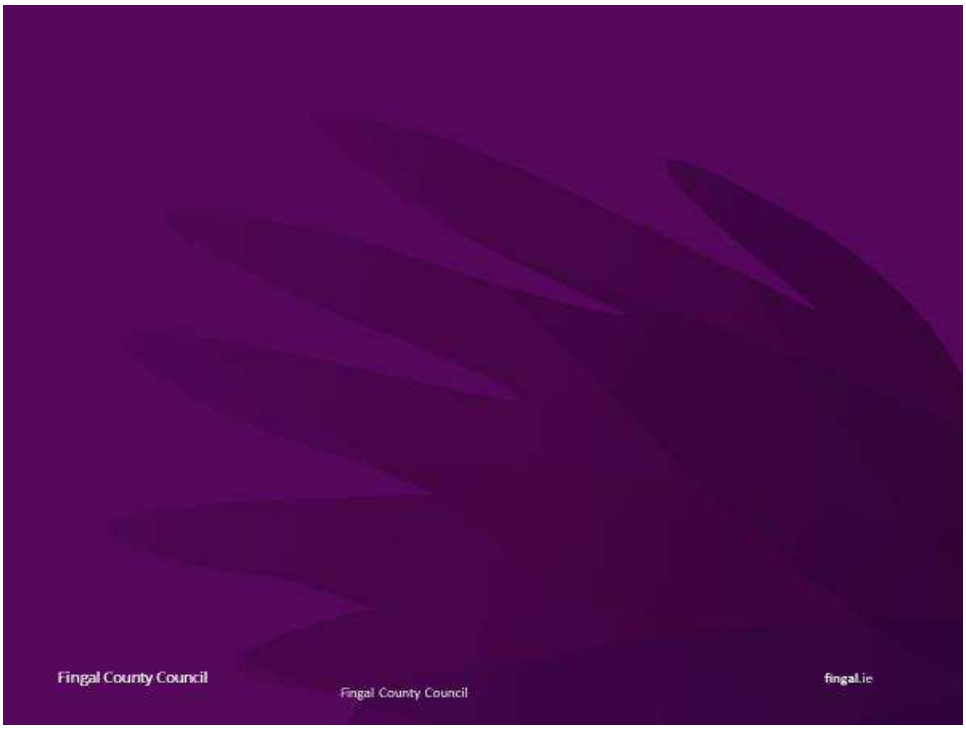
ASB Unit, Inspectorate & Tenancy Welfare cont'd

- Interagency partnerships

➢ North Dublin City & County Regional Drugs Task Force

➢ An Garda Siochana - Briefing Sessions

➢ HSE



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5. Update on Coastal Protection Works in Rogerstown Outer Estuary

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Virtual Meeting of the Members of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee
14th May 2020

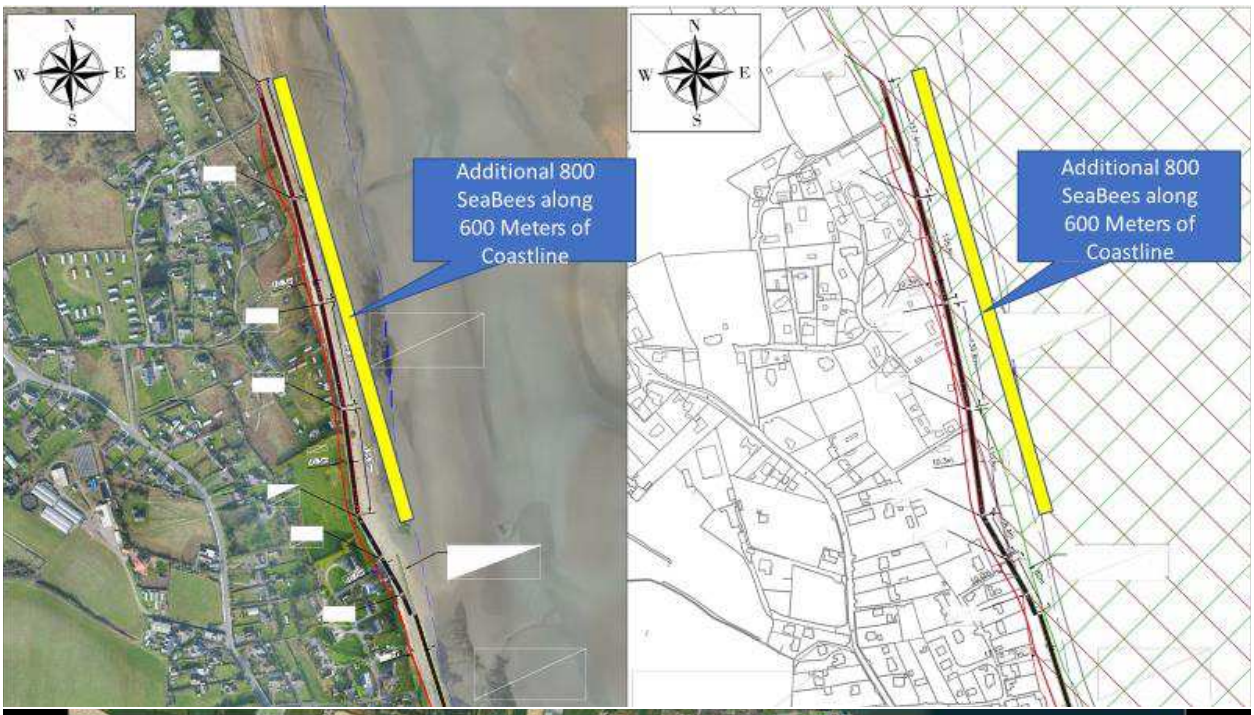
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Senior Parks Superintendent

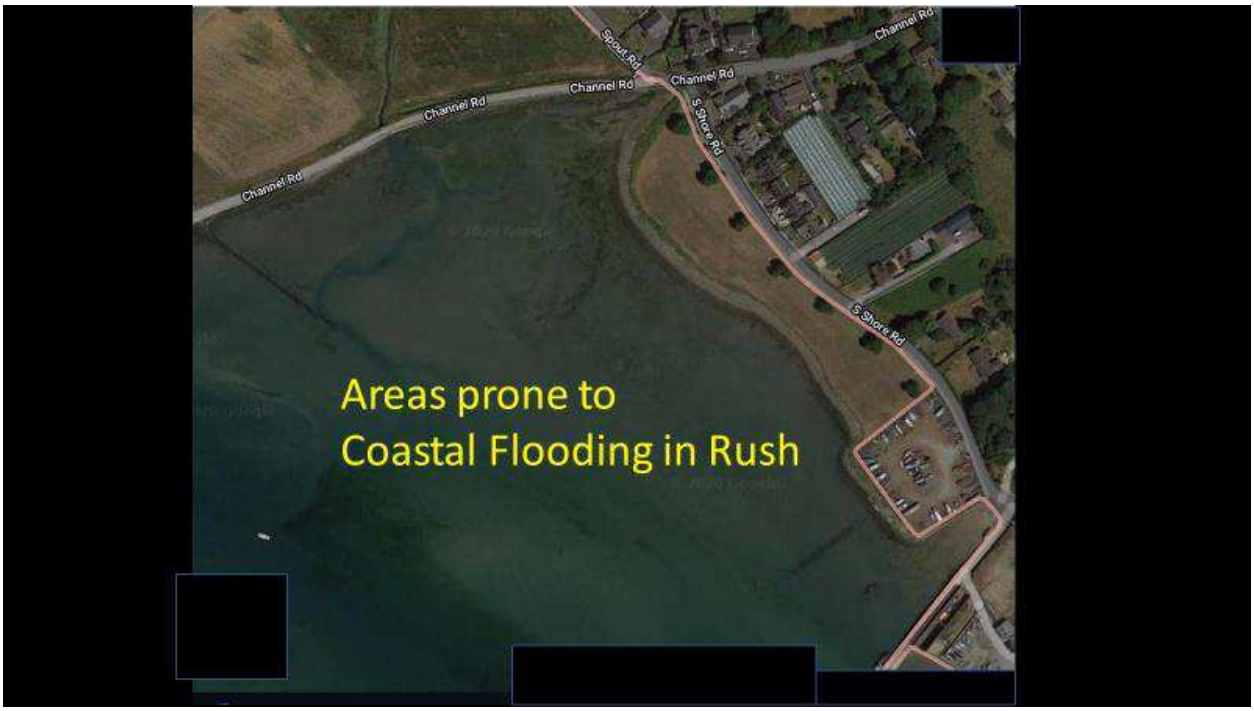
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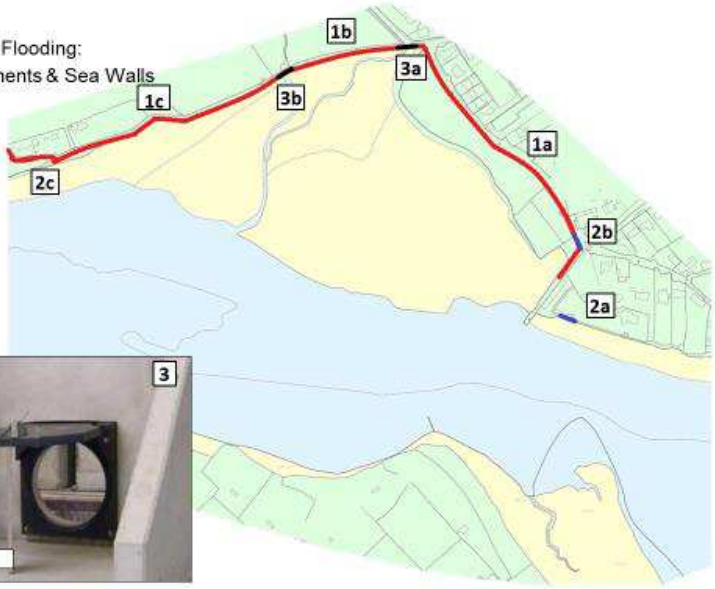

Legend
Areas analysed
Rush North
Rush South
The Burrow
Rush North 245,112m^2
Rush South 595,232m^2
The Burrow 633,956m^2
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Rogerstown Outer Estuary
Long Term Approach to
Coastal Erosion and Flooding



Rush

To address Flooding:

- Embankments & Sea Walls

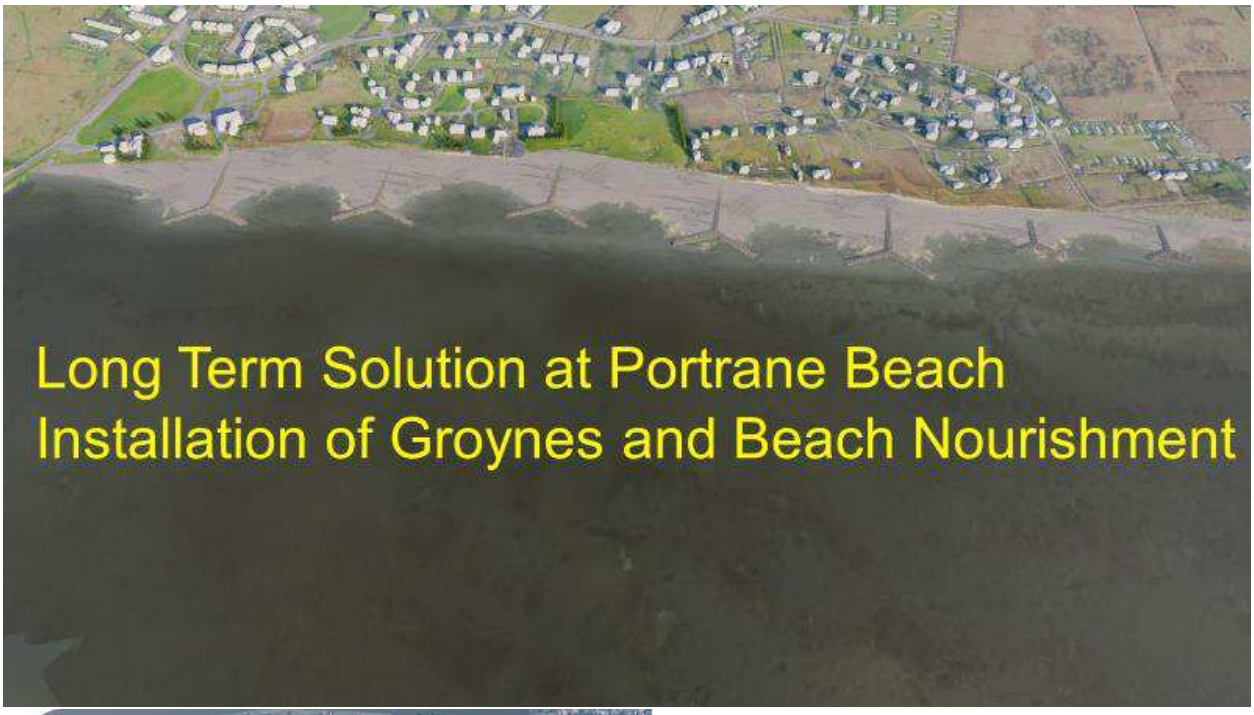







Rogerstown Estuary
The Burrow Peninsula Portrane
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Burrow Peninsula Portrane
To address Erosion:
•T - Groynes and Beach Nourishment
To address Flooding:
• Embankments & Sea Walls
The Burrow Option 3
1
Embankment
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Urban Wall
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4
Beach Nourishment
1a
1b
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4



Long Term Solution at Portrane Beach
Installation of Groynes and Beach Nourishment



Planning Timeline for
Long Term Solution at Rogerstown

- **IROPI review** – Approximately 7 weeks (i.e. delivery on / before 1st July). However, part of the review will be part-dependent on receiving information in a timely manner from various Government agencies, which is somewhat beyond our control.
- **EIA Scoping report** – Approximately 7 weeks (i.e. delivery on / before 1st July). This may require elements from our numerical modelling assessment and refinement of the proposed option.
- **Numerical Assessment and Refinement of Proposed Option, including assessment of potential impact**– Approximately 10 weeks (i.e. around mid July).
- **Preparation of Planning Report/Statement of Case/ Justification/Mitigation/Possible Compensatory Measures** for submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2021

Public Information Process Options



https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/DidcotArealnfrastructureUpdate/consultationHome






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Thank You
Any Questions ?

Following discussion the presentation was noted.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Governance and Oversight Meeting of the Members of the Howth Malahide Area Committee 20th May 2020

A virtual meeting of the Members of the Howth Malahide Area Committee was held on the Microsoft Teams Platform at 3.00pm on Wednesday 20th May, 2020. The meeting was held for the purpose of governance and oversight and no decisions were taken.

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

1. Sutton SHD

Seafield
Site formerly part of Santa Sabina Dominican
College and Convent Complex
Greenfield Road
Sutton

Strategic Housing Development for 102 residential units
SHD/006/19

ABP-306872-20

Strategic Housing Development

Proposed Development

- Application lodged with An Bord Pleanala on 11th March 2020.
- Proposed development refers to amendments to a development previously approved under Reg.Ref. F17A/0615. The amendments would increase the overall unit numbers on site from 96 to 143.
- Site area is stated to be 2.46 hectares

History

- F17A/0615 – valid planning permission on the site for 86 no. apartments and 10 no. dwellings

Strategic Housing Development

Policy Context

- Zonings – Two zoning objectives are relevant to the overall site;
  - 'RS-Residential' which seeks to "*provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity*."
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  - **The area which is subject to the proposed development is solely restricted to the lands zoned 'RS' – Residential.**

- Local Objective 113 – Ensure no development in excess of three storeys.

Strategic Housing Development

- Specific Objective along Greenfield Road 'To Preserve Views'
- Specific Objective along Greenfield Road 'indicative cycle / pedestrian route'.
- Protected Structure Ref. 794, St. Dominics Convent, described as an original 19th century house (convert to convent), entrance avenue and walled garden only is located to the east
- Protected Structure Ref.925, St. Fintans Church, described as late 20th century Modernist church and belltower (designed by Andrew Devane) is located to the west

Site Location



Site Context



Land Use Zoning



Extract from Fingal County Council Development Plan 2017-2023

Strategic Housing Development – Statutory Details

Under Section 8(4)(c) of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act of 2016, Planning Authority must inform the Elected Members of the following:

- The details of the application;
- The consultations that have taken place in relation to the proposed development with both the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanála; and
- Details of the Notice of Opinion issued by An Bord Pleanála.

Strategic Housing Development – Pre-planning

Details of Consultations Held

- Section 247 meeting held with Fingal County Council on 18th October 2018.

Issues discussed included:

- Provisions of the Development Plan, including Local Objective 113 which places a height restriction on the site.
- Impact on Receiving Environment, built and natural, including visual impact
- Requirement for environmental screenings and other supporting documentation.

Strategic Housing Development – ABP Opinion

Consultation with An Bord Pleanala

- Tri-partite meeting between applicant, An Bord Pleanala & Fingal County Council on the 13th June 2019

Opinion Issued by An Bord Pleanala on the

Opinion stated that development required further consideration.

Issues to be addressed included

1. Consideration of the proposed development as it relates to the CI – Community Infrastructure zoning on the subject site.
2. Further consideration of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Assessment, having regard to the existing conditions on the application site.

Strategic Housing Development – Further Requirements

Consultation with An Bord Pleanala

Opinion identified specific information to be submitted with the planning application including:

- Site layout plan showing the proposed development in relation to the zoning objectives;
- Analysis of daylight and sunlight available to the proposed apartments adjoining properties after completion of the development, including open space;
- Assessment, including visualisations, of impact proposed development would have on the setting of St. Fintans Church (protected structure).

Strategic Housing Development- Further Requirements

- A housing quality assessment – demonstrate how proposed apartments would comply with the 2018 Guidelines on Design Standards for New Apartments. – information to include a building lifecycle report in accordance with Section 6.13 of the 2018 Guidelines.

- Report demonstrating compliance with the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Urban Development and Building Heights .

- Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment Report

Strategic Housing Development – Further Requirements

The opinion of An Bord Pleanala identified that the applicant should notify the following authorities in the event of making of an application:

- Irish Water
- The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht,
- The Heritage Council
- An Taisce

Strategic Housing Development – Proposed Scheme

Details of Proposed Scheme

Permission sought for alterations to the development permitted under Reg. Ref. F17A/0615 which include;

- the provision of 2no. additional storeys to Block A-B1 (5 Storey building) and
- the provision of 2 no. additional storeys to Block C1 (5 Storey building)
- Omission of the 10 no. permitted dwellings and the replacement with 3 no. three storey apartment buildings

Strategic Housing Development - Proposed Scheme

- **143** total units to be provided on site - **102** no. units relates to the additional (**47** no.)and altered apartments (**55**no.).
  - **1 bed – 24 no**.
  - **2 bed – 110 no.**
  - **3 bed – 9 no.**

- Alterations to the permitted car and cycle parking at basement and ground level to provide for

  168 no. car parking spaces

  270 bicycle spaces

Strategic Housing Development – Proposed Scheme

- Open space – proposed alterations will not impact upon the previously approved provision of public and communal open space

  Public – c.**5960**sqm

  Communal – c. **971**sqm

- No amendments are proposed to the previously permitted crèche (96sqm) located in Block C2 under Reg.Ref. F17A/0615.
- Permitted access road to the adjacent school has been implemented and other site development works associated with the permitted residential development which are not the subject of the proposed alterations approved under Reg.Ref.F17A/0615 have commenced.

PROPOSED SITE LAYOUT





LANDSCAPE PLAN

SHD Application accompanied by a range of drawings and studies including
AA Screening Report
Conservation Report,
Daylight and Sunlight Assessment
Ecology Report

Available to view at
https://www.seafieldshd.ie


1. Proposed -View on approach to the development looking North


3. Proposed - View from the podium courtyard looking North



Artists impression of Northern Courtyard (Westward) Between Proposed Apartment Buildings C1 and D2

5. Proposed - View from the site vehicle entrance looking North East



Strategic Housing Development – Submissions

Third Party Submissions

- Period for third party submissions to An Bord Pleanala expires on the **9th June 2020 ***
- All documentation relating to the application has been made available to the public and can be viewed on-line at:

  https://www.seafieldshd.ie
- In addition a hard copy was available at the Planning Counter in County Hall for inspection.
- Elected members can make their own individual submissions.

Strategic Housing Development – Next Stage

- Elected Members provided opportunity to express views on the proposed development.
- CE Report to include "a *summary of the views of the relevant elected members on the proposed development will be captured within the CE Report as expressed* at the Area Committee Meeting".
- Chief Executive must submit a report on the application to An Bord Pleanala by 30th June 2020
- Application to be determined by An Bord Pleanala by the **25th August 2020***.

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Strategic Housing Development

Lands at Santa Sabina, Sutton, Dublin 13

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2. Covid 19 Business Continuity

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Operations Department

ACM - Covid 19 Response

Eamon Lynch 20th May 2020

Pandemic Planning – Initial Stages

Identification of Critical Services

- Litter and Cleansing Services
- Management of Burial Grounds
- Responding to identified emergencies
- Provision and maintenance of public lighting
- Provisions and maintenance of traffic signals
- Provisions and maintenance of public open space
- Road opening licences and management of wayleaves

Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

Pandemic Planning
Staff Management

- Physical Distancing in offices and depots
- Flexible working hours for staff where possible
- Regular and ongoing sanitisation of all Council vehicles and depots
- Remote working where possible
- Roll out of laptops to critical staff
- Signage and hand sanitisers in depots and offices

Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Closure of all playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment, MUGAs etc
- Car parks in regional parks and beaches closed from the 28th March 2020
- Emergency cover provided during working day for designated non-critical services
- Additional fleet vehicles hired to ensure safety of staff.



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Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Physical distancing signage in parks, open spaces and public footpaths
- Additional rangers service in key parks and open spaces at request from Gardai
- Rangers acting as a visible presence reminding members of the public on the need to maintain physical distancing
- Grass cutting in regional parks, open spaces continues.



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

Operational Area	Complaints Received Since 1st of March 2020
Balbriggan, Rush, Lusk, Swords	849
Castleknock, Mulhuddart	656
Howth, Malahide	415



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

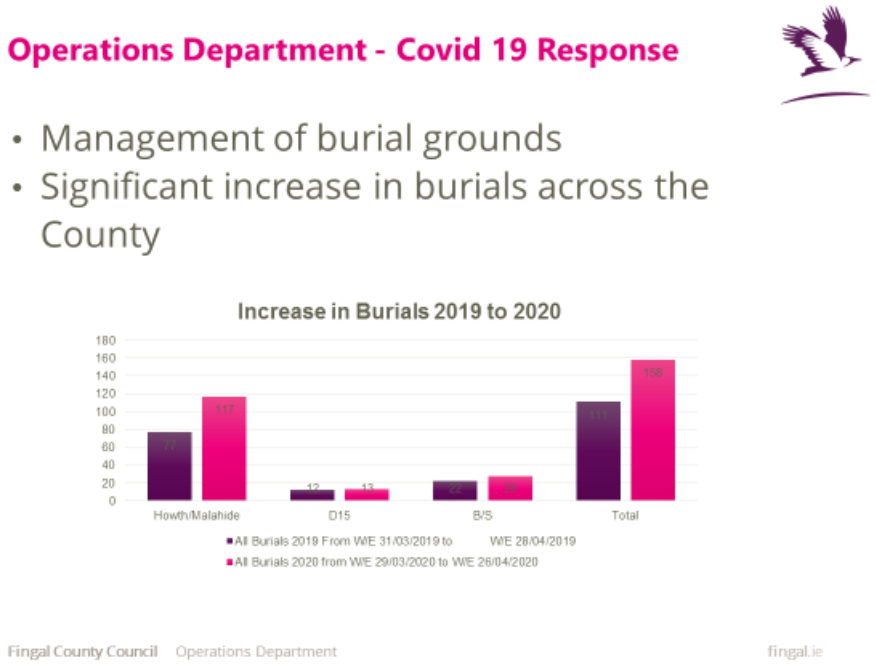
- Increase in littering observed generally
- Increased levels in dog fouling observed.
- Small number of blackspot areas with increased dumping.
- Messaging being pushed out by Communications to increase public awareness and to report littering
- National Media Campaign





Operations Department - Covid 19 Response





Following discussion the presentation was noted.

3. Works Programme 2020 Update



Operations Department – Restoration Improvement/Maintenance

Item	Road Restoration Improvement/Maintenance	Status
	Howth/Malahide	
1	The Rise, Malahide	Contract Awarded
2	Seaview Terrace, Howth	Contract Awarded
3	Carrickbrack Road, Howth	Contract Awarded
4	R106 Strand Road, Portmarnock near golf club	Assessing Tenders
5	R106 Malahide Road, Robswall towards Portmarnock	Assessing Tenders
6	Estuary Road Malahide – Seatown East, Malahide	Assessing Tenders
7	R124 The Grange/Broomfield	Contract Awarded

Operations Department – Footpaths

Item	Location	Status
	Howth /Malahide	
	Footpath Improvement Works	
1	McCarrons Lane, Malahide	Contract in Place
2	Balgriffin Cottages, Portmarnock/Kinsealy	Contract in Place
3	St Peters Terrace to St Nessans, Howth	Contract in Place
4	Baskin Cottages/Ashgrove Kinsealy	Contract in Place
	Majority of the other agreed locations will be completed with in house crews.	
	Second smaller contract in place. Small number of locations to be confirmed.	

Operations Department – Drainage Parks & Open Spaces

Item	Location	Status
	Howth/Malahide	
	Drainage Improvements	
	Will include ditch clearance and new gully clearance at water ponding locations. Also VAS advance flood warning signs for motoriats. Tenders to be sought.	
	Parks & Open Spaces	
	Bulb order will be procured on a county wide basis. Assessment completed for H/M area. Summer bedding plants ordered on county wide basis and for delivery in June.	
	Trees will be ordered centrally, possibility for delivery Nov.	

Operations Department – Public Lighting

Item	Location	Status
	Howth/Malahide **Public Lighting**	
1	Pedestrian Route Binn Eadair – Sutton Train Station	Surveyed by Contractor. To commence in next 2 months.
2	Tuscany Park Baldoyle	Complete
3	Malahide Marina Promenade	Ready to proceed to design
4	Streamstown Lane Malahide	Expect to finish end June
5	R124 Drumnigh Road	Expect to finish end June

Operations Department – Traffic Schemes

Item	Location	Status
	Traffic Schemes	
	Ramps & Speed Cushions	On public display
	Road Lining	County wide contract awarded
	Vehicle Activated Signs	Ready to tender
	Pedestrian Signals/Crossings	County wide tender with Procurement Unit
	Upgrade of selected footpaths	Assessing Tenders

Operations Department

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4. Physical and Social Distancing



Fingal County Council during Covid-19 Restrictions

- Fingal seeks to encourage physical activity at a safe social distance and thereby improving the physical and mental health of its citizens during this time of restricted movements.







Background – Why was This Required

- During Covid-19 restrictions - Vehicular traffic decreased and pedestrians & cyclists increased
- Some people walking and exercising on busy and sometimes crowded footpaths are moving out into the road to preserve the required 2m social distance.
- Others, especially if walking with children are staying on the footpath but passing others at less than the 2m required distance and thereby risking infection rather than risking injury from vehicular traffic.
- All of these raise new road safety issues not experienced before to this extent.



Background to 'Walk Bike Fingal!' the Plan

- FCC acknowledged the changing needs of its communities & Engineers carried out a needs assessment at sites across the whole Fingal county
- Solution: to temporarily repurpose roads, streets and public realm spaces to facilitate social distancing
- Aim: to provide residents with safe space to walk, run, exercise and travel by bike and adhere to the 2m rule.
- Temporary Measures: are being introduced by Fingal in consultation with Local Gardai.



Plan Approved by Corporate Policy Group







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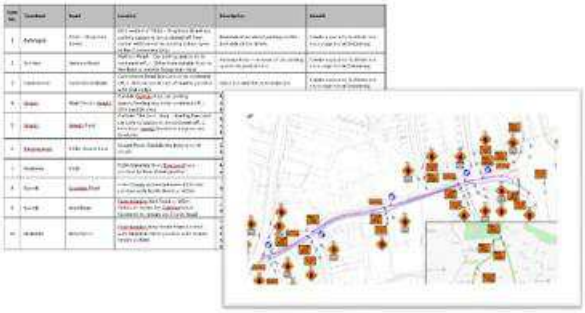
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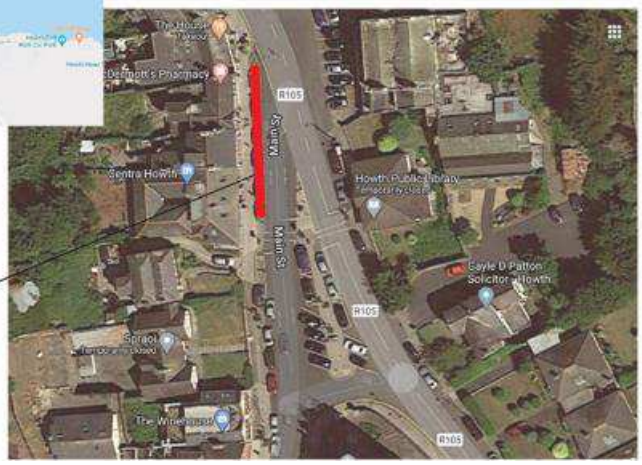
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1. Howth – Main Street

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Main Street, Howth - Removal of car parking spaces for pedestrian use





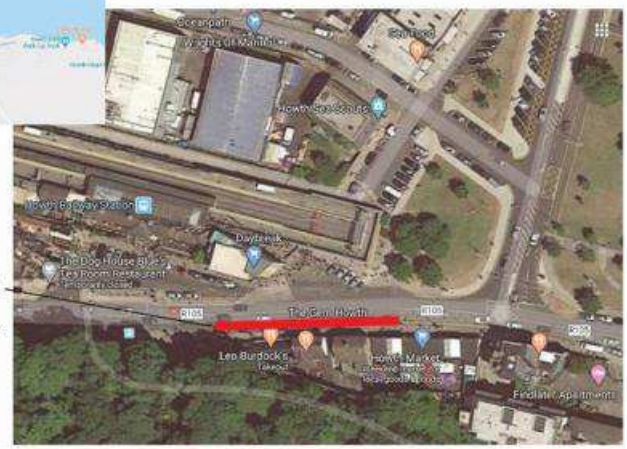
Car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 30m outside Centra shop.

2. Howth – Howth Road

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Fingal County Council

Howth Road, Howth - Removal of the loading bay and parking spaces for pedestrian use





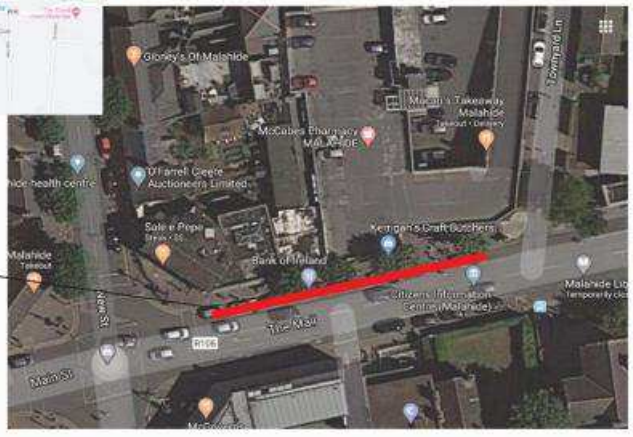
Loading bays and car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 60m from Howth Market to beyond Leo Burdocks.

3. Malahide – R106 (The Mall)

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R106, Malahide - Removal of car parking spaces for pedestrian use





Remove parking bays, c. 50m to allow shoppers sufficient space for queuing and for pedestrians walking by.

4. Portmarnock – Strand Road

R106 Strand Road, Portmarnock - Closure of loading bay except for deliveries



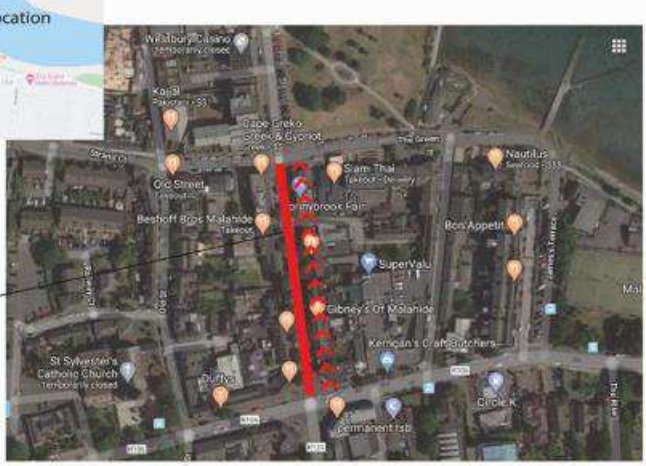


Closure of loading bay except for deliveries outside the Butchers J W Smyth, c. 20m.

5. Malahide – New Street

New Street, Malahide - Pedestrianise New Street





Pedestrianise New Street, c. 150m to facilitate and encourage social distancing. Vehicular access to remain for deliveries and residents, operating one-way from south to north.



Following discussion the presentation was noted.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Governance and Oversight Meeting of the Members of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee 28th May 2020 and 4th June 2020

A virtual meeting of the Members of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee was held on the Microsoft Teams Platform at 3.00pm on Thursday 28th May and 4th June, 2020. The meeting was held for the purpose of governance and oversight and no decisions were taken.

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

1. Churchfields Link Road – Part 8

Chief Executives Report

April 2020

REPORT PURSUANT TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 - 2015 AND PART VIII OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – 2018 ON THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH FIELDS LINK ROAD & CYCLE NETWORK, MULHUDDART, COUNTY DUBLIN.

Introduction
Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2018 outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the proposed Church Fields Link Road & Cycle Network in Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

Public Notice of the availability for public inspection of plans and particulars of the proposed Scheme was given in the public press on Thursday 13th February 2020.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated were invited to be made in writing to the County Council up to Friday 27th March 2020.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 – 2015 and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 – 2018, the following report has been prepared: -

(a) Description of the Nature and Extent of the Proposed Development and the Principal Features thereof: -

The proposed development comprises a new link road from an existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue connecting to Wellview Avenue, an upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue, a new combined cycle track and footway along Damastown Avenue and through the future parkland area adjacent to Church Road, and a new cycle route link from the Damastown Avenue / Church Road

Roundabout to Powerstown Educate Together National School, along Powerstown Road.
The development site is located north of Blanchardstown, in the Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 area. It is located in a primarily industrial and residential area close to the N3 National Primary Route.
The proposed development involves the construction of the following;

- New link road from an existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue connecting to Wellview Avenue (approx. 310m)
- Upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue (approx. 380m)
- New combined cycle track and footway along Damastown Avenue through the future parkland area adjacent to Church Road.
- New cycle route link from the Damastown Avenue / Church Road Roundabout to Powerstown Educate Together National School along Powerstown Road.
- The upgrade and provision of vulnerable road user facilities through and around Church Road / Damastown Avenue Roundabout.

The construction works will involve site clearance, earthworks, drainage, pavement, road markings, fencing and landscaping. Both the new section of link road and the upgraded section of Wellview Avenue will have 3m traffic lanes segregated in the middle by a 3m planted grassed median, with 2m off-road cycle tracks and 3m footpaths segregated from the carriageway by 1.75m grass verges.

(b) Evaluation of the likely implications, if any, of the proposed development with respect to environmental matters on the area in which the development would be situated:-

In accordance with Article 81 and Article 120 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended), Fingal County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination that no significant effects on the environment are likely as a result of the proposed development.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report were prepared for the proposed development. These screening reports concluded that no significant impacts were likely on Natura 2000 sites and that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required for the scheme.

(c) Evaluation of the likely implications, if any, of the proposed development with respect to the proper planning and development of the area in which the development would be situated:-

See Appendix A for the full Planning Report. An extract from the report is provided below.

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023

The subject development is located on lands zoned Residential in the Fingal Development Plan 2017-20203 where the objective seeks to 'provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity'.

Local Objectives applicable to the lands:
No. 89- 'Protect the woodland along Church Road in tandem with the retention of scenic views to Co. Meath'
No. 90 – 'Provide for adequate screening and separation of new development from the residential housing adjoining to the south'.

Lands to the east:
No. 87 'Extend existing graveyard and work towards the improvement of safety in the
graveyard and the upgrading of Church Road'.

The overall RS zoned landbank also contains an objective to provide for a school.

A number of industrial sites with Seveso status are located to the west of the subject lands with the applicable consultation distances specified as being between 700m and 1000m.

Planning Assessment

Purpose of the Scheme:
A new link road is proposed from the existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue connecting to Wellview Avenue, together with the upgrading of Wellview Avenue. These works will improve the safe movement of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and private cars. The scheme further includes the following:

- *A new combined two-way cycle track and adjacent footpath along southern side of Damastown Avenue and through future parkland area to the east adjacent to Church Road,*
- *The upgrade and provision of vulnerable road user (VRU) facilities through and around the Church Road / Damastown Avenue Roundabout to tie in with other existing facilities in the area,*

- *The upgrade of existing poorly constructed cycle tracks on the roundabout to tie in to existing cycle tracks on the R121 and R121 Cruiserath Road. On the south-western and northern sections around the roundabout will be a two-way cycle track.*
- *An upgrade to the southern side of the Powerstown Road footpath to include a two-way cycle track to provide a link from the above roundabout to as far as Powerstown Educate Together National School.*
- *The existing pelican crossing on the eastern approach of Damastown Avenue to the Church Road / Damastown Avenue Roundabout is to be upgraded to a Toucan crossing, and new Toucan crossings are proposed on each of the other arms of this roundabout;*
- *New Toucan crossings are proposed on the eastern and western side of the Damastown/ Church Field Link Road roundabout at the top of the new link road section;*
- *New replacement street lighting is proposed on the new and upgraded link road sections, while along the new Damastown Avenue cycle track, the existing street lighting is to be relocated closer to the road, with additional lighting provided to light the new cycle track and footpath. There is minimal existing lighting in the parkland areas along the existing footpath, which is proposed to be replaced with more frequent pathway lighting.*
- *The existing road markings and signage will be refreshed, and new signage and road markings installed as required.*

Internal Reports

Division	*Recommendation*
1. Parks Division	*a) The minimum slope of 1:3 is achieved throughout each pond,* *b) The applicant is requested to carried out a SUDS Health and* *Safety Risk Assessment Checklist that is provided in CIRIA SuDS Manual 2015: Appendix B.* *Tree Protection measures to be incorporated.* *Specifications in relation to the size of trees to be planted along* *Wellview Avenue.* *All tree work should be in accordance with BS3998 (2010) Tree Work – Recommendations.*
2. Water Services Division	*Report refers to relocation of an existing surface water pipe which is acceptable to the Division. Works required to be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Drainage Operations Section. The pond location and overall SuDS strategy is deemed acceptable to the Division.*
3. Transportation Division	*Traffic management arrangements required to ensure that working hours/deliveries have due regard to school peak times etc. Such arrangements should be set out in a detailed Construction Management Plan for the written agreement of the Transportation Planning Section once the contractor has been appointed and prior to the commencement of construction works.* *A road safety audit will be required for the scheme and the recommendations of same should be implemented to the satisfaction of the Transportation Planning Section.* *All necessary works and equipment required for the signalised junctions associated with the scheme including ducting, road markings and signage shall be*

	agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction.
4. Irish Water	*View of Irish Water should be ascertained.*

Principle of development

The proposed development, providing for physical improvements to the existing road and enhancement and extension of the wider road network providing for greater degree of connectivity with surrounding areas is acceptable and in compliance with the under lying land use zoning objective. The provision of new cycle facilities, new Toucan crossing points, and improved lighting will be consistent with and will underpin the land use zoning objective applicable to the site which seeks to provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity.

The Development is consistent with Chapter 7 of the Fingal Development Plan in terms of National and Regional Policies including:

Fingal North Dublin Transportation Study
Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035
Smarter Travel- A Sustainable Transport Future 20909-2020
National Cycle Policy Framework 2009-2020
NTA Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan
Design Manual for urban Road s and Streets
Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

The proposal also accords with national policies and objectives with regard to the
integration of land use and transportation planning.

Archaeological Assessment:

A review and analysis of previous archaeological studies in the area, namely a draft
Archaeological Desktop Study of the Church Fields area carried out by Fingal County Council in August 2018 has been completed by RPS to inform the proposed development. The updated archaeological assessment concludes that there were no impacts on the archaeological sites in the area. The Report and Conclusions/Recommendations therein should be referred to the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and to the Community Archaeologist of Fingal County Council.

Flood Risk

The Churchfields, Mulhuddart Surface Water Management Plan Part 1: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment [DRAFT] was prepared by Roughan and O'Donovan in 2019 in relation to the Church Fields Land Management Plan. The assessment concluded that the majority of the Land Management Plan area is within Flood Zone C where the probability of flooding from rivers and the sea is low (<1 in 1000 year) and is therefore appropriate for highly vulnerable developments. The incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems complying with the GDSDS in all new developments was recommended.

A review of the Draft Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report (Roughan and O'Donovan Consulting Engineers, 2019) for the Church Fields Land Management Plan (LMP) was carried out by RPS in 2019 to inform the design and final layout for Church Fields Link Design.

The Flood Risk Assessment Conclusions and Recommendations reached in the report
received from RPS have been referred to the Water Services Division for assessment and the Division indicates no objections to the development.

Appropriate Assessment

In support of this development, RPS has undertaken a report to Inform Screening for
Appropriate Assessment and have also prepared a report entitled Ecological Appraisal.
The Screening for Appropriate Assessment report concludes that:

- *The proposed development is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site;*
- *The proposed development will not give rise to likely significant effects on the qualifying interests of any SAC, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the sites concerned; and*
- *The proposed development will not give rise to likely significant effects on the special conservation interests of any SPA, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the sites concerned.*

Taking particular account of the contents and conclusions of the above documents
prepared by RPS for this project and having regard to the nature and extent of the

development proposed, the nature of the receiving environment and or proximity to the nearest European site, no appropriate assessment issues arise and it is not considered that the proposed development would be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects on a European site.

The views of the Biodiversity Officer of Fingal County Council should be ascertained and all recommendations taken into consideration in relation to the reports referenced above.

EIAR

Taking particular account of the contents and conclusions of the document entitled

Church Fields link Road and Cycle Network -EIA Screening report prepared by RPS for this project, it is considered that the proposed development individually and cumulatively with associated existing and approved development will not result in the potential for significant impacts to arise on the environmental receptors. The development would not by virtue of its size and scale represent a development for the purposes of Part 10 under Section 5, or fulfil criteria under Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requiring EIAR.

Conclusions:

The proposed scheme on completion would provide significant enhancement to the

existing public road and cycle infrastructure in the area and will provide significant

improvements to the public realm in the Churchfields area. The project would provide enhanced connectivity between existing and proposed residential areas and between residential areas and existing educational facilities. The proposal is consistent with the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

All recommendations of the Internal Divisions of Fingal County Council referred to this report should be complied with.

The development should be forwarded to the following Prescribed Bodies (not exhaustive list) during the period of public consultation:

- *Irish Water*
- *Health and Safety Authority.*

- *National Monuments Service -Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht.*

Recommendations

These recommendations of the Internal Divisions of Fingal County Council have been addressed as follows:

Recommendation	Implementation
1(i) *a) The minimum slope of 1:3 is achieved throughout each pond, b) The applicant is requested to carried out a SUDS Health and Safety Risk Assessment Checklist that is provided in CIRIA SuDS Manual 2015: Appendix B.*	a) All designed slopes in each pond are and will be minimum 1:3 b) A SuDs H&S Risk Assessment as per CIRIA SuDs Manual 2015: Appendix B has been prepared and will be provided with all documentation throughout the development of the scheme
1(ii) *Tree Protection measures to be incorporated.*	Tree protection measures have been stipulated in the Ecological Appraisal recommendations, and have been brought forward to the Outline Construction Management Plan. These measures will be incorporated throughout the development of the scheme.
1(iii) *Specifications in relation to the size of trees to be planted along Wellview Avenue.*	All Tree specifications will be agreed with the Parks Division in advance of completion of the Works Requirements and Tender Documents.
1(iv) *All tree work should be in accordance with BS3998 (2010) Tree Work – Recommendations.*	Conformance with BS3998 (2010) Tree Work – Recommendations will be included in the Works Requirements and Tender Documents.
2 *Report refers to relocation of an existing surface water pipe which is acceptable to the Division. Works required to be carried out*	The Drainage Operations Section will be fully consulted prior to the development and completion of the

Recommendation	Implementation
in accordance with the requirements of the Drainage Operations Section. The pond location and overall SuDS strategy is deemed acceptable to the Division.	Works Requirements and Tender Documents.
3(i) *Traffic management arrangements required to ensure that working hours/deliveries have due regard to school peak times etc. Such arrangements should be set out in a detailed Construction Management Plan for the written agreement of the Transportation Planning Section once the contractor has been appointed and prior to the commencement of construction works.*	The Transportation Planning Section will be consulted in relation to Traffic Management Arrangements and Working Hours in preparation of the Works Requirements and Tender Documents. Furthermore, the appointed Contractor will be required to liaise with the Transportation Planning Section with regard to same, and set out in the Contractor's Construction Management Plan.
3(ii) *A road safety audit will be required for the scheme and the recommendations of same should be implemented to the satisfaction of the Transportation Planning Section.*	A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) has already been carried out for the scheme, and recommendations considered and implemented as appropriate. A further Stage 2 RSA will be carried out of the completed Detailed Design, and a Stage 3 RSA carried out of the final Constructed Scheme, with all recommendations duly considered and implemented as appropriate.
3(iii) *All necessary works and equipment required for the signalised junctions associated with the scheme including ducting, road markings and signage shall be agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction.*	The Transportation Planning Section will be consulted in relation to all necessary works and equipment required for the signalised junctions associated with the scheme including ducting, road markings and signage in preparation of the Works Requirements and Tender Documents.

Recommendation	Implementation
4 *View of Irish Water should be ascertained*	Engagement with Irish Water has been commenced and is ongoing. Irish Water will be consulted regarding the finalisation of detailed designs of Foul and Water Main proposals prior to inclusion in the Works Requirements and Tender Documents.

(d) List of persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development: -

Eight submissions were received within the statutory period as follows:

Submission	Name	Reference	Public/ External Consultee
1	Meath County Council c/o Pádraig Maguire	FIN-C278-1	External Consultee
2	Transport Infrastructure Ireland c/o Natasha Crudden	FIN-C278-2	External Consultee
3	Mark Craven	FIN-C278-3	Public
4	Geological Survey Ireland c/o Emily Murray Farrugia	FIN-C278-4	External Consultee
5	Dr. Raymond A Ryan	FIN-C278-5	Public
6	Gaelscoil an Chuilinn	FIN-C278-6	Public
7	National Transport Authority c/o Michael Mac Aree	FIN-C278-7	External Consultee

Submission	Name	Reference	Public/ External Consultee
8	Wellview Parslickstown Residents Association	FIN-C278-8	External Consultee

(e) Summary of the issues with respect to the proper planning and development of the area raised by persons or bodies who made submissions or observations and the response of the local authority thereto: -

Concern Raised	Number of Submissions with Concern
None	3 (Observation 1, 2, 4)
Development works in the grounds of Gaelscoil an Chuilinn	2 (Observation 3, 6)
Provisions for safe walking and cycling	21 (Observation 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5h, 5i, 5j, 5k, 5l, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7g, 7j, 7k, 8b)
Traffic calming	2 (Observation 7f, 7i)
Community access	2 (Observation 7h, 8c)
Traffic management	1 (Observation 8a)
Local environment	1 (Observation 8d)
Anti-social behaviour	1 (Observation 8e)

Observation 1 – Meath County Council – No specific observations.
"I acknowledge receipt of the above and wish to confirm that Meath County Council, Planning Department have no comments to make in relation to the proposed development".

Council's Response
Noted.

Observation 2 – Transport Infrastructure Ireland – No specific observations.
"I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Part VIII referral of 13 February 2020 regarding the above and advise that TII has no specific observations to make in this regard".

Council's Response
Noted.

Observation 3 – Cycle Track, Gaelscoil an Chuilinn, Powerstown Road

"Reviewing the drawings provided, I believe they are out of date and/or incomplete. Gaelscoil an Chuilinn has invested tens of thousands of Euro (after extensive fundraising) over the past year in building a running track and playing fields in the area immediately adjacent to the proposed cycle track and have plans for further work in 2020. None of this is captured on the drawings in the published plans."

"Can you please refine & update your drawings and engage with the Gaelscoil's Board of Management & Principal (https://www.gsch.ie) to determine how these two pieces of infrastructure can co-exist happily?".

Council's Response

Representatives from Fingal County Council have previously engaged with the Department of Education, and have met on site with the school Principal and a member of the Board of Management on the 6th March 2020 to discuss the proposals. It was confirmed that the section of land take would not impact on the school running track or football pitch, and a number of accommodation works were agreed between FCC and the School Principal in relation to the high ball fence and netting reinstatement / replacement, reinstatement of any areas impacted by the works, ensure to maintain as much of the existing embankment as possible, and replace any trees impacted by the works. FCC will continue to engage and liaise directly with Gaelscoil an Chuilinn throughout the detailed design process.

Observation 4 – Geological Survey Ireland – No specific observations.

"Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) is the national earth science agency and has datasets on Bedrock Geology, Quaternary Geology, Geological Heritage Sites, Mineral deposits, Groundwater Resources and the Irish Seabed. These comprise maps, reports and extensive databases that include mineral occurrences, bedrock/mineral exploration groundwater/site investigation boreholes, karst features, wells and springs. Please see our website for data availability and we recommend using these various data sets, when undergoing an EIAR, planning and scoping processes. Geological Survey Ireland should be referenced to as such and should any data or geological maps be used, they should be attributed correctly to Geological Survey Ireland."

"With reference to your email received on the 13 of February 2020, concerning the invitations for submissions I refer you to the above abstract of services and data provided by Geological Survey Ireland (a division of Department of

Communications, Climate Action and Environment) that can support the planning process."

"Geoheritage
Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) is in partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs) to identify and select important geological and geomorphological sites throughout the country for designation as geological NHAs (Natural Heritage Areas). This is addressed by the Irish Geoheritage Programme (IGH) of GSI, under 16 different geological themes, in which the minimum number of scientifically significant sites that best represent the theme are rigorously selected by a panel of theme experts.

County Geological Sites (CGS), as adopted under the National Heritage Plan are now included in County Development Plans and in the GIS of planning departments, to ensure the recognition and appropriate protection of geological heritage within the planning system. CGSs can be viewed online under the Geological Heritage tab on the online Map Viewer. The audit for Fingal Co. Dublin was completed in 2007. A published version is available and can be downloaded from here.-

Our records show that there is no CGS located in close proximity of the proposed development site to which your attention should be drawn.

Geotechnical Database Resources
Geological Survey Ireland continues to populate and develop our national geotechnical database and viewer with site investigation data submitted voluntarily by industry. The current database holding is over 7500 reports with 134,000 boreholes; 31,000 of which are digitised which can be accessed through downloads from our Geotechnical Map Viewer. We would strongly recommend that this database be consulted as part of any baseline geological assessment of the proposed development as it can provide invaluable baseline data for the region or vicinity of the proposed development area. This information may be beneficial and cost saving for any site specific investigations that may be designed as part of the development.

Groundwater
It should be noted that our Map Viewer can be used to show Groundwater Vulnerability within a specific area. We recommend using this function when engaging in planning.

Council's Response

Noted. All relevant GSI Databases and Information have been, and will be, consulted in the development and preparation of this scheme.

Observation 5a – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"The cycle track is laid beside a footpath with a painted line separating cyclists from pedestrians. This layout is potentially dangerous for all parties. In Ireland, such cycle tracks are often separated from the road by a grass verge. This grass area could be used to separate cyclists and pedestrians, with the cycle track at road level, segregated robustly e.g. as is planned for all BusConnects cycle tracks (120mm height barrier). Alternatively segregation can be achieved by a line of wands or bollards, armadillos etc. or, if space allows, by a second grass verge".

Council's Response
The proposed cycle track on the Link Road is segregated from the footpath by a 75mm kerb
upstand, with the cycle track at a lower level to the footpath, as per the layout for a Cycle Track Behind Verge on page 67 of the National Cycle Manual (NCM). Given the amount of children in the area, it is felt that the cycle track further away from traffic is safer, and so it is behind the grassed verge where possible. In addition this layout complies with the boulevard design concept as per the Church Fields Land Management Plan (CFLMP).

As this is a purpose-designed shared street, Section 1.9.3 of the National Cycle Manual requires that pedestrians and cyclists are segregated "vertically and/or horizontally". The inclusion of the 75mm kerb upstand between the cycle track and footpath complies with this requirement, by segregating pedestrians and cyclists both vertically and horizontally.

Observation 5b – Provision for safe cycling.
"The cycle track is positioned away from sight of motorised traffic. When cyclists and drivers meet at intersections, neither may be properly prepared or at the desired level of awareness of the other. Accidents involving cyclists thus mainly occur at intersections, also shown by research".

Council's Response
The proposed cycle track comes back out adjacent to the carriageway and ramps down to carriageway (raised table) level going through the junctions, with appropriate layouts, tapers & ramp lengths as per the NCM.

Observation 5c – Provision for safe cycling.

"The cycle track, which is not at road level or directly parallel to the road, does not have right-of-way across junctions with side roads, as the traffic on the main road does. Again confusion and accidents may arise from this. Note, this problem does not greatly affect long cycle tracks connecting towns outside urban areas as there are few intersections with side roads and lower traffic flows".

Council's Response

As per previous response, the proposed cycle track is at road level and directly parallel to the road through the junctions as per the NCM.

The proposed design is not a painted line between pedestrians and cyclists, but instead a 75mm kerb upstand as per the cross sections on the drawings. The same segregation will be applied to the cycle track in the parkland and along Damastown Avenue.

Observation 5d – Provision for safe cycling.

"The solution to this issue is first of all to segregate cyclists properly from pedestrians and secondly to place the cycle track close to or beside the road, robustly segregated to ensure safety, so that cyclists and drivers remain in clear proximate view of each other. If space allows a green verge can be inserted between track and road".

Council's Response

The proposed Link Road (LR) Cycle track is segregated from pedestrians by a 75mm kerb upstand. The general layout is as per Pg. 67 of the NCM. Given the number of residential homes and the number of schools in the area, it is felt that this cycle track is likely to be used predominantly by children, and providing the cycle track behind the narrow grassed verge gives added protection / an additional buffer from traffic.

Also, the grassed verge is only 1.75m wide so cyclists are still in view of adjacent drivers.

Observation 5e – Provision for safe cycling.

"The problem of right of way across the side streets is solved by running the cycle track as a cycle lane across the exit of the side road on a ramp/raised speed cushion with a stop sign for exiting drivers set back on the inside of the track, clearly indicating that the cyclists have right of way as they ride across the side street exit.

This is the very design shown on Sheet 2 for the side roads on the north side of the road. In Sheet 2 the cycle track, running beside the footpath, is diverted to the roadside so as to cross the side road as a cycle lane on a ramp".

Council's Response
Agreed - no issue. Layout as per pg. 83 & 85 of NCM

Observation 5f – Provision for safe cycling.
"Cyclists travelling straight on are inconvenienced at this junction as they have to turn left and travel a significant distance before reaching a traffic-light controlled crossing where they cross to the right, and then they must head back to the roundabout and turn left again. This is a design that invites failure. It may lead to cyclists entering the main road space to go straight on. The ideal solution is found in Dutch-style roundabouts where the cycle track encircles the roundabout, with corner buffers, and crosses the exits on raised speed cushions with right-of-way given to the cyclists crossing the exit. Cyclists are thus not forced to ride a distance away from the roundabout in order to continue on straight. Drivers do have a slightly shorter circular distance to travel but this difference is small and is worthwhile for cyclists who are protected by the buffers and right-of-way".

Council's Response
A variation of the Dutch-style roundabout was considered for the internal roundabout on GA0004, however there were concerns in relation to the legality of the cyclists right of way across the exits. In addition, this style roundabout is not given in any Irish standards or guidance, which we are obliged to follow.
Furthermore, the southern roundabout on GA0001 is a retro-fit of cycle facilities on an existing roundabout, so project constraints don't allow such interventions. Also, traffic volumes affect such a proposed Dutch-style roundabout, as traffic should not be backing up onto and blocking the roundabout circulatory or other exits, as cyclists have the priority to cross.
However, to mitigate and improve on the concerns raised at this southern roundabout, revisions are being made which include:

- All crossings are being changed to zebra controlled crossings and relocated closer to the roundabout itself as per pg. 127 of the NCM (but with crossings offset at 5m from roundabout circulatory) to reduce the travel distance for pedestrians and cyclists turning right.
- The cycle facilities on the two corners of the northern side of the roundabout will be changed to a two-way cycle track (no space to provide same on southern side). This will then provide an additional option for right-turning cyclists approaching the roundabout from the eastern and

northern arms to be able to cross at the controlled crossing in advance of the roundabout to access the northern and western arms respectively.

Observation 5g – Provision for safe cycling.
"A less ideal alternative for small or existing roundabouts is to convert the track to an on-road cycle lane approaching the roundabout, thus allowing cyclists to use the roundabout directly in the main stream of traffic in order to continue straight on. This latter solution would be made safer if the angle of entry of the road into the roundabout was less splayed so as to slow motorised traffic speed entering the roundabout".

Council's Response
There are significant concerns with providing an on-road cycle lane around the roundabout as there is often conflicts, confusion and apprehension between cyclists traveling straight on across an exit and drivers turning into that exit, and who has the right-of-way. This can lead to safety concerns and local authorities tend to shy away from these roundabout designs. These only really work where vehicular traffic is at low volumes and low speed, and cyclist demand is high, although the conflict and safety concerns still remain. In the case of this roundabout the traffic flows and speeds at this junction are not appropriate for the alternative solution proposed.

Observation 5h – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"Sheet 4 appears to indicate that the cycle track is segregated by height from the footpath. This is helpful in avoiding conflict between cyclist and pedestrian, as discussed in the preamble. However, if the track were outside of the green space, it would be even better, particularly as it keeps cyclists and drivers in acute visual awareness of each other".

Council's Response
As per previous comment, the cycle track is on the inside of the green verge for added protection of young children, and is as per pg. 67 of the NCM.

Observation 5i – Provision for safe cycling.
"The junctions of side roads to main road are good, as they conform to the diagrams on page 2 above. Again however, were the grass on the inside of the cycle track, then the track would not have to weave to the right whenever it reaches a side road and then to then left afterwards".

Council's Response

As per previous comment, the cycle track is on the inside of the green verge is; as per the boulevard design concept indicated in the CFLMP, as per pg. 67 of the NCM, and for added protection of young children.

Observation 5j – Provision for safe cycling / walking.

"There is a problem here. The cycle track appears to direct cyclists into shared space at the roundabout. This issue also arose recently with the Harry Reynolds Road upgrade. It is very undesirable to have cyclists (going at speeds of 30kph to work for example) suddenly finding themselves amidst pedestrians including children, parents with prams, terrified elderly, dogs etc while trying to go through a roundabout. This is a design that also invites failure. The solution again is the Dutch-style roundabout or else the design must make it clear that the cyclists must exit at the Zebra Crossings into the main road to continue through the roundabout from that road before rejoining the cycle track".

Council's Response

As mentioned, the option of a Dutch-style roundabout was considered for the internal roundabout on GA0004, however there were concerns in relation to the legality of the cyclists right of way across the exits. In addition, this style roundabout is not given in any Irish standards or guidance, which we are obliged to follow.

The proposed roundabout conforms to pg. 127 of the NCM. Cyclists will be informed by signage, road markings and change in surface of the shared areas.

Observation 5k – Provision for safe cycling / walking.

"See comments on Sheet 2 with regard to roundabout design. Where a note exists : "Tie in to existing footpath", care must also be taken not to discharge cyclists onto a footpath. See also comments on Sheets 7-9 re the two-way cycle track below".

Council's Response

Changes have now been made to provide appropriate tie-in facilities for the cycle tracks and to change the controlled crossing on the new link road arm to a zebra crossing to be consistent with the rest of the link load.

Observation 5l – Provision for safe cycling / walking.

"The cross-section diagram underneath the drawings suggests a painted line separating the cyclists from pedestrians. This is unacceptable and is easily

remedied by a height barrier, by a grass verge, by a curbstone line, by armadillos etc. This problem also exists on Sheet 6. The laudable effort being made here to provide a two-way cycle track really calls for this relatively minor modification to keep pedestrians and cyclists apart. The comments on Sheet 2 re the roundabout also apply".

Council's Response
A 75mm kerb upstand segregation between the cycle track and the footpath will be included on all sections where possible.

Observation 5m – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"See Sheet 7-9 comments above re segregation of the cycle track. It is also unclear why the ends of the two-way cycle track at the Church Road crossing (Sheet 10) are not joined up?"

Council's Response
A 75mm kerb upstand segregation between the cycle track and the footpath will be included.
The cycle tracks need to be brought into a shared area at footpath junctions like at Church Road and as per the rest of the scheme, to allow cyclists to safely access the crossings, etc.

Observation 5m – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"The cycle tracks usher the cyclists into shared space which is not acceptable. Dutch-style roundabout design solves this or else facilitate safe entry of cyclists onto the road to allow them to travel straight on."

Council's Response
This is the same roundabout as on GA0004. This design of the roundabout cycle facilities conform to pg. 127 of the NCM.

Observation 6 – Gaelscoil an Chuilinn – Development works in the grounds of Gaelscoil an Chuilinn.
"Gaelscoil an Chuilinn has invested tens of thousands of Euro (after extensive fundraising) over the past year in building a running track and re-surfacing the playing field in the area immediately adjacent to the proposed cycle track and have plans for further work in 2020."

"As outlined above, we welcome a cycle track directly to the schools on this campus. However, we would like to have input in the plans for this cycle track to

ensure that our concerns are addressed. It would be unacceptable to lose the schools' investment as part of these upgrade works. We are also concerned about trees planted in the area outlined for development etc."

"Can you please engage directly with Gaelscoil an Chuilinn's Board of Management & Principal (https://www.gsch.ie) to determine how these two pieces of infrastructure can co-exist happily without any damage or loss to school developments?".

Council's Response
Representatives from Fingal County Council have previously engaged with the Department of Education, and have met on site with the school Principal and a member of the Board of Management on the 6th March 2020 to discuss the proposals. It was confirmed that the section of land take would not impact on the school running track or football pitch, and a number of accommodation works were agreed in relation to the high ball fence and netting reinstatement / replacement, reinstatement of any areas impacted by the works, ensure to maintain as much of the existing embankment as possible, and replace any trees impacted by the works. FCC will continue to engage and liaise directly with Gaelscoil an Chuilinn throughout the detailed design process.

Observation 7a – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"The revised layout of the Wellview Road provides enhanced footpaths and cycletracks in the area; however the widened road design including a grass median has the potential to worsen the walking and cycling environment by making it more difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road. The scale of the road and the potential traffic volumes do not warrant the requirement to increase the width of the road in the future nor the provision of turning pockets as per the current design. Careful consideration must be giving to the location of tree planting so that the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is not compromised by decreasing visibility at crossing points".

Council's Response
Given that this road will no longer be a cul-de-sac, but instead a through road, and with the
development of 1,000 additional residential units to come, accessing off this road, the traffic estimates are increased, particularly at morning and evening peaks. The narrow carriageway widths, grassed median, and ramps will calm traffic, help to keep speeds low, and help mitigate over-use as a through-road and potential "rat-run".

The desire / intention is to guide pedestrians to use the controlled crossings, particularly given the potential number of children in the area. Low planting will be considered in the median to prevent unwarranted crossing. It is agreed that careful consideration must be given to the location of tree planting so that the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is not compromised by decreasing visibility at crossing points.

Observation 7b – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"Omit the central median and reallocate the green space to the road verges".

Council's Response
Wellview Avenue is the principle arterial street through the Church Fields area and through Mulhuddart. It is the gateway to the neighbourhood south from Damastown Avenue, through the proposed future local centre, and north from Ladyswell Road. Section 5.6 of the Church Fields Land Management Plan (LMP) defines Wellview Avenue as a "boulevard" as well as an "arterial street". Also, the "sample plan" shown for Wellview Avenue in the above section of the LMP shows a central median and right-turn lanes.

The boulevard design concept of this avenue separates the street into parallel urban realms, buffering the residential and future commercial elements on the street edge from the carriageways. Key to the boulevard concept is the reduction in carriageway widths and the proposed well planted median and
verges. These will serve to provide buffers between the busy carriageways and the surrounding pedestrian environment and residential communities, mitigating noise and pollution. The boulevard typology proposed creates a distinctive visual character and a sense of place, linking the existing and future communities together by one arterial street and creating a positive green environment.

The proposed cross section was first assessed in an Early Stage Options Assessment. Following this, the three leading preferred options were assessed against 21 multi-criteria, under the following headings:

- Scheme Specific Objectives
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Economy

Following this, the three leading preferred options were put forward to relevant Stakeholders for review and to give feedback on the options such as preferences,

further constraints, requirements, queries etc. for further consideration in the selection of a preferred option. The Options Selection process was thoroughly followed through to arrive at the preferred option of the current design.

Following further consultation with the NTA, the central median has been omitted at each of the junctions on the road which removes the right turn traffic lane and bring the two running lanes together. This layout narrows the road width at each of the junctions which aids crossing of the road.

Observation 7c – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"Move all pedestrian and cycling crossing points adjacent to the junctions where the desire lines exist for crossing facilities".

Council's Response
All crossing points will be relocated closer to each of the relevant junctions, with the implementation of zebra crossings on the mainline and side road crossings also. A raised table will be provided across the area of the junction to control speeds on the link road, on which the crossings will be located also.

Observation 7d – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"Change the design of the roundabout in Sheet 1 to a cycle friendly roundabout as per the National Cycle Manual".

Council's Response
This southern roundabout (Ch. 0) is an existing roundabout on which cycle facilities are being retro-fitted. This design will be amended to provided zebra crossings on each arm of the roundabout as per page 127 of the National Cycle Manual (NCM), but with the crossings set back from the roundabout circulatory by 5m to allow a stopped vehicle to wait off the roundabout circulatory. Additional segregation of pedestrians and cyclists is provided between the crossing points. Furthermore, the cycle facilities on the two corners of the northern side of the roundabout will be changed to a two-way cycle track (no space to provide same on southern side). This will then provide an additional option for right-turning cyclists approaching the roundabout from the eastern and northern arms to be able to cross at the controlled crossing in advance of the roundabout to access the northern and western arms respectively.

Observation 7e – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling.
"Along the entire length of the road, omit the cycling entrance/turning area opposite the junction – in a three lane scenario these are dangerous for cyclists and are not required where appropriate crossing facilities are provided along the length of the road".

Council's Response
The relevant junctions will be reconfigured to remove the right turn traffic lane and bring the two running lanes together, meaning that experienced cyclists will only have to cross two lanes of traffic. This layout reflects a combination of those on pg. 67, pg. 107 and pg. 140 of the NCM. In addition, the zebra crossings relocated closer to the junctions provide an alternative crossing option for less-experienced cyclists who wish to dismount and cross under controlled conditions.

Observation 7f – National Transport Authority – Traffic Calming.
"Sheet 4 – tighten the roundabout to provide a 4m circulating lane and tighten the radii at the arms of the roundabout".

Council's Response
The roundabout has been kept quite tight in order to calm traffic, while also catering for larger, rigid HGVs such as fire trucks, waste disposal trucks, delivery trucks, etc. with the provision of the over-run area in the centre of the roundabout. Tightening further to provide a 4m circulating lane, as well as tightening the radii at the arms of the roundabout will be assessed further during the Detailed Design.

Observation 7g – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling.
"The provision of an improved cycletrack on Damastown Avenue is welcomed. In the context of the likely future development of the lands to the north of Damastown Avenue for community uses it is considered appropriate that cycletrack provision should also be made on the northern side of the road. It is the preference that a cycletrack is provided on each side of the road in the direction of general traffic, rather than, or in addition to a two-way cycletrack on one side.
Specific recommendations for Sheets 5 to 7:

- *Provide a cycletrack on each side of the road in the direction of general traffic, rather than, or in addition to, a two-way cycletrack on the southern side".*

Council's Response
The lands to the north of Damastown Avenue are zoned Community Infrastructure under the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023. There are no current proposals before the Planning Authorities with regards to this land bank. However, proposals for additional cycle connectivity alone the northern side of Damastown Avenue could be examined as part of future schemes.

The existing on-road cycle lanes either side of Damastown Avenue are to be retained, and will continue to provide for, the experienced cyclist. The proposed 2-way cycle track on the southern side of Damastown Avenue is designed to cater for the less experienced cyclist (children, novices, etc.), and provide a leisure facility link between the parkland cycle track and the link road cycle facilities.

Observation 7h – National Transport Authority – Community access.
"In the context of the continued use of a five-arm roundabout junction and the utilisation of Powerstown Road as the access point to the schools, the provision of improved cycling and pedestrian facilities at the roundabout and on Powerstown Road is welcome. However, it would appear that the closing of the fifth arm of the roundabout at Powerstown Road and the opening of an access off Damastown Road would be a safer and more appropriate long-term solution for traffic accessing the community uses at this location".

Council's Response
The Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023, above, for the area shows the land to the north of Damastown Avenue as a future Community Infrastructure (yellow hatch) - plans would need to be progressed further, and include for a through-road to Powerstown Road. The objective is not just to provide cycle facilities for the access from the Link Road, but access for all from the 5 arm roundabout to the school. It is considered that at present, the opening of an access off Damastown Road would be premature, but will be considered as part of future development. The Fingal Development Plan shows an objective under the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network to provide a cycle link from Damastown Avenue through to Powerstown Road and beyond. There may be potential to provide cycle paths north of Damastown Ave as part of future development proposals on the Community Infrastructure zoned lands.

Observation 7i – National Transport Authority – Traffic Calming.
"Improve the entrance point by tightening the radii of the junction of Curragh Hall to Powerstown Road (this is within the redline boundary of the scheme)".

Council's Response
These additional measures to improve the entrance point by tightening the radii of the junction of Curragh Hall to Powerstown Road will be included in the scheme.

Observation 7j – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"Improve the pedestrian and cycling crossing facilities at Curragh Hall Junction by providing an appropriately designed pedestrian and cycle friendly crossing facility (this is within the redline boundary of the scheme)".

Council's Response
Additional measures to upgrade the existing signal controlled pedestrian crossing between Curragh Hall Crescent and the schools (Ch 216) to a Toucan Crossing will be included in the scheme.

Observation 7k – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"Provide a pedestrian and cycle crossing point on Church Road to allow access to the cycletrack".

Council's Response
Additional measures to provide a crossing facility on Church Road will be included in the scheme.

Observation 8a – Wellview Parlickstown Residents Association – Traffic Management.
"A traffic management plan has not been completed or has not been included in the provision of this new roadway. The last traffic survey completed in the Mulhuddart area was completed during the Summer period while schools were closed and during peak holiday time. As can be seen any morning or evening the road system through Damanstown Ind Estate and Mulhuddart area is trailing for 2 miles all the way to Snugborough Road. If this road opened it would become a rat run for traffic and cause a serious safety issue for the residents in the locality".

Council's Response

The traffic survey data has been calibrated to cater for the summertime traffic and take account of the peak school time traffic. Measures are to be implemented such as raised table crossings along the link road, and narrow carriageway widths, to reduce speeds and deter the over-use as a "rat-run". The road is required to provide access to the development lands to the north for the provision of additional housing units.

Observation 8b – Wellview Parlickstown Residents Association – Provision for safe cycling / walking.

"With such a high expected volume of traffic on this roadway, new kerbside security measures would need to be installed such as a small wall with railings to prevent casual crossing of the new road system".

Council's Response

The scheme has been designed in such a way to guide pedestrians to use the controlled crossings, particularly given the potential number of children in the area. Low planting will be considered in the median to prevent unwarranted or unsafe crossing.

Observation 8c – Wellview Parlickstown Residents Association.

"The new road layout seems to be the wrong system for this road layout. From previous years' experience access along this road can be restricted totally in times of snow the road becomes impassable and the estate can be shut down and isolated . Installing a boulevard would total eliminate any chance of the roadway being made passable especially that this roadway would never be gritted or scraped by Fingal CoCo".

Council's Response

The opening up of Wellview Avenue to the north, via the Church Fields Link Road will vastly improve access, allowing the estates at the northern end of Wellview Avenue to enter from Damastown Avenue to the north. This will negate the need for residents to enter via Wellview Avenue in times of snow. The proposed Church Fields Link Road also has a slacker gradient than the existing Wellview Avenue, providing a safer alternative for residents in times of snow.

Observation 8d – Wellview Parlickstown Residents Association – Community access.

"Considering the impact on the local environment the tree lined road way would be totally destroyed as all the trees on the Wellview side of the road would have to be removed as they would be in the new cycleway. Destruction of trees growing for 20 years would be devastating to the local environmental look of the area.

The road works would also cause serious effect on the traffic route from the estates as a one way system would have to be put in place for a number of months to complete these works".

Council's Response

Semi-mature tree planting has been proposed as part of an all-encompassing landscaping design to negate the impact of tree removal. More trees are to be planted as part of the scheme than are being removed.

Comprehensive traffic management plans will be prepared by the Contractor and agreed with FCC. The opening of access from the north along Church Fields Link Road will ease traffic management issues during the upgrade of Wellview Avenue.

Observation 8e – Wellview Parlickstown Residents Association – Anti-social behaviour.

"This roadway is not being opened for the development of the locality but for further development which the area is not capable of providing. A road had been constructed in put in place over 20 years ago and was never opened due to objections from the local Gardaí because of policing issues and anti-social issues which have still not been addressed".

Council's Response

There are significant developments proposed adjacent to the Link Road, meaning that the proposed Link Road will be surrounded by residential developments, and not greenfield areas as is currently the case. It is expected that the removal of these greenfield areas bring more activity into the area and lead to a significantly higher level of passive surveillance, thereby helping to mitigate the type of anti-social behaviour that can occur in open, undeveloped areas with no such surveillance.

(f) Conclusion:-

The proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and it is not foreseen that there will be a negative impact on the amenities of the area.

(g) Recommendation to Members:-

Having regard to the provisions of Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023; the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department considers that the proposed development would be acceptable subject to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Planners Report.

Report of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department: Re:

Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network

Proposal: Development under Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended (Part XI), Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2015 (Part 8)

Report Date: 3rd January 2020

Introduction:

This report is prepared by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department in response to a development which is proposed by the Architects Department under the Development Act 2000 as amended (Part XI), Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2015 (Part 8)

Proposed Development:
In summary, the scheme provides for the following key elements:

- New link road from an existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue connecting to Wellview Avenue (approx. 310m)
- Upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue (approx. 380m)
- New combined cycle track and footway along Damastown Avenue through the future parkland area adjacent to Church Road.
- New cycle route link from the Damastown Avenue / Church Road Roundabout to Powerstown Educate Together National School along Powerstown Road.

Site Location:

The subject lands are located to the north of Blanchardstown town centre and lie north of the N3 National Primary Route. Industrial zoned lands lie to the west of the site. With the exception of the upgrade of the existing carriageway, (Wellview Avenue) the remaining lands are greenfield. Damastown Avenue lies to the south and to the east the larger landbank is bounded by Church Road and by the Pinkeen Stream to the West. Estates in the area include Wellview, Parlickstown Avenue and Avondale Park.

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023:

The subject development is located on lands zoned Residential in the Fingal Development Plan 2017-20203 where the objective seeks to 'provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity'.

Local Objectives applicable to the lands:
No. 89- 'Protect the woodland along Church Road in tandem with the retention of scenic views to Co. Meath'

No. 90 – 'Provide for adequate screening and separation of new development from the residential housing adjoining to the south'.

Lands to the east:

No. 87 'Extend existing graveyard and work towards the improvement of safety in the graveyard and the upgrading of Church Road'.

The overall RS zoned landbank also contains an objective to provide for a school.

A number of industrial sites with Seveso status are located to the west of the subject lands with the applicable consultation distances specified as being between 700m and 1000m.

Planning Assessment: Purpose

of the Scheme:

A new link road is proposed from the existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue connecting to Wellview Avenue, together with the upgrading of Wellview Avenue. These works will improve the safe movement of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and private cars. The scheme further includes the following:

• A new combined two-way cycle track and adjacent footpath along southern side of Damastown Avenue and through future parkland area to the east adjacent to Church Road,

• The upgrade and provision of vulnerable road user (VRU) facilities through and around the Church Road / Damastown Avenue Roundabout to tie in with other existing facilities in the area,

• The upgrade of existing poorly constructed cycle tracks on the roundabout to tie in to existing cycle tracks on the R121 and R121 Cruiserath Road. On the south-western and northern sections around the roundabout will be a two-way cycle track.

• An upgrade to the southern side of the Powerstown Road footpath to include a two-way cycle track to provide a link from the above roundabout to as far as Powerstown Educate Together National School.

• The existing pelican crossing on the eastern approach of Damastown Avenue to the Church Road / Damastown Avenue Roundabout is to be upgraded to a Toucan crossing, and new Toucan crossings are proposed on each of the other arms of this roundabout;

• New Toucan crossings are proposed on the eastern and western side of the Damastown/ Church Field Link Road roundabout at the top of the new link road section;

• New replacement street lighting is proposed on the new and upgraded link road sections, while along the new Damastown Avenue cycle track, the existing street lighting is to be relocated closer to the road, with additional lighting provided to light the new cycle track and footpath. There is minimal existing lighting in the parkland areas along the existing footpath, which is proposed to be replaced with more frequent pathway lighting.

• The existing road markings and signage will be refreshed, and new signage and road markings installed as required.

Internal Reports:

Division	Recommendation
Parks Division	a) The minimum slope of 1:3 is achieved throughout each pond, b) The applicant is requested to carried out a SUDS Health and Safety Risk Assessment Checklist that is provided in CIRIA SuDS Manual 2015: Appendix B. Tree Protection measures to be incorporated./ Specifications in relation to the size of trees to be planted along Wellview Avenue. All tree work should be in accordance with BS3998 (2010) Tree Work – Recommendations.
Water Services Division	Report refers to relocation of an existing surface water pipe which is acceptable to the Division. Works required to be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Drainage Operations Section. The pond location and overall SuDS strategy is deemed acceptable to the Division.
Transportation Division	Traffic management arrangements required to ensure that working hours/deliveries have due regard to school peak times etc. Such arrangements should be set out in a detailed Construction Management Plan for the written agreement of the Transportation Planning Section once the contractor has been appointed and prior to the commencement of construction works.

	A road safety audit will be required for the scheme and the recommendations of same should be implemented to the satisfaction of the Transportation Planning Section. All necessary works and equipment required for the signalised junctions associated with the scheme including ducting, road markings and signage shall be agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction.
Irish Water	Views of Irish Water should be ascertained.

Principle of development

The proposed development, providing for physical improvements to the existing road and enhancement and extension of the wider road network providing for greater degree of connectivity with surrounding areas is acceptable and in compliance with the under lying land use zoning objective. The provision of new cycle facilities, new Toucan crossing points, and improved lighting will be consistent with and will underpin the land use zoning objective applicable to the site which seeks to provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity.

The Development is consistent with Chapter 7 of the Fingal Development Plan in terms of National and Regional Policies including:

Fingal North Dublin Transportation Study
Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035 Smarter
Travel- A Sustainable Transport Future 20909-2020 National Cycle
Policy Framework 2009-2020
NTA Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan
Design Manual for urban Road s and Streets
Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

The proposal also accords with national policies and objectives with regard to the integration of land use and transportation planning.

Archaeological Assessment:

A review and analysis of previous archaeological studies in the area, namely a draft Archaeological Desktop Study of the Church Fields area carried out by Fingal County Council in August 2018 has been completed by RPS to inform the proposed development. The updated archaeological assessment concludes that there were no impacts on the archaeological sites in the area. The Report and Conclusions/Recommendations therein

should be referred to the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and to the Community Archaeologist of Fingal County Council.

Flood Risk

The Churchfields, Mulhuddart Surface Water Management Plan Part 1: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment [DRAFT] was prepared by Roughan and O'Donovan in 2019 in relation to the Church Fields Land Management Plan. The assessment concluded that the majority of the Land Management Plan area is within Flood Zone C where the probability of flooding from rivers and the sea is low (<1 in 1000 year) and is therefore appropriate for highly vulnerable developments. The incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems complying with the GDSDS in all new developments was recommended.

A review of the Draft Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report (Roughan and O'Donovan Consulting Engineers, 2019) for the Church Fields Land Management Plan (LMP) was carried out by RPS in 2019 to inform the design and final layout for Church Fields Link Design.

The Flood Risk Assessment Conclusions and Recommendations reached in the report received from RPS have been referred to the Water Services Division for assessment and the Division indicates no objections to the development.

Appropriate Assessment

In support of this development, RPS has undertaken a report to Inform Screening for Appropriate Assessment and have also prepared a report entitled Ecological Appraisal. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment report concludes that:

- The proposed development is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site;
- The proposed development will not give rise to likely significant effects on the qualifying interests of any SAC, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the sites concerned; and
- The proposed development will not give rise to likely significant effects on the special conservation interests of any SPA, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the sites concerned.

Taking particular account of the contents and conclusions of the above documents prepared by RPS for this project and having regard to the nature and extent of the development proposed, the nature of the receiving environment and or proximity to the nearest European site, no appropriate assessment issues arise and it is not considered that the proposed development would be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects on a European site.

The views of the Biodiversity Officer of Fingal County Council should be ascertained and all recommendations taken into consideration in relation to the reports referenced above.

EIAR

Taking particular account of the contents and conclusions of the document entitled Church Fields link Road and Cycle Network -EIA Screening report prepared by RPS for this project, it is considered that the proposed development individually and cumulatively with associated existing and approved development will not result in the potential for significant impacts to arise on the environmental receptors. The development would not by virtue of its size and scale represent a development for the purposes of Part 10 under Section 5, or fulfil criteria under Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requiring EIAR.

Conclusions:

The proposed scheme on completion would provide significant enhancement to the existing public road and cycle infrastructure in the area and will provide significant improvements to the public realm in the Churchfields area. The project would provide enhanced connectivity between existing and proposed residential areas and between residential areas and existing educational facilities. The proposal is consistent with the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

All recommendations of the internal Divisions of Fingal County Council referred to this report should be complied with.

The development should be forwarded to the following Prescribed Bodies (not exhaustive list) during the period of public consultation:

-Irish Water
-Health and Safety Authority.
-National Monuments Service -Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Church Fields Link Road & Cycle Network

Presentation to the Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart / Castleknock / Ongar (Services B) Area Committee

28th May 2020

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Fingal County Council

Introduction

Speakers

- Mr. Larry Loughnane – Senior Executive Engineer – Fingal County Council
- Mr. Shane Fanning – Associate Highways & Transport – RPS Consulting Engineers

Objective of presentation

Notification of intent to submit a Part 8 development proposal for the construction of a 690m link road with high quality cycling and pedestrian facilities (380m upgrade of existing Wellview Avenue and 310m new construction) linking Ladyswell Road and Damastown Avenue. The project also includes for the provision of an additional 1.5km of high quality cycling and pedestrian facilities to the perimeter of the Church Fields LMP Lands.

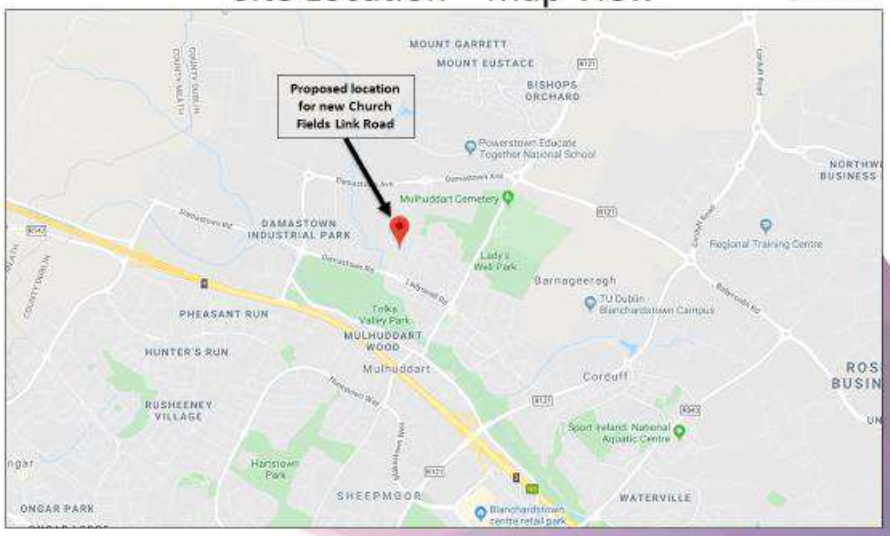
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Background to the requirement for the Church Fields Link Road & Cycle Network

- The Church Fields Link Road is an integral element of the Draft Church Fields Land Management Plan and is being proposed as an advance works project to provide access to adjacent development lands as part of the 'Project Talamh' initiative.
- In accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Fingal County Council is seeking Part 8 Planning Permission to construct 690m of carriageway and high quality cycling and pedestrian facilities (380m upgrade of existing Wellview Avenue and 310m new construction) linking Ladyswell Road and Damastown Avenue.
- The project also includes the construction of a further 1.5km of high quality cycling and pedestrian facilities around the perimeter of the Church Fields Land Management Plan area linking the proposed new link road to the two schools on the Powerstown road and to existing cycle infrastructure in the surrounding area.

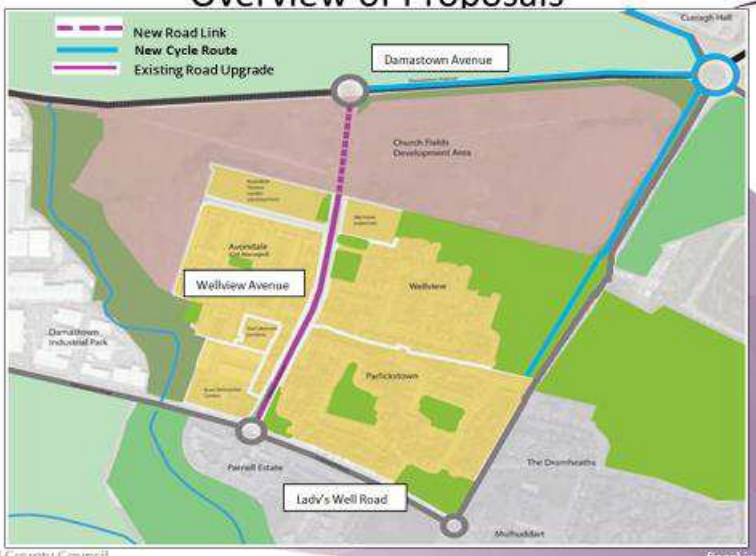
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Site Location – Map View



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Overview of Proposals



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Proposed Part VIII Timetable

6th February 2020 – Draft Part VIII prepared and presented to the Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart / Castleknock / Ongar (Services B) Area Committee ✓

13th February 2020 – Notice in newspaper, site notice erected etc. ✓

13th February – 12th March 2020 – 4 week public display and submission period ✓

13th March – 27th March 2020 – Further 2 weeks for submissions ✓

28th May 2020 – Area Committee Meeting. Chief Executive's Report to be issued in advance of this date.

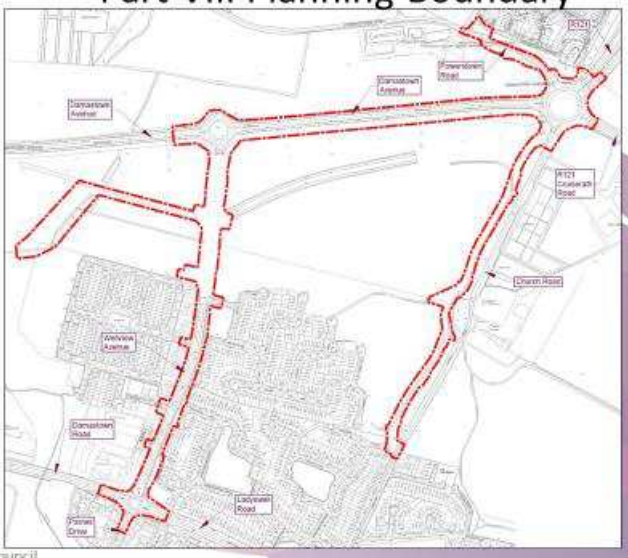
19th June 2020 – County Council meeting where Draft Part VIII is considered for adoption, amendment or rejection.

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Part VIII Planning Boundary



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Proposed Scheme Drawing



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Submissions Received

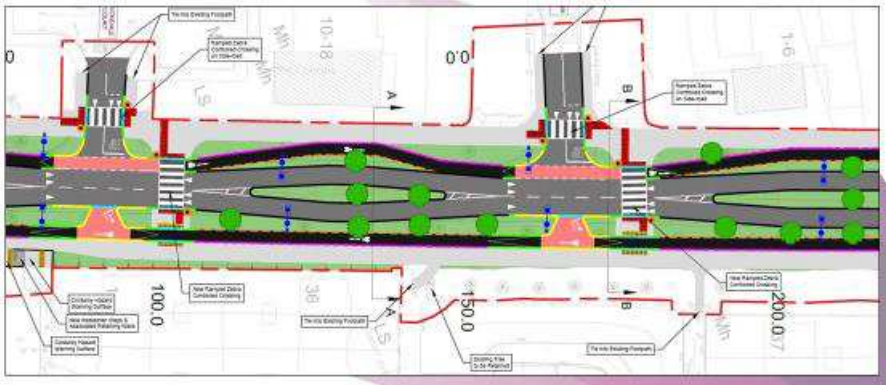
- All comments from FCC Internal Departments have been addressed.
- 8no. Public Consultation Submission were received:

Subm.	Source	Reference	Public/ External Consultee
1	Meath County Council	FIN-C278-1	External Consultee
2	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	FIN-C278-2	External Consultee
3	Public Submission	FIN-C278-3	Public
4	Geological Survey Ireland	FIN-C278-4	External Consultee
5	Public Submission	FIN-C278-5	Public
6	Gaelscoil an Chuilinn	FIN-C278-6	Public
7	National Transport Authority	FIN-C278-7	External Consultee
8	Wellview Parslickstown Residents Association	FIN-C278-8	External Consultee

Concern Raised	Number of Submissions with Concern
None	3 (Observation 1, 2, 4)
Development works in the grounds of Gaelscoil an Chuilinn	2 (Observation 3, 6)
Provisions for safe walking and cycling	21 (Observation 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5h, 5i, 5j, 5k, 5l, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7g, 7j, 7k, 8b)
Traffic calming	2 (Observation 7f, 7i)
Community access	2 (Observation 7h, 8c)
Traffic management	1 (Observation 8a)
Local environment	1 (Observation 8d)
Anti-social behaviour	1 (Observation 8e)

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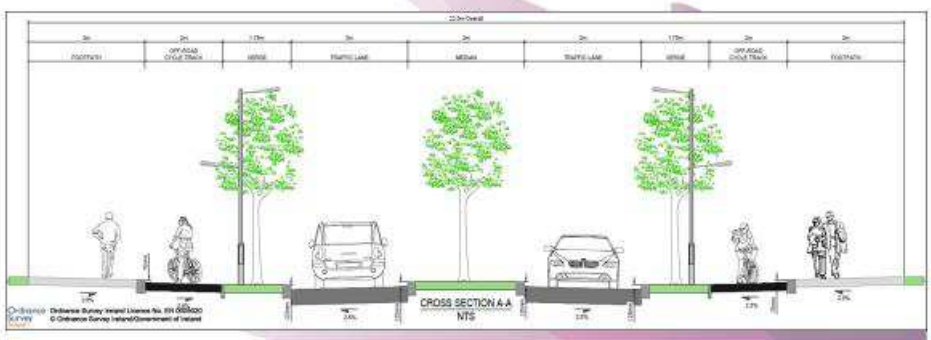
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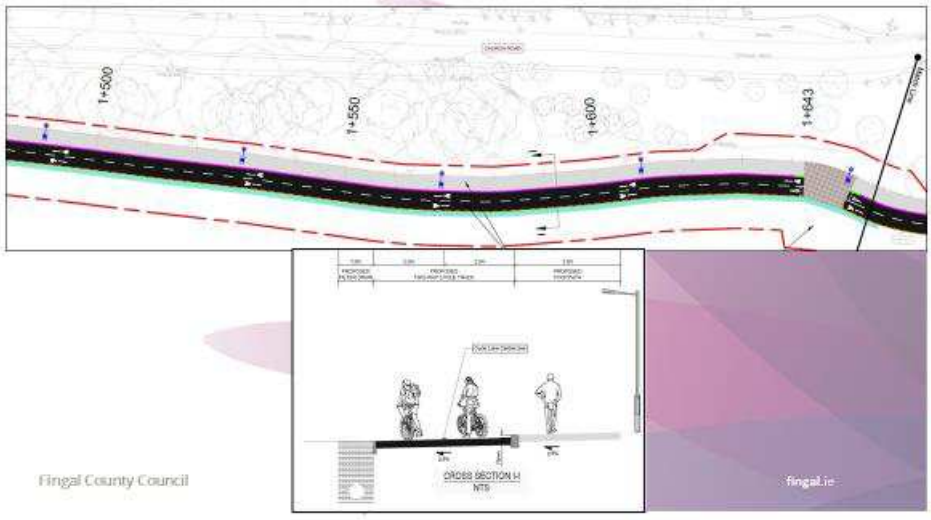
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Proposed Link Road Typical Cross Sections



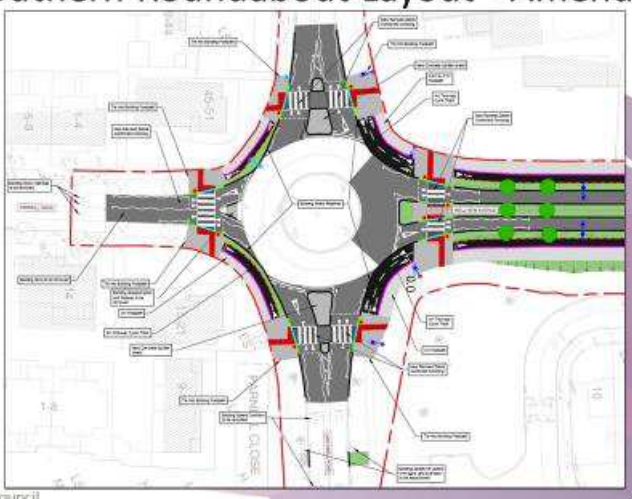
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Proposed Parkland Footpath / Cycle Track
Typical Layout & Cross Section - Amended



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Southern Roundabout Layout - Amended



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Conclusion & Planning Recommendation

The proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and the Draft Church Fields Land Management Plan and it is not foreseen that there will be a negative impact on the amenities of the area.

Having regard to the provisions of Fingal County Council's Draft Church Fields Land Management Plan; the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department considers that the proposed development would be acceptable subject to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Planners Report.

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Following discussion the presentation was noted.

2. Covid 19 Business Continuity



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response



Pandemic Planning – Initial Stages

- Identification of Critical Services
  - Litter and Cleansing Services
  - Management of Burial Grounds
  - Responding to identified emergencies
  - Provision and maintenance of public lighting
  - Provisions and maintenance of traffic signals
  - Provisions and maintenance of public open space
  - Road opening licences and management of wayleaves

Operations Department - Covid 19 Response



Pandemic Planning

- Staff Management
  - Physical Distancing in offices and depots
  - Flexible working hours for staff where possible
  - Regular and ongoing sanitisation of all Council vehicles and depots
  - Remote working where possible
  - Roll out of laptops to critical staff
  - Signage and hand sanitisers in depots and offices

Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Closure of all playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment, MUGAs etc
- Car parks in regional parks closed from the 28th March 2020
- Emergency cover provided during working day for designated non-critical services
- Additional fleet vehicles hired to ensure safety of staff.



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Physical distancing signage in parks and open spaces and public footpaths
- Additional rangers service in key parks and open spaces at request from Gardai
- Rangers acting as a visible presence reminding members of the public on the need to maintain physical distancing
- Grass cutting in regional parks and open spaces continues but behind schedule.



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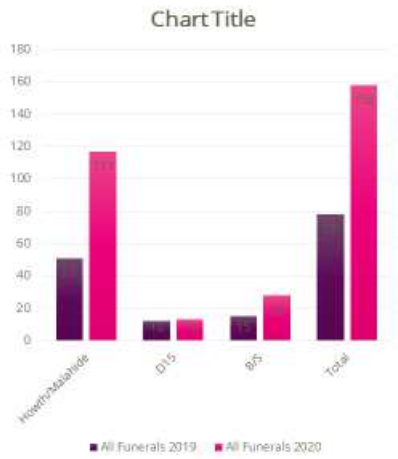
- Increase in littering observed generally
- Increased levels in dog fouling observed.
- Small number of blackspot areas with increased dumping.
- Messaging being pushed out by Communications to increase public awareness and to report littering





Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Management of burial grounds
- Significant increase in burials across the County
- Burials taking place over Easter weekend requiring staff to manage.



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

Administrative Services since the 1st March 2020

- Abnormal Load permits issued 47
- Licences 334
- Taking in Charge letters 193



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response CRM's received

Area	2019	2020
Castleknock Mulhuddart Ongar	1,379	772
Balbriggan Swords Rush Lusk Donabate	1,522	984
Howth Malahide	538	473

Following discussion the presentation was noted.

3. Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye Laws

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Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020

Introduction

Fingal County Council Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws Presented to Area Committees:

- Balbriggan Swords Area Committee on 12th September 2019
- Castleknock Mulhuddart Area Committee on the 26th September 2019
- Howth Malahide Area on 2nd October 2019

The Committees noted the reports and agreed that the public consultation process should commence.

Public Consultation Process

The public consultation process commenced on the 14th November 2019 Notice in the public press:

- FCC Social Media Platforms
- Website
- Details uploaded to the Public Consultation Portal at *https://consult.fingal.ie.*

Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws were available for inspection from **14th November 2019:**

- Fingal County Hall, Main Street, Swords
- Fingal Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin
- Public Consultation Portal

Submissions could be made to Fingal County Council not later than **2nd January 2020.**

Submissions – Summary of Locations

No Submissions were received relating to locations in the Castleknock Mulhuddart Area

Locations

Requests for extension of current Pay & Display Scheme:

- **4 submissions** were received requesting Pay & Display parking be extended to cover Carlton Court

Non-Residential Parking:

- **12 submissions** relating to non-residential parking in housing estates.

Recommendations

1. To address the request for Pay & Display in housing estates, Fingal County Council will engage with and request a petition from residents of the housing estate. Following receipt of petition, the location will be examined to determine suitability for inclusion in a Pay & Display scheme.
2. The submission re: non-residential parking will be examined to determine the requirement for double yellow lines to prohibit parking in certain residential housing estates.
3. The submission re: dangerous and illegal parking will be addressed by examining these estates and determining the requirement for double yellow lines to prohibit illegal and dangerous parking.
4. The request for speed ramps will be examined and considered by the Traffic Engineer for the Area.
5. The request for signage on Well Road, Swords informing the public of parking enforcement will be considered.

Recommendations

6. The Annual Budget 2020, which was adopted following the initial public consultation date on the Parking Control Bye-Laws, agreed to allow a provision for *Additional Parking Enforcement Measures.*

As a result, it is recommended to amend the Draft Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020 to include Bye-Law 56: Particulars of Parking.

Appendix 5 – Prohibited Parking and Other Parking Restrictions

Recommendations

Appendix 5 – Prohibited Parking and Other Parking Restrictions

The following areas are where parking is prohibited include (but are not limited to):

a) Double yellow lines – parking is prohibited at all times
b) Single yellow lines – during the hours indicated on the street sign (usually Monday to Saturday 07:00 19:00)
c) Yellow box – parking is prohibited at all times
d) Parking Bays reserved for people with disabilities – no parking at any time except where a valid parking permit is displayed in the vehicle
e) Loading bays – no parking during the hours indicated on the street sign. An exception may apply to vehicles with a goods tax disc for a maximum of 30mins while actively loading or unloading
f) Clearways or Bus Lanes – no parking during the hours indicated on the street sign
g) Cycle tracks – for mandatory cycle tracks, no parking at any time. A mandatory cycle track is indicated by a solid white line.
h) Cycle tracks – for non-mandatory cycle tracks you may park for a maximum of 30minutes while loading or unloading a vehicle. A non-mandatory cycle track is indicated by a broken white line

Recommendations



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g) Cycle tracks – for mandatory cycle tracks, no parking at any time. A mandatory cycle track is indicated by a solid white line.
h) Cycle tracks – for non-mandatory cycle tracks you may park for a maximum of 30minutes while loading or unloading a vehicle. A non-mandatory cycle track is indicated by a broken white line
i) Pedestrian areas – a vehicle cannot be parked in a pedestrian area during the hours indicated on the street sign
j) Bus/Coach Parking – no parking for any vehicles other than a bus or coach, unless otherwise indicated on a street sign. Maximum stay for buses/coaches is also indicated on the street signs.
k) Taxi Ranks – parking is prohibited during rank operation times. This will be indicated on street signage.
l) Bus Stops – parking is prohibited at all times.
m) Zig-Zag markings at school crossing points

Recommendations



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It is illegal to park in a way which interferes with traffic flow or obstructs or endangers other road users. The following are areas where parking is also restricted include (but are not limited to):

a) Parking is prohibited opposite a continuous white line
b) Parking is prohibited on a footpath (either partly or wholly)
c) Parking is prohibited on a raised grass verge or median
d) Parking is prohibited within 5m of a junction
e) Vehicles must not obstruct any entrance for vehicles except with the occupier's consent
f) Parking is prohibited at a school entrance.
g) Parking in bays which are assigned as 'Electrical Charge Points' is only permitted by 'EV's' which are using the facilities for recharge of their vehicles. A time limit on use of the recharging point may apply. See designated street signage



Following discussion the presentation was noted.

4. Works Programme 2020 Update



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Programme of Works 2020

Item	Description	Total
1	Surface Restoration Improvement Works & Maintenance Works	€890,000
2	Minor Works Improvement Programme	€350,000
3	Traffic Management	€250,000
4	Public Lighting	€34,000
5	Parks Improvement Works	€135,000
	TOTAL	€1,659,000

Surface Restoration & Maintenance

Item	Location	Description of Works	Status
1	R121 Hollywoodrath Road	Surface Restoration	Tender Published
2	R122 Luttrelstown Road	Surface Restoration	Tender Published
3	Castlecurragh Road	Surface Restoration	Works Complete
4	Ratoath Road, Hollystown	Surface Restoration	Works Commenced
5	Riverwood Road	Surface Restoration	Under review
6	Bramley Walk & View	Surface Restoration	Tender to be published before the end of May
7	Lohunda Phase 2	Surface Restoration	Tender Awarded
8	Sycamore Avenue	Surface Restoration	Under review
9	Westway Phase 3	Surface Restoration	Works commenced
10	Grove Road	Surface Restoration	Tender to be published before the end of May
11	Somerton Lane	Upgrade surface water line	Direct labour works to commence early June

Minor Works/Footpath Improvements

Item	Location	Description of Works	Status
1	Castleknock Village	Cobblelock - repairs & footpath improvements	Under Review
2	Blanchardstown Village Main Street	Cobblelock	Under Review
3	Hartstown Area - Cherryfield Estate	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Tender Awarded
4	Huntstown Area - Whitestown Estate	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Works Commenced
5	Laurel Lodge Area - Castleknock Drive	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Tender Awarded
6	R121 Blanchardstown Road South footpath and cycle path	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Under Review
7	Delwood Road - Delwood Park to Tesco	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Direct labour
8	Blanchardstown Area - Roselawn Estate/Coolmine Park	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Under Review
9	Mulhuddart Area - Dromheath & Wellview Estate	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Under Review

Minor Works/Footpath Improvements

Item	Location	Description of Works	Status
10	Corduff Area - Corduff Grove	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Under Review
11	Castleknock Area - Chesterfield	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Under Review
12	Auburn Drive, Green & Close	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Direct Labour
13	Coolmine Boulevard	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Direct Labour
14	Glenville Estate	Footpath Repairs/improvements	Direct Labour

Traffic Management

Item	Location	Description of Works	Status
	Traffic Calming		
1	Castleknock Drive	Ramps x 2	Tender Prepared
2	Allendale to Ravenwood Estate	Speed Cushions x 4	Tender Prepared
3	Glenville Road	Ramps x 3	Tender Prepared
	Traffic Signal Installation/ Upgrades		
1	Barnewall Road (Ongar)	Zebra Crossing	Tender Published
2	St. Margaret's Road	Pedestrian Signals	Tender Published
3	Diswellstown Road	Pedestrian Signals or Zebra Crossing	Tender Published

Traffic Management

	Ramp Repairs/ Footpath Build Outs		
1	Blanchardstown/ Clonsilla Road Junction Accessibility Upgrade	Accessibility Upgrade - New drop kerbs, tactile paving, widen footpath on all arms	Tender Prepared
2	Manorfields Avenue (both ends)	Accessibility Works - New kerbs, install tactile paving, dished areas.	Tender Prepared
3	Castleknock Laurels	New kerbs, install tactile paving, dished areas.	Tender Prepared
4	Hollystown/ Tyrrelstown	Cushion Repairs	Tender Prepared
5	Pecks Lane/the Pines	Extend footpath and dish kerbs, install new tactiles.	Tender Prepared
	Vehicle Activated Signs		
1	Clonsilla Road (Between Coolmine & Roselawn)		Tender to be published June
2	Lower Lucan Road		Tender to be published June

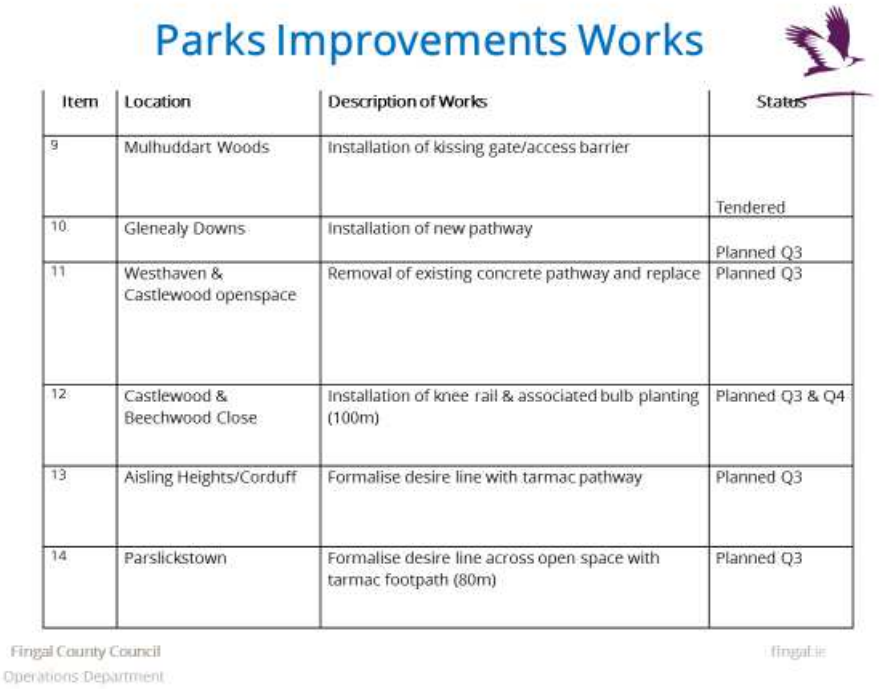
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Public Lighting

Item	Location	Description of Works	Status
1	Cappagh Road at M50 Overpass	Install new lighting	Site visit with Contractor June
2	Old Navan Road to St Brigids GAA club	Upgrade lighting	Materials on order
3	R147 Ashtown to Navan Rd Parkway	Upgrade lighting	Materials on order
4	Willow Wood View Hartstown	Install new light	Site visit with Contractor June

Parks Improvements Works

Item	Location	Description of Works	Status
1	Coolmine Woods	Develop a woodland wildflower pollinator friendly planting scheme	Planned Q3
2	10 locations	Wildflower & perennial planting to promote bee and butterfly populations in public park and public open spaces	Location selection under review
3	Damastown	Relining of the carpark at Damastown Pitches	Planned Q3
4	St. Patricks Park	Upgrade of the plaza planting and path network to the open space	Concept & Rationale completed
5	Riverwood Dale	Formalise desire line across the open space with tarmac pathway (100m)	Planned Q3
6	Portersgate & Waterville	Regeneration of woodlands	Planned Q4
7	Hazelbury Park	Tree planting programme & installation of exercise equipment	15 trees planted Feb 2020
8	Lambourn Park	Removal of dangerous, over mature trees & replacement planting	Works completed



Parks Improvements Works

Item	Location	Description of Works	Status
9	Mulhuddart Woods	Installation of kissing gate/access barrier	Tendered
10	Glenealy Downs	Installation of new pathway	Planned Q3
11	Westhaven & Castlewood openspace	Removal of existing concrete pathway and replace	Planned Q3
12	Castlewood & Beechwood Close	Installation of knee rail & associated bulb planting (100m)	Planned Q3 & Q4
13	Aisling Heights/Corduff	Formalise desire line with tarmac pathway	Planned Q3
14	Parslickstown	Formalise desire line across open space with tarmac footpath (80m)	Planned Q3

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Following discussion the presentation was noted.

5. Physical and Social Distancing



Fingal County Council during Covid-19 Restrictions

- Fingal seeks to encourage physical activity at a safe social distance and thereby improving the physical and mental health of its citizens during this time of restricted movements.







Background – Why was This Required

- During Covid-19 restrictions - Vehicular traffic decreased and pedestrians & cyclists increased
- Some people walking and exercising on busy and sometimes crowded footpaths are moving out into the road to preserve the required 2m social distance.
- Others, especially if walking with children are staying on the footpath but passing others at less than the 2m required distance and thereby risking infection rather than risking injury from vehicular traffic.
- All of these raise new road safety issues not experienced before to this extent.



Background to 'Walk Bike Fingal!' the Plan

- FCC acknowledged the changing needs of its communities & Engineers carried out a needs assessment at sites across the whole Fingal county
- Solution: to temporarily repurpose roads, streets and public realm spaces to facilitate social distancing
- Aim: to provide residents with safe space to walk, run, exercise and travel by bike and adhere to the 2m rule.
- Temporary Measures: are being introduced by Fingal in consultation with Local Gardai.



Plan Approved by Corporate Policy Group







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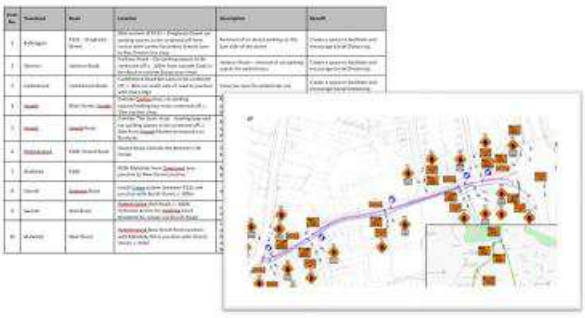
Plan for Social Distancing in the Public Realm

Several classes of measures (some listed below)

- Removal of parking and loading bays to increase footpath widths especially outside busy essential shops to reduce congestion
- Temporary closure of sections of bus lanes to widen footpaths
- Increasing footpath widths using infrastructure placed in the roadway
- Introduction of pedestrianised locations whilst maintaining motor vehicle access for residents, deliveries and emergency responders
- Introduction of one way systems, including the introduction of a temporary extra lane for walking and cycling where suitable
- Implementation of temporary cycle lanes
- Reallocation of traffic lanes for use by pedestrians and cyclists

'Walk Bike Fingal!' the Plan

- Engineers identified a list of over 25 locations where measures could be introduced.
- 8 initial locations were selected and 9 are being progressed to full design with associated Traffic Management plans to implement the measures



Following discussion the presentation was noted.

6. Housing Update





Covid-19
Essential Projects (91 units)

- Allendale, Hansfield	AHB Turnkey
- Rathbeale Road, Swords	FCC construction
- Ballymun Cross	AHB Turnkey
- Balbriggan	AHB Turnkey
- Kinsealy x2	AHB Turnkey (works not required)

Projects to be delivered by 29th May

Construction Pipeline

- Projects being brought to tender stage
- Ready to stimulate economic recovery
- Projects being prepared for Part 8
- Design work on larger land banks continues

Projects at Design/Tender Stage

Wellview Infill (20 units)	Out to tender
Cappagh (69 units)	Tender in June
Church Fields (70 units)	Tender being prepared
Clonsilla Road Infill	Part 8 being prepared

Church Fields Land Bank

- Phase 1: 498 Houses & Apartments
- 60% Affordable and 40% Social
- SSF of € 11m
- Road Infrastructure Part 8 June Council meeting
- Green Infrastructure at design stage
- Housing being designed for planning application

First Affordable Scheme

Dun Emer in Lusk

- 39 Affordable Purchase
- 12 Social
- Tenders being Evaluated
- Applications Open on Award of Contract
- Online Application Process

Affordable Scheme (Pilot)

- Living in Fingal >12months
- Working/Attending Education
- Charging Order (instead of claw-back)
- First time buyer
- Income criteria similar to RIHL

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Housing Support

- 570 offers of accommodation to date in 2020
- Schemes Ongoing
  - Church Road, Avondale, Bay Meadows,
  - Phoenix Park (FOLD)
  - Bay Meadows – tenants receiving keys 29th May
- Offers under Preparation
  - Allendale Square (RESPOND)

Estate Management/Housing Maintenance

- All maintenance calls being logged and actioned on a priority basis in line with Public Health Guidance; immediate response to emergency works
- Continuation of re-let works on casual voids to allow for offers of accommodation
- Grass cutting programme for vulnerable tenants commenced as normal during May
- Scheme Painting resumed in Sheepmore Estate

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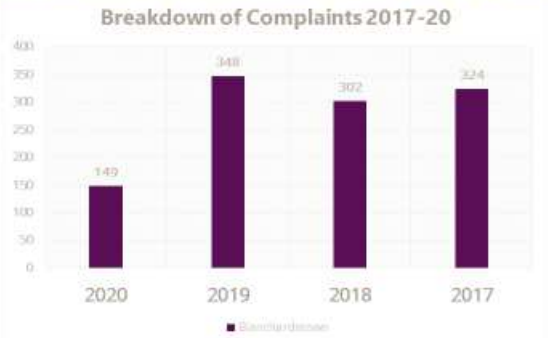
Traveller Specific Accommodation

- St Mary's, St Christopher's, St Philomena's, Dunsink Lane, Barn Lodge, St Brigid's
- St Philomena's Court, Morgan Place, Meakstown Close, Parslickstown Gardens
- Regular Site Inspections including Out of Hours/Weekends
- COVID– 19 Traveller Action Log managed daily with regular updates to the DHPLG
- Site Clean-ups /Bulk Waste Removal/ /additional toilet facilities/Social Distancing Signage
- Accommodation Supports being offered eg Permanent, Temporary, Isolation facilities

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ASB Unit, Inspectorate & Tenancy Welfare

- Anti-Social Behaviour Unit operating as normal with active responses to complaints of bad behaviour



- In response to **Covid-19**, Housing Social Workers and Inspectors are have identified and engaged with most vulnerable cases

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ASB Unit, Inspectorate & Tenancy Welfare

- Interagency partnerships
- Blanchardstown Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force
- Safer Blanchardstown
- An Garda Siochana
- HSE

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Governance and Oversight Meeting of the Members of the Council Meeting 8th June 2020

A virtual meeting of the Members of the Council Meeting was held on the Microsoft Teams Platform at 5.00pm on Monday 8th June, 2020. The meeting was held for the purpose of governance and oversight and no decisions were taken.

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

1. Update on Restart Grants Scheme



Eligibility Criteria

- Turnover of less than €5m and have 50 or less employees
- Suffered a projected 25%+ loss in revenue from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020.
- Commit to remain open or to reopen if it was closed
- Declare the intention to retain employees that are benefitting from the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS)
- Supporting documentation to be kept

Ineligible Businesses

- Multiple chain stores
- Non-commercial organisations such as community and sporting premises (including charity shops and community and sporting premises with a bar)
- Businesses that do not operate from commercially rateable premises (tradesmen, service providers, etc.)
- Premises that were vacant prior to the Covid-19 emergency are not eligible for the grant

Process

- Form developed and agreed nationally
- Online application& FAQ
  https://leofingal.submit.com/show/104
  https://www.fingal.ie/restart-grant-faqs
- Applicants encouraged to apply in line with national roadmap for re-opening
- Closing date 31st August
- Appeal closing date 30th September

Applications Received at 4th of June by Re-Opening Phase

- 769 completed applications submitted online
- A further 380 applications partially completed online
- Two thirds through the validation process
  - Queries gone back to applicants where necessary
- Payments to issue by 12th of June for those validated

Breakdown of Applications Received at 4th of June by Re-Opening Phase

Applications By Phase	
Not answered	13
Phase 0: Business never closed	146
Phase 1 (18 May): Hardware, garden centres, opticians, motor/cycle repairs, office products, electrical, IT equipment, phone sales/repairs, outdoor construction, public amenities.	147
Phase 2 : Small retail outlets, marts.	120
Phase 3 : Creches for essential workers, retail outlets with street entrance, cafes, and restaurants for on-premises consumption.	116
Phase 4 : Creches, 'high-risk' services including hairdressers, tourism accommodation.	132
Phase 5: Bars, theatres, cinemas, gyms, shopping centres.	95
Grand Total	**769**

Common Queries from Businesses

- I am applying for the restart grant, however my rates are paid by my landlord therefore
  I have no customer number for my own rates.
- I'm applying for the restart grant and need my customer number - I don't have a commercial rates demand handy in the practice as I'm writing this, please can you advise me what it is?
- I was wondering, to apply for the restart grant, as we are using two premises, each one registered as the individual address for which I pay rates separately do I have to apply for the second unit as well?
- We have 3 different rate accounts (3 different locations) Is it possible to register 3 different accounts as they all have different numbers or how can I process the others?

Next Steps



- Further promotion of the Re-Start Grant via various media channels
- Presentation of more detailed data by Electoral Area to Members
- Broader engagement with business community on economic recovery plans

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Following discussion the presentation was noted.

2. Finance Report

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FRIDAY 19TH June 2020

Item No.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019 &
AUTHORISATION OF ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE

As required under the Local Government Act 2001, Section 108, I attach a copy of the Draft Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December, 2019. The Financial Statement will be considered at the County Council meeting on the 19th June 2020.

Expenditure for the year 2019 on the revenue account, excluding transfers to reserves, amounted to €203.1m, while income on the account amounted to €247.4m. This expenditure was funded primarily by a combination of Commercial Rates, income from Irish Water, Grants and Subsidies including Local Property Tax and income from goods/services. The final outturn on the revenue account was a surplus of €923. The credit amount has been brought forward to the 2019 accounts. At year-end, the Revenue Account had an accumulated surplus of €15.979m.

Total expenditure on Capital Account (net of transfers) for 2019 was €225.9m. This expenditure is funded primarily by grants including Local Property Tax, loans, development levies and transfers from revenue. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2019 is €2.886bn.

The combined total expenditure for Fingal County Council between our Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2019 is €429m.

Section 108 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires me to furnish, with the Annual Financial Statement, details of authorisations to additional expenditure. At the Council's Annual Budget meeting held on 26th November 2019 (minute F/547/19 refers) the Council approved revised budget expenditure for 2019. On completion of the final accounts further movements have taken place.

In line with the recommendation of the Local Government Auditor the Council's approval is now sought to the following areas of additional Revenue Account expenditure by Service. While the list below refers to additional expenditure, savings in other Services and increased income resulted in the overall surplus referred to of €923 for 2019.

Division	Service	Service description	Additional Expenditure
A	A07	RAS & Leasing Programme	102,123
B	B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	546,270
B	B06	Traffic Management Improvement	23,064
B	B08	Road Safety Promotion & Education	130,800
C	C04	Public Conveniences	2,061
C	C08	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	1,260,883
E	E05	Litter Management	33,915
E	E06	Street Cleaning	148,663
E	E08	Waste Management Planning	16,078
F	F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	772,043
F	F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	503,841
F	F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	456,617
H	H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	4,884,885

Approval is also sought for the transfer to Capital in 2019 of the following amounts:-

ADDITIONAL TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL 2019	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Covid 19 Provision	5,015,340
North County Surface Water Works	1,500,000
Swords Cultural Quarter	1,500,000
Improvement Works Community Centres	726,000
Information Technology Enhancements	498,323
Leasing/Loans Repayments	250,981
Legal Fees.	117,191
Works to Accommodate Library Digital Meeting Places	30,000

The draft Annual Financial Statement has been forwarded by me to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and also to the Director of Audit in the Department. On receipt of the Auditor's report, it will be forwarded to the Audit Committee for consideration. The Audit Committee shall report back to the Members on its consideration of the Annual Financial Statement and Auditor's report at the next practicable meeting of the Council.

Report on Schedule of Uncollected Rates for year ended 31st December 2019

In accordance with Article 26 (2) of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014, the Council's Rate Collectors have prepared Schedules of Uncollected Rates for the year ended 31/12/2019 indicating thereon the reasons for non-collection of rates and detailing the measures taken to collect arrears of rates.

The Schedules have been examined and certified by the Administrative Officer, Rates Department and the Head of Finance.

The following summarises the Council's rate collection figure for 2019:

Arrears 01/01/19	€6,197,537.00
Accrued	€128,076,689.00
Write off in lieu of Vacancies	(€558,458)
Write offs for Bad Debts	(€2,060,181)
Total for collection	€131,655,587
Collected	€126,748,777
Arrears @ 31/12/19	€4,906,810

Percentage collection	96%

The arrears position of €4.9m at the end of 2019 is a reduction on the position at 31st December 2018 when the arrears stood at €6.19m.

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

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Financial Review

I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Statement of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31st December 2019. The Annual Financial Statement has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements governing the accounts of Local authorities and in compliance with the Accounting Code of Practice for Local Authorities. A statement of the Council's Accounting Policies is included at pages 4 to 8 of the Accounts. Included in the accounts are statements of Income and Expenditure, Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Funds Flow together with various notes and appendices.

The Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis. All debtors are included in the balance sheet and adequate provision is made for doubtful debts.

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) includes valuations for fixed assets and includes local authority houses, land, buildings, equipment, heritage assets, plant and machinery, road networks and the surface water element of our drainage network. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2019 is €2.886bn.

Expenditure for the year 2019 on the revenue account, excluding transfers to reserves, amounted to €203.1m, while income on the account amounted to €247.4m. The revenue account outturn for 2019 is €923 credit. When account is taken of the incoming credit balance the Revenue Account shows a credit balance of €15.979m. Capital expenditure (net of transfers) amounted to €225.9m. The combined total expenditure impact of our Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2019 is €429m.

The total indebtedness of the Council on foot of loans outstanding at the 31st December 2019 was €336m. The corresponding figure for the 31st December 2018 was €334.9m, or a increase of .003%. The additional borrowing has been used, principally, to fund the council's mortgage loans.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all staff in the preparation of the final accounts.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive
29th May 2020

Fingal County Council

Certificate of Chief Executive and Head of Finance for the year ended 31 December 2019

1.1 We the Chief Executive and Head of Finance are responsible for preparing an annual financial statement in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under Section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001

1.2 We are responsible for maintaining proper books of account that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the local authority and enable it to ensure that financial statements prepared comply with the statutory requirements.

1.3 We are responsible for the safeguarding of assets of the local authority and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

1.4 When preparing financial statements we have:

- stated that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice and the accounting policies have been applied consistently; and,
- made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

1.5 We certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2019, as set out on pages 4 to 23, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements as directed by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Chief Executive

Date 29/5/2020

Head of Finance

Date 29/5/2020

AUDIT OPINION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice ACoP on local authority accounting, as revised by the Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) at 31st December 2019. Non-compliance with accounting policies as set out in ACoP must be stated in the Policies and Notes to the Accounts.

2. Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement)

A Statement of Funds Flow was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of local authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the local government sector. For this reason the statement is being referred to as a 'Statement of Funds Flow'. The financial accounts now include a Statement of Funds Flow shown after the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). Notes 17 – 22 relate to the Statement of Funds Flow and are shown in the Notes on and forming part of the Accounts section of the AFS. Note 19 details Project/Non Project/Affordable/Voluntary balances, which can be either a debit or a credit balance. The funds flow assumes that these are debit balances and bases the (Increase)/Decrease description on this.

3. Accruals

The revenue and capital accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with the Code of Practice.

4. Interest Charges

Loans payable can be divided into the following two categories:

- Mortgage related loans
- Non- mortgage related loans

4.1 Mortgage Related Loans

Mortgage related loans have a corresponding stream of income from long term advances (i.e. monies lent by the local authority to borrowers), for the purchase of houses. Only the interest element is charged or credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement).

4.2 Non Mortgage Related Loans

Note 7 to the accounts sets out the types of borrowing under this heading. Loans relating to assets/grants, revenue funding will not have a corresponding stream of income. Bridging finance will eventually become part of permanent funding. Loans in respect of the other headings will have a corresponding value in Note 3. The loan repayment cost of principal and interest is funded through the annual budget process. At the end of the financial year the funding element of the principal is transferred and offset against a loan repayment reserve. This transfer is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Account Statement) under the heading 'transfers to/from reserves'.

5. Pensions

Payments in respect of pensions and gratuities are charged to the revenue account in the accounting period in which the payments are made. The cost of salaries and wages in the accounts includes deductions in respect of pension contributions (including Widows and Orphans) benefits under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and the Single Public Service Pension Scheme.

The Single Public Service Pension Scheme ("Single Scheme") commenced with effect from 1 January 2013. Employee contributions for the Single Scheme continue to be deducted by local authorities but are remitted centrally to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The requirements of current accounting standards relating to pensions and their application to local authority accounting remains under consideration.

6. Agency and Other Services

Expenditure on services provided or carried out on behalf of other local authorities is recouped at cost or in accordance with specific agreements.

7. Insurance

The Council is substantially self-insured in the areas of public and employers liability insurance. An excess of €254,000 and €127,000 respectively operates on these policies. Ongoing provision is made in the revenue budget for the cost of the claims. In addition, an insurance fund is in place on an investment basis rather than on an actuarial basis. We are satisfied that the insurance fund will meet any current liabilities that may fall due.

8. Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts

Provision has been made in the relevant accounts for bad and doubtful debts. We have also provided for any loans not covered by the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process.

9. Fixed Assets

9.1 Classification of Assets

Fixed assets are classified into categories as set out in the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). A further breakdown by asset type is set out in Note 1 to the accounts.

9.2 Recognition

All expenditure on the acquisition or construction of fixed assets is capitalised on an accrual basis. Fixed assets that have been constructed by developers in lieu of their development contributions that have not already been included in our fixed assets will be captured in the fixed asset revaluation process.

9.3 Measurement

A Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) incorporating all of the assets of the local authority was included for the first time in the Annual Financial Statement for 2003. The assets were valued based on the 'Valuation Guideline' issued by the Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government. All assets purchased or constructed as from 1/1/2004 have been included at historical cost. Accounting policies relating to leases are currently being developed and will be reflected in the financial statements at a future date. The valuation of Local Authority Housing is only for the purposes of the AFS and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. All open spaces as at the 31/12/03 were taken on a nil value. Playgrounds taken on since the 1/1/04 have been taken on at cost. Grave spaces are valued at the net realisable value which is there selling price.

9.4 Fixed Assets Revaluation

As set out in a revision to the Accounting Code of Practice it is policy to show fixed assets at cost. Maintenance and enhancement costs associated with Infrastructure assets are not currently included in fixed assets but will be reviewed at a future date. Due to their physical nature the vast majority of assets are unique to local authorities and are not subject to disposal. Any loss or gain associated with the net realisable value of the remaining general assets subject to disposal, are accounted for at time of disposal.

9.5 Disposals

In respect of disposable assets, income is credited to a specific reserve and is generally applied in the purchase of new assets. Proceeds of the sale of local authority houses are to be applied as directed by the Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government.

9.6 Depreciation

Under the current method of accounting, the charge for depreciation is offset by the amortisation of the source of funding the asset. This method has a neutral impact on the Income & Expenditure Account and consequently the charge for depreciation and the

corresponding credit from amortisation is excluded from the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement).

The policies applied to assets subject to depreciation are as follows:

Asset Type	**Bases**	**Depreciation Rate**
Plant and Machinery • Long Life • Short Life	 Straight Line Straight Line	 10% 20%
Equipment	Straight Line	20%
Furniture	Straight Line	20%
Heritage Assets		Nil
Library Books		Nil
Play Grounds	Straight Line	20%
Parks	Straight Line	2%
Landfill Sites **(*See Note)**		
Water Assets • Water Schemes • Drainage Schemes	 Straight Line Straight Line	 Asset Life of 70 Years Asset Life of 50 Years

The Council does not charge depreciation in the year of disposal and will charge a full years depreciation in the year of acquisition.

*** The value of landfill sites has been included in Note 1 under land. Depreciation represents the depletion of the landfill asset.**

10. Government Grants

Government grants are accounted for on an accrual basis. Grants received to cover day to day operations are credited to Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement). Grants received, relating to the construction of assets, are shown as part of the income of work-in-progress. On completion of the project the income is transferred to a capitalisation account.

11. Development Debtors & Income

Short term development levy debtors are included in Note 5. Income from development contributions not due to be paid within the current year is deferred and not separately disclosed in the financial statements.

Development contribution cash collected in 2019 due to Irish Water but not paid over to Irish Water in 2019 is shown as a creditor.

All S.49 levies received are only included as refundable deposits as the council is only acting as an agent for the Railway Procurement Agency (R.P.A).

12. Debt Redemption

The proceeds from the early redemption of loans by borrowers, are applied to the redemption of mortgage related borrowings from the HFA.

13. Lease Schemes

Rental payments under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement). Assets acquired under a finance lease are included in fixed assets. The amount due on outstanding balances is shown under current liabilities and long term creditors. The sum of the digit method is used for calculating all leases.

14. Stock

Stocks are valued on an average cost basis.

15. Work-in-Progress & Preliminary Expenditure

Work-in progress and preliminary expenditure is the accumulated historical cost of various capital related projects. The income accrued in respect of these projects is shown in the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as 'Income WIP'.

16. Related Parties

A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the local authority and a related party. The main related parties for a local authority include the following:

i. Management and Personnel ii.
Council members iii.
Government Departments iv.
Local Authority Companies

Local Authority council members and key personnel are bound under the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 2001 and subsequent amending legislation to:

A. Furnish an annual declaration of 'declarable interests' set out in section 175 of the Act;

B. Disclose under sections 167, 178 and 179 any beneficial interests that they or a connected person has; and
C. Follow a code of conduct issued by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) under section 169 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2004.

'Declarable interests' cover both financial and certain other interests such as land etc. Local authority management and personnel salary and remuneration is determined by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in line with central government policy on rates of pay. Local Authority interests in companies and joint ventures are disclosed in Appendix 8 to the Annual Financial Statements. Local Authority transactions with government departments are governed by central government controls and procedures driven by government accounting rules.

17. Interest in Local Authority Companies

The interest of Fingal County Council in companies is listed in Appendix 8 and has been included in Long term investments - associated companies in Note 3 as disclosed in Appendix 8.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT)

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure.
It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.
Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

Expenditure By Division	Note	Gross Expenditure 2019 €	Income 2019 €	Net Expenditure 2019 €	Net Expenditure 2018 €
Housing and Building		52,385,570	57,817,752	(5,432,183)	(7,250,306)
Roads, Transportation & Safety		27,662,676	8,765,770	18,896,906	16,292,697
Water Services		14,987,965	17,146,987	(2,159,022)	(570,676)
Development Management		19,112,314	5,237,676	13,874,639	13,259,847
Environmental Services		39,529,196	6,438,149	33,091,047	33,678,115
Recreation & Amenity		39,350,799	3,319,275	36,031,524	33,575,244
Agriculture. Education, Health & Welfare		795,563	263,714	531,849	499,188
Miscellaneous Services		9,313,281	12,672,382	(3,359,101)	(4,415,000)
Total Expenditure/Income	**15**	203,137,364	111,661,707		
				44,226,816	42,758,024
				(44,225,894)	(42,756,069)
				923	1,955
				15,978,433	15,976,478
				15,979,356	15,978,433
Net Cost of Division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax				91,475,658	85,069,110
Rates				128,177,804	120,305,779
Local Property Tax				7,524,670	7,521,354
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer					
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	**14**				
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**16**				
General Reserve at 1st January					

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019	2018
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,367,549,188	1,303,633,101
Infrastructural		1,144,378,186	1,147,909,375
Community		103,703,179	104,440,975
Non-Operational		270,855,813	257,442,393

		2,886,486,366	**2,813,425,844**
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2		
		94,371,432	**73,583,061**
Long Term Debtors	3	**268,689,633**	**262,255,912**
Current Assets			
Stock	4		
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	496,056	606,759
Bank Investments Cash at Bank Cash in Transit		95,003,088	63,744,234
		210,000,000	222,556,995
		3,052,451	8,869,958
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		349,971	542,243
Creditors & Accruals	6	**308,901,566**	**296,320,190**
Finance Leases			
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		-	-
		91,115,247	89,548,466
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)		803,581	1,042,838
Loans Payable	7	**91,918,828**	**90,591,304**
Finance Leases			
Refundable Deposits	8		
Other		**216,982,738**	**205,728,885**
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		316,264,687	315,324,059
		1,119,476	1,311,806
Represented By		34,507,311	41,884,045
Capitalisation	9	26,500,785	26,500,785
Income WIP	2	**378,392,259**	**385,020,696**
Specific Revenue Reserve			
General Revenue Reserve			
Other Balances	10	**3,088,137,909**	**2,969,973,006**
Total Reserves			
		2,886,486,366	2,813,425,844
		81,171,850	65,489,949
		-	-
		15,979,356	15,978,433
		104,500,338	75,078,780
		3,088,137,909	**2,969,973,006**

*Bank Investments include a sum of €2.9m re Section 49 Levies for Metro North and Hansfield

STATEMENT OF FUNDS FLOW (FUNDS FLOW STATEMENT)

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 €	2019 €
EVENUE ACTIVITIES			
t Inflow/(outflow) from Operating Activities	**17**		**(29,580,448)**
APITAL ACTIVITIES			
turns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			
rease/(Decrease) in Fixed Asset Capitalisation Funding		73,060,522	
rease/(Decrease) in WIP/Preliminary Funding		15,681,901	
rease/(Decrease) in Reserves Balances	**18**	43,621,638	
t Inflow/(Outflow) from Returns on Investment and rvicing of Finance			**132,364,060**
pital Expenditure & Financial Investment			
crease)/Decrease in Fixed Assets		(73,060,522)	
crease)/Decrease in WIP/Preliminary Funding		(20,788,370)	
crease)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances	**19**	(20,850,142)	
t Inflow/(Outflow) from Capital Expenditure l Financial Investment			**(114,699,034)**
nancing			
rease/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing	**20**	(5,924,681)	
crease)/Decrease in Reserve Financing	**21**	6,650,062	

t Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities		**725,381**
ird Party Holdings		
rease/(Decrease) in Refundable Deposits		**(7,376,734)**
t Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**22**	**(18,566,774)**

. Fixed Assets

	Land	Parks	Housing	Buildings	Plant & Machinery (Long and Short Life)	Computers, Furniture and Equipment	Heritage	Roads and Infrastructure	Water and Sewerage Network	Total
Costs	€									
Accumulated Costs at 1st Jan	283,826,317	27,770,899	1,063,061,064	298,783,752	12,745,860	1,084,549	1,099,130	1,053,519,209	202,059,449	2,943,950,229
Additions - Purchased	13,305,329	-	53,319,004	9,720,645	1,929,733	-	-	510,000	-	78,784,711
Additions - Transfer WIP	-	-	3,382,055	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,382,055
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	(32)	-	(2,881,417)	-	(1,160,028)	-	-	-	-	(4,041,477)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Historical Costs Adjustments	(322,900)	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	(172,900)

Accumulated Costs 31/12/2019	**296,808,714**	**27,770,899**	**1,117,030,706**	**308,504,397**	**13,515,565**	**1,084,549**	**1,099,130**	**1,054,029,209**	**202,059,449**	**3,021,902,617**
Depreciation										
Accumulated Depreciation at 1st Jan										
Provision for year	-	14,104,530	-	121,695	7,364,778	611,967	-	-	108,321,416	130,524,385
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	-	737,796	-	-	1,009,484	135,842	-	-	4,041,189	5,924,311
Accumulated Depreciation 31/12/2019	-	-	-	-	(1,032,445)	-	-	-	-	(1,032,445)
Net Book Value at 31/12/2019	**-**	**14,842,326**	**-**	**121,695**	**7,341,818**	**747,809**	**-**	**-**	**112,362,605**	**135,416,252**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2018										
	296,808,714	**12,928,573**	**1,117,030,706**	**308,382,702**	**6,173,747**	**336,740**	**1,099,130**	**1,054,029,209**	**89,696,844**	**2,886,486,366**
	283,826,317	13,666,369	1,063,061,064	298,662,058	5,381,082	472,582	1,099,130	1,053,519,209	93,738,033	2,813,425,844

Net Book Value by Category

Operational	41,724,192	-	1,117,030,706	202,283,802	6,173,747	336,740	-	-	-	1,367,549,188
Infrastructural	652,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,054,029,209	89,696,844	1,144,378,186
Community	-	12,928,573	-	89,792,676	-	-	981,930	-	-	103,703,179
Non-Operational	254,432,389	-	-	16,306,224	-	-	117,200	-	-	270,855,813
Net Book Value at 31/12/2019	**296,808,714**	**12,928,573**	**1,117,030,706**	**308,382,702**	**6,173,747**	**336,740**	**1,099,130**	**1,054,029,209**	**89,696,844**	**2,886,486,366**

2. Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses

A summary of work in progress and preliminary expenditure by asset category is as follows:

	Funded 2019 €	Unfunded 2019 €	Total 2019 €	Total 2018 €
Expenditure				
Preliminary Expenses	26,551,066	33,325,788	59,876,854	63,662,589
Work in Progress	34,494,577	-	34,494,577	9,920,473

Total Expenditure	**61,045,643**	**33,325,788**	**94,371,432**	**73,583,061**
Income				
Preliminary Expenses	25,151,732	27,094,330	52,246,062	55,198,975
Work in Progress	28,925,788	-	28,925,788	10,290,974
Total Income	**54,077,520**	**27,094,330**	**81,171,850**	**65,489,949**
Net Expended				
Work in Progress	5,568,790	-	5,568,790	(370,502)
Preliminary Expenses	1,399,334	6,231,458	7,630,792	8,463,613
Net Over/(Under) Expenditure	**6,968,124**	**6,231,458**	**13,199,582**	**8,093,112**

3. Long Term Debtors

A breakdown of long term debtors is as follows:

2019	2019 2019	2019 2019	2019 2018	
	Balance @ Early Balance @	Loans Other		
	01/01/2019 Redemptions 31/12/2018	Issued Adjustments	Instalments 31/12/2019	
	€	€	€	
	€	€	€	€
Long Term Mortgage Advances *	124,807,070	24,545,600	(7,610,403)	
(2,478,925)	(1,046,858)	138,216,484	124,807,070	
Tenant Purchase Advances	172,511	-	(328,239)	
(14,605)	261,329	90,996	172,511	
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	3,864,958	-	-	
15,465	(178,095)	3,702,328	3,864,958	
	128,844,539	24,545,600	(7,938,642)	
	(2,478,065)	(963,624)	142,009,808	
128,844,539				
Recoupable Loan Advances				
91,775,603				97,501,807
Capital Advance Leasing Facility				
26,500,785				26,500,785
Long Term Investments - Cash				
19,073,224				19,106,575
Long Term Investments - Associated Companies				
1,053,552				1,137,168
Other				
-				-
280,412,972				273,090,874
Less: Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 5)				
(11,723,339)				(10,834,962)
Total amounts falling due after one year				
268,689,633				**262,255,912**

* Includes HFA agency loans

4. Stocks

A summary of stock is as follows:

	2019	2018
	€	€
Central Stores	19,411	32,627
Other Depots	476,645	574,132
Total	**496,056**	**606,759**

5. Trade Debtors and Prepayments

A breakdown of debtors and prepayments is as follows:

	125,831,503	**145,502,226**
	(49,599,280)	(83,717,141)
	76,232,223	**61,785,085**
	18,770,865	1,959,149
	2019	**2018**
	€	€
Government Debtors	29,291,916	20,760,578
Commercial Debtors	11,773,219	11,009,685
Non-Commercial Debtors	4,837,531	3,876,891
Development Contribution Debtors	65,501,048	96,856,964
Other Services	303,565	506,072
Other Local Authorities	2,400,885	1,657,075
Revenue Commissioners	-	-
Other	-	-
Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 3)	11,723,339	10,834,962
Total Gross Debtors		
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts		
Total Trade Debtors		
Prepayments		
Total	**95,003,088**	**63,744,234**

6. Creditors and Accruals

A breakdown of creditors and accruals is as follows:

	15,787,502	**14,242,057**
	27,527,066	27,242,129
	28,008,542	28,477,416
	19,792,137	19,586,864
	91,115,247	**89,548,466**

	2019	**2018**
	€	**€**
Trade Creditors	13,425,885	10,792,432
Grants	171,235	120,555
Revenue Commissioners	1,816,638	1,413,510
Other Local Authorities	54,420	1,429,898
Other Creditors	319,324	485,662
Accruals		
Deferred Income		
Add:Current Portion of Loans Payable (Note 7) **Total**		

7. Loans Payable

(a) Movement in Loans Payable

	2019	**2019**	**2019**	**2019**	**2018**
	HFA	**OPW**	**Other**	**Total**	**Total**
	€	**€**	**€**	**€**	**€**
Opening Balance	296,946,771	-	37,964,152	334,910,923	347,355,693
Borrowings	29,796,900	-	-	29,796,900	14,827,650
Repayment of Principal	(19,020,208)	-	(5,252,790)	(24,272,999)	(19,666,513)
Early Redemptions	(4,363,823)	-	-	(4,363,823)	(7,535,060)
Other Adjustments	(14,178)	-	-	(14,178)	(70,848)
	303,345,463	**-**	**32,711,361**	**336,056,824**	**334,910,923**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				19,792,137	19,586,864
Total amounts falling due after one year				**316,264,687**	**315,324,059**

(b) Application of Loans

An analysis of loans payable is as follows:

Mortgage					
Mortgage Loans *	133,489,376	-	-	133,489,376	117,726,841
Non Mortgage					
Assets/Grants	38,707,945	-	13,207,871	51,915,816	58,285,244
Revenue Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Bridging Finance	54,306,136	-	-	54,306,136	56,570,314
Recoupable	72,272,113	-	19,503,490	91,775,603	97,501,807
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	4,569,894	-	-	4,569,894	4,826,717
Balance at 31st December	**303,345,463**	**-**	**32,711,361**	**336,056,824**	**334,910,923**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				19,792,137	19,586,864
Total Amounts Due after one year				**316,264,687**	**315,324,059**

* Includes HFA Agency Loans

8. Refundable Deposits

The movement in refundable deposits is as follows:

	2019	2018
	€	€
Opening Balance at 1st January	41,884,045	34,136,160
Deposits received	2,614,329	13,258,833
Deposits repaid	(9,991,063)	(5,510,948)
Closing Balance at 31st December	**34,507,311**	**41,884,045**

Note: Short Term Refundable Deposits are included as part of Cash Investments on the Balance Sheet

9. Capitalisation Account

The capitalisation account shows the funding of the assets as follows:

	2019 Balance @ 01/01/2019 €	2019 Purchased €	isposals/ WIP €	Historical Cost Statutory T/F's €	Revaluation €	Balance @ Adjustments €	Balance @ 31/12/2019 €	31/12/2018 €
			3,382,055	-	-	-	515,695,769	458,454,992
Grants	458,454,992	53,858,723		-	- - - 170,614,448	170,614,448 - (79,850) - -	13,966,104	4,973,151
Loans	170,614,448	-		-	(897,261) -	- 9,902,574	9,971,557 -	- -
Revenue Funded	4,973,151	9,072,803			-	81,210,355	80,700,355	
Leases	9,971,557	828,278						
Development Contributions	80,700,355	510,000		-	- -	- - -		
Tenant Purchase Annuties	-	-		-	- -	- 128,521,514	115,108,062	
Unfunded	115,108,062	13,413,452		-	(111,566) -	(172,900) 2,073,668,559	2,073,953,024	
Historical	2,073,953,024	-		-	(2,952,800)	- - 28,323,293	30,174,639	
Other	30,174,639	1,101,454						
Total Gross Funding	**2,943,950,229**	**78,784,711**	**3,382,055**	**(4,041,477)**	**-**	**(172,900)**	**3,021,902,617**	**2,943,950,229**
							(135,416,252)	(130,524,385)
Less: Amortised							**2,886,486,366**	**2,813,425,844**

Total *

* As per note 1

2019
2019
2019
2019
2019 **2018**

Transfers
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A breakdown of other balances is as follows:

	Note	2019 Balance @ 01/01/2019 €	2019 * Capital Reclassification €	2019 Expenditure €	2019 Income €	2019 Net Transfers €	2019 Balance @ 31/12/2019 €	2018 Balance @ 31/12/2018 €
Development Contributions Balances	(i)	120,679,759	-	14,726,355	50,128,785	(2,667,029)	153,415,160	120,679,759
	(ii)	(54,524,328)	(1,132,707)	160,298,941	122,909,213	16,600,393	(76,446,370)	(54,524,328)
Capital Account Balances including Asset Formation and Enhancement								
Voluntary & Affordable Housing Balances								
- Voluntary Housing	(iii)	(3,510,716)	-	6,534,921	7,903,702	(296,880)	(2,438,816)	(3,510,716)
- Affordable Housing	(iii)	(11,470,827)	-	-	-	-	(11,470,827)	(11,470,827)
Reserves Created for Specific Purposes	(iv)	135,000,006	-	10,707,364	6,931,618	14,661,983	145,886,243	135,000,006
Net Capital Balances		**186,173,894**	**(1,132,707)**	**192,267,581**	**187,873,317**	**28,298,467**	**208,945,390**	**186,173,894**
Balance Sheet Accounts relating to Loan Principal outstanding (including Unrealised TP Annuities)	(v)						(105,498,604)	(112,232,282)
Interest in Associated Companies	(vi)						1,053,552	1,137,168
Total Other Balances								

* Capital re-classification represents the change in status and/or funding of opening capital balances.

Note (i) This represents the cumulative balance of development levies i.e. income less expenditure and transfers to date.

Note (ii) This represents the cumulative position on funded and unfunded capital jobs consisting of project (completed assets) and non project (enhancement of assets) balances. Debit balances will require sources of funding to clear.

Note (iii) This represents the cumulative position on voluntary and affordable housing projects.

Note (iv) Relates to reserves and advance funding for future Local Authority assets, insurance liabilities, other purposes and includes realised tenant purchase annuities.

Note (v) Loan related balances including outstanding principal on leases and non-mortgage loans remaining to be funded, historical mortgage funding gap, unrealised principal on tenant purchase annuities to be repaid in the future, and shared ownership rented equity.

Note (vi) Represents the Local Authority's interest in associated companies.

10. Other Balances

	104,500,338	**75,078,780**

11. Capital Account Analysis

The capital account has been de-aggregated and is comprised of the following accounts in the balance sheet as follows:

	195,745,809	**178,080,783**
	178,080,783	157,965,271
	225,853,660	196,273,810
	124,732,163	102,779,994
	-	118,951
	87,799,507	87,536,788
	212,531,670	190,435,733
	30,987,016	25,953,589
	195,745,809	**178,080,783**

	2019	**2018**
	€	**€**
Net WIP and Preliminary Expenses (Note 2)	(13,199,582)	(8,093,112)
Capital Balances (Note 10)	208,945,390	186,173,894
Capital Balance Surplus/(Deficit) at 31st December		

A summary of the changes in the Capital account (see Appendix 6) is as follows:

Opening Balance at 1st January

Expenditure

Income

- Grants
- Loans
- Other

Total Income				
Net Revenue Transfers				
Closing Balance				

12. Mortgage Loan Funding Position

The mortgage loan funding position on the balance sheet at year-end is as follows:

	2019	2019	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
	Loan Annuity	**Rented Equity**	**Total**	**Total**
Mortgage Loans/Equity Receivable (Note 3)	138,216,484	3,702,328	141,918,812	128,672,028
Mortgage Loans/Equity Payable (Note 7)	(133,489,376)	(4,569,894)	(138,059,269)	(122,553,558)
Surplus/(Deficit) in Funding @ 31st of Decembe				
4,727,108	**(867,566)**	**3,859,543**	**6,118,470**	

NOTE: Cash on Hand relating to Redemptions and Relending	2,547,232

13. Summary of Plant and Materials Account

A summary of the operations of the Plant and Materials account is as follows:

	-	**(110,703)**	**(110,703)**	**210,051**
	-	-	-	-
	-	**(110,703)**	**(110,703)**	**210,051**

	Plant	**Materials**	**Total**	**Total**
	2019	**2019**	**2019**	**2018**
	€	**€**	**€**	**€**
Expenditure	(1,874,509)	(110,703)	(1,985,212)	(1,607,040)
Charged to Jobs	1,874,509	-	1,874,509	1,817,091
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year				
Transfers from/(to) Reserves				
Surplus/(Deficit) before Transfers				

	2019 Transfer From Reserves €	2019 Transfer To Reserves €	2019 Net €	2018 Net €
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Own Asset)	-	(5,391,987)	(5,391,987)	(9,269,057)
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Recoupable)	-	(6,587,022)	(6,587,022)	(6,142,253)
Principal Repaid - Finance Leases	-	(1,259,868)	(1,259,868)	(1,391,170)
Transfers - Other Balance Sheet Reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfers - Capital Account	(487,739)	(30,499,278)	(30,987,016)	(25,953,589)
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**(487,739)**	**(43,738,155)**	**(44,225,894)**	**(42,756,069)**

14. Analysis of Transfers to/from Reserves

A summary of the transfers to/from reserves is as follows:

	111,661,707	**45.1%**	**104,189,644**	**44.9%**
	7,524,670	3.0%	Local Property Tax 7,521,354	3.2%
	128,177,804	51.8%	Rates 120,305,779	51.9%
	247,364,181			
		100.0%	**Total Income 232,016,777**	**100.0%**

15. Analysis of Revenue Income

A summary of the major sources of revenue income is as follows:

	Appendix No	2019 €		2018 €	
State Grants & Subsidies	3	49,928,244	20.2%	45,129,124	19.5%
Contributions from other Local Authorities		714,060	0.3%	714,141	0.3%
Goods and Services	4	61,019,403	24.7%	58,346,379	25.1%

16. Over/Under Expenditure

The difference between the adopted budget and the actual outturn is respect of both expenditure and income is as follows:

	NET EXPENDITURE					INCOME					
	Excluding Transfers 2019 €	Transfers 2019 €	Including Transfers 2019 €	Budget 2019 €	(Over)/Under Budget 2019 €	Excluding Transfers 2019 €	Transfers 2019 €	Including Transfers 2019 €	Budget 2019 €	Over/(Under) Budget 2019 €	(Over)/Under Budget 2019 €
Housing & Building	52,385,570	11,388,575	63,774,144	64,104,366	330,222	57,817,752	-	57,817,752	55,012,463	2,805,290	3,135,512
Roads Transportation & Safety	27,662,676	1,454,910	29,117,587	27,309,990	(1,807,596)	8,765,770	-	8,765,770	6,930,608	1,835,163	27,566

	203,137,364	**43,738,155**	**246,875,519**	**237,305,501**	**(9,570,018)**	**111,661,707**	**(487,739)**	**111,173,968**	**103,243,399**	**7,930,569**	**(1,639,450)**
	-	-	-	-	-	7,524,670	-	7,524,670	7,524,700	(30)	(30)
	-	-	-	-	-	128,177,804	-	128,177,804	126,537,400	1,640,404	1,640,404
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**135,702,474**	**-**	**135,702,474**	**134,062,100**	**1,640,374**	**1,640,374**
	203,137,364	**43,738,155**	**246,875,519**	**237,305,501**	**(9,570,018)**	**247,364,181**	**(487,739)**	**246,876,442**	**237,305,499**	**9,570,942**	**924**
Water Services	14,987,965	5,316,344	20,304,308	19,980,281	(324,027)	17,146,987	-	17,146,987	17,830,657	(683,670)	(1,007,697)
Development Management	19,112,314	1,963,658	21,075,972	22,958,903	1,882,931	5,237,676	-	5,237,676	4,496,662	741,013	2,623,944
Environmental Services	39,529,196	5,383,947	44,913,143	45,137,195	224,052	6,438,149	-	6,438,149	4,962,062	1,476,087	1,700,138
Recreation & Amenity	39,350,799	7,203,972	46,554,771	44,834,643	(1,720,128)	3,319,275	(487,739)	2,831,536	2,476,424	355,113	(1,365,015)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	795,563	87,787	883,350	1,087,362	204,012	263,714	-	263,714	259,395	4,319	208,331
Miscellaneous Services	9,313,281	10,938,962	20,252,243	11,892,760	(8,359,482)	12,672,382	-	12,672,382	11,275,129	1,397,253	(6,962,229)
Total Divisions											
Local Property Tax											
Rates											
Dr/Cr Balance											

Total Divisions

Surplus/(Deficit) for Year

17. Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities

	2019
	€
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	923
(Increase)/Decrease in Stocks	110,703
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Debtors	(31,258,854)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors Less than One Year	1,566,780
	(29,580,448)

18. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Balances

Increase/(Decrease) in Development Contributions	32,735,400
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves created for specific purposes	10,886,237
	43,621,638

19. (Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances

(Increase)/Decrease in Voluntary Housing Balances	1,071,901
(Increase)/Decrease in Affordable Housing Balances	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Capital account balances including asset formation/enhancement	(21,922,042)
	(20,850,142)

20. Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing

(Increase)/Decrease in Long Term Debtors	
Increase/(Decrease) in Mortgage Loans	
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset/Grant Loans	(6,433,721)
Increase/(Decrease) in Revenue Funding Loans	15,762,535
Increase/(Decrease) in Bridging Finance Loans	(6,369,428)
Increase/(Decrease) in Recoupable Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Shared Ownership Rented Equity Loans	(2,264,178)
Increase/(Decrease) in Finance Leasing	(5,726,204)
(Increase)/Decrease in Portion Transferred to Current Liabilities	(256,824)
	(431,587)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Creditors - Deferred Income	(205,273)
	-
	(5,924,681)

21. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Financing

2019

	€
(Increase)/Decrease in Specific Revenue Reserve	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Balance Sheet accounts relating to loan principal & Unrealised TP Annuities	6,733,678
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserves in Associated Companies	
	(83,616)
	6,650,062

22. Analysis of Changes in Cash & Cash Equivalents

Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Investments	(12,556,995)
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash at Bank/Overdraft	(5,817,507)
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash in Transit	(192,273)
(18,566,775)	

23. Post Balance Sheet (Non Adjusting) Event

At the financial year end on 31/12/2019 initial reports were emerging from China about Covid-19. In the interim the WHO has declared it a pandemic which has resulted in unprecedented restrictions on travel and movement. This health crisis has, in a short space of time, resulted in effectively locking down economic activity within the county and country for the vast majority of businesses, and brings with it financial uncertainty and consequences that will be of proportions impossible to estimate effectively at this time.

The global economic shock created by the COVID 19 pandemic has been faster and more severe than the 2008 financial crash.

It is clear, however, even at this point of the crisis that the financial impact will be significant but an estimate of such costs both in terms of dealing with the crisis and the direct impact on other Income and Expenditure for the local authority cannot be estimated at this time as the crisis is ongoing.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	€	€
Payroll		
- Salary & Wages	67,354,628	64,173,683
- Pensions (Incl. Gratuities)	14,595,507	15,301,230
- Other Costs	-	-

81,950,135	**79,474,913**
1,096,653	1,645,667
1,985,478	1,933,755
20,274,537	17,119,267
34,966,097	30,980,593
1,945,898	2,215,778
3,031,437	2,733,480
6,072,572	5,808,277
616,171	492,378
1,013,515	997,052
4,341,799	3,157,978
4,802,437	4,253,391
17,484,738	17,078,122
97,631,333	**88,415,739**
1,167,915	978,077
1,082,334	803,475
516,061	487,960
2,194,671	2,073,687
3,940,593	3,270,183
8,901,575	**7,613,382**
3,028,949	3,034,064
1,110,723	967,480
4,139,672	**4,001,544**
8,168,569	7,005,586

Total	2,346,080	2,747,589
Operational Expenses		
- Purchase of Equipment		
- Repairs & Maintenance		
- Contract Payments		
- Agency Services		
- Machinery Yard Charges (Incl Plant Hire)		
- Purchase of Materials & Issues from Stores		
- Payments of Grants		
- Members Costs		
- Travelling & Subsistence		
- Consultancy & Professional Fees Payments		
- Energy Costs		
- Other		
Total		
Administration Expenses		
- Communication Expenses		
- Training		
- Printing & Stationery		
- Contributions to Other Bodies		
- Other		
Total		
Establishment Expenses		
- Rent & Rates		
- Other		
Total		
Financial Expenses		
Miscellaneous Expenses		
Total Expenditure	**203,137,364**	**189,258,753**

Appendix 2

SERVICE DIVISION A

Housing and Building

Service		EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
		TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
A01	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	11,446,860	217,026	18,889,191	5,778	19,111,995
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,481,298	-	26,743	1,580	28,323
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,766,916	-	47,131	2,522	49,653
A04	Housing Community Development Support	1,907,165	-	41,668	1,580	43,248
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	3,325,637	-	26,099	312,232	338,332
A06	Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog.	8,388,714	5,513,211	63,547	3,743	5,580,501
A07	RAS Programme	26,021,312	21,153,162	4,653,640	1,482	25,808,284
A08	Housing Loans	4,612,433	285,835	3,681,216	1,743	3,968,794
A09	Housing Grants	3,096,768	2,067,702	13,697	809	2,082,208
A11	Agency & Recoupable Services	1,230,008	684,600	-	4,089	688,689
A12	Housing Assistance Programme	497,032	109,050	8,191	484	117,725
	Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**63,774,144**	**30,030,587**	**27,451,123**	**336,042**	**57,817,752**

	Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	11,388,575	-	-	-	-
	Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**52,385,570**	**30,030,587**	**27,451,123**	**336,042**	**57,817,752**

SERVICE DIVISION B

Road Transport & Safety

		EXPENDITURE	**INCOME**			
Service		**TOTAL**	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
B01	NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B02	NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	8,090,197	1,957,223	461,192	6,729	2,425,144
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	9,360,484	1,957,223	86,331	5,101	2,048,655
B05	Public Lighting	4,627,015	439,615	14,690	868	455,173
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	2,768,253	166,828	56,833	1,625	225,286
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B08	Road Safety Promotion/Education	1,581,834	124,917	44,884	2,652	172,452
B09	Maintenance & Management of Car Parking	745,943	-	2,100,431	100	2,100,532
B10	Support to Roads Capital Prog.	1,538,546	-	22,260	1,315	23,576
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	405,315	-	1,314,610	342	1,314,952

	Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**29,117,587**	**4,645,805**	**4,101,232**	**18,733**	**8,765,770**
	Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,454,910	-	-	-	-
	Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**27,662,676**	**4,645,805**	**4,101,232**	**18,733**	**8,765,770**

SERVICE DIVISION C

Water Services

		EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
Service		**TOTAL**	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
C01	Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply	9,990,778	2,337,745	7,643,886	-	9,981,631
C02	Operation and Maintenance of Waste Water Treatment	5,864,922	-	5,864,922	-	5,864,922
C03	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-
C04	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	355,230	-	18,011	1,064	19,075
C05	Admin of Group and Private Installations	6,073	6,073	-	-	6,073
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme	858,479	-	859,396	-	859,396
C07	Agency & Recoupable Services	3,427	-	262,117	-	262,117
C08	Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services	3,225,399	-	126,706	27,067	153,773
	Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**20,304,308**	**2,343,818**	**14,775,038**	**28,131**	**17,146,987**
	Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	5,316,344	-	-	-	-

	Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**14,987,965**	**2,343,818**	**14,775,038**	**28,131**	**17,146,987**

SERVICE DIVISION D Development Management

		EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
Service		**TOTAL**	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
D01	Forward Planning	3,012,303	-	77,755	4,567	82,321
D02	Development Management	6,889,991	-	1,555,577	8,732	1,564,309
D03	Enforcement	530,079	-	64,001	639	64,640
D04	Op & Mtce of Industrial Sites & Commercial Facilities	673,592	-	18,875	741	19,616
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	1,305,217	12,062	233,162	460	245,684
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	1,984,351	233,335	42,569	2,515	278,420
D07	Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-	-
D08	Building Control	2,002,465	-	223,436	2,266	225,701
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	3,392,513	1,611,832	228,822	1,638	1,842,292
D10	Property Management	928,041	-	731,995	848	732,843
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	357,420	175,045	6,468	338	181,850
D12	Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**21,075,972**	**2,032,274**	**3,182,659**	**22,743**	**5,237,676**

	Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,963,658	-	-	-	-
	Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**19,112,314**	**2,032,274**	**3,182,659**	**22,743**	**5,237,676**

SERVICE DIVISION E

Environmental Services

		EXPENDITURE	**INCOME**			
Service		**TOTAL**	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
E01	Operation, Maintenance and Aftercare of Landfill	5,143,990	-	29,876	1,436	31,311
E02	Op & Mtce of Recovery & Recycling Facilities	2,703,229	46,038	1,415,865	34,105	1,496,008
E03	Op & Mtce of Waste to Energy Facilities	811,927	-	1,076,434	-	1,076,434
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	-	-	-	-	-
E05	Litter Management	1,011,633	54,451	99,492	1,270	155,213
E06	Street Cleaning	6,970,968	-	155,219	9,171	164,390
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,157,542	499,000	106,824	1,169	606,993
E08	Waste Management Planning	254,586	19,625	3,133	126	22,884
E09	Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	2,245,672	-	1,107,178	2,802	1,109,980
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	1,335,013	-	22,211	51,312	73,523
E11	Operation of Fire Service	21,203,582	-	-	-	-

E12	Fire Prevention	215,811	-	1,103,407	-	1,103,407
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	1,411,986	-	587,308	780	588,087
E14	Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
E15	Climate Change and Flooding	447,203	-	9,725	194	9,920
	Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**44,913,143**	**619,114**	**5,716,669**	**102,366**	**6,438,149**
	Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	5,383,947	-	-	-	-
	Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**39,529,196**	**619,114**	**5,716,669**	**102,366**	**6,438,149**

SERVICE DIVISION F

Recreation and Amenity

		EXPENDITURE	**INCOME**			
Service		**TOTAL**	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
F01	Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	781,183	-	324,258	532	324,789
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	14,256,248	176,185	308,924	15,762	500,872
F03	Op, Mtce & Imp of Outdoor Leisure Areas	19,169,809	12,000	1,098,646	25,129	1,135,775
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	7,137,603	600,522	80,312	2,860	683,694
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	5,209,928	28,330	155,897	2,179	186,406
F06	Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-

	Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**46,554,771**	**817,038**	**1,968,036**	**46,463**	**2,831,536**
	Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	7,203,972	-	(487,739)	-	(487,739)
	Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**39,350,799**	**817,038**	**2,455,775**	**46,463**	**3,319,275**

SERVICE DIVISION G

Agriculture, Eductaion,Health and Welfare

		EXPENDITURE	**INCOME**			
Service		**TOTAL**	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
G01	Land Drainage Costs	-	-	-	-	-
G02	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	304,540	-	5,376	318	5,694
G03	Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	-
G04	Veterinary Service	487,998	16,575	218,025	107	234,707
G05	Educational Support Services	90,812	22,338	921	54	23,314
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**883,350**	**38,913**	**224,322**	**480**	**263,714**
	Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	87,787	-	-	-	-
	Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**795,563**	**38,913**	**224,322**	**480**	**263,714**

SERVICE DIVISION H

Miscellaneous Services

		EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
Service		TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
H01	Profit/Loss Machinery Account	-	-	-	-	-
H02	Profit/Loss Stores Account	218,241	-	-	-	-
H03	Adminstration of Rates	10,813,436	5,467,230	354,326	2,060	5,823,616
H04	Franchise Costs	958,239	-	12,732	8,312	21,044
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	8,606	-	-	-	-
H06	Weighbridges	6,443	-	-	-	-
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	400	-	3,000	-	3,000
H08	Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-	-
H09	Local Representation/Civic Leadership	2,387,530	-	26,369	1,385	27,754
H10	Motor Taxation	-	-	-	-	-
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	5,859,348	3,933,464	2,716,158	147,346	6,796,968
	Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**20,252,243**	**9,400,694**	**3,112,584**	**159,104**	**12,672,382**
	Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	10,938,962	-	-	-	-
	Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**9,313,281**	**9,400,694**	**3,112,584**	**159,104**	**12,672,382**
	TOTAL ALL DIVISIONS (Excluding Transfers)	**203,137,364**	**49,928,244**	**61,019,403**	**714,060**	**111,661,707**

APPENDIX 3

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

	45,773,658	**40,916,045**
	731,359	918,042
	1,611,832	1,508,746
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	1,811,394	1,786,291
	4,154,586	**4,213,079**
	2019	**2018**
	€	**€**
Department of Housing, Planning, and Local Government		
Housing Grants & Subsidies	29,894,837	26,622,483
Local Improvement Schemes	-	-
Road Grants	3,914,446	4,262,251
Water Services Group Schemes	-	-
Environmental Protection/Conservation Grants	220,000	-
Library Services	75,000	-
Urban and Village Renewal Schemes	-	-
Miscellaneous	11,669,375	10,031,311
Other Departments and Bodies		
Road Grants		
Local Enterprise Office		

Community Employment Schemes		
Civil Defence		
Higher Education Grants		
Miscellaneous		
TOTAL	**49,928,244**	**45,129,124**

APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES

	2019	**2018**
	€	**€**
Rents from Houses	23,398,090	21,826,082
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	2,839,733	3,585,289
Domestic Water	-	-
Commercial Water	-	-
Irish Water	14,289,624	14,345,944
Domestic Refuse	903,410	789,180
Commercial Refuse	-	-
Domestic Sewerage	-	-
Commercial Sewerage	-	-
Planning Fees	1,588,369	1,539,997
Parking Fines/Charges	2,098,734	1,874,528
Recreation & Amenity Activities	639,253	206,059
Library Fees/Fines	2,030	38,019

Agency Services	-	35,000
Pension Contributions	2,082,206	2,123,413
Property Rental & Leasing of Land	1,239,353	1,202,476
Landfill Charges	-	-
Fire Charges	1,103,407	880,562
NPPR	1,705,956	2,728,650
Miscellaneous	9,129,238	7,171,181
	61,019,403	**58,346,379**

APPENDIX 5

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

	2019	**2018**
	€	**€**
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to Contractors	61,137,290	47,360,437
Purchase of Land	22,014,094	9,240,799
Purchase of Other Assets/Equipment	55,614,099	61,275,183
Professional & Consultancy Fees	7,632,183	7,653,360
Other	79,455,995	70,744,031

Total Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)	**225,853,660**	**196,273,810**
Transfers to Revenue	(1,707,582)	3,686,478
Total Expenditure (Including Transfers)*	**224,146,079**	**199,960,287**
INCOME		
Grants and LPT		
Non-Mortgage Loans	124,732,163	102,779,994
Other Income	-	118,951
Development Contributions		
Property Disposals - Land		
- LA Housing	50,128,785	59,708,852
- Other Property	1,125,216	739,146
Tenant Purchase Annuities	2,740,100	573,504
Car Parking	278,070	67,184
Other	25,524,957	20,260,410
Total Income (Net of Internal Transfers)	-	-
Transfers from Revenue	8,002,380	6,187,692
Total Income (Including Transfers) *	**212,531,670**	**190,435,733**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	29,279,435	29,640,066
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	**241,811,105**	**220,075,799**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December 2019		

* Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account

17,665,026	**20,115,512**
178,080,783	157,965,271
195,745,809	178,080,783

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

		Balance at 01/01/2019	*Expenditure*	*INCOME*				*TRANSFERS*			*Balance at 31/12/2019*
				Grants & LPT	*Non Mortgage Loans **	*Other*	*Total Income*	*Transfers from Revenue*	*Transfers to Revenue*	*Internal Transfers*	
01	HOUSING & BUILDING	39,053,881	149,166,953	110,160,274	-	30,823,723	140,983,997	6,012,672	-	(67,500)	36,816,097
02	ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY	(14,040,730)	26,337,998	10,847,283	-	2,948,619	13,795,902	690,000	-	2,730,299	(23,162,527)
03	WATER SERVICES	11,583,404	1,158,002	-	-	1,632,350	1,632,350	1,500,000	(1,219,843)	26,105	14,803,701
04	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	79,698,688	23,797,647	2,697,074	-	52,041,692	54,738,766	1,870,000	-	(2,667,029)	109,842,777
05	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	12,148,504	2,289,247	251,851	-	-	251,851	2,688,000	-	(100,000)	12,699,108
06	RECREATION & AMENITY	7,038,810	10,057,058	850,818	-	23,979	874,797	3,153,200	(487,739)	78,126	1,575,613
07	AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	MISCELLANEOUS	42,598,226	13,046,756	(75,137)	-	329,145	254,008	13,365,563	-	-	43,171,040
99	**OTHER PROGRAMMES TO CLEAR**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		178,080,783	**225,853,660**	**124,732,163**	**-**	**87,799,507**	**212,531,670**	**29,279,435**	**(1,707,582)**	**-**	**195,745,809**

* Mortgage related transactions are excluded

Appendix No 7.
Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2019

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
Debtor Type	Opening Arrears at 01/01/2019	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustments	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection	Amount Collected	Closing Arrears at 31/12/2019	Spe
						=(B+C-D-E-F)		.=(G-H)	
	€	€		€	€	€	€	€	
Commercial Rates	6,136,529	128,177,804	558,458	2,060,181	-	131,695,694	126,852,927	4,842,767	
Rents & Annuities	3,523,392	23,334,417		-		26,857,808	22,544,097	4,313,711	
Housing Loans	(242,171)	16,180,535		-		15,938,363	15,571,299	367,065	

*Specific doubtful arrears = (i) Vacancy applications pending/criteria not met & (ii) Accounts in examinership/receivership/liquidation and no communication

Note 1 Rental income from Shared Ownership has been included under Housing Loans Note 2
Income from Tenant Purchase Annuities has been included under Housing Loans Note 3
Arrears brought forward is shown net of credit balances.

Note 4 Housing Loans are showing NET of overpayments and Includes the principal and net interest due for the year.

APPENDIX 8

INTEREST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COMPANIES

Where a local authority as a corporate body or its members or officers, by virtue of their office have an interest in a company (controlled, jointly controlled and associated), the following disclosures should be made for each entity:

Name of Company or Entity	Voting Power %	Classificaiton: Subsidiary/ Associate / Joint venture	Total Assets	Total Liabilities	Revenue Income	Reve Expend
Ardgillan Castle CLG*	33	**Associate**	43,489	-46,994	627,288	5
BASE Enterprise Centre CLG.	38	**Associate**	389,536	-240,144	325,693	2
Balbriggan Enterprise and Training Centre CLG,	29	**Associate**	399,757	-31,449	-	
Castlecurragh Management CLG.	33	**Associate**	181,155	-7,841	179,427	1

College Business & Technology Park Management Services CLG	100	Subsidiary	-	-	-	
Domville Woods Property Management Company CLG.	100	Subsidiary	50,719	-11,929	20,264	
Draiocht CLG.	67	Subsidiary	926,650	-595,930	1,520,209	1,5
Drinan Enterprise Centre Ltd, Swords. *	57	Subsidiary	800,818	-623,833	284,781	2
Fingal Community & Recreation Services CLG. number 373487	75	Subsidiary	665,481	-629,319		
Fingal Parks & Heritage Trust Ltd.*	100	Subsidiary	44,535	-44,532	79,106	
Fingal Tourism CLG.*	33	Associate	69,069	-50,265	-	
Kettle's Lane Management CLG	75	Subsidiary	135,908	-4,773	54,755	
Ladyswell Property CLG.	100	Subsidiary	109,189	-4,131	104,760	1
Malahide Castle and Gardens Ltd*	67	Subsidiary	6,819,473	-6,806,798	1,315,323	1,3
Montini Property Management Company Ltd	43	Associate	11,149	-1,476	6,576	
Mullhuddart Community Centre CLG	33	Associate	100,320	-20,359	477,747	4
Newbridge House and Farm Ltd *	78	Subsidiary	37,534	-35,952	69,106	
Ongar Community Centre CLG.	33	Associate	206,108	-44,243	257,540	2
Parslickstown House Facilities Management Ltd	33	Associate	292,847	-68,208	586,530	5
Rossan Court Owners Mangament Company limited by guarnantee.	100	Subsidiary	4,400	-9,567	34,703	
The Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre Company CLG.	14	Associate	510,118	-275,720	500,685	4
Tyrellstown Community Centre CLG	20	Associate	169,178	-40,724	223,153	1
Whitestown Property Management Company Ltd.	33	Associate	27,289	-789	8,730	

Note* Company claimed abridged financial statements relief for a small company under section 353 of the Companies Act 2014

Following discussion the presentation was noted.

3. Fingal Community Response to Covid-19 Funding Scheme

Fingal Community Response to Covid-19 Funding Scheme

This Funding Scheme has been developed as a response to the Covid-19 crisis. It is managed by the Community Development Office. The scheme has 2 categories of funding

(i) **Community Response Team Initial Set Up Contribution: (up to a max €200).** A once-off grant of €200 to cover initial costs incurred by establishing a local community response team

(ii) **COVID-19 Community Action Fund: (up to a max of €1000 with discretion to approve higher amount)** a grant for local groups that demonstrates a strong partnership/ collaboration of local community groups and key services to safely respond to COVID-19 under the following themes of:

- Supporting Community Safety initiatives
- Community wellbeing programme
- Virtual Community Gatherings
- Support target for older and vulnerable people

Projects/service must:

- appropriately and safely respond to Covid-19 to safeguard volunteers and support vulnerable members in the community
- Demonstrate partnership/ collaboration of local community groups and key services

- Have an assigned lead community groups that is registered on the Fingal Community County Register (FCCR)/PPN
- Be accessible to all members of the community and take place in Fingal
- Be able to start immediately
- Keeps in line with recent national public health guidelines.
- Community Response Team agrees to their service being shared on a Fingal Community Response to COVID-19 platform

Note: Each Community Group is to be advised that they are responsible for ensuring all volunteers follow public health guidance in relation to the Covid-19 crisis www.hse.ie
Eligible costs include leaflets/ flyers, social media, mobile phone (purchase), personal protection equipment (i.e. gloves, masks, sanitizers), insurance, virtual event costs, trainer/ tutor/ instructor fees, design/ print of leaflets, programme material, publicity etc. Items and expenses excluded include expenditure on items incurred before approval of the grant. Spend on alcoholic beverages, fines, penalty payments, legal cost or general overheads such as wages are also excluded.
The following applications have been approved for funding in the amounts stated to the end of May 2020, total amount of funding €27,778.13.

Applicant	Purpose of Funding	Amount
Whitestown Est Mngt	Insurance, phones & Microsoft Package	€800.00
Ballyboughal Community Council	Safety Wear, Sanitizer and wipes, Printing ink & paper	€780.00
Swords Youth Service	40 x Positivity Packs	€400.00
Irish Red Cross D15	PPE Equipment	€450.00
Fingal Counselling Service	Phone Credit for 24 Volunteers x 2 months	€480.00
Balbriggan Traveller Project	Bleach, Disinfectant, Gloves, Phone Credit and Hand Sanitizer	€1,000.00
Balbriggan Women's Development Group	Fabric & Threads, Care packs and Online Video/Editing	€1,000.00
Beann Eadair CLG Howth Sutton	Masks, Gloves, Sanitizers, Wipes, Printing & Mobile Phone	€700.00
Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living	Mobile Phones	€200.00
KRCRA Covid Action Group	Mobile Phones & Phone Credit	€200.00
Oldtown/Wild Geese GAA	Gloves, Masks, Vests and A4 Paper	€410.00

Aster Family Resource Centre	PPE and activity packs	€750.00
O Dwyers GAA Club	Masks, Gel and Gloves	€648.00
Balbriggan Social Isolation Volunteers	Hi Viz, Stationary, Printing, Crates, Boxes, Shopping Bags, Phone	€1,000.00
Lusk Community Council	PPE Equipment	€300.00
Skerries Self Isolating Volunteers	PPE, Dog Leads, 2 x Mobile Phones & Credit, Printing Leaflets	€423.00
MIND Ireland	40 x Starter Packs for Families of Front-Line Staff tested positive for COVID 19	€800.00
Rush Community Council	1000 x Cotton Reusable Facemasks	€1,000.00
Forget Me Nots Choir	Virtual Choir Project to target isolating members	€1,000.00
Blakestown Community Centre	38 x Entertainment / Activity Packs	€1,000.00
Corduff Community Resource Centre	43 x Entertainment / Activity Packs	€1,000.00
Castleknock Community Centre	Home Tea & Scone Project	€1,000.00
Homestart	Enhanced Food Hampers	€1,000.00
Tolka River Valley Project	Chairs & Signage	€952.31
St Sylvesters GAA Club	PPE Equipment	€1,000.00
Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group	2 x Mobile Phones & 10 x PPE Packs	€480.00
Order of Malta Blanchardstown	PPE, Training, Cleaning Supplies & Ambulance Stock	€950.00
Children 4 World Children	PPE, Phone & Credit, Leaflets & 30 x Fruit Packs	€600.00
Foroige	112 x Food Packs & 80 Activity Packs	€1,000.00
Lusk ICA	Materials for 800 PPE Masks	€1,040.00
Mountview Family Resource Centre	216 x Hot Meals for Vulnerable People	€1,000.00
Hartstown CRC	2 x iPads	€798.00
D15 Community Drugs Team	PPE Equipment	€1,000.00
Order of Malta Swords	Ambulance Equipment, Radio Rental, O2 Cylinder, Vodafone Unit Phone, DOE Ambulance& Ambulance Insurance	€2,616.82

Following discussion the presentation was noted.

4. Chief Executive Report

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

4th of June, 2020

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – JUNE 2020

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The Corporate Services, Human Resources and Information Technology Departments continue to play a vital role in ensuring that the organisation can respond to the requirements of the organisation as it implements the Governments roadmap for reopening society and business with Phase 2 expected to commence on the 8th of June.

Throughout June, the Council will continue to hold virtual oversight and governance meetings with it's Members of the County Council, the Area Committees and the Strategic Policy Committees as well as further information briefings as required for the Members.

In addition to this, a physical meeting of the County Council will take place on 19th June to facilitate the statutory business of the Council as well as the election of the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor as part of the Annual General Meeting.

Governance and Oversight Meetings

The Council continued to engage with the Elected Members through governance and oversight virtual meetings which were held on the Microsoft Teams platform throughout the month of May. Below are a list of the virtual governance and oversight meetings held:

11th May Members of the County Council
14th May Members of the Swords/Balbriggan/ Rusk-Lusk Area Committee
18th May Members of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee
28th May Members of the Blanchardstown-
- Works Programme 2020 - update
- Physical and Social Distancing proposals
- Planning matters relating to the specific

Area Committees
- Sutton SHD
- Churchfield Link Road, Mulhuddart – Part VIII

Corporate Services - Major Emergency

Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee

The main topics discussed at these meetings related to:

○ Finances of the Council ○ Re-starting the economy ○ Housing matters / Delivery update ○ Business Continuity during the CoVid19 pandemic

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Management - Response to Covid 19

The Major Emergency Planning Structures in place within the Council continue to provide the framework within which the Council's Departments adapt and update business continuity plans.

Business Continuity Plans continue to be used to prioritise critical services, to channel and re-assign resources and ensure continuity of service for the public. This process has also enabled management to ensure exposure of staff is minimised through significant levels of remote-working and facilitating social distancing within the organisation.

The Major Emergency Eastern Region Steering Group, including representatives from the management of Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare Local Authorities, the Fire Services of those Local Authorites, An Garda Síochana and the HSE, continue to meet regularly with a view to coordinating services, activities and to ensure that activities across the region are informed by and in line with the national measures. The group is Chaired by AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive and is serviced by Fingal's Corporate Services Department.

The Chairs of the Regional Groups represent the Regions at the National Steering Group that ensures that the decisions of Government and best practice approaches are implemented and informed by what is taking place at local level.

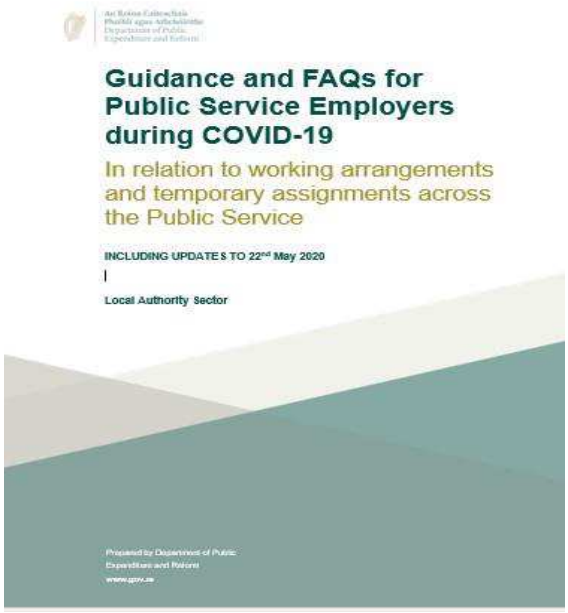
Locally, Fingal County Council's Management Team met 3 times a week for the month of May and otherwise as required.

updated daily and are briefed at weekly meetings.

Briefings with the Corporate Policy Group are scheduled weekly and otherwise as required and Members are given weekly updates by the Mayor and Chief Executive and otherwise as necessary.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The most recent Guidance and FAQs for Public Service Employers during COVID-19 In relation to working arrangements and temporary assignments across the Public Service issued on the 22nd of May 2020. One of the key principles contained in the document regarding who should attend the workplace states that 'The civil and public service must show leadership and support those members of society who need to attend the workplace outside the home by enabling as many of their own employees to continue working from home for as long as possible.'



Having regard to the guidance from DPER a variety of working arrangements including working from home, shift arrangements (early morning starts, late evening shifts), weekend working and staggered rosters continue to be available to staff with a view to ensuring that social distancing and national health protection guidance can be followed aswell as enabling the private sector to return to work.

Staff are kept up to date on relevant Government directives and are provided with useful information through text alerts and a dedicated staff information webpage.

The HR Department is co-ordinating the Public Service Temporary Assignment Scheme under which staff deemed as available for reassignment are directed to register for potential temporary reassignment to other parts of the public sector.

Salary and wages related payments continue to be paid without interruption.
Strong relationships with Unions locally and regular dialogue has assisted the organisation greatly to transition to new working arrangements and implementation of the required measures, and this will continue throughout the 5 phases of the Government's roadmap.

The co-ordination of responses and management of human resource issues through relationships with our colleagues in neighbouring Local Authorities, the Local Government Management Agency, the Departments of Housing, Planning & Local Governement and Public Expenditure and Reform continues to ensure the best possible service is provided.

In responding to the challenges brought by Covid19 the Training & Development section has been working hard to adapt and enhance the Council's training programme to facilitate new ways of working. From the outset of the pandemic the Human Resource Department produced a full catalogue of free e-Learning resources for all staff covering a wide range of topics from professional and personal development to resilience and wellbeing.

Many of the Council's structured training programmes have now moved to online platforms and courses are well underway. The feedback from our colleagues has been positive and staff are quickly adapting to the new classroom environment. The Training & Development team will continue to work with all its training providers to facilitate, where practicable, the moving of courses to online delivery.

The Council's Recruitment processes which had been held in abeyance for a period of time during the crisis are now also back up and running.

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

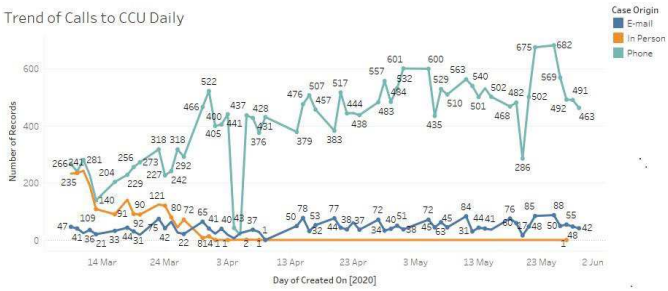
The Health & Safety Unit has played a significant role in the Council's response to Covid-19. Various Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) have been developed and are continuously being reviewed as advice changes. A detailed risk assessment was prepared which identified the hazards and associated risks with Covid-19 within FCC and suitable controls were built on the advice offered by the HSE and the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention.

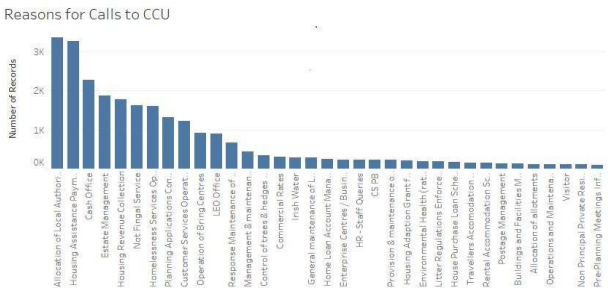
Under the phased return to work beginning on May 18th induction packs were prepared for those staff returning to their actual workplace, occupational first aiders, compliance officers, staff visiting and entering sites to carry out works, FCC staff working at close quarters and staff dealing with contractors.

The HSU has now moved into a phase of monitoring Covid-19 compliance within FCC and a number of compliance inspections have been carried out.

Customer Services

The Council remains open for business and the Customer Care Agents continue to resolve queries as the first point of contact by phone and email.



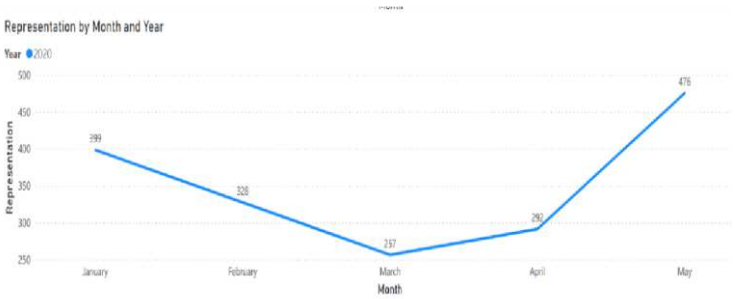


The CCU have answered 20, 982 calls since going off site at Easter up to the 3rd of June. Approximately 853 calls were made to the Community Call line during this time, approximately 340 of which were requests for assistance.

For the month of May alone the CCU answered 12, 394 calls.
A significant number of calls received by the CCU are for the Cash Office and the Council is in the process of providing an online payments facility for all services and it is expected that this will be available in the coming weeks

As part of the Government's Roadmap for Reopening, the Council's Planning counters reopened on the 27th of May on a limited basis in both County Hall and the Civic Offices.

In the interest of public health and in order to ensure that social distancing guidelines are maintained, it will be limited to current planning files which will be available for viewing on an appointment only basis.



Whilst we continue to encourage the public to view files online via our website, https://www.fingal.ie/view-or-search-planningapplications, if they wish to view a file, they can contact customercareunit@fingal.ie to be allocated a date/time to attend the counter.

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public.

Councillors Representations by Month

Month	Representation
January	399
February	328
March	257
April	292
May	476

The month of May had a total of 476 representations with 465 (98%) replied to within the target deadline.

Facilities Management

Our Building Facilities team, along with the Architects, Health and Safety and HR

departments are examining and working through the 39 different floor plans on which our pre-COVID-19 operations were carried out to ensure physical distancing guidelines are applied to ensure staff are protected when they do return to work. It is expected that 40 to 50% of desks can be used at any given time due to the 2 metre rule. The focus will remain on office work being done remotely where possible.

There have been some very visible alterations made to the Corporate offices as a result of the current public health emergency. Notices and signage emphasising the requirements to maintain physical distancing of two metres, cough/sneeze etiquette and washing your hands have been placed around the offices. A large number of sanitary gel dispensers have also been fitted at locations throughout the buildings, as well as supplied to offices, and changes have been made to the access points around the offices to minimise surface contact points.

At the customer care reception areas and in the staff restaurants perspex screens have been erected in order to assist in protecting staff from possible infection, with suitable floor markings to indicate the two metres distance.



The message for everyone is, please adhere to the public health guidelines.

Increased cleaning programmes continue to be implemented in Corporate Buildings to ensure they can be used safely by staff and public attending arranged appointments. Arrangements continue for staff access to buildings from 6am to midnight to ensure that the various flexible working arrangements that have been put in place for staff can function.

Information Technology

The Information Technology Department has spent the last month consolidating the major changes that were rolled out in March and April, planning for the next rollout of laptops, Microsoft Teams and email migration to the cloud. In addition, work on systems for the ReStart Grant is ongoing. We are also delighted to have initiated the Smart Balbriggan district which will support the objectives of Our Balbriggan.

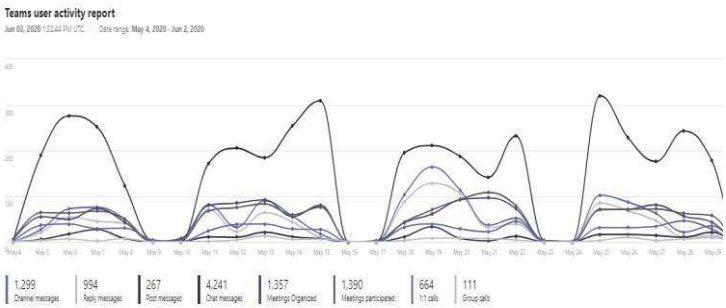
ReStart Grant

The IT Department has been working with the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Department to implement and integrate systems to enable the ReStart Grant for small businesses. This includes a system to enable online applications for the grant and integration of that online application system with the Council's Commercial Rates and Financial systems.

Remote Working

At the time of writing approximately 60% of staff have been equipped with laptops – a 326% increase on pre-COVID period. A programme is now under way that will rollout full digital remote access for all remaining office staff including laptops, Microsoft Teams and cloud email.

MS Teams has proven invaluable in enabling the Council to continue to operate effectively while staff are working remotely with 1,390 virtual meetings held in the month of May as illustrated in the graph below.



Service Desk

There has been a significant increase in the number of tickets logged with the IT Service Desk during the current crisis with 4,130 tickets logged from 16th March to 31st May. The highest number
of tickets have been for Email and Citrix –

Email	1,359 tickets	33%
Citrix	502 tickets	12%

Projects

The IT Department has received forty new IT project requests since the start of 2020 – eight of these as a result of COVID19. Seventeen projects have been completed so far this year, including five COVID19 projects.

Smart Balbriggan – A Smart Dublin District

Balbriggan is set to become the first 'Smart' town in Ireland. Smart Balbriggan will look at how smart city technologies can improve life in Balbriggan for its residents, businesses and visitors. The smart district will trial and test technologies and innovative initiatives to improve quality of life and service delivery for the community.

A smart district under the Smart Dublin programme is a strategically selected geographical location where targeted smart city region projects are implemented. Smart districts are developed through a partnership model which brings together industry, academia and citizens, and are anchored by the local authority in partnership with Smart Dublin.



In 2019, more than 25% of Balbriggan residents took part in a public engagement on the future of Balbriggan resulting in the publication of "Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan", setting out an ambitious vision for Balbriggan. To support the delivery of this plan the Economic Enterprise and Tourism Department, the Our Balbriggan Team, Digital Fingal and Smart Dublin have partnered together to develop Smart Balbriggan, a new and exciting Smart District programme.

Smart Balbriggan is also strategically aligned to the Fingal Digital Strategy 2020 – 2023, which is due for publication later this month.

SAVE THE DATE

A webinar will be held on the 25th June at 10am to explore the topic of Smart Towns and Cities, Smart Dublin Districts and the development of the Smart Balbriggan District. Details of the webinar will be circulated on Fingal County Council social media channels.

COMMUNICATIONS



The Communications Unit, along with the three other Dublin Local Authorities, implemented a coordinated Communications Plan around the dedicated times for Cocooners in our Parks. A comprehensive social media campaign was initiated, supported by radio and print advertising as well as extensive media coverage in both broadcast and print outlets.

The Communications Unit also worked with the Events Department, which co-ordinated an from the Mayor on a range of topics including Housing, LEO Fingal, Cocooners in the Parks and

Community Call. A series of videos for Age Friendly Fingal were also produced.

Social Media

Social media channels continued to attract record numbers with Twitter receiving 1.4m impressions during May with a 1.4 per cent engagement rate. Our followers on Twitter also exceeded 18,000 during the month of May, while our Facebook

posts reached 906,138 people.

online June Bank Holiday activities and events programme on Facebook channel. The Unit assisted with the filming of many of the segments featured across the five day event, as well as scheduled posts on social media channels.

Social Media Support

Support across social media channels for a range of departments continued to be a focus for the Communications Department featuring a range of issues such Litter, Bathing Waters Public Consultation, Cruinniu na nOg, Social Distancing, Recycling Centres and “Let’s Stay Together’.

Videos

Among the videos produced during the month by the Communications Unit were weekly Message



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EVENTS

CRUNNIÚ NA NÓG 2020



Log onto www.facebook.com/Fingalcoco for competitions and prizes in many events including Music Videos, Hip Hop Dancing and Double Dutch Skipping.

ONLINE EVENTS

Events Office, in partnership with various other departments, just completed the 3rd of their online events. As part of the programme planning for Events, an outside radio broadcast will be developed to be carried on several stations for our seniors. This will be a combination of phone in, requests, messages and live music.

FESTIVAL OF FINGAL

Currently in the pipeline is 31 Days of an online Festival of Fingal. This daily social media campaign will be key to promoting Fingal and all it has to offer from a domestic Tourism market and forms part of our economic recovery strategy as the tourism and hospitality sector re-open in line with the national Road Map for reopening society and business. Collaboration with the members of the chambers of commerce will be ongoing to animate this space.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

RE-OPENING OF CATERING SERVICES





In line with phase 1 of the Government road Map with regard to easing Covid19 restrictions, which commenced on 18th May, take-away catering services from the on-site coffee shops have now re-opened in Malahide, Newbridge and Ardgillan Demesnes.

UPDATE ON WORKS TO HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge and Ardgillan Roofs - Following completion of a risk assessment by the Architects Department, design team consultants will now be formally appointed to advance this project.

Malahide Castle – Design team consultants will be formally appointed this month in respect of boiler/heating upgrade works.

Howth Courthouse – In line with governments Phase 1 easing of Covid restrictions on 18th May, the contractor for the refurbishment of the courthouse to house the tourist office and provide additional community space, has re-commenced work on site. A revised programme of works to be submitted to the Council.

Skerries Martello Tower – A feasibility report was completed in 2019 to redevelop the Red Island Martello Tower at Skerries as a visitor attraction.

A specification is now being developed, in order to proceed to detailed design tender stage, involving the following elements:

- The stabilisation of the tower, both externally and internally
- The fit out of the interior space as an interpretative centre/exhibition space.

Swords Castle – Works to the front perimeter of the castle are currently out to tender. These works include:

- The extension of floodlighting the castle walls to include the newly-revealed East Wall and Tower facing North Street.
- The area to the front of the Chapel to be cordoned with pre-cast concrete benches, with timber slats for seating, as well as a number of pre-cast planters.

A loose yellow, quartz grit to be laid on the perimeter ground surfaces in front of the Chapel and the East Wall, to provide a tidy and uniform finish.

TOURISM

Fingal Food Tourism

Dublin's Coast & Fields

This campaign has been the focus of the main marketing activity during lockdown as we continue to promote local producers offering online sales, Fingal restaurants promoting delivery or collection services and suggesting locally sourced recipes.

We continue to:-

- build the Fingal Food Story, profile local food producers and reflect on food experiences available in Fingal once lockdown ends.
- build the social and online profiles which have gained considerable followers
- develop content for the www.coastandfields.ie website.

Back to Business

Liaison is continuing with Fáilte Ireland and local development groups on back to business opportunities and planning for the emergence of the industry out of lockdown.

Social media marketing

The social media proposals received for the promotion of tourism, events and food tourism have been evaluated and a preferred service provider has been chosen. Events and Tourism are now working with the social media company to

develop a back to business strategy for the coming months.

Work is continuing with Fingal Dublin Chamber and its members on creating promotional content around the 'reopening business' piece, this will include offers, suggested itineraries, competitions etc.

Websites

All websites are being reviewed to ensure they are "on message" as these will be the landing pages for social media 'calls to action'.

LIAISON WITH FAILTE IRELAND

- Fingal Food Project and future supports which may be available from the Food Tourism team
- Recovery post lockdown - focus on the promotion of Taste the Island to the domestic market.

RE-START GRANT

Applications opened on Friday 22nd May for the Restart Grant which will give direct grant aid to micro and small businesses to help them with the costs associated with either staying open or reopening and reemploying workers following COVID-19 closures.

The Grant will be equivalent to the rates bill of the business in 2019, with a minimum payment of €2,000 and a maximum payment of €10,000.

To avail of the Restart Grant:

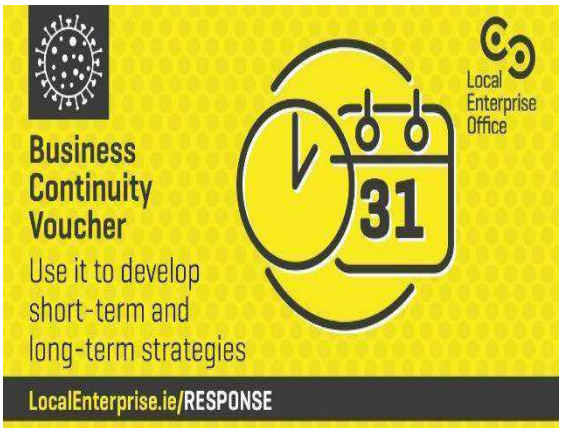
1. A business must have a turnover of less than €5m and have 50 or less employees.
2. The business must have suffered a projected 25%+ loss in revenue from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020.
3. The business must commit to remain open or to reopen if it was closed. The business must also declare the intention to retain employees that are benefitting from the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS).

LOCAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Local Enterprise Office Fingal

LEO Fingal continues to respond decisively to the impact of COVID-19 through the implementation of urgent and necessary actions, to support Fingal SME and Micro Enterprise.

Business Continuity Voucher (BCV)



Until the 15th of May 2020, Fingal businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak and seeking support to assist with continuing to trade could apply for a BCV. The voucher was valued at €2,500 and could be used by companies and sole traders to develop short- and long-term strategies to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of the BCV was to help business owners make informed decisions about immediate measures and remedial actions they could undertake to protect staff and sales.

LEO Fingal received 603 applications. All applications are currently being assessed and evaluated, a time-consuming process but one that is resulting in significant benefit to businesses approved for assistance.

Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme



As a consequence of the impact of COVID19, there has been a very steep rise in the numbers of small businesses moving online. LEO Fingal has been actively promoting the TOV scheme to encourage and enable this transition. Funded by DCCAE as part of the National Digital Strategy, the scheme supports small businesses to enhance their online offering.

LEO Fingal hosted five national TOV webinars in May, attended by over 2,000 small businesses across Ireland. To date in 2020, LEO Fingal has approved 110 TOV applications, with a further 196 under assessment and applications continue to be received daily.

Sport to Start-up Programme

Following the success of the Ideas Generation workshop for high level sportspersons in January 2020, LEO Fingal partnered with Sport Ireland in leading the inaugural Sport to Start-up programme, which kicked off on Monday 25th May 2020. Fifteen high level sportspersons were selected for the programme.

COVID-19 Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland. These are loans of up to €50,000 with a six-month (0% interest) moratorium on repayments. As businesses prepare for the reopening of the economy, there has been a significant increase in applications for loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. LEO Fingal currently has the highest levels of MFI Covid19 loan applications in the country, already 13 applications have been processed and assessed to date, of which 11 were approved. There is a significant pipeline of further applications currently being assessed.

Start Your Own Business (SYOB)

During May, LEO Fingal has noticed an increasing renewed interest among people who wish to look into starting their own business despite COVID19.

The 10-module SYOB programme has been adjusted for online delivery and is now being rolled out from early June. It is designed to provide a solid grounding in how a business is set up. It will help participants to plan and prepare for a successful career in enterprise and importantly will advise how to navigate this through the COVID19 era.



Fingal Enterprising Women Network

Fingal Enterprising Women Network provides learning and networking opportunities for women in business and enterprise. Delivery of weekly online Fingal Enterprising Women networking events continues. Four online networking events took place in May with over 600 female entrepreneurs in attendance.

New #RestartFingal Webinar Series



As the economy begins to open up, a new series of webinars of interest to local SMEs has been launched by LEO Fingal with the theme "Restart Fingal". The first one – featuring executive sales coach Sean Weafer will take place on Wednesday 10th June.

Business Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics and mentoring continue to be offered over the phone and online to help individuals respond to the disruptive impact on business due to COVID19.In May 2020, 10 business clinic days were held, offering advice to 84 Fingal businesses. In addition, 32 businesses were assigned a Business mentor.

LEO Fingal COVID-19 Training Update

LEO Fingal continues its delivery of programmes to support SME and Micro Enterprise clients through the current challenges. Programmes currently on offer include pertinent topics such as:

- Open Your Business Safely Post Lockdown
- Financial Action Planning Post Lockdown

The demand for these courses has been substantial with all scheduled courses booking out rapidly. Additional programmes continue to be organised to meet the demand.

National Student Enterprise Programme (SEP)

Despite the cancellation of the SEP final in Croke Park due to the emergency, the judging process went ahead remotely. The national SEP final took place on the 27th May 2020. The following student enterprises represented Fingal.

- Junior Category – "Campo de Fiori" (Loreto School in Balbriggan).
- Intermediate Category – "Candle Holders Out Of Sustainable Equipment (C.H.O.O.S.E)" (Edmund Rice College in Blanchardstown).
- Senior Category: - "Globenomics" (Castleknock Community College).

LEAN Business Programme

The Lean Business Programme is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase competitiveness. The next LEAN programme in 2020 run by the four LEOs in the Dublin region will commence on Thursday 25th June.

Local Enterprise Office Response: Communications

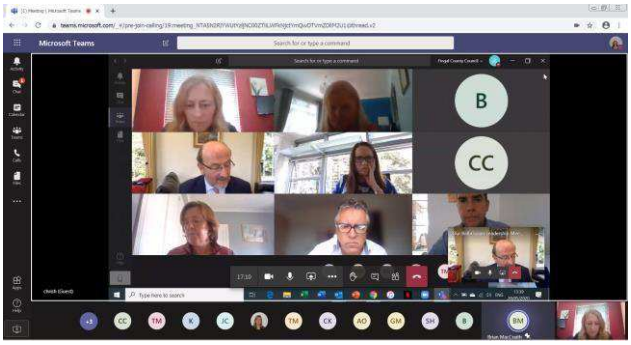


For businesses currently affected by COVID-19, the Local Enterprise Office has compiled a useful guide on the supports and advice available. The website is updated continuously with new developments, so Fingal clients are encouraged to check back regularly. (www.localenterprise.ie/Response). In addition, regular ezines are published and disseminated to over 7,000 clients and other registered service users in Fingal. Each of the various social media platforms are continually updated with important messages for SMEs

concerning dealing with COVID-19. Details of the Business Restart grant are being widely disseminated via the LEO's comms channels.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Balbriggan Rejuvenation Strategy 2019 – 2025



A virtual meeting of the Balbriggan Leadership Group took place on the 14th May 2020 where the pillar chairs for the Local Economy, Public Realm, Education, Training & Employment & Community Affairs & Integration shared local responses to the public health restrictions arising from COVID-19.

A draft schedule of communications was agreed for the latter half of June, to mark the one year anniversary since the Rejuvenation Plan's launch. The campaign's aims are to (a) State progress, current position and future intent and (b) Strengthen citizen engagement. Amongst the events agreed to mark the occasion will be an 8 page brochure on the current position and future developments, which will be delivered to every household in Balbriggan, a Video, a Webinar and Community Engagement initiatives celebrating the resilience of the community and inviting citizens to bring forward solutions to make positive change in their communities on how the town transitions during and post COVID-19.

The meeting welcomed the announcement of Balbriggan's inclusion in Phase II of the EU URBACT Programme along with nine other European large towns. The meeting also welcomed the news that Balbriggan will be Dublin's newest Smart District - Smart Balbriggan will join Sandyford, Docklands & DCU to be launched in June 2020.

Property & Industrial Development

Both the Property Services and the Industrial Development Sections are working to maintain services under current restrictions while adhering to social distancing requirements. Staff in these Sections are primarily working remotely to progress property and industrial development matters and are attending the office on a staggered basis and only as business requires. Telephones have been diverted to Council mobile phones where possible and staff remain available and contactable via email for any enquiries or matters arising.

Local Development

Fingal Local Community Development Committee The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC is also represented on the Fingal Community Call Forum and is supporting many of the LCDC member agencies that are also members of the Community Call Forum, in the delivery of their programmes. The LCDC is also supporting the work of the Community Call Forum through the Healthy Ireland Initiative with a number of projects in progress under that funding stream.

SICAP

SICAP
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

As a result of COVID-19, the LCDC supported and endorsed a new SICAP Response Plan, which has been implemented by Empower and has been central in responding to emerging challenges in the community. A review of the SICAP budget for the remainder of the year and the re-alignment of the programme's actions is underway. It is anticipated that this review will complete in July in line with guidance of the Department of Rural and Community Development and Pobal. It is expected that financial resources within the programme will be reallocated to support actions of most need for the remainder of the year.

LEADER Programme

The Fingal LEADER Programme continues to accelerate the funding of eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The programme's overall budget for supporting projects is €4.777 million with €4.304 million already committed to approved projects, leaving approximately €473,000 remaining to support new projects to the end of 2020. The most recent Dublin Rural LEADER Action Group meeting was held by remote conferencing in April where €1.72 million was approved for 9 new projects in Rural Dublin. This included €1.1 million approved in the Fingal area.

In the programme to date, 73 projects have been approved with 51 in Fingal, 4 in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and 17 in South Dublin. There is one project split across all three local authority areas which is a Community Re-wiling and Biodiversity Training Programme.

The pipeline of new projects to be brought to the LAG for consideration at its next meeting is strong. The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG is in the process of reviewing its Local Development Strategy and identifying funding remaining in the LEADER LDS Budget that can be allocated for COVID-19 Response and Recovery Projects in the rural areas. This review is to complete in June.

Fingal County Council continues to deliver the financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects following the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the Local Authority Sector. There has been no interruption to the delivery of the LEADER Programme or the Article 48 Checks as a result of COVID-19

Social Enterprise Supports: The Local Development Section continues to support the new shoplocal.irish website initiative, a social enterprise which provides an online service to the community highlighting businesses that provide delivery services locally.

Enterprise Centres

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of May 2020 were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 64 businesses. A number of businesses in the Centres have been accommodated with rent moratoriums, on a case by case basis, to help them through current cashflow difficulties and additional non-financial supports are also being offered. All three centres will be partially re-opening, with controlled and restricted access for tenant businesses who use the common areas on the 8th June, in line with risk assessment recommendations and national guidelines. The centres are being re-configured and adapted to meet and this process will be ongoing into the future. All HSE Guidelines are being followed. Tenant businesses and centre staff are still being encouraged to work remotely where possible.

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FINGAL'S INNOVATION HUB

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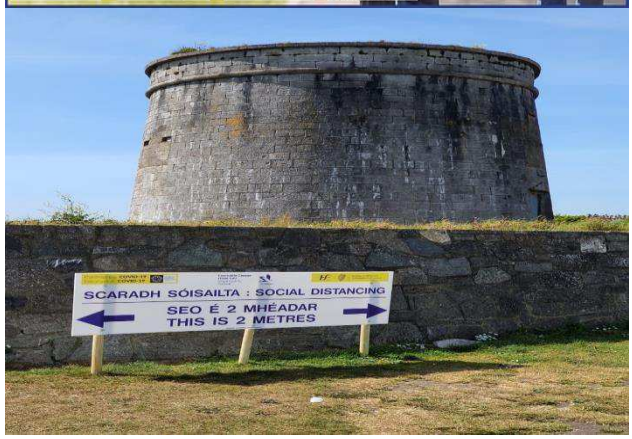
COVID 19 Measures

In line with government guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid – 19 within the community measures taken by the council in terms of car parks, public toilets and playground closures remained in place until the 18th May 2020. As part of phase 1 of the national roadmap for the easing of restrictions car parks and public toilets were reopened on the 18th May. The large number of signs, reminding people of the social distancing guidelines, which were installed throughout our parks and open spaces during the lockdown phase remain in place and have recently been supplemented by a further consignment of signs which will provide an additional reminder to members of the public about the social distancing rules. Additional staff also worked at various locations to deal with extra people attending public parks & beaches and litter management as required.

As part of an initiative led by the four Dublin authorities a designated two-hour period between 1.30pm and 3.30pm was reserved in all parks across Dublin city and county for people who are cocooning. This includes the Over-70s and medically vulnerable people.

This initiative commenced on Wednesday, May 6th and designated car parks were opened for coocooners in our regional parks. Other park users were asked to consider using parks at other times so that those cocooning could have as much space and confidence in physical distancing as possible. With the reopening of car parks from the 18th May designated parking spaces for coocooners have been set aside.





Routine Operational Matters

The Operations Section continue to provide essential services to the residents of the Fingal area such as litter, cleansing, grass cutting, road maintenance, recycling facilities etc and continue to work through the various works programmes and Annual Programme of Works while at the same time responding to emergencies and with the unforeseen events from the Covid 19 Pandemic.





Collection of litter on the Lower Strawberry Beds



The Operations Crew sanding the Cricket Pitch in

Tyrellstown Park



Tree Carving in Malahide Demesne



Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

Hires put in Place

There were 65 hires put in place from 1st May – 29th May, engaging 20 suppliers.

Hires included:

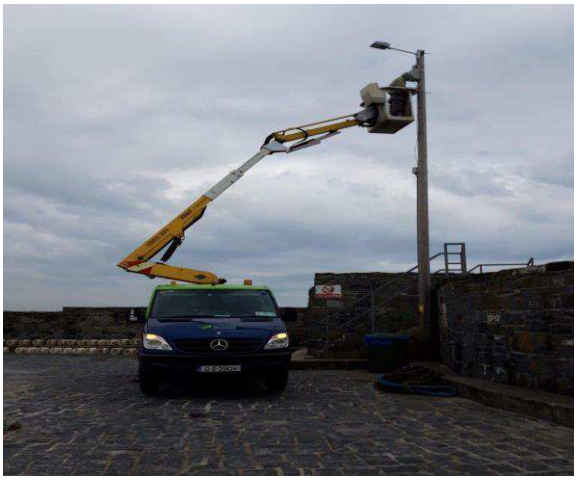
35 T Crane for Malahide Water Treatment Plant

Pipe Jetter (Recycling Unit) and CCTV camera Van for Gully Surveying and Cleaning (Balbriggan/Swords

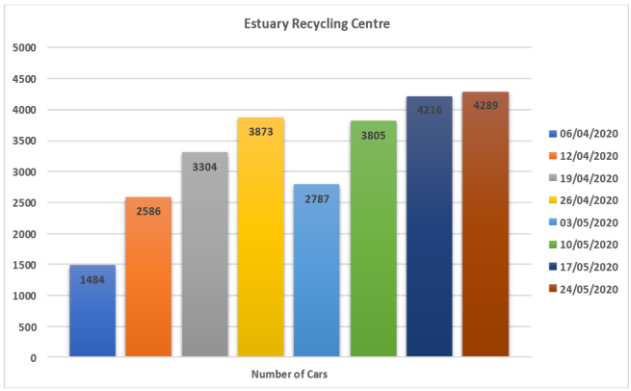
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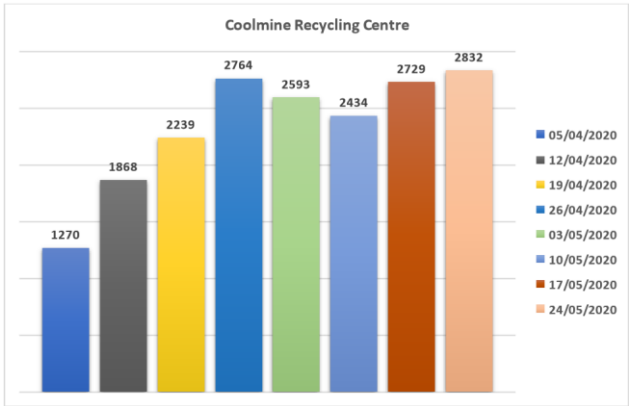
Recycling Centres

During the current pandemic street lighting maintenance is deemed an essential service with 218 repairs carried out in the month of May.

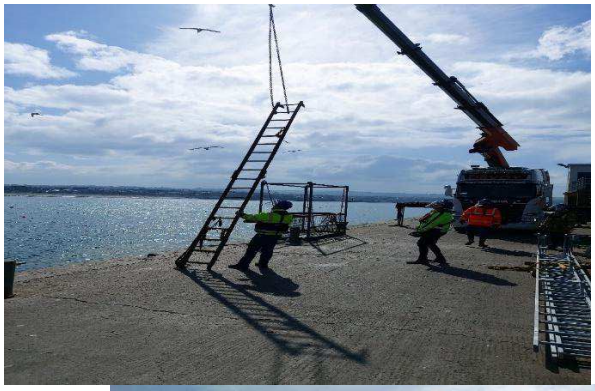


Repairs carried out at Rush Harbour



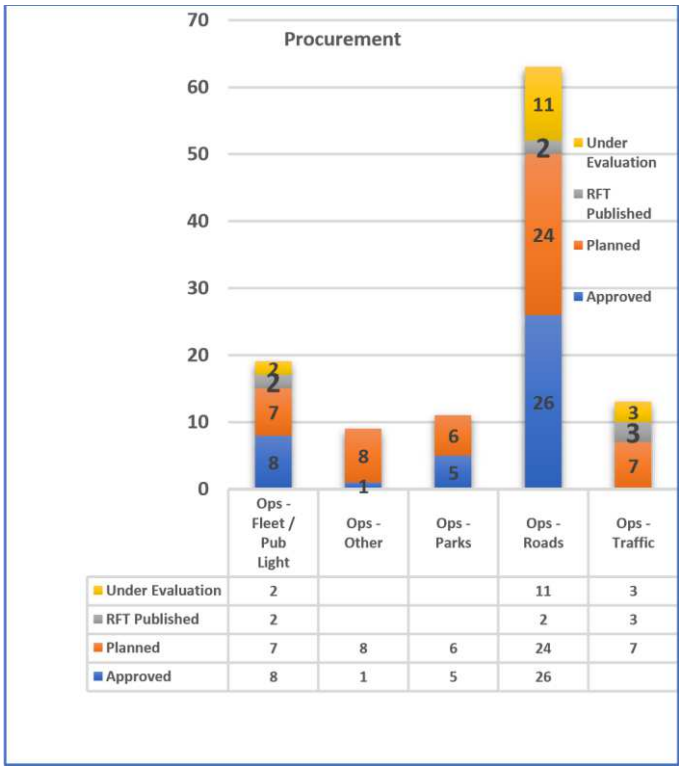


Essential Maintenance Works at Skerries Harbour:





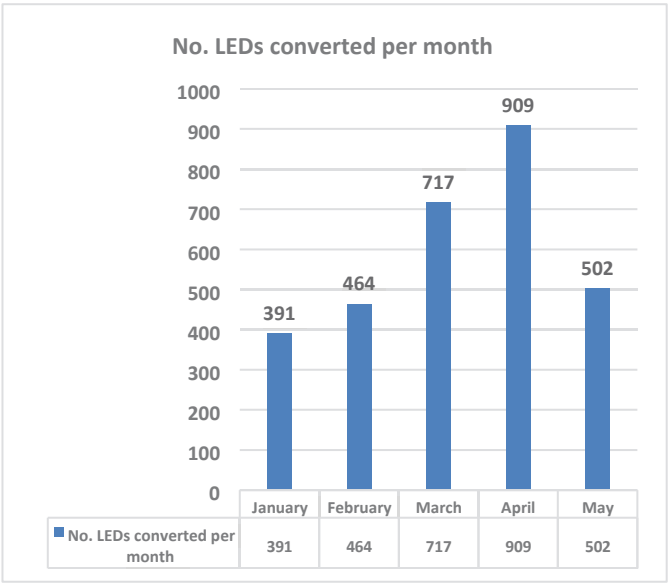
Works Programme



	Ops - Fleet / Pub Light	Ops - Other	Ops - Parks	Ops - Roads	Ops - Traffic
Under Evaluation	2			11	3
RFT Published	2			2	3
Planned	7	8	6	24	7
Approved	8	1	5	26	

LED Programme: In May the LED Upgrade Program saw 502 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:-

- Annfield, Windmill estate…Clonsilla
- CappogeCottages,Heathfield estate…Clonsilla
- Rathoath Road…Hollystown Laraghcon…Lucan
- Castlecurragh Vale…Mulhuddart
- Barnwall estate, Lily's Way, Williams estate…Ongar
- Loughshinny





Traffic management is required at Tinkers Hill in Lucan to replace all existing lights with LED.

Column Replacement: The column replacement program in Rivermeade estate St Margaret's is nearing completion with over 30



Quay Road, Rush overlay completed.



R132 Balbriggan road resurfacing works underway with additional safety measures in place.



columns replaced to date.



'Walk Bike Fingal!'

Plan for Social Distancing in the Public Realm

Fingal County Council acknowledges the changing needs of its communities during the Covid-19 pandemic by assessing and repurposing public road space to facilitate the increase in cyclists and pedestrians by giving them extra space to practice social distancing from each other.

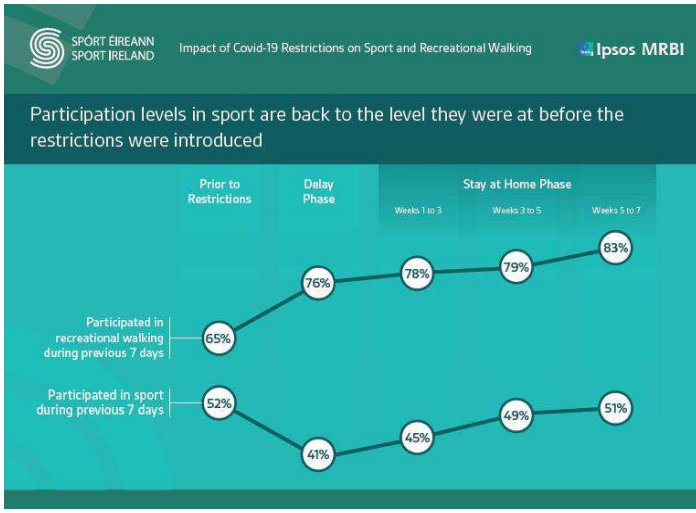
During the needs assessment, it was determined that vehicular traffic on the roads has fallen by up to 70% with a corresponding fall in public transport use by 75% since the commencement of the Covid19 restrictions.

In light of this and in response to requests, Fingal County Council Operations Department carried out an initial needs assessment of 10 locations and may consider additional locations after initial roll out.

The aim of temporarily repurposing Fingal streets, roads and public realm spaces is to meet the current needs of users in mind including those with prams and wheelchairs. Some people walking and exercising on busy and sometimes crowded footpaths are moving out into the road to preserve the required 2m social distance. Others, especially if walking with children are staying on the footpath but passing others at less than the 2m required distance and thereby risking infection rather than risking injury from vehicular traffic. Cyclists travelling on roads also need to preserve the 2m distance from each other. Both of these raise new road safety issues not experienced before to this extent.

With this plan, Fingal aims to provide residents with safe space to walk, run, exercise and travel by bike and adhere to the 2m rule. Fingal seeks to encourage physical activity at a safe social distance and thereby improving the physical and mental health of its citizens during this time of restricted movements. These temporary measures are being introduced by Fingal in consultation with Local Gardai.

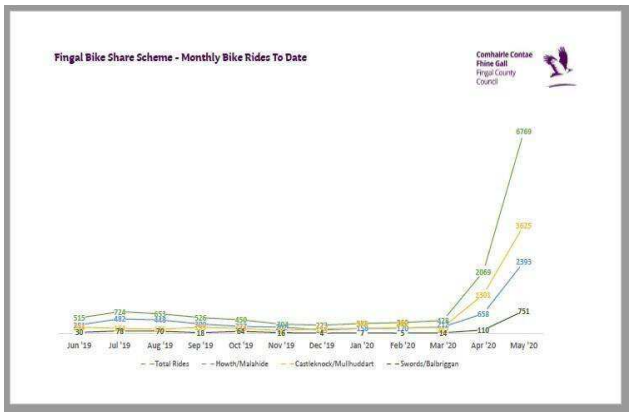
A report published by Sports Ireland has shown that the levels of physical activity have increased where people have Participated in recreational walking during previous 7 days have increase from 65% Pre Covid restrictions to 83% in weeks 5-7 of restrictions, this highlights the increased demand for physical space on the footpaths and roads.



Road Safety Section

Bleeper Bike Share Scheme - We are continuing to identify additional locations across Fingal in partnership with BleeperBike, also advertised on staff messages for suggestions and issued to the Councillors, to expand and encourage bike sharing user growth amongst commuters. Bleeperbike have reported a huge increase in BleeperBike use over the last 3 weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly in the Dublin 15 and Swords areas. We will also continue to promote awareness of BleeperBike through our social media platforms.

BleeperBike is FREE to all Fingal County Council staff as advertised on Staff Messages with 34 Fingal staff members signed up.
The graph below shows the substantial increase in ridership in Fingal from March to May. The usage in May for Bleeper is 10 times higher than in March across all of Dublin. In May there were approximately 5500 new users to Bleeper, in total across Dublin. With significant groups of people in the suburbs, across all demographics including 1824 and over 50's age bracket using the bike sharing scheme. There are now 102 bikes in Fingal, up from 50 before April.



Bike Racks - Sheffield Stands & Toast Racks

A substantial number of Toast racks and Sheffield stands, (both galvanised and stainless steel) have been procured this month. The Road Safety
Section are compiling a list of locations throughout the county for a plan of works over the Summer months to install these racks.

	Coolmine, Dublin 15	Swords	Malahide
End of May	1 Toast Rack 33 Galvanised Single Racks 5 Stainless Steel Single Racks	1 Toast Rack 33 Galvanised Single Racks 5 Stainless Steel Single Racks	1 Toast Rack 33 Galvanised Single Racks 5 Stainless Steel Single Racks
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End of July	1 Toast Rack 33 Galvanised Single Racks 5 Stainless Steel Single Racks	1 Toast Rack 33 Galvanised Single Racks 5 Stainless Steel Single Racks	1 Toast Rack 33 Galvanised Single Racks 5 Stainless Steel Single Racks

Fingal Co. Councillors have been encouraged to submit any suggestions they may have on where they feel bike parking is required in their constituencies or if members of the public have made requests to them for bike parking to please forward them to us.

Staff have also been asked to submit suggestions via Staff Messages and can contact us at Road.Safety@Fingal.ie

Bike Week 2020 & European Mobility Week

Unfortunately, Bike Week 2020 has been postponed due to Government restrictions regarding Covid 19 and no alternative dates have been arranged yet.

However, we are planning for European Mobility Week, which will run from 16th September to 22nd of September. We are hopeful that we can work in conjunction with Dublin City, South Dublin, Waterways Ireland and other stakeholders in organising a 44km looped cycle taking in the Royal and Grand Canals. The cycle will begin at The Docklands on the Royal Canal in Dublin City, via Blanchardstown, through St. Catherine's park and back to the city through Lucan via the Grand Canal.

Following on from the success of "Car Free Day" in New Street, Malahide last September we are

looking at organising 3 car free days as part of European Mobility Week for 2020.

Mobility Hubs



Car Shaped Bike Ports for Mobility Hubs

Two Mobility Hubs are in the planning stages for locations in Malahide, on the Dublin Road, and in Balbriggan. We are currently liaising with the "Our Balbriggan" Team to install the Balbriggan Hub. The aim of Mobility Hubs is to increase accessibility for those with mobility issues and the ageing population whilst also encouraging sustainable modes of travel & connectivity. The Hubs have different modes of travel/ transport mapped out and are in areas with a high concentration of employment/ housing/ shopping/ amenities and/or recreation that are close to existing public transport links whilst also supporting climate change mitigation.

5 Car Shaped Bike Ports (see photo above) have been procured from Castit Ltd in Waterford and are due for delivery over the coming weeks.

The Signage for the Mobility Hubs has also been ordered and delivery is expected shortly



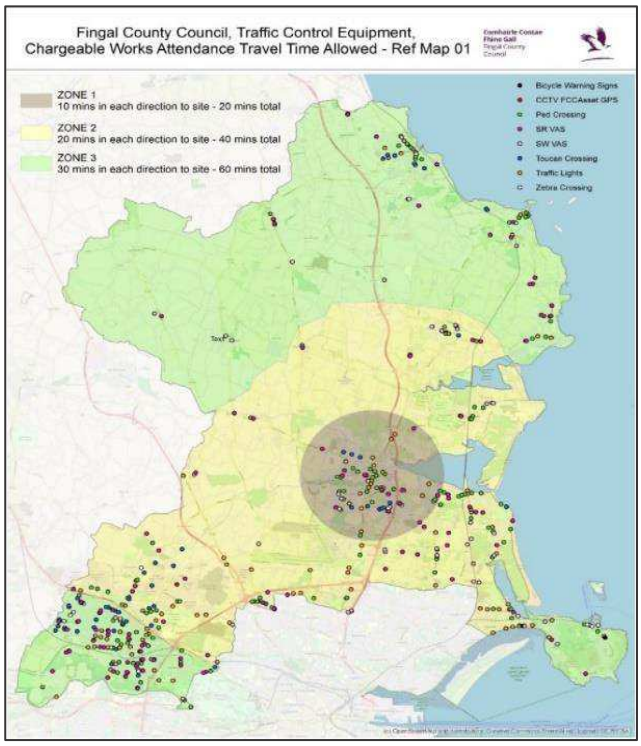
Traffic Section

Speed Limits Project

The first draft of the Speed Limit Bye-laws for the entire county is now complete. The draft document went out for public consultation in February and closed on the 20th March. Almost 200 maps have been generated for the review at a very high level of detail. Approximately 58 submissions were received. A report on the submissions received has been drafted and is currently being reviewed for presentation to the Local Area committees in June, along with "Draft B" of the Speed Limit Bye-Law Drawings.

Traffic Control Project

Fingal County Council's Traffic Signals Maintenance Contract (2020) was published on the 25th February 2020 on etenders for a period of 6 weeks with an initial closing date of 7th April 2020. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the tender was extended, firstly for 3 weeks until 28th April but due to the ongoing pandemic issues the closing date for submissions was further extended to 7th May, the tender process is now complete and the tender assessment is being finalised. It is expected that the contract will be awarded in the coming week. The Contract is for the provision of Traffic Control Equipment Maintenance and Emergency General Works Contract for a minimum two-year period which can be extended to a maximum period of four years.



Map indicating Fingal's Traffic Control Equipment

Traffic Infrastructure Mapping

A tender was published in April on e-tenders for the commissioning of a report to identify the extent and possibilities arising from the duct infrastructure in the county. The Report will be focused on the urban areas in Fingal which have Traffic Signals/Assets. The tender submissions has been evaluated during the month of May and tender will be awarded in the coming weeks.

Expansion of Fingal County Councils Duct infrastructure

Discussions are ongoing on various projects, both internally and through 3rd parties, throughout the county, to identify strategic locations where ducting can be provided to add to FCC's ducting assets in order to provide Fibre Optic connectivity to remote locations, and interconnectivity of Fingal's assets. Mapping of this infrastructure is also ongoing on G.I.S. so that it is recorded for future use.

Works are under investigation for the development of the fibre optic link along the Hearse Road to connect from the Lissenhall junction to the Donabate Distributor Road (DDR), and to continue the linkage along this new Road to Portrane. This will allow the visibility of the Hearse Road which will be beneficial for key major events in Newbridge House via CCTV and the assessment of traffic on the new DDR.

Discussions are well advanced with 3rd parties in getting traffic ducting infrastructure installed in key strategic routes around the airport and Swords to the Rathbeale Road and sections around Dublin Enterprise Zone (DEZ) which will form part of a vital asset going forward with the aim of improving traffic management and ensuring the DEZ continues be the sought after destination with regards to ease of commutability.

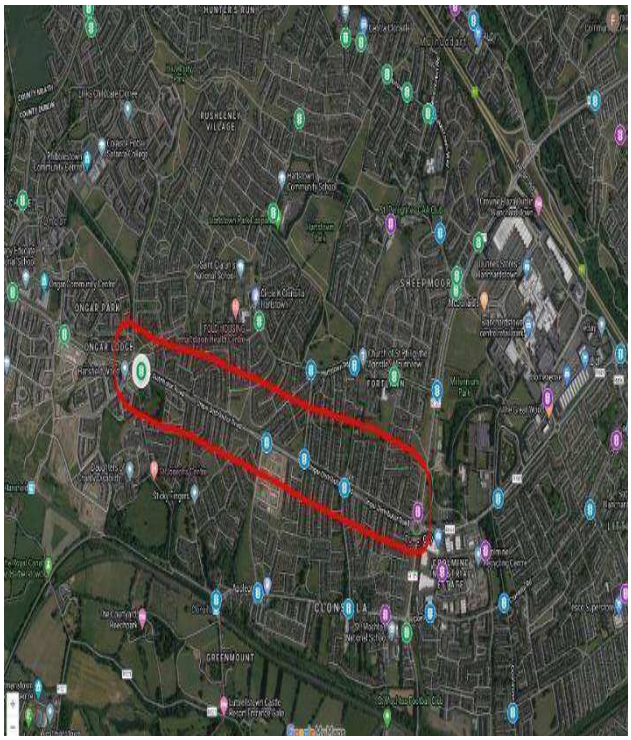
Traffic Control Centre Project

Work is ongoing to ensure informed decisions are made for the roll out of the FCC Traffic Control Room Project. Discussions are ongoing with all relevant stakeholders on its implementation: IT Department, Corporate Affairs - Building Facilities/Information & data (GDPR)/Architects, FCC's Traffic Signals Maintenance Contractor – Traffic Solutions, FCC's CCTV Maintenance Contractor – SKS. Identification of a suitable location in Blanchardstown Civic Offices for the new Traffic Control Centre is being progressed at present. Initial design drawings have been developed and it is intended to bring these to the Architects Department in June.

Traffic Infrastructure Linkage

Work is continuing on the Traffic Infrastructure Linkage Project. Fingal County Council has engaged with ESB as a lead partner on the Ongar Road Pilot Project in order to address the issues around congestion and the County's limited visibility over strategic road infrastructure. This pilot project focuses on a testbed (Ongar Distributor Road) which is a busy, congested urban area in Blanchardstown that currently has limited traffic infrastructure linkage or real-time visibility from a traffic management perspective.

This work will involve the upgrading of Council traffic signal assets on the Ongar Road. The aim is to add CCTV to the junction locations in the testbed location to monitor the performance of these junctions before/after the implementation of the control system. Discussions are ongoing with adjacent local authorities to share various technologies to maximise efficiencies and leverage existing infrastructure and expertise.



Ongar Road Pilot Project Testbed

Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Rehabilitation of Curragh, Curragh West & Clonshaugh Bridges
The Engineering Consultant to carry out the design of the bridge rehabilitations and preparation of tender documents has been appointed. The Consultant prepared the tender documents and drawings on 14th May 2020. FCC advertised the tender on 15th May 2020 in Etenders with a queries deadline of 1st of June and Closing date 15th of June 2020.

Rehabilitation of Church Road Bridge, Blanchardstown, Wyanstown Bridge & Wimbletown Bridge
Successful/ unsuccessful letters sent to the tenderers on 13th May 2020, two weeks stand still period, post tender meeting, letter of acceptance will follow. Due to the requirements to work within the Regional Fisheries requirements from July to end of September for all instream works it is, at this moment envisaged that this will take place to ensure works are completed in the available window in 2020 (depending on the future HSE advise on Covid 19 situation).

Rehabilitation of Knightstown Bridge, Colecot Bridge & Callaighwee Bridge
Work is nearing completion for all three bridges.

Road Marking and Lining Contract (County Wide)
A CE order for the Road Markings and Lining Contract for all of Fingal Area for the 2020/21 period has been signed-off for the award of contract for €61K. Selected works for the are scheduled to begin early this Summer. The works include requests from the public and local representatives agreed with the Traffic section followed by Garda consultation. The Contractor is MacLochlainn (Road markings) Limited based in Howth Village.

Bollards and Planters, St Sylvester's School, Malahide
The tender for the Bollards, Planters and footpath upgrades in the vicinity of St Sylvesters School has been returned and the preferred bidder is Integrated Utility Services Limited. The work consists of installing street furniture (Bollards and Planters) along the Malahide Road by St Sylvesters School. The project purpose is to enhance road user safety primarily by the prevention of parking along the footpath. A small section of footpath is to be replaced at the junction of Yellow walls Road and the Malahide road. The new footpath section will have a higher kerb line to deter parking at the junction. New mandatory road signs will be erected to prevent vehicular U turns along the road also. This follows consultation with An Gardai Siochanna Traffic section in Dublin Castle. Works are scheduled to start early Summer and in agreement with the Malahide Tidy Towns Committee.

Footpath Improvements

A Minor Footpath repair contract is scheduled for award in the coming days for near €25k. The purpose of the contract is to improve access for pedestrians at various locations within the Howth -Malahide Area. The works are being finalised at present and will mostly involve construction of tactile pavement and drop kerbs at selected junctions to improve safety and mobility.

Ramps

Public consultation submissions as required under the Roads Traffic Act for the construction of proposed ramps will be examined by the traffic section with submission deliberations by the traffic section to be made in June.

Kettles Lane/Feltrim Road Junction This Consultants Brief involves traffic counts and speed surveys necessary for the junction assessment and options report. COVID 19 has interrupted these patterns and therefore It is not proposed to tender until end of June. Such mentioned studies can then be undertaken during school term which will assist in providing more accurate traffic patterns.

New Signals Installation (county-wide)

The 2020 New Signals Installation Contract documents were issued for tender on the 22nd May 2020. All tenders are due back by the end of June. The contract should be awarded by the end of July and consists of the supply and installation of 5 No. Signalised Pedestrian Crossings, 2 No. Signalised Toucan Crossings and 2 No. Zebra Crossings within the administrative area of Fingal. The Contract includes both the civil and the electronic/electrical works for the project.

The schemes include the provision of traffic lights, traffic calming ramps, appropriate road signage and road markings. Pedestrian Crossings are at the following locations:

Traffic Signals for 2020	
Description and Locations	
Baldoyle/Sutton/Malahide	Type of Crossing
St Sabina, Sutton, Dublin 13	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing
Carrickhill Road Lower, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	Type of Crossing
Barnwell Road, Hansfield, Dublin 15	Zebra Crossing
St. Margaret's Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11	Signalised Toucan Crossing
Diswellstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Zebra Crossing
Swords/Balbriggan	Type of Crossing
R127, Link at Racecourse Common, Lusk	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing
Fancourt Road, Balbriggan	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing
Balbriggan Road, Skerries	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing
St Cronans Avenue, Swords	Signalised Toucan Crossing

VAS Contract (County wide)

Contract preparation began in May for the 2020 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). Contract documents are currently being prepared. On completion the Contract will be published on Supplygov in June.

Vehicle Activated Sign 2020
Description and Locations
Baldoyle/Sutton/Malahide
Feltrim Rd, Streamstown Wood, Co. Dublin - Left turn warning sign

7-9 Malahide Rd, Streamstown Wood, Malahide, Co. Dublin - Speed sign
72-76 Balglass Rd, Howth, Dublin - Flashing right bend ahead sign
Railway Cottage, Back Rd, Broomfield, Malahide, Co. Dublin - Flashing pedestrians ahead sign
Robs wall heading to Malahide - Cycle sign
Thormanby Road from Howth - Cycle sign
Malahide road heading to Malahide - Cycle sign
Castleknock/Mulhuddart
Clonsilla Road (Between Coolmine & Roselawn) - Speed sign
Lower Road, Lucan - Speed sign
Carpenterstown Road/Burnell Park - Cycle sign
Lucan - Clonee Road (outside St. Catherine's Park) - Cycle sign
Castlecurragh Road - Mulhuddart - Cycle sign
Swords/Balbriggan
Garristown - Speed sign
Man O War - Speed sign
Old Road, Rush - Speed sign
R122 at intersection L5085 - Speed sign

- Dublin to Drogheda Fibre Network - KN Group are constructing three, approx. 40km, two-way duct routes creating a fibre network between the two areas.
- Swords Pipeline – Irish Water to follow up with exploratory work schedule for pipeline installation on R106/Malahide Road.

R132 Cycle Lane Study

Contract and associated tender documents were completed in May a tender was published on e-tenders; Consultancy Services - (Traffic and Road Safety Design) for the Study of the R132 between Blake's Cross and Minister's Road (2.7KM) for the incorporation of a cycle lane - FCC/268/20. The tender was published on 15th May and the closing date for submissions is 8th June.

Hearse Road - Donabate bound - Cycle sign
Balheary Road - Cycle sign
R122 - Balbriggan to Naul Westbound - Cycle sign
R108 - Ballyboughal to Naul Northbound - Cycle sign

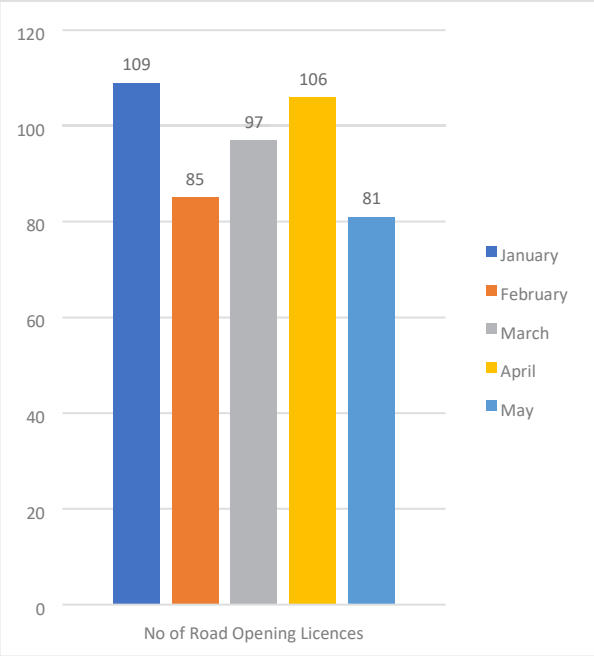
MapRoad Licencing

Ongoing engagement and conditioning of MapRoad Road Opening Licences including review of temporary traffic management plans and operations. Apply licence conditions to ensure efficient traffic management of Fingal County Council Road network.

Engagement with Contractors on the following large schemes:

- Donabate, Hearse Road – 6 week Closure schedule for June 2nd at northern section of Hearse Road (Semple Woods/Prospect Hill) – Glenveagh/Shannon Valley.

Road Opening Licence Jan – May 2020



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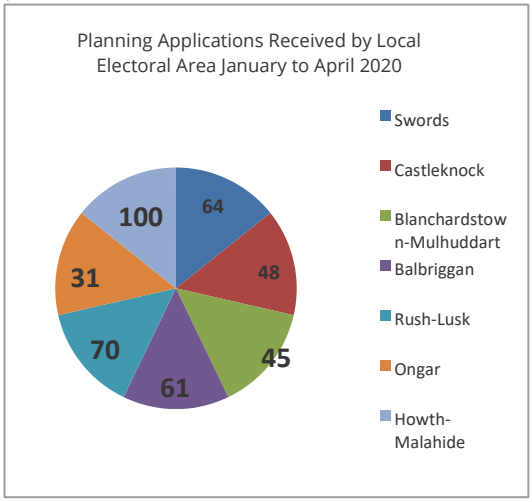
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Planning Applications

There have been 419 planning applications received to the end of April 2020, 54 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 365 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

To date in 2020, 3 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) application (for 459 units) were made to An Bord Pleanála. The Board granted permission for 10 SHD's (2223) units); 3 in January, 5 in March and 2 in April. The Board refused permission for 1 SHD (359 units) in February. There are a total of 3 SHDs (459 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 327 planning decisions have been made to the end of April 2020. There have been 267 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 60 refusals of permission (18%). There have been 24 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 139 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 77 commercial/retail grants of permission and 19 grants of permission in respect of housing developments - 6 of which related to development 2 - 20 housing units, 1 of which related to development 20 - 50 housing units, 3 of which related to development 50 - 100 housing units and 9 of which related to developments of 100 + housing units.

Planning Applications – Submission Deadlines and Decision Due Dates

The period from 29th March to 23rd May (both dates inclusive), referred to as the 'emergency period', is disregarded for the purposes of calculating time limits as regards the processing of a planning application under the 2000 Planning Act and their Regulations.

The submission deadline and decision due dates for applications received between the 30th March and the 22nd May 2020 are 29th June 2020 and 20th July 2020 respectively.

The submission deadline and decision due dates for applications received between 21st February and 29th March 2020 have the period from 29th March to 23rd May (both dates inclusive), disregarded and will be between the 25th May 2020 and 25th June 2020, for submissions and between

15th June 2020 and 16th July 2020 for decisions, depending on date of lodgement.

Building Control

In 2020 there have been 55 new Disability Access Certificates submitted up to the end of April, of these 36 have been granted and 16 are currently on time extension. There have been 66 new Fire Safety Certificates submitted up to the end of April, of these 8 have been granted and 52 are currently on time extension.

From January to the end of April 2020 a total of 436 building control decisions have been processed. There were 123 decisions to grant, 1 refusal and 312 time extension's.

Fingal Development Plan Variation No. 2

On 10th January 2020 we published Variation No. 2 to the Fingal Development Plan, pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

This proposed Variation seeks to respond to the recent changes in National and Regional planning policy, namely the publication of the National Planning Framework (NPF) in 2018 and the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) in 2019. The proposed Variation will result in amendments to the Core Strategy and associated tables in the written statement; and amendments to text and objectives/policies throughout the written statement to refer to the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.

Fingal Development Plan Variation No. 3

On 10th January 2020 we published Variation No. 3 to the Fingal Development Plan, pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

This proposed Variation seeks to remove the indicative line for the Road Proposal, "N3 – N4 Barnhill to Leixlip Interchange", as shown on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South.

The Variation was on public display until 7th February. A total of 13 submissions were received during the consultation period. All submissions have been considered and the Chief Executive's Report on same was issued on 6th March. This Chief Executive's Report is to be considered at the June Council meeting. An online briefing session was undertaken with Elected Members on the 27th May where the CE report was discussed.

Dunsink Study

Fingal County Council have applied for funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund to undertake the study to analyse the access and servicing of the landbank at Dunsink as required under the Fingal Development Plan. Elected members will be appraised of the outcome of the application process and any ongoing progress of the study.

All-weather Pitch facility, car park and associated ancillary works at Ward River valley Park, Swords

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division (assisted by the Central Procurement Unit) have published the first of a two phase tender for design and construction of an all-weather pitch, car park and associated ancillary works at Ward River Valley Park, Swords. The pitch will be a 3rd generation synthetic all-weather pitch providing for gaa, soccer and other sporting codes. Running in parallel with the design–build procurement process is the appointment of archaeological consultants to conduct archaeological predevelopment testing in advance of construction works.



Redevelopment of Malahide Village Green

In line with the roadmap for the lifting of restrictions to reduce the spread of COVID-19, work recommenced on the redevelopment of Malahide Green on Monday May 18th 2020. This recommencement of work followed the implementation of new health and safety procedures in line with the Return to Work Safely Protocol and Public Health Guidance. These changes have been put in place to protect the public and the workers on site. Fingal County Council will keep abreast of Public Health Guidance to continuously ensure the safe project completion of this enhanced public amenity.

Works progressing on Village Green, Malahide

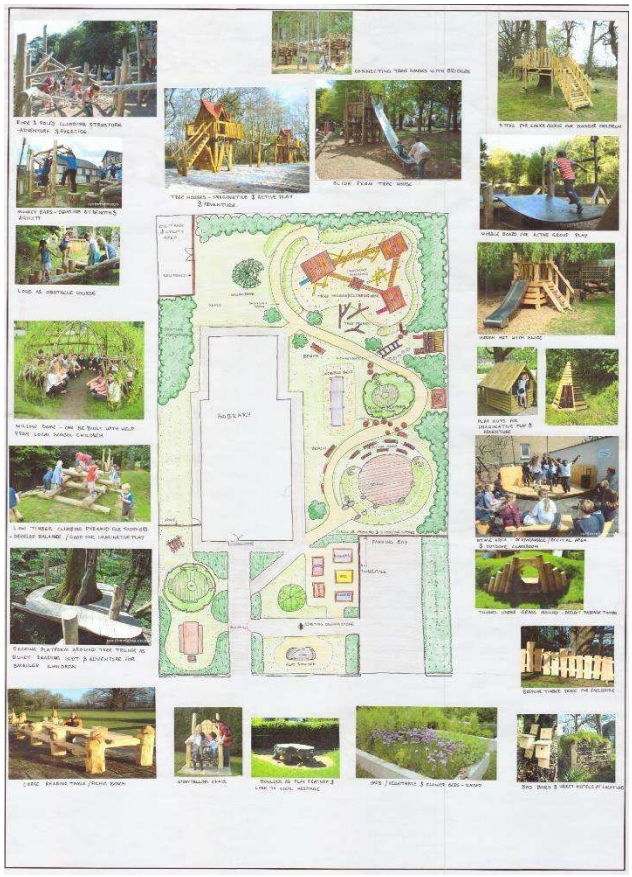


Works progressing on Village Green, Malahide

Park and playground proposals for Lanesborough, The Naul, Garristown and Howth.

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division are actively progressing projects to develop new and enhanced play and wider landscape proposals at the above locations.

With the assistance of the Central Procurement Unit, a tender has for design teams has been issued to support the Part VIII phase of the project. The deadline for the receipt of tenders is in June and it is anticipated that the contract for the services will be awarded in Q3.



Indicative natural play proposals

Broadmeadow Way

We were delighted to receive planning approval from An Bord Pleanala for the Broadmeadow Way scheme, the proposed high quality greenway linking Malahide and Donabate along the railway viaduct that will run across the Malahide estuary. The scheme will begin some advance works this year with main works starting in 2021 and a targeted opening date in 2022. This will be an iconic amenity in Fingal and will form a landmark feature of the proposed Fingal Coastal Way route, attracting local residents and tourist users alike. The small number of conditions associated with the grant of planning can be seen as a reflection of the comprehensive nature of the planning submission and of the significant and detailed work undertaken by the project team to achieve this planning consent.



Snugborough Interchange Upgrade

The Council has commenced the tendering process for a main contractor to undertake the Snugborough Interchange Upgrade scheme in Dublin 15, which will bring about significant improvements for motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users. The project includes the construction of a second bridge over the N3 as well as new footpaths and cycle tracks, and a new pedestrian and cyclist underpass, and it will improve accessibility to the Blanchardstown Centre and to the 800 businesses located in Dublin Enterprise Zone.



Snugborough Interchange Upgrade

Church Fields Link Road, Mulhuddart

The public consultation element of the Part 8 planning for this project has concluded and the results were outlined to the Area Committee on Thursday 28th May, along with the design team's responses to the issues raised. This Part 8

proposal, which delivers significant connectivity and sustainable transport benefits to this area as well as facilitating local residential development, will now be put forward for formal Part 8 approval at the next meeting of the Full Council.

National Transport Authority support

It is important to acknowledge the constructive working relationship that exists between the Council and the NTA, the result of which can be seen in the funding support provided to the above three schemes. The Broadmeadow Way is being fully funded by the NTA, the Snugborough Interchange is being part-funded, and the Church Fields Link Road has been discussed in detail with the NTA and we are hopeful of receiving funding assistance for that scheme also. The 2020 allocation received from the NTA's Sustainable Transport Measures Grant programme, which covered 17 projects in total, was the largest ever such allocation received by the Council.

Official Opening of Rathbeale Road Upgrade and Donabate Distributor Road

In line with current public health restrictions, scaled-back official opening events took place on both of these recently completed projects on 3rd June, with the Mayor and Chief Executive present. Further information is available online including photographs, statements and some short videos.



Construction Recommences

Following the partial lifting of Covid-19 public health restrictions, works have recommenced on a number of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure projects across the county including the Hole in the Wall Road, Royal Canal Greenway site investigation and Park Road Upgrade, Rush. Works are being undertaken by our contractors in line with social distancing requirements.

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services)

- Development Management & Pre-planning consultations – During May staff from

Forward Planning (Water Services) have engaged in discussions with developers at pre-planning stage to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

- Flood Risk Assessments and Drainage

Strategies to inform Local Area Plans (LAP) - FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of the surface water management plans

- SHDs – staff are engaged as internal consultees in discussion on approx. 7no. SHD applications

- CDS – staff continue to provide planning review of water/wastewater connection applications on behalf of Irish Water. Staff have remote access to IW's network and as such this process continues as normal.

Building Control/Taking in Charge

- Building Control Inspections - The majority of construction sites reopened on 18/05/2020 and site visits have recommenced. Inspectors and engineers continue to engage with developers by other means to deal with building control.

- BCMS expansion – work continues with the National Building Control Office with the preparation for the implementation of the final module of the BCMS (Building Control Management System – an online forum for BC documentation). This will bring Fire Safety Certificates, Regularisation Certificates and Disability Access Certificates all online, completing the paperless conversion of building control documentation. "Go-Live" date is 30/06/2020.

- Dangerous Structure/Places inspections – each complaint continues to be assessed on a case by case basis. During May we have received 19 notifications and we have conducted 13 site visits, where we deemed this absolutely necessary. Follow up is underway in 6 cases.

- Taking in Charge of Legacy Developments – Frameworks of services providers are operating and have been used to develop site resolutions on 12 IBRC developments and 6 other developments. All bond claims have been submitted and verified by IBRC through 2019. FCC are preparing tender documentation for works contracts which will lead to the Taking in Charge Statutory process. These documents are being revised pre-tender to take account of the DBEI/Dept Health - Return to Work Safely Protocol COVID-19 Specific National Protocol for Employers and Workers and CIF - Construction Sector C-19 Pandemic Standard Operating Procedures.

CPD (Continuous Professional Development) – given our current remote working environments, this division has now moved our CPD programme to video conferencing. We continued this month with video CPD presentations on the subject of fire safety engineering and compliance with Part B Fire Safety.

The Heritage Officer

The Heritage Officer has been working with the Communications division to update and expand the Heritage & Conservation section https://www.fingal.ie/heritage-and-conservation of Fingal website. As part of the In This Together initiative the Heritage From Home series has been running on the Fingal Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/fingalculturalheritage/ and on fingal.ie for the month of May. This series

highlights archives and repositories of interest available virtually.



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Cultural Heritage

Cultural heritage includes tangible cultural items as buildings, monuments, landscapes, books, works of art, and artefacts, intangible culture (such as folklore, traditions, language, and knowledge), and natural heritage (including culturally significant landscapes, and biodiversity). (UNESCO)

CULTURAL HERITAGE

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Natural Heritage

Natural heritage refers to the living or the elements of biodiversity, including flora and fauna, ecosystems and geological structures

NATURAL HERITAGE





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Heritage and Communities

Fingal Heritage Office works proactively to support communities and heritage groups to undertake projects, events and local heritage initiatives.

HERITAGE AND COMMUNITIES

The Heritage Officer is currently confirming the parameters of the Fingal Cultural Heritage & Climate Change Risk Assessment project. To date this has involved liaison with the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office, Chair of the Built &

Archaeological Heritage, Climate Action Sectoral Adaptation Plan implementation committee and technical experts in the CHERISH programme. This project will assess the risk to our cultural heritage from climate change and establish the basis for future monitoring and protection of the resource.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS (H&CC&S) & LIBRARIES

Housing	Community, Culture & Sports Community Development Office Sports Office Arts Office Libraries

Housing Supply Report

Through the Covid-19 restrictions, Fingal County Council continues to deliver social housing units and continues to provide housing solutions in accordance with the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan through a range of delivery mechanisms including construction, Part V, acquisitions, leasing and Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP).

Construction Programme

The Council has an ambitious construction programme underway with 22 sites across the county and 210 homes already delivered.

Designation of Essential Sites

Following applications by the Council, six sites in the County were approved by the Housing Agency/Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to complete essential construction work to support housing delivery. Construction recommenced in late April following confirmation by contractors of safe working arrangements, appropriate social distancing and commitments to undertake the works in accordance with all necessary HSE and Government Guidelines. Work on a total of 91 family homes has now been completed on these sites in Swords, Kinsealy, Balbriggan, Ballymun Cross and Dublin 15.

The Rathbeale Road, Swords housing project was one of six sites designated as an essential project and all 24 housing units are now complete. Five of the 24 units have been adapted to accommodate individuals with additional needs. The Mayor visited the houses on Wednesday 3rd June and was accompanied by the Chief Executive, the Director of Housing and Community and the County Architect.

All remaining social schemes are at either preplanning or tendering stage and can be progressed as normal and the design teams can work and communicate remotely. However, where on-site investigations studies are required by members of the design teams these may be delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

It is proposed to have a number of schemes ready to be tendered once the crisis period ends. Preplanning work is underway on a number of other housing projects which could be presented informally to the local Councillors subject to Covid19 guidelines.

The following table outlines the various stages that construction projects are currently at.

Project	Units	Status
St Cronan's x 2 schemes	15	Completed
Cappaghfinn I	14	Completed
Balrothery - North + East	9	Completed
Wellview, Dublin 15	20	Completed
Racecourse Common	74	Completed
Ballyboughal	8	Completed
Pinewood, Balbriggan	20	Completed
Estuary Road - V de Paul	8	Completed
Castlelands, Balbriggan	24	Completed
Ravenswood, Coldwinters, Peter McVerry Trust	8	Completed
Rivermeade	2	Completed
Pinewood CC, Balbriggan	2	Completed
Avondale, Dublin 15	42	Completed
Church Road, Dublin 15 - FCC	22	Completed
Rolestown Phase 1	26	Completed
Rathbeale Road, Swords	24	Completed

Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing (see note below)	64	On Site
College St. Baldoyle - Cluid Housing	4	On Site
Tucketts Lane, Howth	8	Tendering Stage
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20	Tendering Stage
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69	Tendering Stage
Outlands, Swords, Co Dublin	11	Tendering Stage
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	70	Tendering Stage
Kilhedge Lane - Tuath Housing Association	48	Planning Stage
Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10	Planning Stage
Church Road, Lusk	5	Planning Stage
Garristown – North and East Housing Association	5	Planning Stage
Hayestown, Rush	50	Planning Stage
Infill Site adjacent to 169 Clonsilla Road, D15	1	Planning Stage
	683	

Church Fields, Dublin 15

Detailed design and the pre-planning process has commenced in relation to 498 discounted purchase, discounted rental and social properties. Progress on delivering the housing potential of the site continues;

- An initial phase of the housing development of Church Fields has been approved and is out to tender – 20 homes.
- The next phase of development consisting of 70 social houses has been approved and will be tendered in the coming weeks.
- Funding has been approved under the Serviced Sites Fund (SSF) to enable delivery of key road and green infrastructure to facilitate the development of the site.
    - Part XI for the road link between Damastown Road and Wellview Avenue including the upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue and a cycle way adjacent to Church Road will be brought to the June Council meeting for approval.
    - The green infrastructure design is also underway as outlined in the Land Management Plan.

The Area Committee will continue to be briefed in relation to development of the overall site.

Land Development Agency

The Council is working closely with the Land Development Agency (LDA) to bring forward land banks located in Fingal to unlock their potential to deliver mixed tenure housing.

Hackettstown Lands:

- The LDA proposes to lodge a planning application for the road infrastructure upgrade shortly.
- Design of the housing is currently underway by the LDA. They propose to deliver 346 housing units with 72% being either affordable rental or purchase. The balance of 28% will accommodate families in need of social housing.
- Further information will be brought to the Area Committee when available.

Part V Delivery

The current Covid19 crisis will impact on the delivery of Part V units across the county. However, the Housing Department are working with developers in relation to secure delivery of social housing units.

Approved Housing Bodies

The Covid-19 restrictions will also have an impact on the delivery of social housing by AHBs. The Housing Department continue to work closely with

all AHBs in relation to finalising delivery and the allocation process.

Other Development Opportunities
The Housing Department continue to meet with developers who are building across the county with a view to exploring opportunities to bring forward proposals to increase the supply of social housing. All opportunities and proposals to provide much needed additional turnkey housing are considered.

Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements The Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme is a national initiative that will see affordable homes built on state owned land in co-operation with local authorities.
The procurement process for the developed design, construction, delivery and sale of 39 affordable residential units at Dun Emer, Lusk is nearing completion and it is proposed to appoint a contractor shortly. An online application process will be opened once the contractor has been appointed.
Further detail and updates on the scheme will be brought to the local Councillors in the coming weeks.

Leasing Schemes
The Housing Department continues to operate the various leasing schemes to provide much needed properties for social housing. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of properties and leasing proposals being offered to the Council over the past few months. This is to be welcomed and every effort is made to secure long term leases with interested property owners and developers.

Covid19 Employment Loss
Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Number of applications received to date	956
Number of applications approved	444
Value of the loans approved	€99,823,793.00
Number of loans drawn down	229
Value of loans drawn down	€50,254,949

Mortgage holders who have lost employment due the Covid19 crisis and are experiencing difficulties making repayments should contact the Council immediately on www.loans@fingal.ie Subject to proof of job loss or reduced hours, Fingal County Council may offer a solution to make reduced or deferred payments that are proportionate to the loss of income.
As a minimum, Mortgage Protection Insurance payments must be made so as not to break the continuity of cover. Fingal County Council will endeavour to find an individual solution with each borrower.
Failure to make mortgage repayments without an agreement with Fingal County Council may affect credit ratings and limit ability to access credit in the future.
Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie

Rent Payments – Council Tenants
Council tenants who have temporarily lost employment due to Covid19 crisis, may have their rent temporarily re-assessed based on Social Welfare payments until their employment situation becomes clearer. Tenants should contact the Council immediately at email; rentaccountD15@fingal.ie or rentaccountnorthcounty@fingal.ie. Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie

Private Rented Inspections
In February 2018, all local authorities were issued with targets for the Inspection of Private Rented Properties by the DHPLG in conjunction with its Strategy for the Private Rental Sector – a key

component of Rebuilding Ireland. The aim is to increase the national average inspection rate from 6% to 25% of registered rental properties by 2021. The targets are based on the percentage of tenancies registered with the RTB, which within the Fingal County Council administrative area was 21,034 at end of 2018.

The annual targets are as follows:

2018 (10%)	2019 (15%)	2020 (20%)	2021 (25%)
2,072	3,155	4,207	5,259

For the duration of the Covid19 crisis, emergency inspections will be carried out as required.

May Photos from social housing construction schemes

Rolestown



Holymount, Swords





Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

Fingal County Council's Housing Department is continuing to provide services across its full range of Tenancy Services during the COVID19 outbreak. Whilst Public Offices remain closed to the members of the public in accordance with current health restrictions, the Housing Department remains open for business.

A simple, and easy to use guide for all those who need assistance has been made available on Fingal' s website via www.fingal.ie

For those who may have queries in relation to their accommodation circumstances, the following contact details have been made available on Fingal' s website, and messaged on Facebook and Twitter to reach as many of our citizens as possible.

Housing Unit	Contact Details
Homeless Services	01 890 5090 homeless@fingal.ie
HAP	01 870 4515 HAP@fingal.ie
Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB & Special Projects)	01 890 5588 Estatemanagement@fingal.ie
Lettings	01 890 5380 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Housing Support	01 890 5902 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Customer Care Team	01 890 5000 CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

The Housing Support team are continuing to assess applications for social housing support during this time.
Should you now wish to seek support for Social Housing, you may do so by completing and returning a Social Housing Application Form. To access an application form, please log-on to Fingal' s website via www.fingal.ie and follow the link to Housing Provision . and you can submit housing applications by
Post to Housing Support Team , Fingal County Council, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin D15W638

The Lettings Team continue to provide offers of social housing support as stock becomes available notwithstanding current restrictions during COVID -19. The supply of housing is continuing through a number of mechanisms allowing us to continue to make offers of support across standard social housing, with Approved Housing Bodies as well as the provision of a number of transitional housing options.

Information Videos

The Housing Department have launched a suite of videos on various social media platforms to deliver information to our citizens on how they can access housing support services during the Covid 19 outbreak.
The videos are launched across three digital platforms of Facebook, Twitter and
Instagram. Links to these are detailed below.
https://www.facebook.com/pg/fingalcoco/videos/
https://twitter.com/fingalcoco
https://www.instagram.com/fingalcountycouncil/

Social Housing Support

Month	Offers of Housing Support 2020
January	117
February	103
March	137
April	114
May	97

TOTAL	568

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

The HAP team in Fingal County Council continues to operate as normal with the public contacting us through email and phone during COVID-19 restrictions. Additional resources have been deployed to assist with the volume of calls/emails from those who have been affected by the current crisis (in relation to a change in income).

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team have set up over 2,000 tenancies with 110 in place during 2020 to date. A further 170 tenancies are being progressed.

Homeless Services

We are working with our partners in the DRHE and many of the Service Providers in the sector to ensure that there has been and will be no disruption to these services during the restrictions imposed by Covid-19 public health requirements

The Council's homeless team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue via telephone and where there is a need, emergency accommodation continues to be available. In May, there were 32 new homeless presentations, 15 of whom were families. 25 families exited homeless circumstances into social housing offers in May with a considerable further number of exits planned during June.

The Council is linked in with an Approved Housing Body, NOVAS, who is working with homeless families to assist them in seeking accommodation through HAP.

Since 1st January 2020, a total 252 households have exited homelessness through the various means of housing support. Homeless HAP accounts for 155 of these tenancies.

Travellers Supports
Covid-19 Initiatives

A number of measures are underway within Fingal to ensure that Traveller families receive as much assistance as possible during these unprecedented times.

It is important to note that the Traveller specific stock is currently being visited on a daily basis by the Housing Inspectorate staff and Senior Officials. This is being done in a respectful manner and maintaining social distancing guidelines, and to check on vulnerable tenants and advise on the supports available to them. It is also used to collate any maintenance issues. In addition, the Council's designated Social Worker Service for Travellers is making regular contact with the most vulnerable, in order to assist with additional needs arising from current circumstances. Meals on Wheels are being delivered to the most vulnerable through an initiative of the Community Response Forum.

Significant supports available through the Housing Department include ;

- Emergency / priority lettings for applications from Traveller specific accommodation, where possible,
- Arrangements to assist with applications for requests to self- isolate or cocoon,
- Additional Clean Ups and Emergency Maintenance requests are being prioritised.

The Council is also providing the following additional measures on sites as part of its strategy to raise awareness of Covid 19 and additional requirements around hygiene and social distancing;

- notice boards have been erected on sites with relevant hygiene and Health & Safety guidance, and other useful information for additional supports available to the community.
- Additional callouts for treatment of waste water systems are in place and if any

additional Portable Toilet facilities are required , this can be arranged,

- Tenants have been provided with resources to maintain on site hygiene with the supply of litter pickers and supply of recyclable waste collection bags.

With the easing of restrictions under Phase 1 of the Government's Roadmap, the planning and implementation of refurbishment works on various sites, can continue with works scheduled for St Mary's, Cappagh.

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within Social Housing Stock which are currently in the re-let process is as set out in the table below;

Voids	At 28th May 2020
In letting process	33
Undergoing re-let repairs	32
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	15
TOTAL	80

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Boiler Servicing

The Council provides an annual boiler servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenant. The 2020 servicing programme is underway and several batches have issued to our contractor. Access to dwellings may be refused by householders during the current Covid-19 public health restrictions but there will be return visits later in the year, to ensure that servicing standards are met.

Cyclical Maintenance

This programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock. Currently the programme operates on a 6/7 year cycle. As phase 1 restrictions have been lifted, painting works in the remaining dwellings in Sheepmoor Estate, Dublin 15 have re- commenced. The next batch of estates to be procured, for commencement of works in the summer months, public health guidelines
permitting, is as set out below;

Estate	
St Patricks Park,	Donabate
Castlecurragh Heath/Vale	Dublin 15
Dromheath	Dublin 15
Shamrock Park	Oldtown
Windmill Estate	Skerries
Toberburr Avenue	St Margarets
The Bawn Grove/ The Hill	Malahide
Kirkfield Cottages	Clonsilla
Lambeecher Estate	Balbriggan

Estate Maintenance and Grass Cutting

The Housing Maintenance Division provides a grass cutting service for circa 350 elderly or vulnerable tenants, within its housing estates. In addition, grass cutting is provided in small areas of open space, not covered by Operations Department, with the overall objective of improving the visual aspect of the estates. The ongoing provision of grass cutting

services to vulnerable tenants re-commenced during May, in line with the social distancing requirements of public health guidelines.
Laneways provided to the rear of dwellings in the older estates can be a source of dumping and antisocial behaviour and the Housing Maintenance Division works with local residents to find solutions where issues exist. In some cases, laneways are gated and keys provided to adjoining residents for local access. In other situations, where all householders are in agreement, laneways can be incorporated into the adjoining rear gardens.

Housing Welfare Service

The Social Workers attached to the Housing Department are available to support vulnerable tenancies and to work with housing applicants who have medical/welfare needs.
In response to Covid-19, the Housing Social Workers are actively engaged with their most vulnerable cases at this time providing support, information and inter-agency linkages when and where required. Tenants have been identified by the Social Workers and Housing Inspectors who may be considered particularly vulnerable during COVID-19 and follow on action has been initiated through a number of mechanisms including the Fingal Community Response Forum. In addition there are currently 24 cases being provided with supports by the Tenancy Sustainment Service, on an ongoing basis.

Anti-Social Behaviour/ Inspectorate/ Stock Management

The ongoing management and sustainment with regard to social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches pertaining to tenancy agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with Housing legislative guidelines.
There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and heath related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment intervention and supports. Ongoing case

	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed (cumulative for year)
Dublin 15	40	29	19
North County	50	59	26

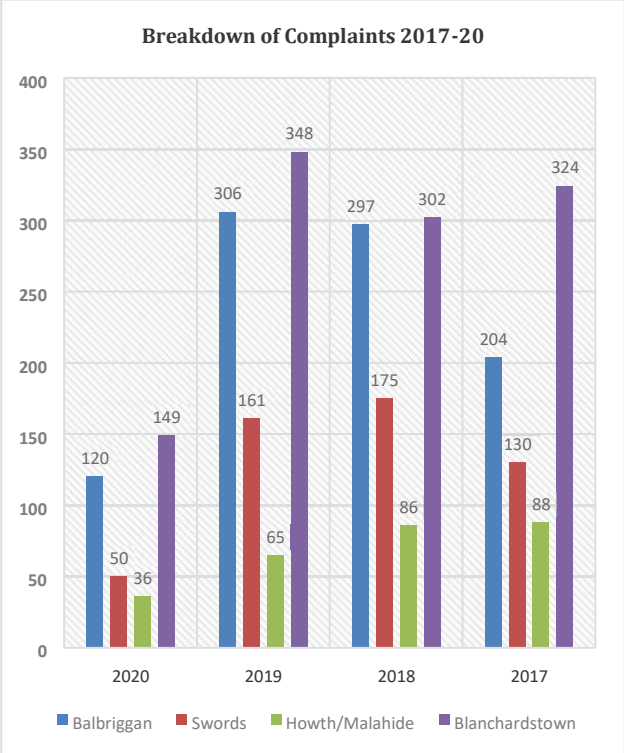
TOTALS	90	88	45

management and review with a variety of external agencies, including Approved Housing Bodies, An Garda Síochána, Tusla and the HSE is a necessity to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes.

Stock Management

48 cases under review –7 regularisations, 13 breaches (allegations of sub-lets, abandonments, illegal occupiers), 15 Miscellaneous, 13 downsizing
Surrenders on EM Grounds – 1 (Jan), 3 (Feb), 3 (March), 3 (April)

Anti-Social Behaviour



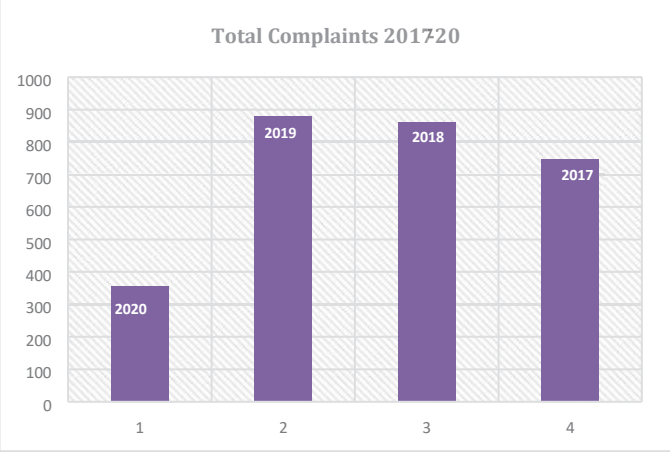
Anti-Social Interventions

ASB complaints are still being received and are being followed up and investigated as normal, even within current COVID-19 related restrictions. Residents are formally reminded of their obligations under social distancing, where it comes to the attention of the ASB unit that breaches have occurred within our estates.

Interviews Held 2019 Interviews Held 2020	123 80
Tenancy Alerts 2019 Tenancy Alerts 2020	30 17
Tenancy Warnings 2019 Tenancy Warnings 2020	4 2
Tenant Induction Training 2019 Tenant Induction Training 2020	12 3

Total ASB Complaints Received

Traveller Specific Inspections 2019 Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	1818 668
Estate Inspections 2019 Estate Inspections 2020	944 247



EM/ASB Inspections 2019 EM/ASB Inspections 2020	3858 1174

Housing Inspections

Area Breakdown of Complaints

Examples of Estate Management Response to Covid-19 at Traveller specific sites & Group Housing Schemes



Covid - 19 distancing signage placed at all Traveller specific sites & Group Housing Schemes





Estate Management in collaboration with their colleagues in the Library Department have distributed fun activity packs for children at Traveller specific sites & Group Housing Schemes. Pictured is a sample of activity pack



Pictured are the Housing Inspectors equipped with PPE preparing to deliver fun activity packs to children at Traveller specific sites & Group Housing Schemes



Children delighted to receive their fun activity packs

The programme was launched on line two weeks ago. Conscious of the fact that it can be difficult to stay active, at this time, the programme encourages families to participate in a virtual marathon together. This redesigned MarathonKids programme is intended to challenge the whole family to complete together, while staying within the current Government restriction of 5km from home. To date 121 families have signed up for the programme.

Fingal DigiFit

The DigiFit home exercise programme is proving a success with secondary school girls, feedback is extremely positive. Teachers have been sending the links to the students who are participating in the programme in their own homes.



Community Culture & Sports Division

Sports Office:



Marathon Families

Fingal Sports Stars

The Mayor recently launched our Fingal Sports Stars series of videos. Interviews of Fingal Sports Stars, in a variety of fields which aims to inspire, inform and entertain budding sports people throughout the county. Each video finishes with a skills challenge for young people to participate in. The Mayor demonstrated his own 'keepy-uppy' football skills, in a video accessible at https://bit.ly/3bWhKFk – followed by a Twitter challenge to all Fingal Councillors.



Creative Ireland

Cruinniú na nÓg a national virtual celebration of creativity for children and young people will take place on line on Saturday 13th June 2020. This will be celebrated throughout Fingal with over 24 online workshops for young people of all ages taking place, it has been devised by our Libraries Division, Arts Office, The Seamus Ennis Centre and Draíocht.

The Fingal Arts Office are delighted to contribute to the third iteration of Cruinniu na nOg. The following online engagement activities for children and young people are now being prepared by the Arts Office and the artists.

Title: What Do You See?
Look & respond to a selection of artworks within Fingal's County Council's Art Collection with artist Beth O'Halloran.
For all ages
Fingal Arts Office recently celebrated 25 Years of Collecting Art. We will share a selection of artworks from this amazing collection with you and invite you to respond with your own masterpieces. Ideal for all ages and abilities, our wonderful artist Beth O'Halloran will guide you through a process of looking, imagining, creating and drawing, inspiring your very own response to these magnificent artworks.

Title: Sing Loud, Sing Proud!
Singing Workshop with Fingal Academy of Music.
For all ages
Join Donal and Michael from Fingal Academy of Music to learn a song from start to finish in this fun dynamic workshop which is sure to create a musical atmosphere that everyone will enjoy at home. Part of a new children's folk song series, this lively workshop is aimed at all ages and all abilities. Let's hear you sing out loud, make Fingal proud!

Title: At the Heart of Sol's Art
Exploring the artwork of Sol LeWitt with artist Anne Cradden
Age: 9 years +
Take a colourful journey of geometric shapes and patterns by exploring the work of artist Sol LeWitt.

Sol was an artist who began working in the 1950s and became most well-known for huge abstract drawings that he made by drawing directly on to walls! These drawings were based on sets of instructions written by the artist. In this workshop, you'll take a closer look at LeWitt's work to understand his ideas and how he produced his art. Using your imagination, found materials from home, and a pinch of magic, you'll be inspired to create a drawing or sculpture guided by our artist Anne.

Title: Free as a Bird.
A Creative Movement Workshop with Dublin Youth Dance Company.
Age: 5 – 10 years
Duration: 30 minutes Virtual workshop.
Registration required: https://free-as-a-birdcreative-movement-workshop.eventbrite.ie
An uplifting adventure exploring movement, space, music and play! Facilitated by the exceptional Dublin Youth Dance Company, this inventive dance workshop can be enjoyed in any family setting, indoors or outdoors. Liberate your spins, twists and jumps and prepare to dance your own dance! Register here to receive a Zoom invite to the virtual workshop on June 13th. Dublin Youth Dance Company is Ireland's premier dance company for children and young people. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

Age Friendly Fingal Fingal Older Peoples Council Age Friendly Fingal was delighted to have members from Fingal Older Peoples council attend a WebEx meeting to conduct their monthly meeting. This group were happy to take part in the virtual meeting to discuss Cocooning and a lot of the issues around isolation and loneliness for senior citizens across the country.



Cocooning Activities Booklet
The Cocooning Activities booklet was a fantastic success and 8,000 copies were distributed across the county with the assistance of GAA clubs, Meals on Wheels, Healthy Ireland, local County Councillors, An Garda Síochána, Meath Louth & Fingal Local link Transport, Cross Care, FCC Housing Department, community centres and many more. Members of the public across the country have requested copies and we obliged where possible. Several Age Friendly Programme Managers are now printing this booklet for their own members across the country. This booklet is available on line or on the attached link: https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2020-05/cocooning-2.0-single-updated.pdf

The Cocooning Short Story and Poetry Competition closing date is 15th June 2020. All entries will be compiled in a Covid-19 memory makers short story and poetry book which will be launched in October or November this year.

Good to Chat Group
Good to Chat group of volunteers took part in Age Friendly Communications training to assist them in supporting our older people during the Cocooning phase, 16 volunteers are available to make phone calls twice a week for half an hour or be a pen pal to senior citizens across the county.



Age Friendly Fingal are delighted to present Peig McManus as "Rose" Part 4
Fingal Older Peoples Council are delighted with the feedback from the information delivered in a sensitive but funny way, in discussing the touchy subjects of "what happens when it's time to go" The video can be found on the following link:
https://youtu.be/YDOuF-EdyzM

Community Development Office

Fáilte Isteach – Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15
"Fáilte Isteach – Welcoming Migrants through Conversational English Classes"
This project has resumed virtually, using the Zoom platform to allow voluntary tutors and students engage in English conversation sessions during the pandemic. This has proved very helpful for the students, many of whom had been feeling isolated. Fáilte Isteach HQ has provided online supports and materials for the Tyrrelstown project which will now run beyond May, the project used to finish to coincide with the end of the school year.
The annual presentation of the Certificates ceremony will be held later in the Summer, this may be a virtual or a social distancing event depending on restrictions at the time.

Virtual Fingal Africa Day
Fingal County Council in association with the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade provide an opportunity for local African Groups to take part in a Virtual Africa Day Celebration 2020. Virtual Africa Day provides the platform for community groups to showcase African culture and community living in Fingal. A variety of videos were posted including African Day celebration messages, a cooking demonstration, displays of dress and dance. The Community Office with assistance from the Communication Office circulated a video featuring an opening welcome message from Mayor Cllr. Eoghan O Brien. This was shared on social media and throughout the African Community on Monday, 25th May 2020 Africa Day. Link to the video - https://www.fingal.ie/news/marking-africa-day2020-online

Fingal 2020 COVID Emergency Funding Scheme
The Community Development Office continues to administer the Fingal COVID19 Emergency Funding Scheme. This scheme is funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development to support groups/organisations that are directly involved in the Fingal Community Call response and/or responding locally to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date €24,301 has been awarded across 32 community groups and services. For more information click here
https://form.jotform.com/200864157081352

The Rush Mask Up Project was a huge success, local seamstress, Carmel made a template which was distributed to willing volunteers to make the masks. Fingal County Council (Fingal Community Response to Covid 19 Funding Scheme) provided financial support for material and elastic to be sourced which enabled the stitchers to get to work.





1,500 cotton masks have been made to date with the assistance of Rush Athletic and St Maur's GAA. Over 800 masks were distributed by volunteers to the homes of over 65's and cocooning adults. The Chairperson of Rush Community Council was delighted with the response received and confirmed that they will continue to distribute the masks to those in need. A great example of 'community working for community.'

Aster Family Resource Centre in Balbriggan have been busy delivering food packs, children's activity packs, baby packs, PPE packs and personal care packs to families in the town. Throughout the lockdown the service has been a valuable lifeline for a host of families, who for a variety of reasons have found themselves extremely vulnerable at this time. Aster Family Support was recently successful in securing a COVID 19 Emergency Grant from the Council that enabled them to provide this much needed service.



The Blakestown / Corduff Covid Project has now moved on to phase 2. All clients have been transferred over to Northside Home Care meals on wheels, however the project volunteers have decided that they will check in on their clients until the end of June 2020. Each client will receive a scone and a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with their volunteer each Friday around lunchtime. This will also enable the volunteer to ascertain if the client needs any further supports so they can be referred on to the relevant service.

Reopening of Community Centres:
Community Centres are working on their remobilisation plans to explore how they can start to look at re-opening safely. Each Facility is currently working with their health and safety advisors to put a plan in place and a working group has been set up to develop a template that can be adapted across the various sites. The group are also working on developing a suite of templates that can be used to support each board of management.

The Community Facilities Network is currently developing an online Project Management Training Program in conjunction with Hibernia. It is envisaged that 15 participants will engage in QQI level 6 project management training in the last quarter of 2020.

Comhairle na nÓg
A video offering advice to peers in Fingal was completed on 7th May 2020 for national release. It is now live on the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg Instagram page and has also been included in Fingal County Council's June Bank Holiday Weekend Events Page.

Comhairle na nÓg participated in the Music Generation Consultation. This consultation was a collaboration with Fingal County Council, working in partnership with the Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board, to carry out research into young people's participation and interest in music-making and performance opportunities to support the development of Music Generation. The purpose of the survey was to understand the views of young people regarding what is available to them in Fingal and to understand the types of music programmes and services that best suit them and their musical interests.

Comhairle na nÓg also participated in the Youth Justice Strategy Consultation on the 14th May 2020. This consultation process is to inform the

development of a new Youth Justice Strategy to cover the period up to 2026. The consultation collected opinions on a range of areas related to the draft strategy including the role of individuals and organisations in helping to prevent children and young people's involvement in crime and on different approaches to dealing with those who have committed an offence.

Fingal PPN

Daily update in collaboration with Fingal Age Friendly

Fingal PPN in collaboration with Fingal Age Friendly issue a daily report to all PPN members with a copy of the Daily Age Friendly newsletter and other relevant PPN news. This update is getting excellent feedback from the groups and their members. The updates are issued to other volunteer groups in the community along with those who are cocooning and other vulnerable members of the community. This is along with regular updates on the dedicated page on the Fingal PPN Website for Covid-19 news, Fingal PPN Facebook and Twitter pages which are all receiving excellent feedback.

Fingal PPN Re-Registration Project Fingal PPN are embarking on a re-registration project. We will be contacting over 860 voluntary and community groups who have registered with Fingal PPN over the last few years to ensure the groups are still active and running as a community and/or voluntary group. Contact and registration details will be updated to ensure this database is current and relevant.



#CoronavirusSolidarity diary of "good news stories"

Fingal PPN and Fingal County Council's Community Department are continuing to document a diary of "good news stories". These stories highlight the fantastic community spirit of Fingal in response to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

Balbriggan Women's Development Group reusable masks available #CoronavirusSolidarity #CommunityCall

22/05/2020

The Balbriggan Women's Development Group has been working hard sewing reusable masks for vulnerable members in their community (people with underlying health condition and senior citizens). If you are in need of a mask you can text them your address on 087 2829915 and one of their volunteers will deliver the mask/s to you.

HSE Ireland cloth face covering recommendations:

Map of Covid-19 Fingal Co-ordinated Response Fingal PPN now have 59 organisations and volunteer groups in Fingal that have offered help during the Covid-19 Emergency. These are mapped on the Fingal PPN website. If a person needs help or support, they can easily see if there is a group nearby to assist them



Arts Office

Expert Coaching Support

In our continued commitment to stay connected with artists/organisations throughout the Covid-19 emergency, the Arts Office are extending our 'Let's Stay Together' campaign with the offer of 'expert coaching support'. The objective is to help artists and arts organisations consider how they respond to and 'work well 'within the changed landscape post Covid -19. This new initiative is also a response to The Arts Council's recent Planning for Recovery survey which provides an overview of the impact of Covid-19 on arts organisations and artists. The survey records lost programme activity, audiences and income. A one-hour artsspecific coaching session will be available per individual/organisation and will be facilitated by Janice McAdam, a Strategy and Engagement Consultant and Coach who has worked with the Arts Office over the years. Coaching sessions will begin in June.

Support to professional Fingal artists during Covid
Fingal Arts Office is continuing to support Fingal's professional artists through a range of initiatives. In addition to offering ongoing one to one clinics and arts specific coaching with artists the office is delighted to announce supports for both professional writers and visual artists.

In partnership with Graphic Studio Dublin the Council are offering a fine art print residency for a professional artist at any stage of their career, working in any discipline, who is interested in exploring print processes. The two-week long residency will provide an ideal environment for the development of a creative project in printmaking working with a master printer.

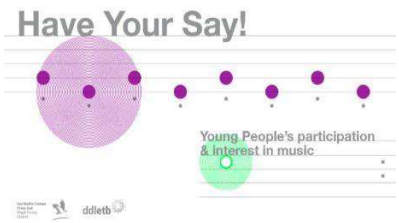
To support our writers in the County we have partnered with Words Ireland to offer a mentorship programme. The mentoring is open to emerging and published writers who want to develop their work and consists of four meetings with an experienced writer over a period of up to approximately six months.

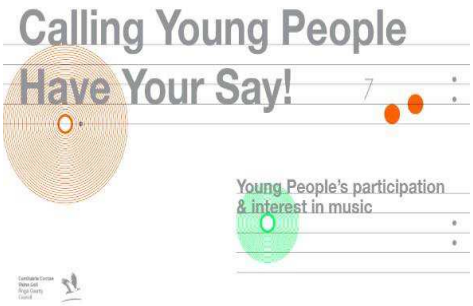
The Arts Office has partnered with Children's Books Ireland this year to support an award for mid-career writers and illustrators of children's books. This is an opportunity for Fingal artists to avail of a week-long residency, to take place in late 2020. The bursary is designed specifically for midcareer children's books authors or illustrators. This bursary was introduced to support more experienced, published authors and illustrators who require time and space to focus on their craft to the benefit of their continuing careers.

Finally, the Council is pleased to announce the Loughshinny Boathouse Artists' Studio Open Call. The recently restored former boathouse is in the beautiful setting of Loughshinny, a coastal village that lies between Rush and Skerries.

The dramatic location of the boathouse on the water's edge and at one end of the harbour offers a unique fully subsidised workspace for professional artists. The studio, which is nonresidential, is available for three months to one year from January 2021 and is open to Irish and international artists at all stages in their professional careers, working in all disciplines. The closing date for this award is 31st July 2020.

Music Generation Fingal





Fingal Arts Office is working in partnership with the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board to make an application to Music Generation for funding to extend and enrich each partners' commitment to the music education of children & young people in Fingal. A Public Consultation Campaign was conducted to gather data to support this application. Surveys regarding access to performance music education for children and young people in the county were issued to interest groups, stakeholders and the public.

Transcending Time – A Public Art Covid 19 Commission by Fingal Artist Aoife Dunne



This is a live mobile art project with Dublin 15 artist Aoife Dunne. Fingal residents will be able to request a visit from a new travelling new installation created by the artist to offer some colour and escapism while we remain close to our homes. The visit can be requested via the projects

Phase 1 386 responses to the Public Consultation Phase which ended mid-May:

- General Public Survey: 144 responses
- Young People's Survey: 145 responses
- Music Education Provider's Survey: 97 responses

Phase 2

Music Consultant Karan Thompson submitted an analysis report to the Steering Group for discussion. Weekly video meetings are taking place to develop content for programme development and the submission to Music Generation which will focus on:

1. Local Context for Music Education
2. A Framework Plan for Proposed Music Programmes in Fingal
3. Governance & Staffing Structures
4. Financial Plan

dedicated website www.transcendingtime.ie where the artist will plan a scheduled route for the van to take based on the requests. This project

takes into consideration all current COVID 19

guidelines in its creation and development.

LIBRARIES

Book collection service available from 8th June
Library buildings have been closed since 12th March but the week of the 8th June will see a book collection service operating from selected branches, as part of the gradual re-opening of libraries. Borrowers will contact the library by telephone or email to request books and collect them at a pre-arranged time. Further details will be available on our website and on social media.

Digital Learning and Meeting Spaces Refurbishment Project – Balbriggan and Malahide Libraries

An 8-week construction programme has begun at these two libraries in tandem. The operations commenced on Monday 18th May. This programme of works relates to a grant from the Dept. of Rural and Community Development for investment in ICT capacity and digital services at public libraries.
Apart from the installation of new technologies such as Digital Signage and Lapsafe units the fit out works will also include the remodelling and repositioning of existing furniture, the purchase of new furniture, the incorporation of new meeting spaces, painting and re-flooring works.

Expected completion date for these works is the end of July 2020. These improvement works will enhance the overall visitor / patron experience at

each library. Patrons of these libraries can contact library.eservices@fingal.ie or librariesHQ@fingal.ie for more information regarding accessing Fingal Libraries eservices and online events during the period of works. Alternatively, patrons can access library services at one of the other libraries in our network. A similar programme of works is being planned for Blanchardstown library.

The Cocooning Library service

On 5th May Fingal Libraries introduced a book delivery service for anyone cocooning in the County. The service is operated from Blanchardstown Library and includes members of staff from the Library and the Mobile and Housebound service. Requests come through the Customer Care Unit, through social media and by word of mouth. To date we have 90 clients and approx. 1,200 items have been issued. A specific email has been set up in order to deal with queries: cocooning.library@fingal.ie



E-services

COVID-19 has led to an incredible increase in the use of e-services by Fingal Libraries' members. Since the start of the pandemic the borrowing of ebooks has increased by 130% and e-audiobooks by 83%. The readership of e-newspapers has grown by 174%.

Joining the library to use e-services has never been easier. You can now join online and download ebooks, e-audiobooks, online magazines, newspapers, music and language courses for free straight away. For further information go to https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries or to https://www.librariesireland.ie/news/onlineservices-during-coronavirus

Social media

Fingal Libraries has a hugely enhanced social media presence, highlighting all aspects of the service and other Fingal initiatives. This includes regularly scheduled posts across the whole week on subjects such as creative writing, good news Tuesday, book recommendations and the 21-day Irish language challenge. There have been 277 Insta posts since lockdown accounting for nearly 30% of total Instagram posts and 28 new blogs. Some more of our social media stats include:

- The number of people who engaged with our Facebook page went from 632 on 12th March to 2038 on 26th May.
- Since 2nd April our Facebook Followers have gone from 4936 to 5234 - an increase of nearly 300.
- Our post reaches have increased from an average of 1825 on 12th March to 12,490 on 12th May.
- 12.7k mins of video was viewed, 2940% up from the previous 76 days

The new Fingal Libraries YouTube channel was created in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, in order to create an accessible platform and record of our content creation. The channel is used to host diverse content such as: storytime sessions, arts and crafts, talks, presentations and online courses. Since the channel was set up, our videos have been viewed a total of 3,572 times.



Covid-19 Collection – Fingal Local Studies and Archives

Fingal Local Studies and Archives is collecting material relating to the Covid-19 pandemic and how it is affecting the lives of the people of Fingal. The project involves putting a call out to Fingal citizens to donate letters, diaries, poems, stories, photographs, artwork, signs, posters or any other unique items related to Covid-19.

Any material donated will be preserved and stored at our Local Studies and Archives. It will be made available for public consultation in the Fingal Local Studies and Archives Reading Room and on our social media platforms. Material can be sent by post to Fingal Local Studies and Archives, 46 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin or emailed to local.studies@fingal.ie

Every item we receive must be accompanied by an Agreement for the Donation of Records/Archives which will give us permission to use the item for exhibitions and, in the future, allow researchers access for research. All personal data will be kept privately and secure as per GDPR guidelines.

This project is one element of an overall Fingal Libraries Memory programme in respect of Covid 19.

Fingal Libraries Programme of Events 2020 Fingal Libraries has continued to provide library services during the COVID 19 crisis albeit in an online and virtual way. This has been the same for our programme of events.

Using digitised content uploaded onto social media platforms and the FCC website we have successfully engaged with the national story time event 'Spring into Storytime' and 'Healthy Ireland at your Library'. We have also continued to produce events normally held onsite at branch libraries such as Arts and Crafts sessions and poetry workshops. Many of our library staff have been very active in this regard and have made valuable and creative contributions.

A taster of events planned for the rest of the year include: -

Summer Stars 2020, again this will be a mainly virtual offering of the national annual reading challenge event.

Fingal Festival of History and the Write Time Festival (celebration of creative writing) both of which will take place in September of this year. The theme for this year's History at the Castle day will be the Sack of Balbriggan.

Wellbeing week

The 8th of June will see the start of Wellbeing Week in Fingal Libraries. It will be a week of online events specifically related to issues of wellbeing that are increasingly important during this time. The events will include a series of workshops:

- "Conquer your Worries" for Children and Teens with Hidden disabilities
- How Families Survive the Teenage Years
- Managing Worry and Uncertainty in Adults
- The Big Chill - a deep relaxation to rest and relax deeply
- Loving Heart - a mindfulness workshop • Lower Your Cholesterol
- Self-care.

Cruinniú na nÓg :13th June

Cruinniú na nÓg on 13th June will include Reuben the Entertainer, Anyone4Science, creative writing

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION (ECA)

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sessions, science workshops, author Alan Nolan, drawing workshops, coding classes, Gymboree and lots more for children of all ages. There will be a mixture of live and pre – recorded events which will be uploaded to our YouTube Channel and social media platforms.

Cruinniú na nÓg
A Day of Youthful Creativity

For Cruinniú na nÓg 2020, Fingal Libraries is also participating in MyPlace, a 3 week project which invites young people (and their families) to participate in the exploration of building, making and interactivity as part of.

Through online resources and guidance, participants will have an opportunity to show the world a place that they love, and/or redesign a place in the way that they would like for the future. Participants can re-imagine themselves as architects, cyclists, city planners, artists, or gardeners - citizens of Ireland with a story to tell about their place as they see it now or as they would like it to be.

Each week will progress through a new stage, from 3D modelling, to circuitry, and finally, to sound design. Pieces will be documented by participants as they progress and displayed in our virtual gallery.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness & Climate Action:

Sports Sustainability Competition: The following soccer and rugby clubs will each receive funding of €2,000 which will be invested in the projects under this competition: Lusk United, Portmarnock AFC, St.Ita's, St.Mochta's, Swords Celtic, Garda Association F.C. and Garda Westmanstown Rugby Club.

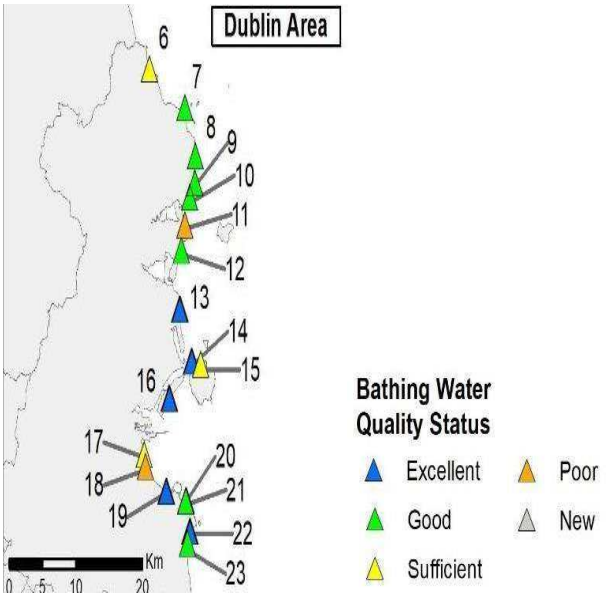
Nature Activity Competition: 70 entries were received and the standard was very high from all age categories. Some entries will be shown on our website and social media during June. All entrants received wildlife books and the 25 winners will each receive a €50 One4All Voucher.

World Bee Day was held on 20th May and our Bee Animation video was shared across all social media.



Bathing Water Quality

EPA Reporting on Bathing Water Quality 2019 – 95% beaches meet or exceed EU minimum standards.



Fingal bathing waters

6. Balbriggan, Front Strand
7. Skerries, South Beach
8. Loughshinny Beach
9. Rush, North Shore
10. Rush, South Beach
11. Portrane, The Brook Beach
12. Donabate, Balcarrick Beach
13. Portmarnock, Velvet Strand
14. Sutton, Burrow Beach
15. Claremont Beach, Howth

On 26th May, 2020 the EPA released the latest publication of the Bathing Water Quality in Ireland report for the year 2019. The EPA's Bathing Water in Ireland 2019 report found that 95% - 140 out of 147 - of bathing waters assessed met or exceeded the minimum required quality standards under the EU Bathing Water Directive 2006/7/EC (implemented via the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008). This figure is slightly up on 2018.

Quality status of bathing waters is determined by assessment of samples taken over the preceding four years. See Dublin and Fingal beaches classification extract from that report above.

Nine of Fingal's identified bathing waters in Fingal met the standards (Sufficient) with seven of those exceeding the minimum required standard (Good/Excellent).

The Velvet Strand beach in Portmarnock will once again fly the blue flag for "excellent" bathing water quality, with a flag raising ceremony to take place at the beach on 10th June, 2020.

The Brook beach in Portrane has been classified as 'poor' for the fourth successive year and pollution relating to domestic misconnections, agricultural/urban run-off to local surface waters and pollution from dogs and birds are the pressures in this environment. A bathing water management plan in 2019 was implemented and all results in the bathing season achieved "excellent" results. A management plan has been prepared for 2020 and it is hoped that improvements in quality will be sustained leading to this bathing water achieving minimum standards for the 2021 season.

Bathing water classified as 'poor' means there is a risk of a microbiological result which could potentially cause illnesses like skin rashes or gastric upset.

Local authorities are required to put notices at these areas advising people not to swim there for the entire bathing season. The Brook, Portrane, has an "All Season" advice not to swim due to this classification.

Everyone can play their part in improving bathing waters by bringing their rubbish home, cleaning up after their dog and reporting water pollution by emailing bathingwaters@fingal.ie or telephone 018905000.

The EPA is reminding anyone using or swimming at beaches this year should follow the public health advice, including the government's roadmap to reopening the economy, and any local information in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.

NOTE:

PRE-SEASON SAMPLE taken on 25th May at all 10 identified bathing waters – results all met 'excellent' status - available on www.beaches.ie.

In Ireland, the bathing water season starts 1st June and ends 15th September and the national website will have all results on all ten identified bathing waters as they become available.

Public consultation; Identification of new bathing waters – submissions from 22nd May – 22nd June, 2020

Local authorities are required under the Bathing Waters Directive and the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 (SI No 79 of 2008) to identify bathing waters on an annual basis. The Directive requires that water quality at all designated bathing waters meets stringent microbiological standards in order to protect the health of people who choose to bathe there.

Fingal County Council is asking people who swim at beaches, lakes and rivers to tell them if they think they should maintain existing designated bathing waters designations or give a new official bathing area designation to areas that are commonly used for swimming, but not identified at the moment.

If you are a regular swimmer and want to help your Council decide which bathing areas should be classified as such, it might be helpful to consider the following:

- How your swimming area has been used up to now;
- How many people use the site;
- What facilities exist at the site and how accessible it is;
- Any safety issues.

The public consultation is available to view at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/publicconsultation-identification-bathing-waters-fingalbathing-season-2021. The closing date for submissions is 22nd June.

Litter Management

Litter Patrols continue across the county in an effort to identify litter and illegal dumping blackspots. The Wardens undertaken daily inspections on scheduled routes throughout Fingal. Each Warden is responsible for inspecting an assigned area and designated routes. The Wardens investigate reports of illegal dumping, littering, dog fouling and abandoned cars received from a number of sources, and take the relevant enforcement action if appropriate.

The Litter Wardens liaise with the Operations crews to ensure the timely removal of any illegally deposited material. The Operations Department may also bring illegal dumping and littering to the attention of the Wardens.

Daily reports in relation to the conditions at all bottle banks and textile recycling facilities are sent

directly to the Environment Division to ensure the contractor is contacted in real time in relation to issues arising. These inspections are required daily due to the current high usage of these facilities. A CCTV camera has been installed at the River Valley Bottle Banks due to the increased levels of illegal dumping at the facility.

Dog Warden Service

The frequency of patrols in parks, beaches and open spaces has been increased due to the additional footfall at these amenities. The increase in the number of Dog Wardens allows for additional flexibility in dealing with any issues that may arise.

Waste Enforcement

ELV Project 2020

Work continues on the End of Life Vehicle Project which is a National Waste Enforcement Priority for 2020. As restrictions are eased, inspection of suspected illegal sites ELV will continue with enforcement directions and notices issued as required to ensure that this illegal activity ceases. Focus is turning to priority ELV sites using a multiagency approach to tackle these more difficult sites.

Grant funding of €95,000 has been secured under the 2020 Anti-Dumping Initiative to tackle two of these priority sites. The funding will be used to help clear away ELV's to facilitate recovery, prevention of further illegal activity and to facilitate monitoring post operations.

WATER SERVICES

Operations

Water and Drainage Services continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

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Finance

We are still waiting on the details regarding the rates waiver scheme announced by the Government a number of weeks ago. The terms of this scheme will be a critical part of stabilizing the Councils finances and informing the decisions we will need to make as we progress through the

Covid 19 emergency.

Our rate collectors continue to engage with rate payers that are having difficulty with making rate

payments.

We continue to keep our financial position under review as the Covid 19 emergency continues to evolve.

Financial Reports

Refer to Appendix 1 for the following reports:-

- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 31st May, 2020
- Capital Account Income & Expenditure to 31st May, 2020
- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 31st May, 2020

APPENDIX 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST MAY 2020

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
A Housing & Building	24,628,062	64,668,499	38%	26,056,564	67,692,700	38%	-1,428,502
B Road Transport & Safety	9,207,601	23,627,200	39%	2,584,893	6,609,400	39%	6,622,708
C Water Services	7,102,436	13,535,000	52%	7,244,794	17,109,500	42%	-142,358
D Development Management	5,169,201	15,538,700	33%	1,999,546	4,285,700	47%	3,169,655
E Environmental Services	17,119,232	42,952,600	40%	2,545,797	6,679,000	38%	14,573,435
F Recreation & Amenity	13,278,091	34,225,501	39%	639,581	1,691,300	38%	12,638,510
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	275,259	900,300	31%	82,169	210,100	39%	193,090
H Miscellaneous Services	11,780,513	29,041,500	41%	2,693,535	6,282,400	43%	9,086,978
J Central Management Charge LG	18,722,072	45,480,800	41%	1,189,203	3,031,800	39%	17,532,869
Local Property Tax / GPG				3,136,875	7,528,500	42%	-3,136,875
RA Rates				62,020,708	148,849,700	42%	-62,020,708
	107,282,467	269,970,099	40%	110,193,665	269,970,099	41%	-2,911,198

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2020

		Balance at 01/01/2020 €		Expenditure YTD €		Income YTD €		Balance at 31/05/2020 €

A	Housing & Building	-36,816,097		51,263,574		-35,726,095		-21,278,618
B	Road Transport & Safety	23,162,527		15,866,963		-424,839		38,604,651
C	Water Services	-14,803,701		901,375		-672,671		-14,574,997
D	Development Management	-109,842,777		3,432,549		-15,431,498		-121,841,726
E	Environmental Services	-12,699,108		2,070,949		-1,023,017		-11,651,176
F	Recreation & Amenity	-1,575,613		5,786,264		-636,293		3,574,358
H	Miscellaneous Services	-43,171,040		2,023,732		-10,140,089		-51,287,397
	Total	**-195,745,809**		**81,345,407**		**-64,054,502**		**-178,454,904**

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/05/2020				
	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Balance at 31/05/2020 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	4,906,810	95,902,828	93,733,741	2,169,0
LOANS	1,363,067	1,473,050	312,061	1,160,9
RENTS	5,100,489	5,710,667	3,178,733	2,531,9

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Following discussion the Report was noted.

Fingal Bike Share Scheme –

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Governance and Oversight Meeting of the
Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC
9th June 2020

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The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

1. Fingal Coastal way Quarterly report

Fingal Coastal Way

A series of non-statutory public consultation evenings on the opportunities and constraints for the Fingal Coastal Way took place in November in Rush, Balbriggan and Skerries. The three events were advertised through the Fingal Consult website, social media posts, the Public Participation Network (PPN), newsletters, a Fingal County Council Press Release, the 'Our Balbriggan' website and through emails sent to Councillors, residents, cycle advocacy groups and other project stakeholders identified at this stage.

Event material including graphics, a brochure, scheme and local area maps and overview maps were made available over the duration of the consultation through download from the Fingal Consult website and also available to view in hard copy on each of the event evenings. A hard copy of the Online Survey Questionnaire was also made available for completion on the evening by all attendees of the Public Engagement Events, if preferred over the online version.

A report on the consultation is currently being finalised and will be published online in the coming weeks. The findings of the stakeholder feedback are being captured and considered in the development of the scheme route options, which is ongoing.

Fingal Bike Share Scheme –

A route options report is currently being prepared and further consultation is proposed for Q3/Q4 of 2020, which will set out a small number of routes (c.3-5 route options) over the entire route corridor, with associated assessments of each option and the identification of the emerging preferred route.

Following discussion the presentation was noted.

2. Walk Bike Fingal



Fingal Bike Share Scheme –

Fingal County Council during Covid-19 Restrictions

- Fingal seeks to encourage physical activity at a safe social distance and thereby improving the physical and mental health of its citizens during this time of restricted movements.







Background – Why was This Required

- During Covid-19 restrictions - Vehicular traffic decreased and pedestrians & cyclists increased
- Some people walking and exercising on busy and sometimes crowded footpaths are moving out into the road to preserve the required 2m social distance.
- Others, especially if walking with children are staying on the footpath but passing others at less than the 2m required distance and thereby risking infection rather than risking injury from vehicular traffic.
- All of these raise new road safety issues not experienced before to this extent.



Fingal Bike Share Scheme –

Background to 'Walk Bike Fingal!' the Plan

- FCC acknowledged the changing needs of its communities & Engineers carried out a needs assessment at sites across the whole Fingal county
- Solution: to temporarily repurpose roads, streets and public realm spaces to facilitate social distancing
- Aim: to provide residents with safe space to walk, run, exercise and travel by bike and adhere to the 2m rule.
- Temporary Measures: are being introduced by Fingal in consultation with Local Gardai.



Plan Approved by Corporate Policy Group







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'Walk Bike Fingal!'

Plan for Social Distancing in the Public Realm

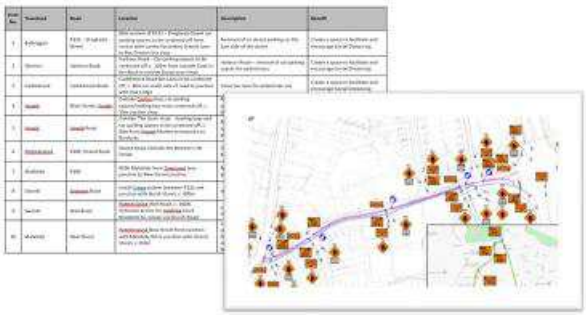
Fingal Bike Share Scheme –

Several classes of measures (some listed below)

- Removal of parking and loading bays to increase footpath widths especially outside busy essential shops to reduce congestion
- Temporary closure of sections of bus lanes to widen footpaths
- Increasing footpath widths using infrastructure placed in the roadway
- Introduction of pedestrianised locations whilst maintaining motor vehicle access for residents, deliveries and emergency responders
- Introduction of one way systems, including the introduction of a temporary extra lane for walking and cycling where suitable
- Implementation of temporary cycle lanes
- Reallocation of traffic lanes for use by pedestrians and cyclists

'Walk Bike Fingal!' the Plan

- Engineers identified a list of over 25 locations where measures could be introduced.
- 8 initial locations were selected and 10 are being progressed to full design with associated Traffic Management plans to implement the measures



Fingal Bike Share Scheme –

'Walk Bike Fingal!' the 10 Initial Locations

Item No.	Townland	Road	Location	Description	Benefit
1	Balbriggan	R132 – Drogheda Street	80m section of R132 – Drogheda Street car parking spaces to be cordoned off from corner with Loreto Secondary School Lane to Bus Eireann bus stop	Removal of on street parking on the East side of the street.	Create a space to facilitate and encourage Social Distancing
2	Skerries	Harbour Road	Harbour Road – Car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 100m from outside Goat in the Boat to outside Stoop your Head	Harbour Road – removal of car parking spaces for pedestrians	Create a space to facilitate and encourage Social Distancing
3	Castleknock	Castleknock Road	Castleknock Road Bus Lane to be cordoned off, c. 80m on south side of road to junction with Oak Lodge	Close bus lane for pedestrian use	Create a space to facilitate and encourage Social Distancing
4	Howth	Main Street, Howth	Outside Centra shop, car parking spaces/loading bay to be cordoned off, c. 30m outside shop	Removal of parking spaces (with options to extend) except for deliveries	To allow shoppers sufficient space for Queuing and for pedestrians walking by
5	Howth	Howth Road	Outside 'The Gem' shop – loading bays and car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 60m from Howth Market to beyond Leo Burdocks	Removal of parking spaces (with options to extend) except for deliveries	To allow shoppers sufficient space for Queuing and for pedestrians walking by
6	Portmarnock	R306, Strand Road	Strand Road, Outside the Butchers J W Smyth	Closure of loading bay except for deliveries, c. 20m	To allow shoppers sufficient space for Queuing and for pedestrians walking by
7	Malahide	R106	R106 Malahide from Townyard lane junction to New Street junction	Remove Parking bays c. 50m for pedestrian use	To allow shoppers sufficient space for Queuing and for pedestrians walking by
8	Swords	Seatown Road	Install 1-way system between R132 and junction with North Street, c. 400m	Installation of 1-way system	To facilitate and encourage social distancing for cyclists & pedestrians
9	Swords	Well Road	Pedestrianise Well Road, c. 100m. Vehicular access for Colbins Court Residents to remain via Church Road	c. 100m pedestrianised area to be installed	Pedestrianisation to facilitate and encourage social distancing
10	Malahide	New Street	Pedestrianise New Street from Junction with Malahide Rd to junction with Strand Street, c.150m	c. 150m pedestrianised area to be installed. Vehicular access to remain for residents (all times) and deliveries operating one way from South to North	Pedestrianisation to facilitate and encourage social distancing

10 Initial Locations:

Details & Maps

Fingal Bike Share Scheme –

1. Balbriggan

Drogheda Street, Balbriggan - Removal of car parking spaces for pedestrian use

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Car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 80m from corner with Loreto Secondary School Lane to Bus Eireann bus stop.

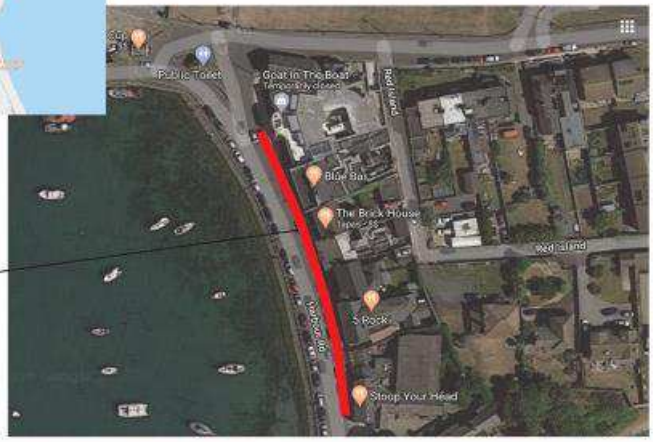
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2. Skerries

Harbour Road, Skerries - Removal of car parking spaces for pedestrian use

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Car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 100m from outside Goat in the Boat to outside Stoop your Head.

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3. Castleknock

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Castleknock Road - Close bus lane for pedestrian use





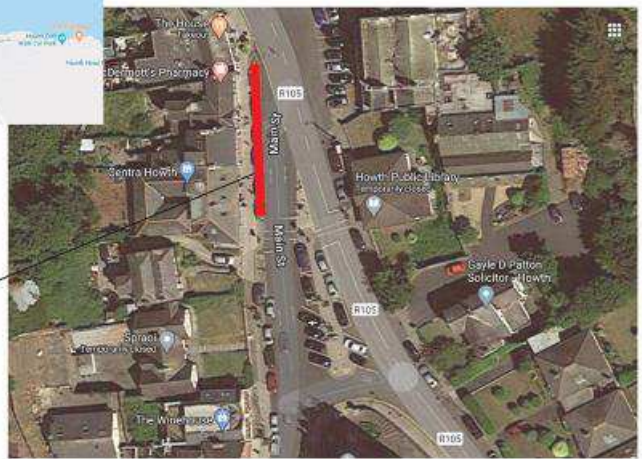
Bus lane to be cordoned off, c. 80m on south side of road to junction with Oak Lodge.

4. Howth – Main Street

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Main Street, Howth - Removal of car parking spaces for pedestrian use





Car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 30m outside Centra shop.

Fingal Bike Share Scheme –

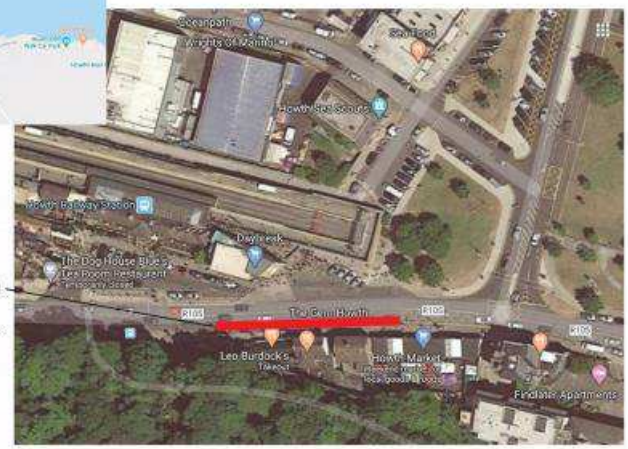
5. Howth – Howth Road

Howth Road, Howth - Removal of the loading bay and parking spaces for pedestrian use

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Loading bays and car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 60m from Howth Market to beyond Leo Burdocks.



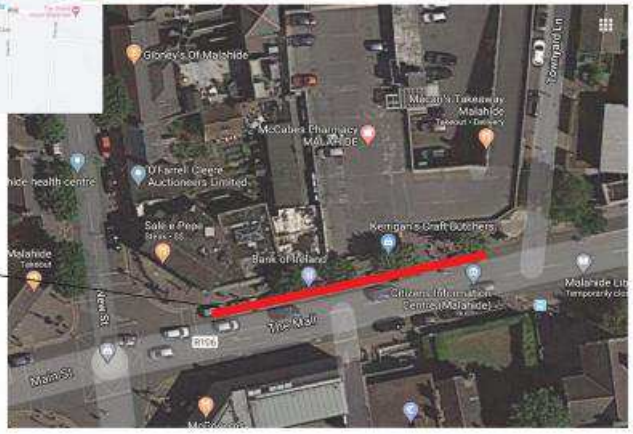
6. Malahide – R106 (The Mall)

R106, Malahide - Removal of car parking spaces for pedestrian use

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Remove parking bays, c. 50m to allow shoppers sufficient space for queuing and for pedestrians walking by.



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7. Portmarnock – Strand Road

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R106 Strand Road, Portmarnock - Closure of loading bay except for deliveries





Closure of loading bay except for deliveries outside the Butchers J W Smyth, c. 20m.

8. Swords - Seatown Road

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Seatown Road, Swords - Make one way system between R132 and North Street





Make one way system between R132 and North Street, c. 400m to create a space to facilitate and encourage social distancing.

Fingal Bike Share Scheme –

9. Swords - Well Road

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Well Road, Swords - Pedestrianise Well Road to facilitate and encourage social distancing





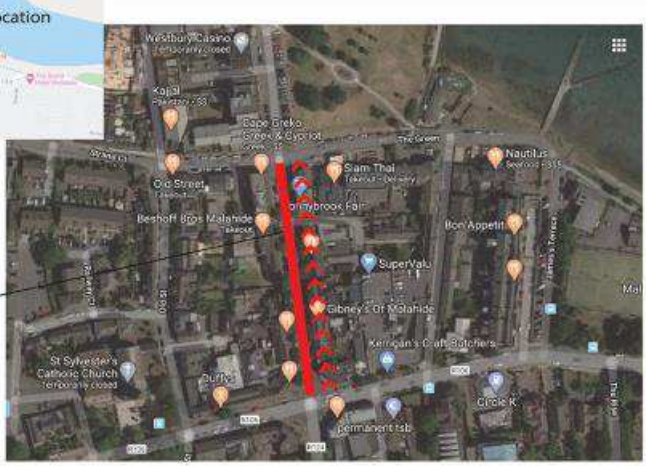
Pedestrianise Well Road, c. 100m to facilitate and encourage social distancing. Vehicular access for Cooldriona Court residents to remain via Church Road.

10. Malahide – New Street

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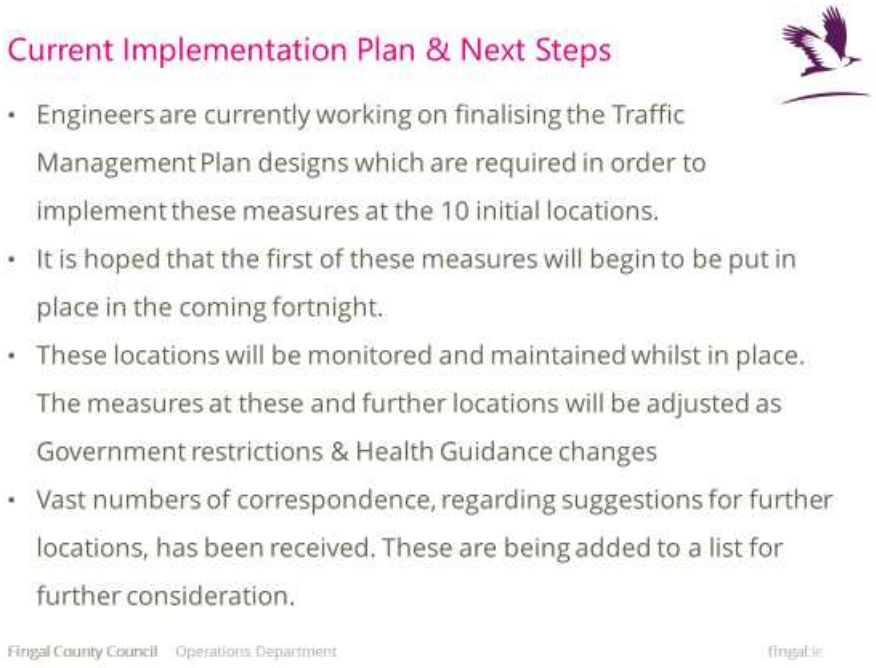
New Street, Malahide - Pedestrianise New Street





Pedestrianise New Street, c. 150m to facilitate and encourage social distancing. Vehicular access to remain for deliveries and residents, operating one-way from south to north.

Fingal Bike Share Scheme –



Following discussion the presentation was noted.

3. Speed Limit Report

Speed Limit Review 2020
Report following on from public consultation

The speed limit review was compiled and assessed by the Engineering and Technical team in Traffic throughout 2018 and 2019. Changes to speed limits were proposed at over 100 locations throughout the County and a roll out of 30kph for all taken in charge estates was proposed.
The review went out for public consultation from the 10th February to the 20th March 2020. A total of 57 submissions were received. This report will highlight the general details of the submissions received and our responses/decisions in relation to them.

An Garda Síochána

An Garda Síochána raised concern that some housing estates did not have speed limits assigned to them.

A number of housing estates do not have speed limits assigned to them as they are not taken in charge. It is not within the Council's capacity to assign speed limits to

roads which are not in our charge. Until such time as the roads are taken into charge a default speed limit applies.

An Garda Síochána raised concern about 50kph being the limit assigned to Lanesborough Road.

As this is a through road for the estates of Charlestown, Lanesborough and Melville it was decided to reduce the proposed limit to 30kph.

Togher Hill/Milverton, Skerries

14 submissions received requested that the proposed reduction in the speed limit from 80kph to 60kph be further reduced.

On re-evaluation of the road it was decided to reduce the proposed speed limit to 50kph.

Somerton Lane/Rugged Lane/Strawberry Beds

18 submissions were received in relation to the area of Somerton Lane/Rugged Lane/Strawberry Beds, with the majority of these requesting a further reduction to 30kph.

It was felt that to reduce the limit beyond the proposed 50kph would be unrealistically low and would not be consistent with our County limits. It should be noted that if a speed limit is set at an unrealistically low level, it is likely to be ineffective and lead to disrespect for the speed limit. If speed limits are perceived as not being credible too often, it will harm the trust in the speed limit system. Submissions were also received to reduce the speed limit around the Sand Pits cottages. The limit of 50kph shall remain in place as this is the lowest reasonable limit which could be applied.

Rural Speed Limits

Submissions were received requesting a reduction in speed limits for specific isolated rural locations.

The speed limit review has been carried out in accordance to the "Guidelines for setting and managing speed limits in Ireland". Whilst we can appreciate all concerns received, it is our role as the Local Authority to strike the balance for safe speed whilst also maintaining a speed limit which is realistic to drive at. Where a speed limit is introduced without engineering initiatives and solutions to slow the traffic it is unlikely to be adhered to.

Whilst it is our intention to set the speed limit as default 80kph for minor rural roads for the reasons outlined above, it is also our intention to replace many of the 80kph signs with "go mall SLOW" signs. This will alert drivers to the fact that in many

instances they are entering low standard local roads and will also take away the misconception many drivers feel that the limit represents a target speed.

Love 30 campaign

A detailed and comprehensive submission was received from the Love 30 Campaign.

The submission from the Love 30 Campaign was gratefully received and reviewed. A number of the proposals had been under consideration by the traffic unit when compiling the review. Some of the proposals were a reduction in speed limits for town centres, a complete roll out of periodic limits for all schools and further speed limit reductions county-wide.

With regards to the further reductions county wide, the point outlined in previous answers should be stressed again, namely, if speed limits are perceived as not being credible too often, it will harm the trust in the speed limit system as a whole.

A reduction to speed limits for town centre locations was also received in other submissions and was considered throughout the speed limit review process. The conclusion following detailed review and assessment is that it would be confusing for motorists with speed limits changing at each junction, it must also be recognised that these town centre locations are self regulating with regards speed, as there are frequent signalised junctions, pedestrian crossings, passive traffic calming measures and various active traffic calming measures such as speed ramps, VAS signs etc.

The point was well made to roll out lower periodic limits for all schools. It is our intention to increase the number of these periodic limits in future years. We are trialling these periodic limits on a sample selection of schools in this speed limit review to ascertain their effectiveness.

Various

The remainder of the submissions ranged from welcoming the roll out of the 30kph for housing estates, disagreement to proposed speed reduction, engineering measures to improve road safety and further requests for reductions to the speed limits.

All submissions were assessed. In some instances, they fell outside the scope of a speed limit review. There was some disagreement to speed limit reductions being proposed. Whilst we can understand all opinions, it was decided to not raise any limits based on submissions received. Other singular submissions and objections were received, noted and will be further considered for future reviews, pending engineering measures being explored.

At this time Fingal County Council is proposing the Speed Limit Review Draft B for adoption by the Elected Members.

Following discussion the presentation was noted.

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Governance and Oversight Meeting of the Members of the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC 10th June 2020

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The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

1. LEO Supports



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LEO Fingal response to COVID-19

- Loan repayments freeze
- Mentoring fees waived for 100% of applicants, and moved online
- Business Expansion Grants – 0% repayability applied from 01.2020
- All training re-assessed, new programmes created, all moved online
- Online Networking platforms developed

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Local Enterprise Office Supports

- Comprehensive list detailing all Local Enterprise Office supports available to SMEs during the emergency and post lockdown
- National response site set up: LocalEnterprise.ie/Response

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Business Continuity Voucher



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Business Continuity Voucher

- Announced on the 8th April 2020 with a lifetime until 15th May 2020
- Valued at €2,500 and could be used by companies (up to 50 employees) and sole traders to develop short- and long-term strategies to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Aimed in helping business owners make informed decisions about immediate measures and remedial actions to protect staff and sales.

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BCV Applications Lifetime

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Business Continuity Voucher	
Average Number of New Applications per day	17.1
Number of Business Continuity Voucher Applications	615
Total Number of Applicants Contacted	615
Number of Business Continuity Voucher Approvals	432
Not Proceeding with Business Continuity Voucher	111

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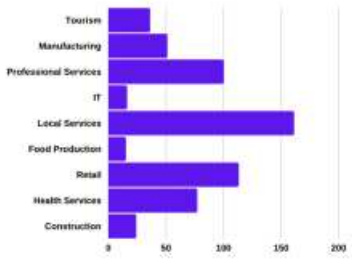
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BCV Sector Breakdown

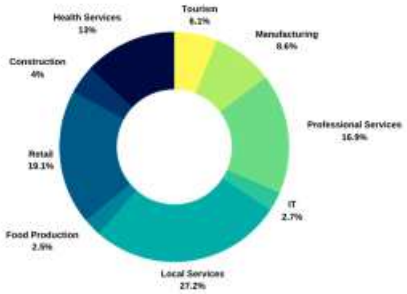
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No of Applications by Sector



Sector Percentage Breakdown



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Trading Online Voucher



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Trading Online voucher

- Funded by DCCAE, as part of the National Digital Strategy, to support local and established small businesses to enhance their online offering.
- Expanded on the 8th April 2020
- Match-funding element reduced from 50% to 10%
- Successful drawdowns now allowed to apply for 2nd TOV
- Further expanded by €14.2m on the 8th June 2020

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Trading Online voucher

- Pilot Fingal TOV webinar hosted on 2nd April 2020
- 5 national TOV information webinars hosted by LEO Fingal with 2,200 participants
- 511 TOV applications since COVID-19 Emergency started
- 2 more TOV sessions scheduled for week 15.06.20– 19.06.20

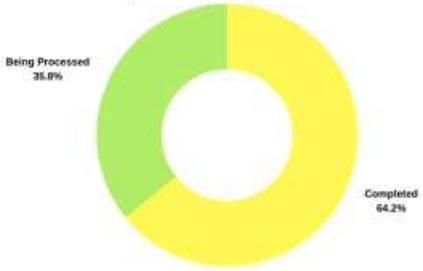
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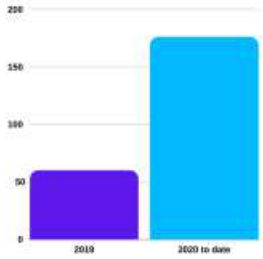
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2020 TOV Applications up to 09.06.20



TOV Approvals 2019 vs 2020 @ 09.06.20



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Online Training Programmes



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Crisis Management Training

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- 2 **five-day** programmes introduced
- Leading Your Business Through COVID-19
- Cash Management in a Crisis

- Range of Half-day Programmes on various topics including:
- Business Continuity Programme
- Lean Workplace Organisation
- Human Resource Management for Remote Workers
- Don't lose touch with your customers

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Recovery Phase Training

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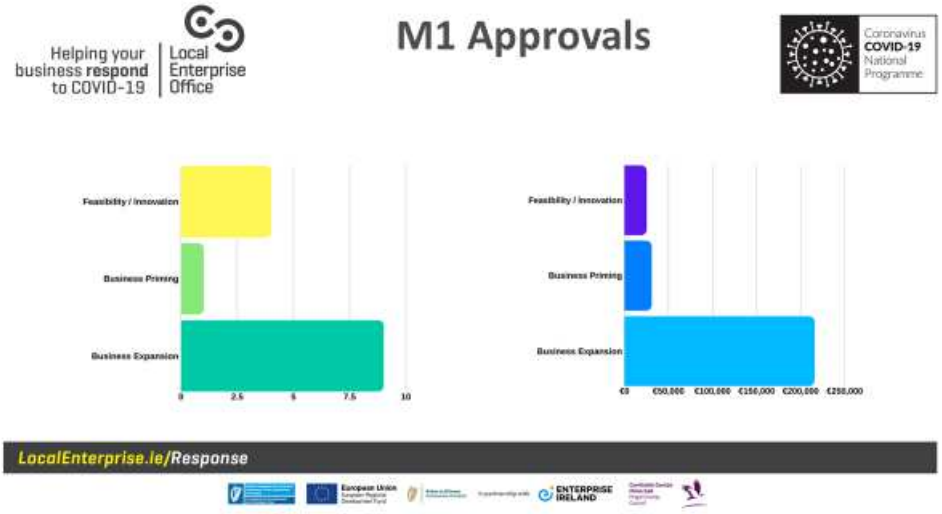
- Start Your Own Business brought back as **5-week** online training programme – 2 courses already underway
- Launch of Sport to Start-up Programme

New Half-day Programmes on various topics including:

- Restart Fingal Webinar Series
- Open Your Business Safely Post Lockdown
- Financial Action Planning Post Lockdown
- Staff Management Post Lockdown

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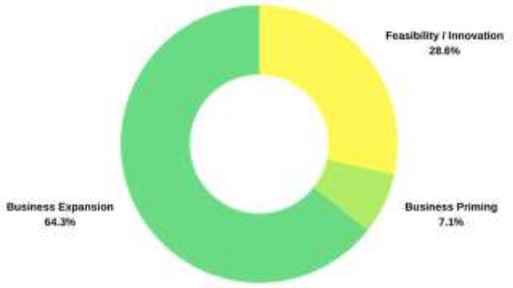

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Mentoring and COVID-19 Loans MFI



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Online Mentoring

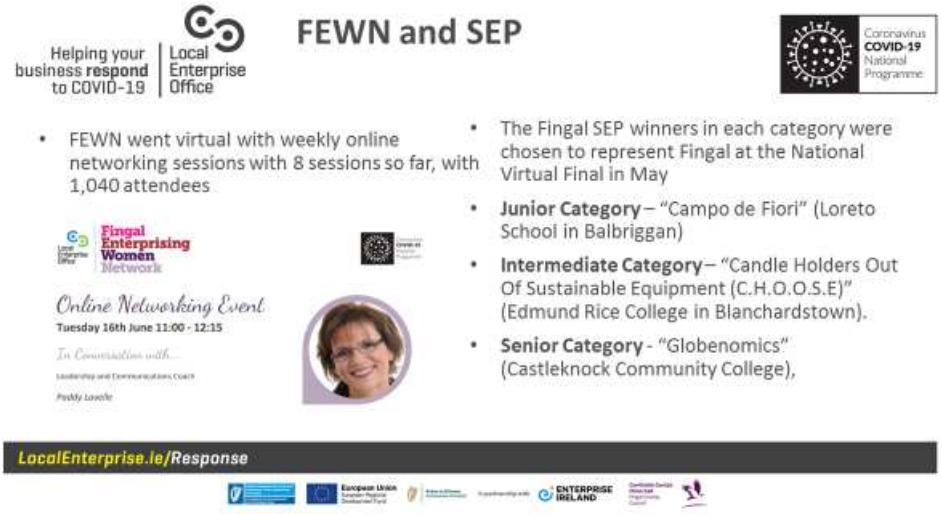
- Clinics and mentoring continue to be offered over the phone and online to help individuals respond to the disruptive impact on business due to COVID-19.
- In 2020, 59 business clinic days were held, offering advice to 401 Fingal businesses. In addition, 184 businesses were assigned a Business mentor.
- To-date, 165 Businesses in Fingal have received Mentor support.

COVID-19 Loans: MFI

- 108 enquiries; 13 applications; 11 approvals totalling €265K

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FEWN went virtual with weekly online networking sessions with 8 sessions so far, with 1,040 attendees
Fingal Enterprising Women Network
Online Networking Event
Tuesday 16th June 11:00 - 12:15
In Conversation with...
The Fingal SEP winners in each category were chosen to represent Fingal at the National Virtual Final in May
Junior Category – "Campo de Fiori" (Loreto School in Balbriggan)
Intermediate Category – "Candle Holders Out Of Sustainable Equipment (C.H.O.O.S.E)" (Edmund Rice College in Blanchardstown).
Senior Category - "Globenomics" (Castleknock Community College),
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Communications Overview

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- LEO Fingal continues to communicate with all clients and prospects via six digital channels (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn and direct email – via ezines)
- Fingal Enterprise News has now shifted from monthly ezine to fortnightly during the emergency period
- The training ezine detailing all available programmes and events is now a weekly feature

- 2 key hashtags used
- #MakingItHappen (national introduced in 2019 – used during Crisis Management phase)
- #RestartFingal – introduced in the Recover phase

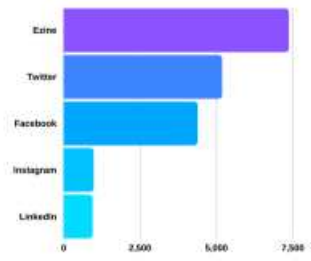
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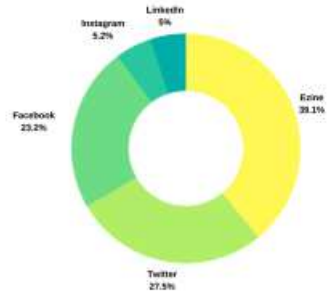
Audience Breakdown 10.06.20

Coronavirus COVID-19 National Programme

Breakdown by Channel



Breakdown Percentage by Channel



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Evolution of LEO Fingal Branding during COVID-19 Emergency
Coronavirus COVID-19 National Programme
National Response
Used temporarily for national TOV webinars
LEO Fingal & FEWN
#RestartFingal
Used or specific programmes
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Client Feature:
Celtic Candles
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Following discussion the presentation was noted.

2. Re-Start Grant Scheme

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Fingal County Council

Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development

Re-Start Grant Scheme
SPC Briefing June 2020

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Scheme outline

- Scheme announced by Minister Humphreys TD Business, Enterprise and Innovation.
- €250m National Restart Grant package for micro and small businesses
- Form developed and agreed nationally
- Online application & FAQ
- Applicants encouraged to apply in line with national roadmap for re-opening
- Closing date 31st August
- Appeal closing date 30th September – appeal must be made within 7 days of notification

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Eligibility Criteria

- Turnover of less than €5m and have 50 or less employees
- Suffered a projected 25%+ loss in revenue from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020.
- Commit to remain open or to reopen if it was closed
- Declare the intention to retain employees that are benefitting from the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS)
- Supporting documentation to be kept

Ineligible Businesses

- Multiple chain stores
- Non-commercial organisations such as community and sporting premises (including charity shops and community and sporting premises with a bar)
- Businesses that do not operate from commercially rateable premises (tradesmen, service providers, etc.)
-
- Premises that were vacant prior to the Covid-19 emergency are not eligible for the grant

Applications Received at 5th of June by Re-Opening Phase

- 830 completed applications submitted online
- A further 442 applications partially completed online
- Two thirds through the validation process
  - Queries gone back to applicants where necessary
- 208 Applications approved for payment totaling €1.042m
- Payments to issue those approved upon receipt of monies from EI

Breakdown of Applications Received at 5th of June by Re-Opening Phase

Applications By Phase	
Not answered	16
Phase 0: Business never closed	159
Phase 1 (18 May): Hardware, garden centres, opticians, motor/cycle repairs, office products, electrical, IT equipment, phone sales/repairs, outdoor construction, public amenities.	151
Phase 2 : Small retail outlets, marts.	136
Phase 3 : Creches for essential workers, retail outlets with street entrance, cafes, and restaurants for on-premises consumption.	122
Phase 4 : Creches, 'high-risk' services including hairdressers, tourism accommodation.	141
Phase 5: Bars, theatres, cinemas, gyms, shopping centres.	105
Grand Total	**830**

Common Queries from Businesses

- Landlord pays rates
- Business owner has number of premises and different rate accounts
- How do I calculate total and percentage of lost earnings
- I have more than 1 Business do I apply for both or one single one

Common Issues on Form

- Invalid Revenue Registration Number/IBAN/BIC
- Incomplete Applications eg Turnover/% loss
- Bank Header doesn't match Business Trading/Registered Name

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3. Tourism & Hospitality Support

Tourism in Fingal

Statement of Strategy



Tourism & Hospitality Working Group

- Members from Fingal Chamber and representatives from businesses
- Templates being developed for content and itineraries
- Promoting and supporting Fingal tourism businesses through digital /social strategies
- Facilitating co-operative marketing initiatives like cluster and cross sell experiences for local businesses
- Looking at new ways of enabling doing business

Tourism General Supports

- Collaborating with tourism groups to develop marketing propositions
- Assisting with the content management of local tourism websites
- 5 Tourist Information Offices - distribute marketing collateral, maps, brochures
- Engaging with Fáilte Ireland & Tourism Ireland
- Fáilte Ireland - dedicated support hub for tourism businesses https://covid19.failteireland.ie/



Food Tourism - Dublin Coast and Fields

Dublin's Coast & Fields

Dublin Coast and Fields delivers:

- Tailored bespoke, unique and marketable food experiences aimed at the Culturally Curious tourist segment in association with the food industry such as behind the scene factory visits, farm visits and chef's kitchen table, restaurant take overs by up and coming chefs etc.
- Taste Trails or 'Place on a Plate' experiences in each of the towns.
- A 'Local Food' Provenance Programme with Fingal Heritage Properties, Fingal food outlets, restaurants, hotels and other Fingal tourism products with a food offering.

Dublin Coast and Fields outputs

- Developing the Fingal Food Story
- Fingal Food Directory
- Marketing collateral including social media platforms, website, maps, banners stands, signage (dcals etc)
- Menu Writing Courses and menu options for 10 km & 20 km menus
- developing new Food Experiences – e.g. pop up restaurants for emerging chefs, behind the scenes at Food Producers

Dublin Coast and Fields Digital Marketing

- main focus of our marketing activity during lockdown
  - promoting local producers offering online sales & Fingal restaurants promoting delivery or collection services
  - sharing cooking demonstrations by local chefs, and suggesting locally sourced recipes.
- working on a social media marketing strategy for the coming months
  - supporting advertising spend in support of local food producers, food outlets and food experiences
  - creating bespoke content including themed videos and new visual content.
- collaborating with local stakeholders including Fingal Dublin Chamber, local tourism development groups and local food experts

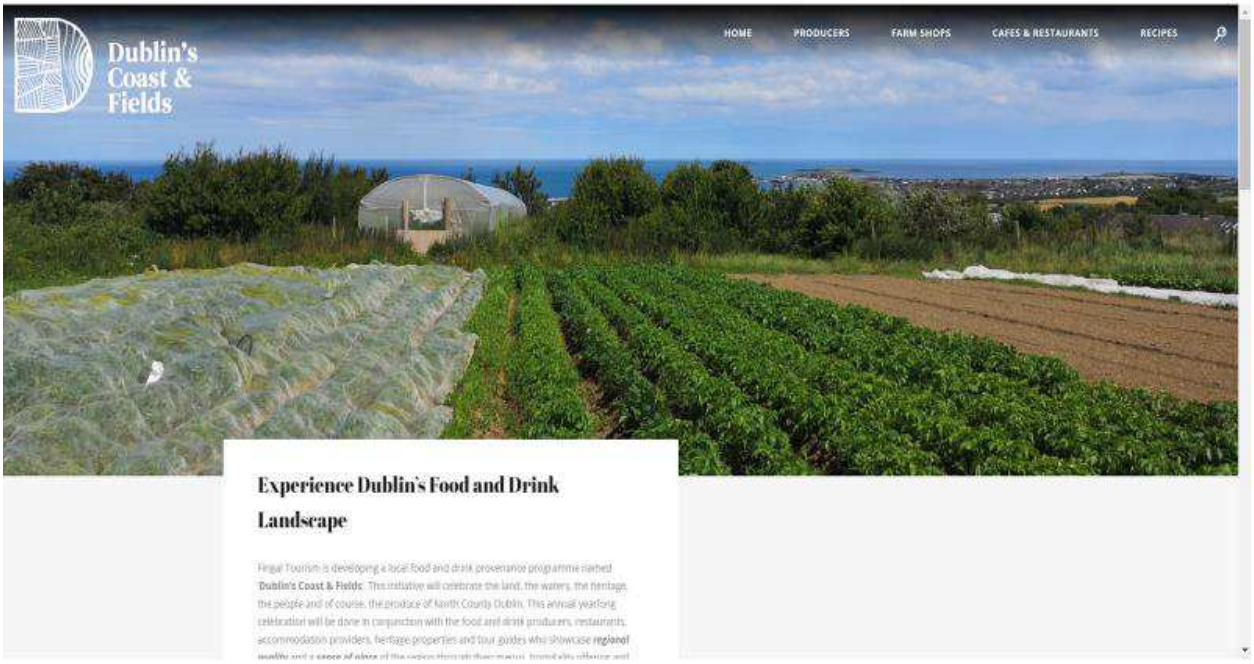
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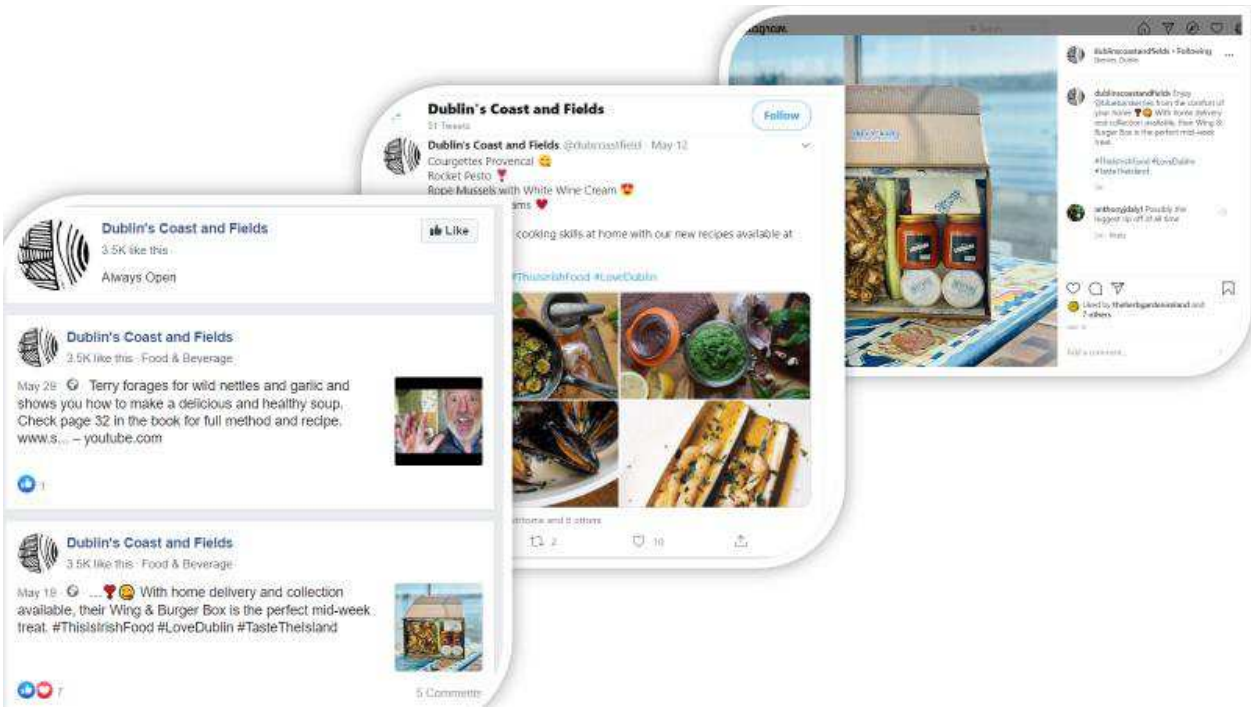
Fingal Food Tourism website

www.coastandfields.ie

Social media profiles

- Facebook facebook.com/dublinscoastandfields
- Twitter twitter.com/dubcoastfield
- Instagram instagram.com/dublinscoastandfields/





Dublin Coast and Fields – Next steps

- Continue to
  - build the Fingal Food Story
  - build the social and online profile
  - grow the number of unique food experiences being promoted
- Create a Fingal Food Network (with supports from Failte Ireland)
  - Collaborating with businesses and food producers
  - Identifying the saleable components of the Fingal visitor experience
  - Sharing the promotion of these
- Develop and deliver a Fingal Food Tourism Strategy

Following discussion the presentation was noted.

4. Rural development initiatives

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Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development

SPC June 2020

Economic Recovery Plan



Fingal County Council
Corporate Plan 2019 - 2024

Corporate Focus on:

- Quality of Life
- Quality & Climate Resilient Environment
- Quality Business Environment

Economic Recovery Plan

1. Pre-recovery Stage

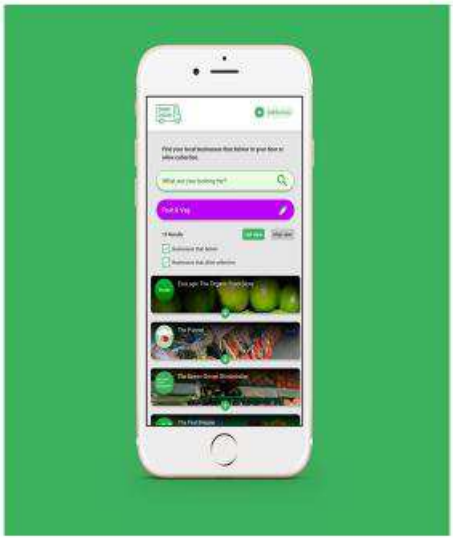
- Data-gathering & learning
- Capacity building
- Local Co-ordination & Leadership
- Building on stakeholder relationships established through Community Call Forum
- Establishment of Cross-Department Economic Recovery Taskforce

Economic Recovery Plan

2. Recovery Stage

- Marketing to attract investment
- Telling the story of economic recovery
- Economic stimulus initiatives
- Commitment to investment in strategic infrastructure
- Local Co-ordination & Leadership
- Healthy Ireland Community Mental Health Small Grants Scheme

Local Development during Covid-19



Promoting ShopLocal social enterprise

Recovery Stage

Fingal In It Together Charter

- Fingal County Council and Chambers of Commerce
- Voluntary Charter outlining commitments and support for local business
- Commitments on safe access, working together on queuing, promoting Shop Local concept
- Scheduled to launch end June 2020

Economic Recovery Plan

3. Transformation Stage

- Exploration of new sustainable business models
- Business transformation initiatives
- Circular Economy Proposals
- Re-orientating consumer behaviour to local economy
- Building transformative partnerships with key stakeholders

Local Development in Rural Fingal



Dublin Rural LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

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Department of Rural and Community Development

Local Development in Rural Fingal

- LEADER Approvals to Date
- Overall LDS budget for projects is €4.77 million
- 73 projects have been approved for over €4.3 million. Of these 51 are in Fingal, 4 in DLR and 17 in South Dublin. One project is split across the 3 Local Authority Areas
- €473,000 remains up to 31st December 2020
- April 2020 LAG Meeting approved €1.72 million for 9 new projects with €1.1 million in Fingal

- Claims Paid Out
- To date 73 claims to the value of €1.3 million have been paid out as full/ partial payments
- Since the start of COVID 19 , 22 claims to the value of €505,955 has been paid to Promoters
- Of these 15 claims are for the Fingal area to the value of €357,880

Local Development in Rural Fingal

- LEADER Response to COVID 19
- A review of the LDS was carried out during April / May
- A LEADER Branded COVID 19 Response and Recovery Fund is recommended (circa €400,000 for July-December)
- A new COVID 19 Recovery Theme for Rural Enterprise Recommended for the 2021 Budget
- Supporting projects that help communities and businesses to invest in social distancing measures that enable them to return to optimal operation levels as soon as possible
- Supporting projects that enhance ability to work from and access education from home (e.g. improved broadband solutions)
- Supporting Remote Working Hubs Projects in Rural Areas
- Facilitating extensions and flexibility with funding reallocations that arise for existing projects
- Decommitted projects funding to be reallocated to COVID 19 Response and Recovery Fund
- Facilitating fast turnaround targeted programmes to meet emerging needs



Thank You

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Governance and Oversight Meeting of the Members of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee 11th June 2020

A virtual meeting of the Members of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee was held on the Microsoft Teams Platform at 3.00pm on Thursday 11th June, 2020. The meeting was held for the purpose of governance and oversight and no decisions were taken.

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

1. Applications for funding

Applications for Funding

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to these organisations, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder: -

Name of Applicant Group	Eligible Funding	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Ravenswell Residents Association, Rush	€2,384.00	Estate Name Stones	No		€1,907.00
Fingal Rowing Club	€2,829.00	East Coast Skiff Launching Trailer	No		€2,000.00

34th Dublin Ballyboughal Scouts	€2,284.00	Camping Equipment Purchase	No		€1,827.20
Balbriggan Bridge Club	€839.00	Laptop & Wireless Bridgemate Scoring Equipment	Yes	2018 - €2,000.00	€839.00
Balbriggan Cricket Club	€2,593.00	Mobile Artificial Pitch	Yes	2019 - €2,000.00	€2,000.00
O'Dwyers GAA Club, Balbriggan	€2,400.00	3 Sets Portable Goalposts	Yes	2016 - €3,000.00	€2,000.00
Ashton Broc Residents Association, Swords	€800.46	Biodiversity bed plants	Yes	2019 - €648.00	€640.37
The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival, Donabate	€830.00	International Women's Day - Lá Idirnáisiúnta na mBan	Yes	2018 - €1,500.00 2019 - €558.40	€664.00
Rivervalley Community Club, Swords	€2,847.00	Equipment purchase – foldable chairs	Yes	2019 - €1,949.60	€2,000.00
Cuidiu Dublin County North, Swords	€8,550.00	Antenatal Tutor Training Program	No		€2,000.00
Fingal Orienteers, Lusk	€2,595.00	Orienteering equipment	No		€2,000.00

Applications for Arts Funding

An application for funding under the Council's Arts funding Scheme has been received from the organisation listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder: -

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival	€19,000.00	7-day Festival	Yes	2019 - €10,000.00 2018 - €10,000.00	€10,000.00

Following discussion the report was noted.

2. Proposed disposal of land at the Nevitt, Lusk to Mr. Brian O' Neill

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT NEVITT, LUSK, CO. DUBLIN TO MR BRIAN O'NEILL

Council owned land, comprising of 45.842 acres approximately, at Nevitt, Lusk, Co. Dublin was advertised for sale on the open market. Following extensive negotiations, the Council's valuer has recommended the acceptance of an offer from Mr Brian O'Neill to purchase the land.

It is proposed subject to the necessary approvals, to dispose of land at Nevitt, Lusk, Co. Dublin as shown outlined in red on drawing no. LA-44-16 (copy attached) to Mr. Brian O'Neill.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 will be included on the agenda for the County Council meeting scheduled to take place on 19th June 2020.

Following discussion, the report was noted.

2A. Proposed Disposal of land at Bremore, Balbriggan

PROPOSED GRANT OF WAYLEAVES ACROSS THE M1 AND AT BREMORE, BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN TO IRISH WATER

It is proposed subject to the necessary approvals to grant the permanent wayleaves to Irish Water as shown coloured yellow on attached drawing nos. IW/100015040/CWL/003 Rev B, IW/100015040/CWL/009 Rev A and IW/100015040/CWL/010 Rev B.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 will be included on the agenda for the County Council meeting scheduled to take place on 19th June 2020.

Following discussion the report was noted.

3. Update on Fingal Coastal Way Public Engagement





Scheme Overview

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Fingal County Council

The Vision

Fingal County Council is proposing to develop the Fingal Coastal Way, which will provide a high quality, safe, attractive and environmentally sympathetic coastal walking and cycling route to serve Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Rush, Loughshinny, Skerries and Balbriggan and the wider North Fingal area.

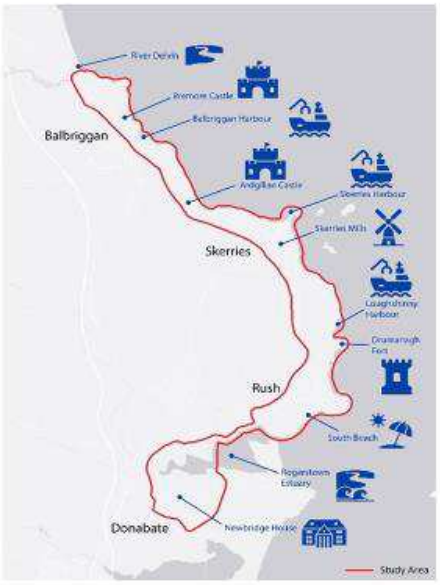




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Facts and Benefits

- Over 30km of new greenway from Donabate to County border north of Balbriggan.
- Links to Broadmeadow Way in south and future greenway to Newgrange in north.
- Drive tourism in North County Dublin with high quality, attractive walking and cycling route.
- Provide links to local trip attractors, e.g. train stations, Newbridge House, Bremore Castle, Ardgillan Castle, Drumanagh Fort etc.
- The Greenway will encourage tourism and recreation while offering an attractive alternative transport choice for school children and commuters.
- It will ring significant environmental, economic and health benefits to the wider community.

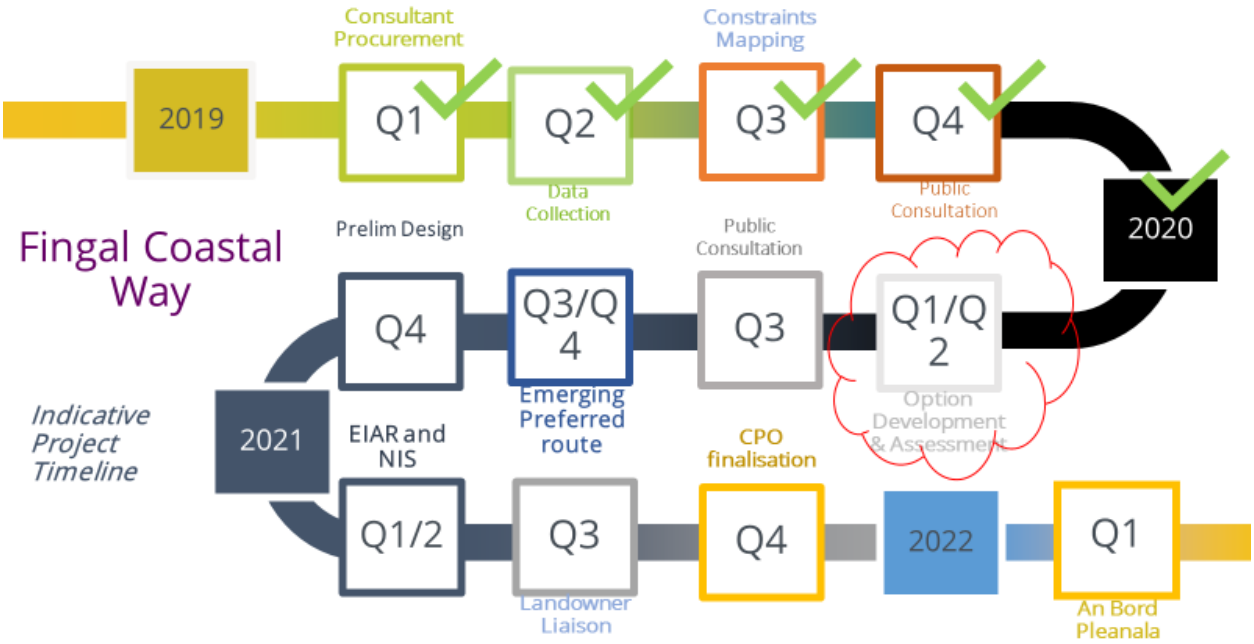


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Scheme Progress to date

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Study Area and Key Constraints

Route will serve Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny, Rush and Donabate and surrounding area.

Intended to be coastal route as far as practicable .

Key constraints include:

- Archaeological Sites.
- Heritage Sites.
- Environmental impacts / SAC's / SPA's.
- Rogerstown Estuary crossing.
- All routes through towns.
- Land take.

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Overview of Early Public Consultation

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Images from the Early Public Engagement Exercise – 26th, 27th and 28th November 2019













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The Process

A Public Engagement process with regards to Opportunities and Constraints was held through two mediums as follows:

- An Online Survey Questionnaire.
- Public Engagement Event.

The Online Survey Questionnaire was live for a 4-week period from the 19th of November 2019 through to the 19th December 2019 and was hosted on the Fingal Consult website.

The Opportunities and Constraints Public Engagement Event was held over three consecutive nights:

- Rush Library - Tuesday 26th November.
- Bracken Court Hotel Balbriggan - Wednesday 27th November.
- Skerries Sailing Club -Thursday 28th November.









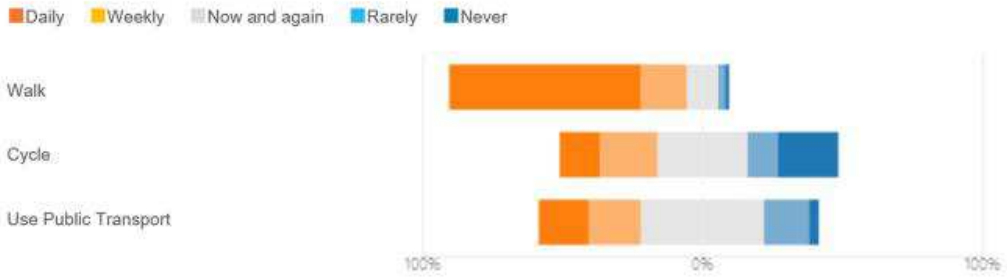
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Yes	150
No	2
Don't know	12
Other	1



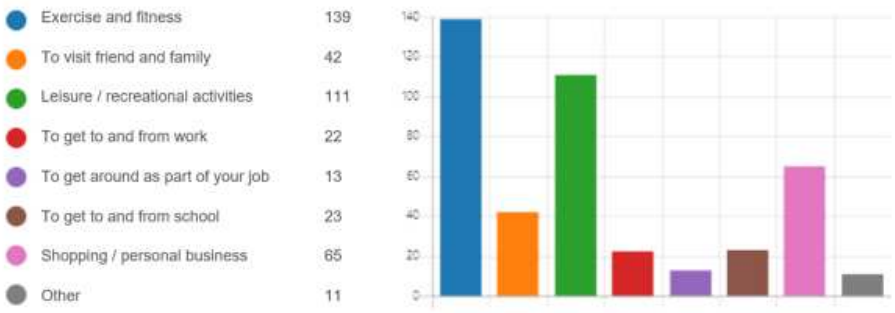
Are you generally in favour of providing the Fingal Coastal Way from Newbridge Demesne to the Meath border?

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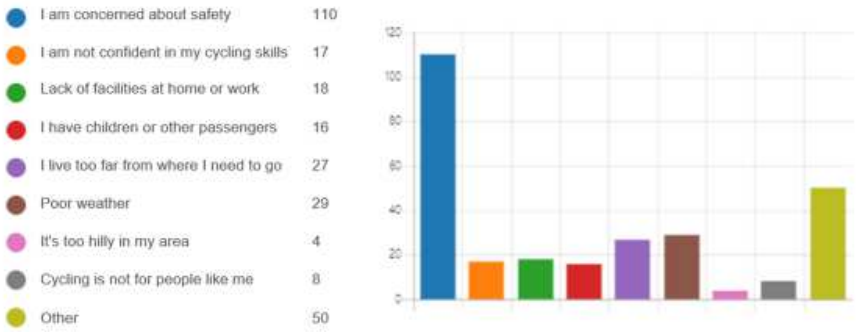
- **Thinking about the different ways in which you travel, how often do you:**

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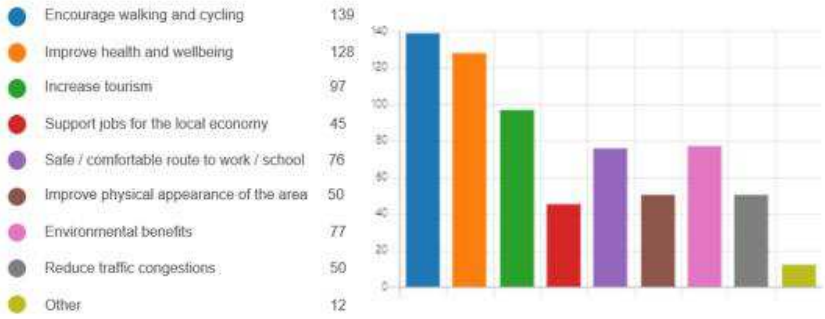
- **What are the most common reasons for you to go cycling?**

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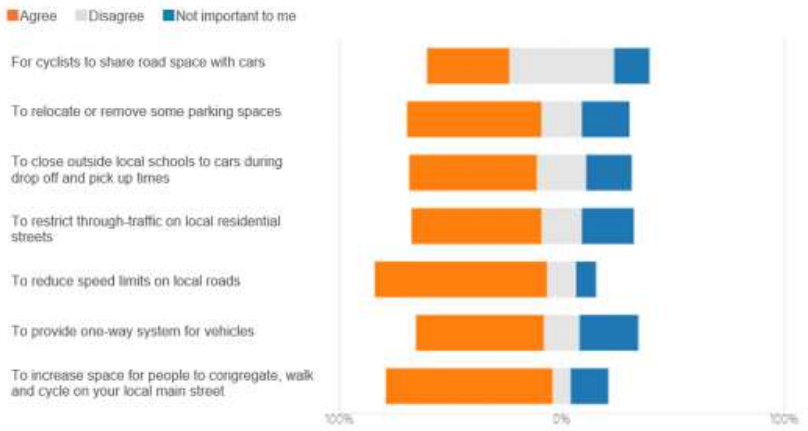
Here are reasons some people have given for not cycling or not cycling more often. Select all that apply to you.

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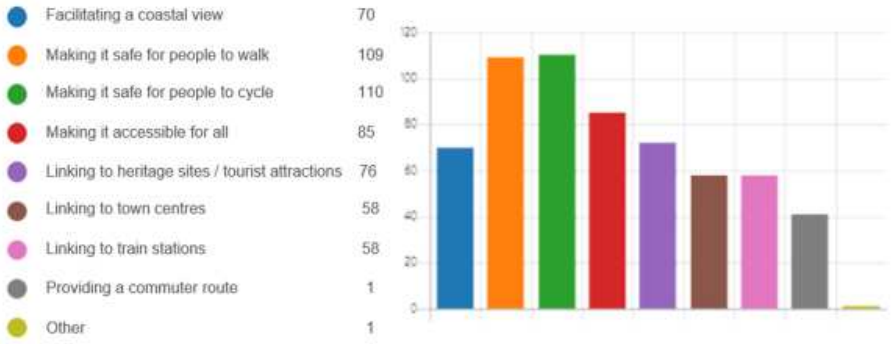
- What do you think are the most important benefits that the Fingal Coastal Way could bring?

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- **How do you feel about the following?**

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What do you think will be the most important factors in order for the Fingal Coastal Way to be successful?

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Key Findings from Public Engagement

- Overwhelming positive support for the Fingal Coastal Way. 91%
- Top Benefits. Encourage walking and cycling 84%. Improve health and wellbeing 78%. Increased tourism 59%.
- Almost 67% not cycling more because of concerns for safety. Over 90% supported traffic free cycleways.
- Two thirds of people regularly or occasionally cycle. 23%, indicated that they do not cycle but would like to cycle.
- Awareness of a how a coastal greenway can be achieved while limiting impacts on residents and landholdings. Support of 69% for shared pedestrian cycle-path schemes and 66% for 30km/hr streets.
- Findings of this consultation process will feed into the design for the scheme and development of route options report and emerging preferred route.

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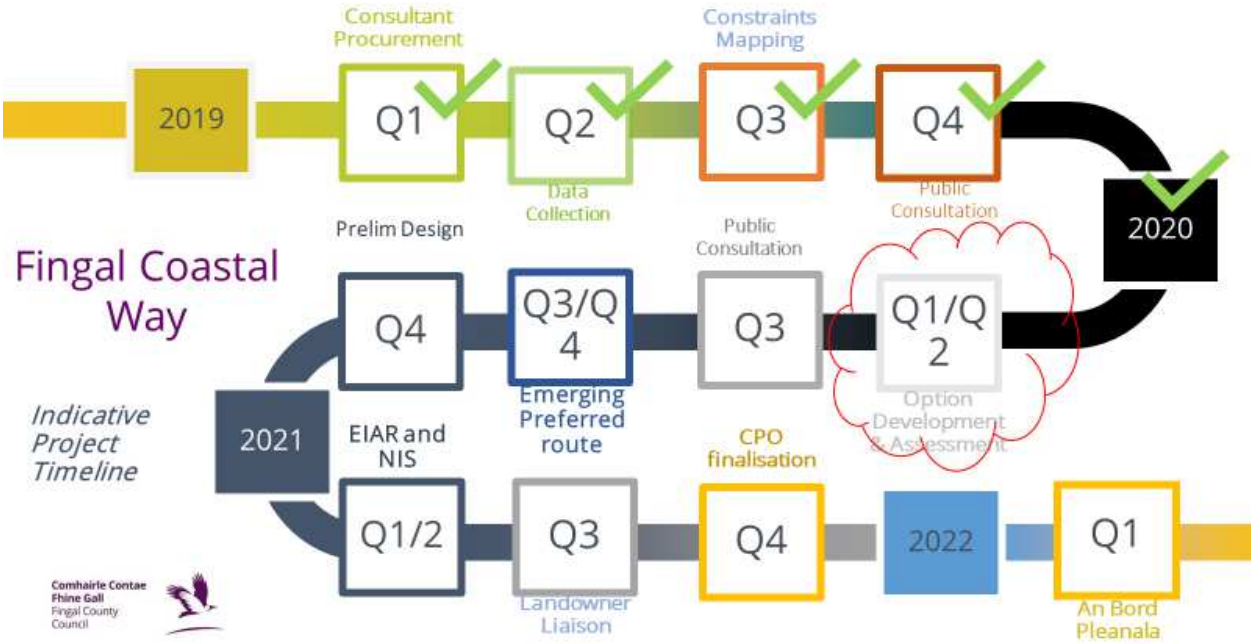
Next Steps

Feasibility Study and Options Assessment Report.

This will include a recommendation for the emerging preferred route, which will be subsequently used to inform the next round of public consultation scheduled for Q3 2020.



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Questions?

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Following discussion the presentation was noted.

4. Update on N2 Rath-Kilmoon project

N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon Cross

Public Consultation 1 Summary

Eoin Greene, Regional Director

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An Roinn Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

Tionscadal Éireann
Project Ireland 2040

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Public Consultation 1 - Summary

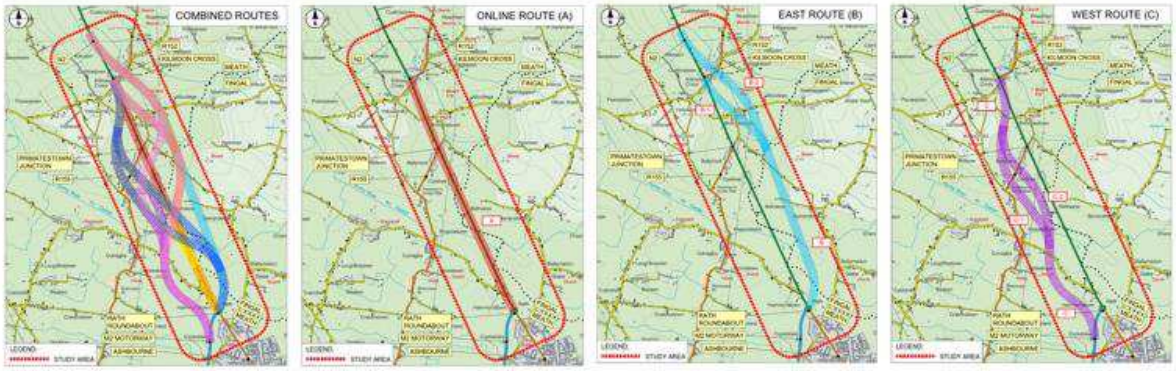
- Approximately 75 people attended the event excluding the Project Team members. Those in attendance included landowners from within the study area, commuters from the wider area who use the route each day, councillors, TDs, and local business owners.
- The Public Consultation period in which feedback/submissions could be submitted ran from March 12th to April 9th. During this period 54 submissions were received.
- The questionnaire asked whether the respondent owned/rented/occupied a property on/adjacent to any of the scheme options and also asked to rank issues related to the scheme in terms of importance.



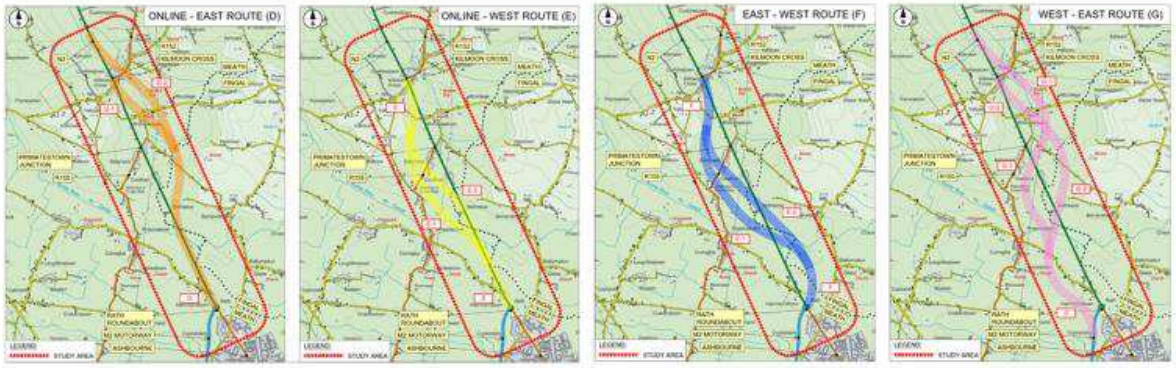


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Public Consultation 1 – Stage 1 Route Corridors



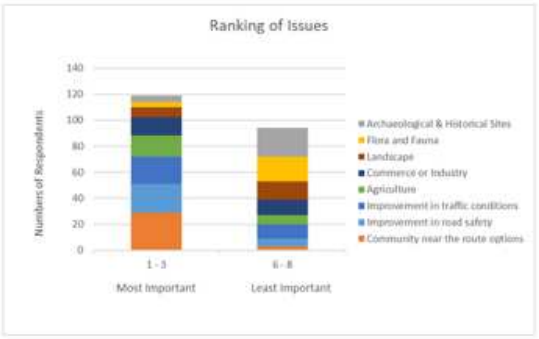
Public Consultation 1 – Stage 1 Route Corridors (Continued)



Public Consultation 1 – Feedback

– The feedback from the questionnaire submissions has been summarised in the graphs below:





Following discussion the presentation was noted.

5. Covid 19 Update



Pandemic Planning – Initial Stages

Identification of Critical Services

- Litter and Cleansing Services
- Management of Burial Grounds
- Responding to identified emergencies
- Provision and maintenance of public lighting
- Provisions and maintenance of traffic signals
- Provisions and maintenance of public open space
- Road opening licences and management of wayleaves

Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

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6. Works Programme 2020

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Operations Department – Restoration Improvement

Item	Road Reconstruction	Status	
	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	**May**	**June**
1	River Valley, Swords	Contract Awarded	Complete
2	Seatown Villas, Swords	Contract Awarded	Complete
3	Hayestown, Rush	Survey Required	Tendered
4	Forest Road, Swords	Survey Required	Survey Required
5	Old Coach Road, Balrothery	Partially Completed	Tendered
6	Featherbed Lane and Balduggan Junction, Loughshinny	Contract Awarded	Commenced
7	South Shore Road, Rush	Survey Required	Commenced
8	Turvey Avenue, Donabate	Contract Awarded	Complete
9	Turnapin Lane, Santry	Contract Awarded	Commenced
10	Seatown Ind Est, Swords	Contract Awarded	Commenced
11	Quay Street, Rush	Contract Awarded	Complete

Operations Department – Restoration Maintenance

Item	Location	Status	
	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords		
	Surface Dressing & Macadam Overlay	**May**	**June**
1	Rapoli Road, Oldtown	Contract Awarded	Partially Complete
2	Killougher, Naul	Contract Awarded	-
3	Forte de Fyne, Naul	Contract Awarded	-
4	Batter Lane, Swords	Contract Awarded	-
5	Commons Upper Doles Rd, Garristown	Contract Awarded	-
6	Hollywood Great/Streamstown Rd, Garristown	Contract Awarded	-
7	Knightstown Hollywood, Naul	Contract Awarded	-
8	Raheny Lane, Lusk	Contract Awarded	-
9	Wyestown, Oldtown	Contract Awarded	-

Operations Department – Restoration Maintenance Contd.

Item	Location	Status	
	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords		
	Surface Dressing	**May**	**June**
10	Stephentown/White Hart Rd, Balbriggan	Direct Labour	-
11	Hynestown, Naul	Direct Labour	-
12	Balleally Lane, Lusk	Direct Labour	-
13	Corrstown Lane, St Margarets	Direct Labour	-
14	Brazil Lane/Killeek, St Margarets	Direct Labour	-
15	Clonard/Bridgefoot, Balbriggan	Direct Labour	-
16	Dollards Skidoo, Swords	Direct Labour	-

Operations Department – Special Works Drainage

Item	Location	Status	
	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	**May**	**June**
1	O' Briens Lane, Oldtown	Contract Awarded	-
2	Tougher Hill, Skerries	Contract Awarded	-
3	Drishoge, Oldtown	Contract Awarded	Complete
4	Minister Road, Lusk	Contract Awarded	Complete

Operations Department – Special Works, Traffic Management

Item	Location	Status	
	Pedestrian Crossing	**May**	**June**
1	Lusk – R127 Race Course Green, Lusk	Tendered	-
2	Fancourt Road, Balbriggan	Tendered	-
3	Balbriggan Road, Skerries	Tendered	-
4	Murragh Road, Swords	Tendered	-
	Solar Powered Driver Activated VAS		
1	Garristown	Tendered	-
2	Fieldstown Junction, Lispopple	Tendered	-
3	Man O War	Tendered	-
4	Old Road, Rush	Tendered	-
5	Portrane Road	Tendered	-

Operations Department – Special Works, Traffic Management

Item	Location	Status	
	Traffic Management	**May**	**June**
1	The Hand, Donabate	Public Consultation Commenced	Submission being assessed
2	Brackenstown Road, Swords	Public Consultation Commenced	Submission being assessed
3	Rush, St Catherine's National School, Rush	Public Consultation Commenced	Submission being assessed
4	Carr's Mill, Donabate	Public Consultation Commenced	Submission being assessed

Operations Department – Parks and Open Spaces

Item	Location	Description	Status	
	Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk		**May**	**June**
1	Kenure Woods, Rush	Upgrade paths for Junior Park Run	Tendered	Contract Awarded
		Restoration of Capping and stonework on Bridge	Site meeting Required	-
2	Echlin Court	Installation of Resin surfacing at base of trees on square and traffic island in the car park	Tendered	Contract Awarded
3	Main Street, Lusk	Landscaping of Square Planting	Tendered	Contract Awarded
4	Hoar Rock entrance	Landscape Scheme	Tendered	Contract Awarded

Operations Department – Parks and Open Spaces

Item	Location	Description	Status	
	Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk		May	June
5	Glebe Park, Balrothery	Seating	Tendered	Contract Awarded
6	Village Centre, Ballyboughal	Removal of tree stumps, reinstatements & Planting of hedgerow	Commenced	Partially Complete
7	Bun a Cnoic Estate, Naul	Hedge, planters & seating	Tendered	Contract Awarded
8	Village Centre, Garristown	Planters	Commenced	Complete
9	Village Centre, Balscadden	Planters	Commenced	Complete
10	Flemmington Community Centre, Balbriggan	Landscaping along the entrance at front boundary	Tendered	Contract Awarded

Operations Department – Parks and Open Spaces

Item	Location	Description	Status	
	Swords		May	June
1	Footpath, Aston Broc	Footpath across the open space	Detailed design underway	-
2	Swords Town Park	Planters at Entrance, Benches at various locations	Tendered	-
3	Sli Na Slainte, Donabate	Development of route & signage	Commenced	-
4	River Valley Park	Benches	Tendered	-
5	Tower Bay, Portrane	Construction of stone pillars at entrance to carpark	Detailed design underway	-
6	Royal Oak, Santry	Footpath network	Detailed design underway	-
7	Rivermeade	Outdoor Exercise Equipment	Tendered	Contract Awarded

Operations Department – Public Lighting

Item	Location	Description	Status	
	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords		May	June
1	Commons West, The Green, Watery Lane, Swords	Install new lighting	Contract Awarded	Complete
2	Flemington Lane at Flemington Park, Balbriggan	Install new lighting	Tendered	Contract Awarded
3	Pine Ridge , Balbriggan	Install new lighting	Tendered	Contract Awarded
4	Togher Hill, Skerries	Install new lighting		-
5	Millers Lane, Skerries	Install new lighting/upgrade lighting		-
6	Palmer Road to Kenure Park, Rush	Install new lighting	Contract Awarded	Commenced
7	R130 Coolquay at Kilcoscan School, Swords	Infill lighting on existing poles	Contract Awarded	Commenced

Operations Department

Following discussion the presentation was noted.

7. Dublin – Drogheda Fibre Network (KN Circet)



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Introduction:

Who are KN Circet?

KN Circet are leading providers to the Telecommunications, Transport Infrastructure and Power sectors in Ireland, the UK and Internationally.

Operating since 1975, their focus is to provide fully managed services to the markets they serve.

Currently they employ over 3,500 staff across the UK and Ireland and are currently Ireland's largest Telecoms contractor and work on behalf of the majority of the telecoms companies that install networks in Fingal.

Introduction:

On the 18th of February 2020 KN Circet applied to Fingal County Council for a T1 licences notifying Fingal County Council of their intention to perform large road works within Fingal's functional area.

KN Circet advised of their intention to apply for permission to install and construct 55 km's of fibre cable and ducting within the functional area of Fingal.

The cable was to be installed along 3 routes with a branch of one route been laid into St Margaret's.

The cable and ducting is to be installed in either the roadside verge or carriageway itself entering the North of the County at 3 locations to various different locations across the County.

The project is required to connect the International Data Centre at Drogheda giving diversity to other data centres within the Fingal Area.

The Process:

Following a series of meetings with Fingal County Council Area Engineers, Administrative Officers, Traffic Engineers, Area Parks the T1 permission's were granted enabling KN Circet to submit the more site specific T2 road opening licence applications.

KN Circet to date has submitted a total of 37 T2 licence applications for permission to carry out the network installation.

Each T2 licence is site specific covering an area circa of 1-2 km in length.

Each T2 application is again assessed by the Area Engineer, Area Parks, Area Traffic Engineer involving a road and verge survey. Following the survey conditions are then set for each specific T2 licence.

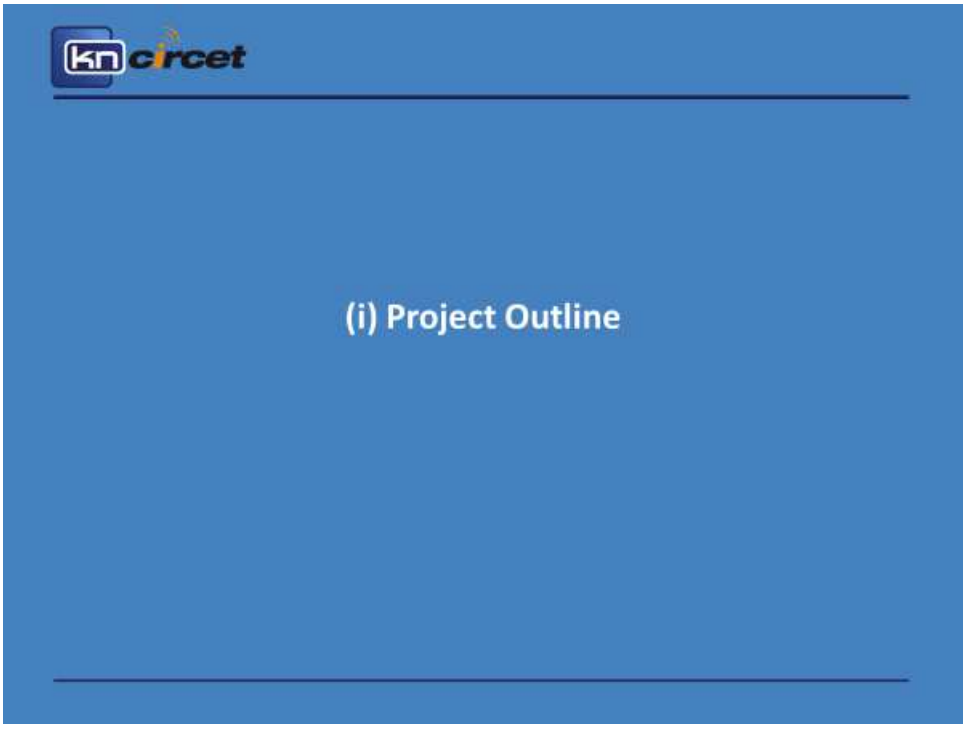
The Process:

Over licence 50 conditions pertaining to the works are set for each licence.

Where assets are opened assets must be reinstated to the Department of Transports Road Opening Licence Guidelines document and specifications therein namely "The Purple Book".

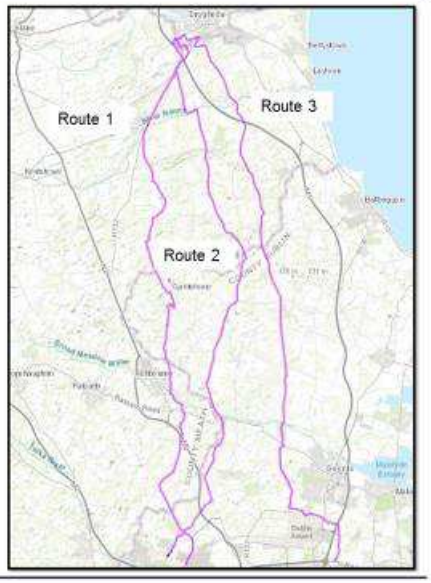
Roads effectively are reinstated as new roads and verges reinstated to the pre-works condition. (Purple Book Standard).

Guarantee Deposit also submitted in advance of any works commencing which will be withheld if assets are not reinstated to the required standard.



PROJECT OUTLINE

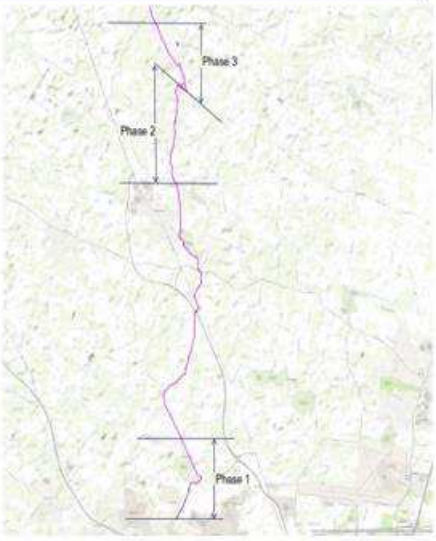
- KN Circet are constructing 3 number, 2-way duct routes from Dublin to Drogheda to create a fibre network between the two areas
- The duct routes are named route 1, route 2 and route 3
- The duct routes will be predominantly installed by way of trenching in the grass verge
- The standard trench will be constructed to Purple Book standard
- Where it is not possible to install the duct route within the grass verge, trenching within the carriageway will be employed. Directional Drill may be completed at Rivers and Culverts etc. Where agreed with Fingal Co Co



(ii) Route 1 Overview

ROUTE 1 OVERVIEW

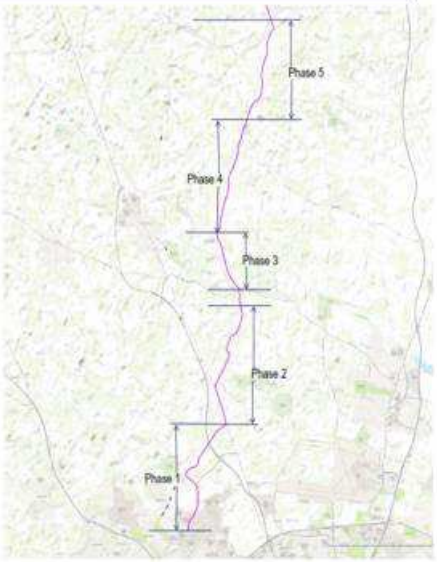
- Route 1 is planned in the Fingal Co Co area with a total length of 12.63km
- Route 1 starts at the Cruiserath Road, traveling north on the R121, out the L3080 back into The route continues north of Ashbourne along the R130 and avoiding Garristown via Local Roads.
- Route 1 will be broken down into 3 Phases in Fingal Co Co, these Phases will be used in the communication to relevant stakeholders
- KN will be planning a road closures West of the Garristown Area in Phase 2 & 3 (L5010, L5015, L5020 L50462, L50463). These closures will be done in sections. Local Access to be maintained at all times.



(iii) Route 2 Overview

ROUTE 2 OVERVIEW

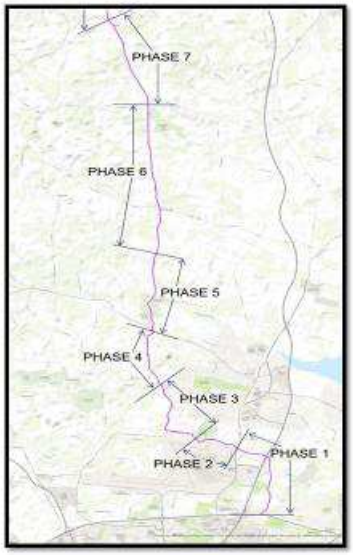
- Route 2 is planned in the Fingal Co Co area with a total length of 24.169km
- Route 2 Starts at the Ballycoolin Road, traveling north over the M2 on the R121, along the R135,R130 follows local roads towards the R122 East of Oldtown.
- Route 2 will be broken down into 5 Phases in Fingal Co Co (Phase 1,2,3,4,5) and these Phases will be used in the communication to relevant stakeholders
- KN will be planning a road closure in the East of Oldtown in Phase 4. This will be between the R130 and R122 on Local Roads (L1040,L10703,). These closures will be done in sections.



(iv) Route 3 Overview

Route 3 Overview

- Route 3 is planned in the Fingal Co Co area with a total length of 22.163km
- Route 3 starts at the Clonshaugh road, traveling north over the M1 motorway, north along the R108, through Ballyboughal and onto the Naul
- Route 3 will be broken down into 7 Phases in Fingal Co Co and these Phases will be used in the communication to relevant stakeholders
- KN Intend to Complete Works in different phases. Crews will be spread out so as to not cause traffic disruption



(v) Route Z overview (Zayo)

Route Z - Zayo Overview

- Route Z is 5.8km in length and starts at the St Margarets Roundabout, traveling north along the R122 towards Killeek Lane onto the R108 to join Route C
- Route Z will be broken down into 2 Phases in Fingal Co Co and these Phases will be used in the communication to relevant stakeholders
- KN Intend to Complete Z1 and Z2 from 21st May working from South to North



(vi) Project Programme

PROJECT PROGRAMME

- **Route 1 – Damastown to Drogheda**
  Crew 1
  - Start week commencing 02nd June 2020 – **Phase 1**
  - Crew to start on R121 heading north to L3080

  Crew 2
  - Start week commencing 15th June 2020 – **Phase 2**
  - Crew to start on L5010 heading north on West of Garristown

- **Route 2 – Ballycoolin to Drogheda**
  Crew 1
  - Start week commencing 02nd June 2020 - **Phase 5**
  - Start on R122 at Meath Border heading South

  Crew 2
  - Start week commencing 02nd June 2020– **Phase 1**
  - Start at Corduff working North Towards R121

PROJECT PROGRAMME

- **Route 3 – Clonshaugh to Drogheda**
  Crew 1
  - Start week commencing 02nd June 2020– **Phase 4**
  - Crew to start on R108 at Kilkeel Lane junction heading north to R125

  Crew 2
  - Start week commencing 02nd June 2020 – **Phase 7**
  - Crew to start at North of Ballyboughal working North towards The Naul.

- **Route 4 - Zayo – St Margarets to R108**
  Crew 1
  - Start 21st May 2020 – **Phase Z1**
  - One crew to start on R108/R122 St Margarets working North on R122 along Kilkeel Lane towards R108

  KN expect to have works completed in the Fingal Area by the end of November

(vii) Weekly Whereabouts

Weekly Whereabouts Report

See below template of weekly look ahead and refer to its implementation i.e. This will be issued to Fingal Co Co before 12 Noon of the Thursday outlining works locations for the next week

This will be sent to the below addresses

- CasMulOpArea@fingal.ie;
- BalSwoOpArea@fingal.ie;
- HowMalOpArea@fingal.ie

This in turn can issued to Fingal County Council Elected Members.

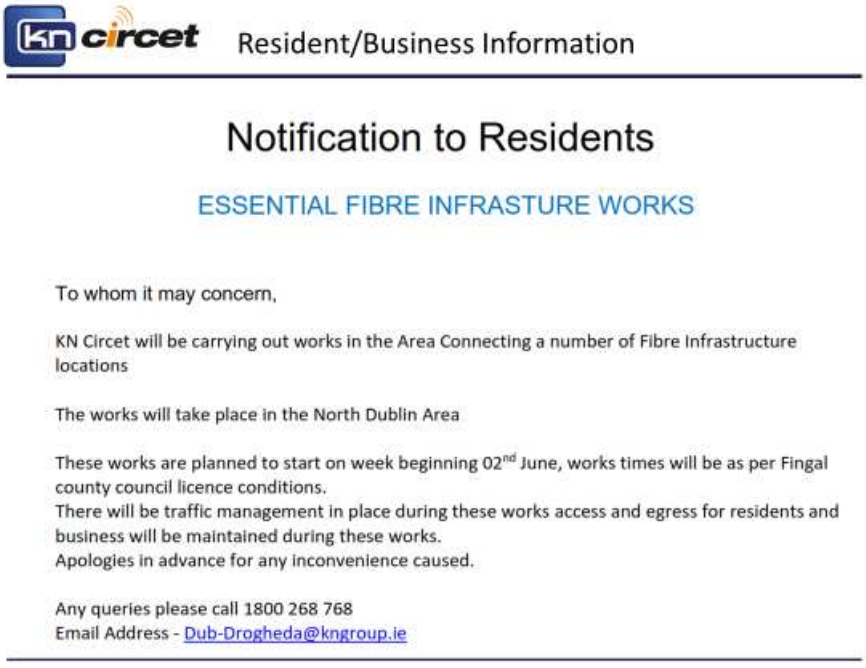


Weekly Whereabouts Report

DATE:

Week Commencing	Location	Coordinates	Working Hours/Days	Surface	Expected duration (days start -to- finish)	Email Contact	KN Contact Number
01/05/2028	R125 to R108, Tonlegee to Brook, Dublin	53.393136, -6.266272	10:00 - 16:00 Mon to Sat	Grass Verge/Carriageway	30 Days	Dub.EngineeringEnquiries.ie	1800.358760
01/05/2028	R108, Coolmill to Weston Close, Naul, Dublin	53.581304, -6.271881	08:00 - 16:30 - Mon to Sat	Grass Verge/Carriageway	30 Days	Dub.EngineeringEnquiries.ie	1800.358760
01/05/2028	R122, Curragh West to Meath Border, Dublin	53.581304, -6.271881	08:00 - 16:30 - Mon to Sat	Grass Verge/Carriageway	15 Days	Dub.EngineeringEnquiries.ie	1800.358760
01/05/2028	Balbriggan Road to Junction with Hollywood Hill Road, Rivermeadows, Dublin	53.617464, -6.361830	TBC	Footway	15 Days	Dub.EngineeringEnquiries.ie	1800.358760

(viii) Information Leaflet to be distributed to local Residents and Businesses



Resident/Business Information

Notification to Residents

ESSENTIAL FIBRE INFRASTURE WORKS

To whom it may concern,

KN Circet will be carrying out works in the Area Connecting a number of Fibre Infrastructure locations

The works will take place in the North Dublin Area

These works are planned to start on week beginning 02nd June, works times will be as per Fingal county council licence conditions.
There will be traffic management in place during these works access and egress for residents and business will be maintained during these works.
Apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused.

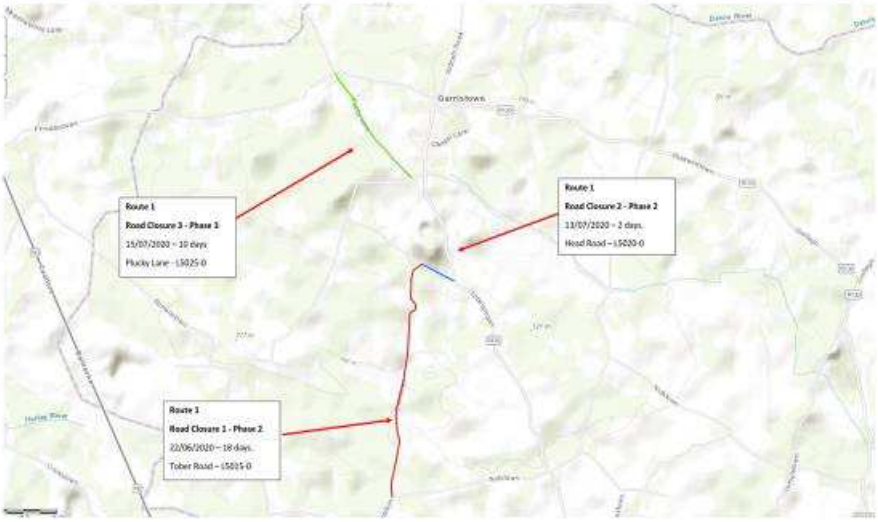
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Route 1 - Road Closures

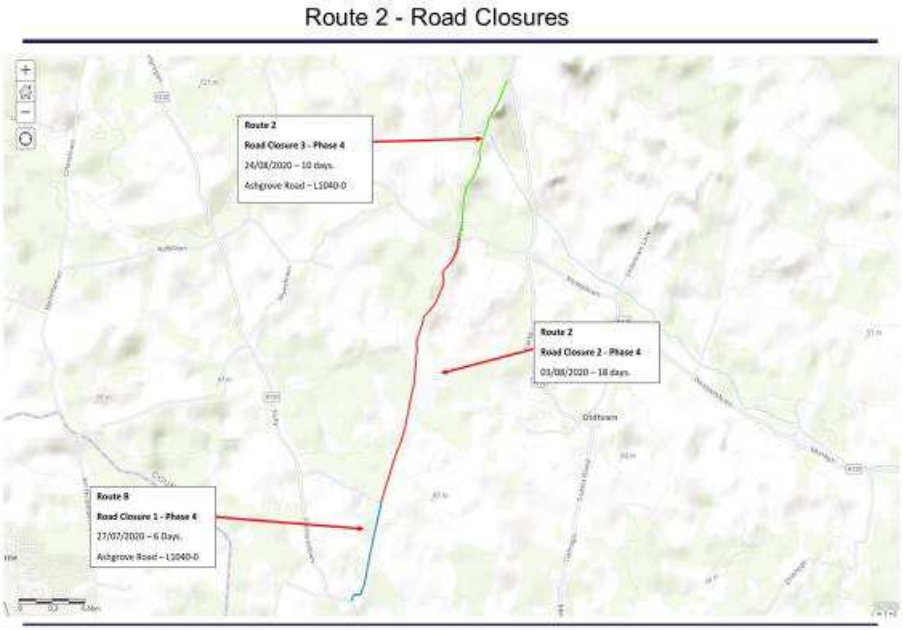
Route 1						
	Road Closure 1 - Phase 2			18 days	Start	
	Road Name	Road No. Length				22/06/2020
From	McGraths Road	L1025-0	53.535610, -6.389105			
Road Closure	Tober Road	L5015-0		2.3km		
To	Head Road	L-5020-0	53.555253, -6.386276			
	Road Closure 2 - Phase 2			2 days	Start	
	Road Name	Road No. Length				13/07/2020
From	Tober Road	L5015-0	53.555253, -6.386276			
Road Closure	Head Road	L-5020-0		430m		
To	R130 South of Garrristown	R130	53.553386, -6.380611			
	Road Closure 3 - Phase 3			10 days	Start	
	Road Name	Road No. Length				15/07/2020
From	Windmill Road	L1030-0	53.561836, -6.386425			
Road Closure	Plucky Lane	L5025-0		1.2km		
To	Garristown CB	L1005-0	53.570571, -6.396992			

Route 1 - Road Closures



Route 2 - Road Closures

Route 2						
	Road Closure 1 - Phase 4			6 Days	Start	
	Road Name	Road No. Length				27/07/2020
From	R130-2	R130-2	53.510804, -6.348498			
Road Closure	Ashgrove Road	L1040-0		900m		
To	Green Lane	L10551-1	53.518124, -6.344530			
	Road Closure 2 - Phase 4			18 Days	Start	
	Road Name	Road No. Length				03/08/2020
From	Green Lane	L10551-1	53.518124, -6.344530			
Road Closure	Ashgrove Road	L1040-0		2.4km		
To	Nutstown Lane	L1060-0	53.538094, -6.333777			
	Road Closure 3 - Phase 4			10 Days	Start	
	Road Name	Road No. Length				24/08/2020
From	Nutstown Lane	L1060-0	53.538094, -6.333777			
Road Closure	Ashgrove Road	L1040-0		1.4km		
To	R122-9	R122-9	53.549805, -6.326965			



Following discussion the presentation was noted.

8. Bathing water microbiological water quality on Fingal beaches

Note on Bathing Water Microbiological Quality at Fingal Beaches

Bathing Water Briefing Note for

Virtual meeting of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords ACM June 11th 2020 &
Virtual meeting of Howth Malahide ACM June 12th 2020
This note addresses the microbiological water quality on identified bathing areas in Fingal based on the Bathing Water Regulations 2008 implementing an EU directive on the subject, and accompanying EPA and HSE directions/guidance
There has been considerable research into the health risk from exposure of bathers to faecally contaminated waters. The World Health Organisation "Guidelines for safe recreational water environments" Vol 1 coastal and fresh waters chapter 4, 2003 and an addendum 2009, is the main document with recommendations on assessing risk taking into account the work of many researchers over the years and led to the standards in the current EU directive on bathing water Links to the documents are here.
WHO Guidelines
Bathing Water Regulations
Linking health impacts to bathing water exposure is difficult, the following quotes from the WHO and the HSE are illustrate the difficulties
2016 WHO note on recreational waters
"Many of the same micro-organisms that are responsible for recreational water illnesses can also be transmitted through contaminated food, drinking-water, person-to-person contact or contact with contaminated objects and, as a result, it can be difficult to directly attribute these illnesses to a distinct exposure"
HSE criteria for lifting prohibition notices 2020

"It should be noted that most gastro-intestinal illness is likely to go unreported – only about 20% with GI illness attend a GP and of these about 20% have microbiological testing.3,4. This suggests only about 4% of GI illness will be reported - though probably those who are most ill." Note on Bathing Water Microbiological Quality at Fingal Beaches

This table is taken from the WHO guidelines and shows the estimated risk of gastroenteritis and AFRI (acute febrile respiratory illness) NB. enterococci replaced faecal streptococci as a indicator organism and is similar in value

The table below is from Kay et al 1995 on which the WHO guidelines are partly based shows the risk to bathers of gastroenteritis. It is a controlled trial with the actual exposure at the location of bather's immersion compared with a control group which was not exposed

Regulation 9 of the Bathing Water Regulations sets the standards for the assessment of bathing waters and is calculated over a four-year period. The calculation is a statistical one with a log-normal distribution, the magnitude of very high readings impacts the parameter as well as the frequency of poor results.

The Bathing Water regulations require the EPA to assess the status of each identified bathing water each year based on the results for the previous 4 years. The assessment is based on a log normal statistical distribution and 90/95% of the results meeting the required level for the relevant status as follows:

Bathing Water Classification from the Regulations

The Beaches.ie gives all the current and historical water data for each identified bathing water, example overleaf for Portrane. The website also gives details of the discharge locations for pumping stations and treatment plants and stormwater overflows however it is Note on Bathing Water Microbiological Quality at Fingal Beaches

somewhat out of date. See separate file for example of data downloaded for Portrane Beach

Continuous Discharges

The following table shows the status of discharges at the time of the adoption of the Urban Wastewater treatment directive and the date of the cessation of untreated discharges in Fingal. Catchment	Status upon the adoption of the Urban Wastewater Directive in 1991	Date of the cessation or improvement of discharge
North Dublin Drainage Scheme *(serving the North City Area) including Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle and Portmarnock discharging at the Nose of Howth*	Untreated	2003 for 80% 2007 for the balance (Howth Sutton, Baldoyle and Portmarnock)
Malahide	Treated	Upgraded 2004with UV treatment
Swords	Treated	Upgraded in 2002 & 2014 with UV treatment
Portrane/ Donabate	Treated	Upgraded in 2012
Lusk	Untreated	Ceased in 2012
Rush	Untreated	33% ceased in 2013 & 66% in 2018
Loughshinny	Partially treated	No change
Skerries	Untreated	2007 with UV treatment
Balbriggan	Untreated	2007 with UV treatment

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	2013-2016	2014-2017	2015-2018	2016-2019
Balbriggan	Sufficient	Sufficient	Sufficient	Sufficient
Skerries	Good	Sufficient	Good	Good
South Strand				
Loughshinny	Poor	Poor	Good	Good
Rush North	New	Sufficient	Good	Good
Rush South Shore	Sufficient	Poor	Sufficient	Good
Portrane	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor
Donabate	Good	Sufficient	Sufficient	Good
Portmarnock	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Burrow Beach Sutton	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Claremont Beach Howth	Good	Sufficient	Sufficient	Sufficient

Note on Bathing Water Microbiological Quality at Fingal Beaches

Intermittent Discharges (mechanical breakdown and wet weather)

Overflow locations are on the Beaches.ie Website marked in green – this information needs to be updated

Screen

Standards for overflows are prescribed in the following document “Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC) Procedures and Criteria in relation to storm water overflows” and are as follows

- • 3 per bathing season on average for identified bathing waters
- • 7 per bathing season on average for overflows affecting water with contact recreational use
- • 1 per 5 years for overflows discharging above low water mark

The baseline water quality at Fingal Beaches has been good or excellent over the past 4 years and poor results or closures are due to intermittent discharges due to bad weather or other unknown causes. Protection of the health of bathers should therefore focus on this issue and the main way to do this is to notify the public of significant overflows or predicted significant overflows based on predicted rainfall.
This however is not an easy task as there is a lot of uncertainty in determining whether an actual overflow is likely to impact a bathing water significantly and even more uncertainty in predicting if an overflow will occur based on a weather prediction, (in particular erratic summer thunderstorms) Note on Bathing Water Microbiological Quality at Fingal Beaches

If there is an overflow which is likely to adversely affect water quality an advisory notice or prohibition notice is erected and a sample is taken, if the sample meets HSE criteria the notice is lifted. There is a significant difficulty with the process in that the test takes 44 hours and together with sampling and seeking HSE advice can take in total 4 days, and the problem in many cases will have dissipated after one tidal cycle of 12 hours.

In terms of risk to bathing water quality two pumping stations are more likely to overflow and to impact bathing waters are South Shore in Rush and Portmarnock Strand. The other pumping stations are less likely to overflow and/or to adversely impact bathing water

A possible alternative to testing is to model the overflows for different states of the tide and prohibit bathing based on the model predictions, however this has not been done for the Fingal beaches and such a modelling exercise is likely to prove difficult and is more difficult than continuous discharges to use It would require a lot of data collection and calibration and would be expensive.

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Governance and Oversight Meeting of the Members of the Howth Malahide Area Committee 12th June 2020

A virtual meeting of the Members of the Howth Malahide Area Committee was held on the Microsoft Teams Platform at 3.00pm on Friday 12th June, 2020. The meeting was held for the purpose of governance and oversight and no decisions were taken.

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

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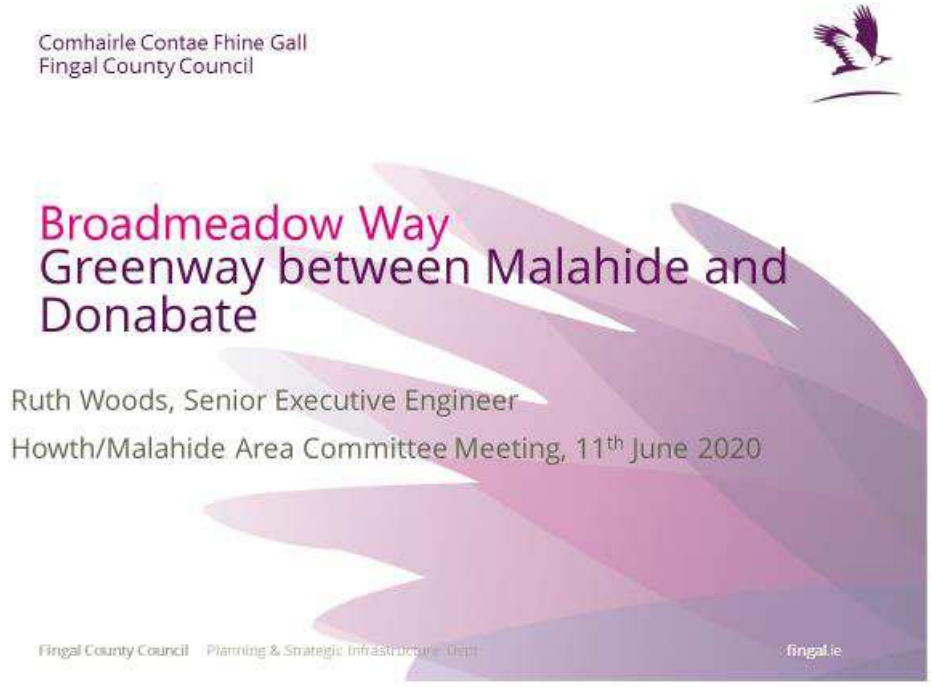
Applications for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to these organisations, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder: -

Name of Applicant Group	Eligible Funding Amount	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Suttonians Rugby Football Club	€2,460.00	Sports Equipment	No		€2,000.00
Mid Sutton/Bayside Bridge Club	€ 780.00	Replacement of bridge tables	Yes	2017 - €1,339.20	€624.00

				2018 - €1,936.00	
Portmarnock Integrated Arch Club	€2,200.00	First Aid Responders Course	Yes	2019 - €1,120.00	€1,760.00
Bell Tower Bridge Club, Malahide	€2,500.00	Hand held computers for scoring	No		€2,000.00

Following discussion the report was noted.

2. Update on the Broadmeadow Way Greenway



Broadmeadow Way Project - Update

- CPO is confirmed. Notice to Treat to follow.
- Planning Permission secured from An Bord Pleanála in May 2020.



Broadmeadow Way – Council Team

- Strategic Infrastructure Project.
- Funded by NTA - €12 M
- Led by SI Transportation Team with support from FCC
  - Biodiversity Officer
  - Heritage Officer
  - Planning
  - Parks Infrastructure
  - Conservation Officer
  - Operations Directorate
  - Architects Department

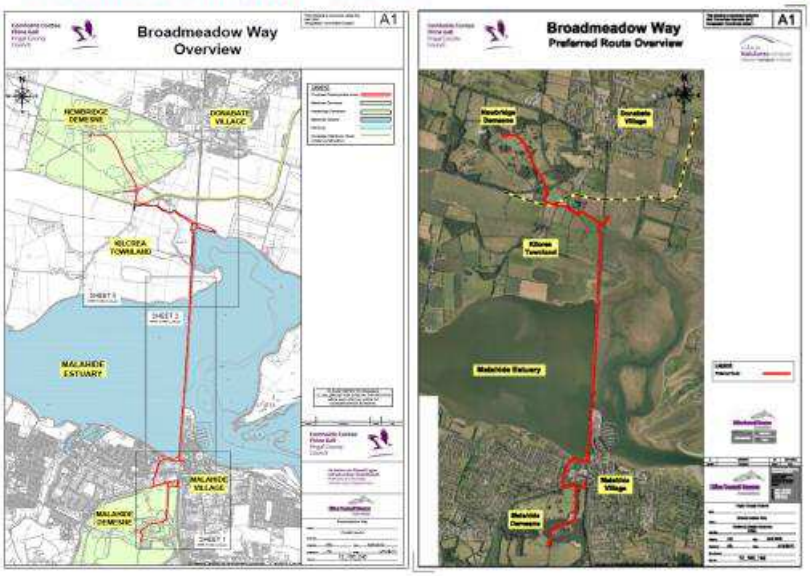


Broadmeadow Way – Service Providers

- Irish Rail to Design/Deliver Estuary Bridge
- Appointment of Project Team July/August 2020 to deliver scheme
- Procurement of Ecology/Bird Surveys



Broadmeadow Way – Route



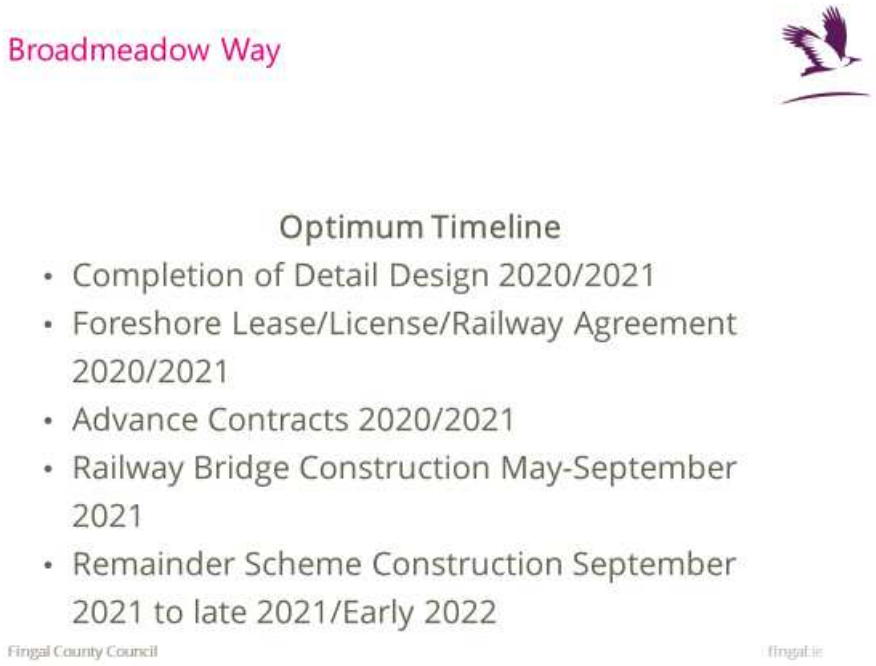
Broadmeadow Way Core Focus

To deliver the Broadmeadow Way Greenway in line with commitments made by the Council in the planning application and in compliance with the An Bord Pleanála consent conditions. This Core Focus will ensure the continued protection of the Special Area of Conservation and Special Protection Area.

Broadmeadow Way – Next Steps



- Foreshore Consent Application.
- Railway Legal Agreement with Irish Rail
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Contract Strategy Determination.
- Risk Analysis
- Advance Works Contracts



Following discussion the presentation was noted.

3. Covid – 19 Response Update



Pandemic Planning – Initial Stages

Identification of Critical Services

- Litter and Cleansing Services
- Management of Burial Grounds
- Responding to identified emergencies
- Provision and maintenance of public lighting
- Provisions and maintenance of traffic signals
- Provisions and maintenance of public open space
- Road opening licences and management of wayleaves

Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

Pandemic Planning
Staff Management

- Physical Distancing in offices and depots
- Flexible working hours for staff where possible
- Regular and ongoing sanitisation of all Council vehicles and depots
- Remote working where possible
- Roll out of laptops to staff
- Signage and hand sanitisers in depots and offices

Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Closure of all playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment, MUGAs etc
- Car parks in regional parks and beaches closed from the 28th March 2020
- Emergency cover provided during working day for designated non-critical services
- Additional fleet vehicles hired to ensure safety of staff.



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Physical distancing signage in parks, open spaces and public footpaths
- Additional rangers service in key parks and open spaces at request from Gardai
- Rangers acting as a visible presence reminding members of the public on the need to maintain physical distancing
- Grass cutting in regional parks, open spaces continues.



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Specific provision for Cocooners / vulnerable adults in Regional parks (1:30pm – 3:30pm) from 6th May
- Full compliment of outdoor staff retuned on 18th May, working times altered to maintain physical distancing in depots.



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Beach & Regional Park carparks re-open from 18th May (5km travel restriction remains in place)
- Playgrounds to reopen 11th June .



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Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Office rosters implemented to ensure adequate cover is provided while still facilitating remote working.

- Office space re-configured in consultation with Architects Dept. to ensure physical distancing is maintained



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

Operational Area	Complaints Received 01/03/20 – 13/05/20	Complaints Received 14/05/20 – 09/06/20
Balbriggan, Rush, Lusk, Swords	849	452
Castleknock, Mulhuddart	656	546
Howth, Malahide	415	290



Operations Department - Covid 19 Response

- Increase in littering observed generally
- Increased levels in dog fouling observed.
- Small number of blackspot areas with increased dumping.
- Messaging being pushed out by Communications to increase public awareness and to report littering





Operations Department - Covid 19 Response





Following discussion the presentation was noted.

4. Walk Bike Fingal Update



Fingal County Council during Covid-19 Restrictions

- Fingal seeks to encourage physical activity at a safe social distance and thereby improving the physical and mental health of its citizens during this time of restricted movements.







Background – Why was This Required

- During Covid-19 restrictions - Vehicular traffic decreased and pedestrians & cyclists increased
- Some people walking and exercising on busy and sometimes crowded footpaths are moving out into the road to preserve the required 2m social distance.
- Others, especially if walking with children are staying on the footpath but passing others at less than the 2m required distance and thereby risking infection rather than risking injury from vehicular traffic.
- All of these raise new road safety issues not experienced before to this extent.



Background to 'Walk Bike Fingal!' the Plan

- FCC acknowledged the changing needs of its communities & Engineers carried out a needs assessment at sites across the whole Fingal county
- Solution: to temporarily repurpose roads, streets and public realm spaces to facilitate social distancing
- Aim: to provide residents with safe space to walk, run, exercise and travel by bike and adhere to the 2m rule.
- Temporary Measures: are being introduced by Fingal in consultation with Local Gardai.



Plan Approved by Corporate Policy Group







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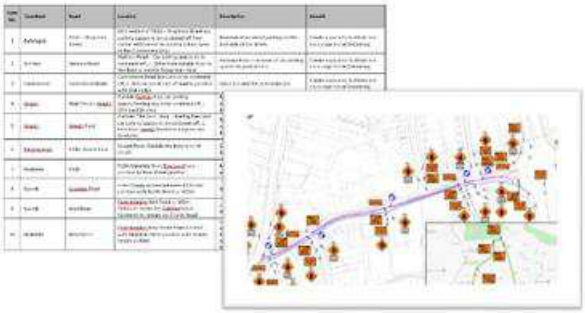
Plan for Social Distancing in the Public Realm

Several classes of measures (some listed below)

- Removal of parking and loading bays to increase footpath widths especially outside busy essential shops to reduce congestion
- Temporary closure of sections of bus lanes to widen footpaths
- Increasing footpath widths using infrastructure placed in the roadway
- Introduction of pedestrianised locations whilst maintaining motor vehicle access for residents, deliveries and emergency responders
- Introduction of one way systems, including the introduction of a temporary extra lane for walking and cycling where suitable
- Implementation of temporary cycle lanes
- Reallocation of traffic lanes for use by pedestrians and cyclists

'Walk Bike Fingal!' the Plan

- Engineers identified a list of over 25 locations where measures could be introduced.
- 8 locations are being progressed to full design with associated Traffic Management plans to implement the measures



Howth - Malahide
Initial Locations

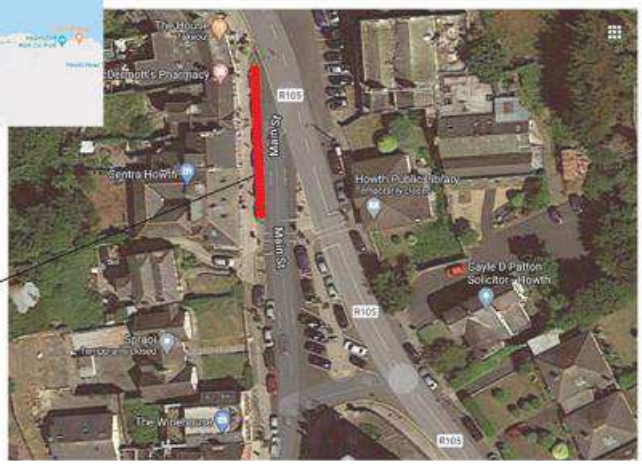
Details & Maps

1. Howth – Main Street

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Main Street, Howth - Removal of car parking spaces for pedestrian use





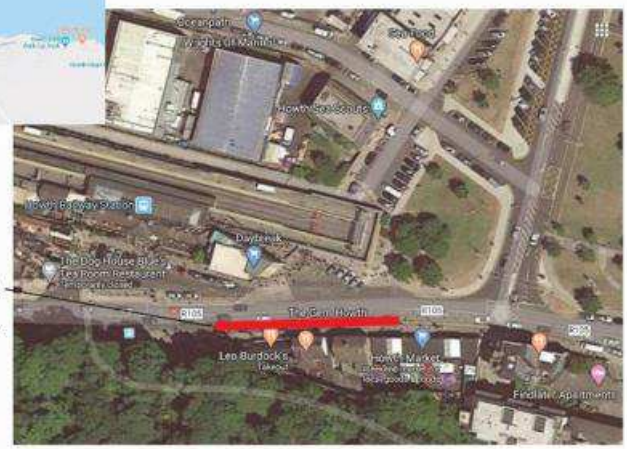
Car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 30m outside Centra shop.

2. Howth – Howth Road

Howth Road, Howth - Removal of the loading bay and parking spaces for pedestrian use

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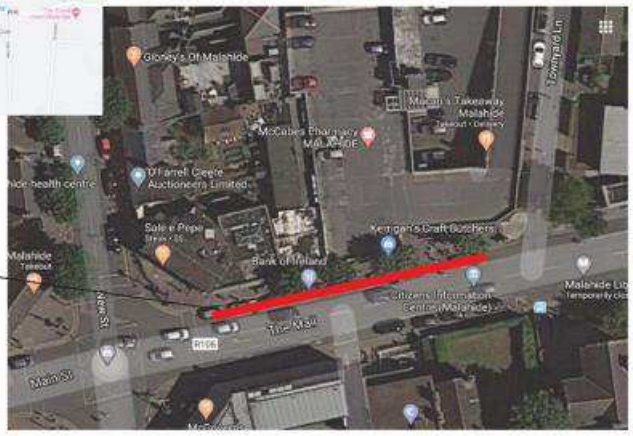
Loading bays and car parking spaces to be cordoned off, c. 60m from Howth Market to beyond Leo Burdocks.

3. Malahide – R106 (The Mall)

R106, Malahide - Removal of car parking spaces for pedestrian use

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Remove parking bays, c. 50m to allow shoppers sufficient space for queuing and for pedestrians walking by.

4. Portmarnock – Strand Road

R106 Strand Road, Portmarnock - Closure of loading bay except for deliveries

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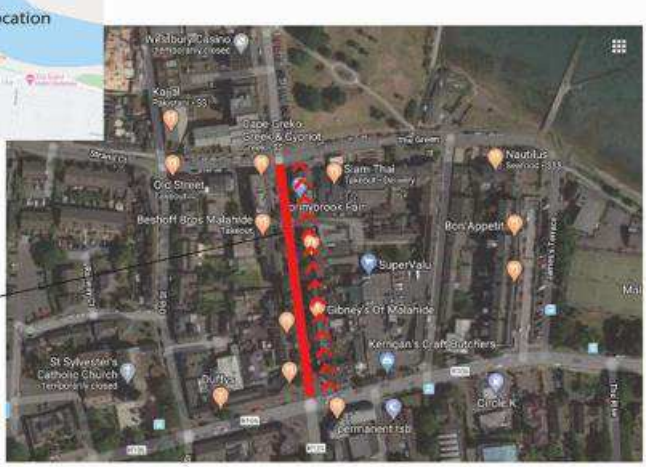
Closure of loading bay except for deliveries outside the Butchers J W Smyth, c. 20m.

5. Malahide – New Street

New Street, Malahide - Pedestrianise New Street

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Pedestrianise New Street, c. 150m to facilitate and encourage social distancing. Vehicular access to remain for deliveries and residents, operating one-way from south to north.



Following discussion the presentation was noted.

5. 2020 Works Programme Update



Operations Department – Restoration Improvement/Maintenance

Item	Road Restoration Improvement/Maintenance	Status
	Howth/Malahide	
1	The Rise, Malahide	Contract Awarded
2	Seaview Terrace, Howth	Contract Awarded
3	Carrickbrack Road, Howth	Contract Awarded
4	R106 Strand Road, Portmarnock near golf club	Assessing Tenders
5	R106 Malahide Road, Robswall towards Portmarnock	Assessing Tenders
6	Estuary Road Malahide – Seatown East, Malahide	Contract Awarded
7	R124 The Grange/Broomfield	Contract Awarded

Operations Department – Footpaths

Item	Location	Status
	Howth /Malahide	
	Footpath Improvement Works	
1	McCarrons Lane, Malahide	Contract in Place
2	Balgriffin Cottages, Portmarnock/Kinsealy	Contract in Place
3	St Peters Terrace to St Nessans, Howth	Contract in Place
4	Baskin Cottages/Ashgrove, Kinsealy	Contract in Place
	Majority of the other agreed locations will be completed with in house crews.	
	Second smaller contract in place. Small number of locations to be confirmed.	Carrickhill Road, Portmarnock and Brookstone Road complete.

Operations Department – Drainage Parks & Open Spaces

Item	Location	Status
	Howth/Malahide	
	Drainage Improvements	
	Will include ditch clearance and new gully clearance at water ponding locations. Also VAS advance flood warning signs for motorists. Tenders to be sought.	
	Parks & Open Spaces	
	Bulb order will be procured on a county wide basis. Assessment completed for H/M area. Summer bedding plants ordered on county wide basis have been delivered and will go out to Tidy Towns groups shortly.	
	Trees will be ordered centrally, possibility for delivery in November.	

Operations Department – Public Lighting

Item	Location	Status
	Howth/Malahide	
	Public Lighting	
1	Pedestrian Route Binn Eadair – Sutton Train Station	Surveyed by Contractor. To commence in next 2 months.
2	Tuscany Park Baldoyle	Complete
3	Malahide Marina Promenade	Ready to proceed to design. May tie in with Green development.
4	Streamstown Lane Malahide	Expect to finish end June
5	R124 Drumnigh Road	Expect to finish end June



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6. Bathing water microbiological water quality on Fingal beaches

Note on Bathing Water Microbiological Quality at Fingal Beaches
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Bathing Water Briefing Note for
Virtual meeting of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords ACM June 11th 2020 &
Virtual meeting of Howth Malahide ACM June 12th 2020
This note addresses the microbiological water quality on identified bathing areas in Fingal based on the Bathing Water Regulations 2008 implementing an EU directive on the subject, and accompanying EPA and HSE directions/guidance
There has been considerable research into the health risk from exposure of bathers to faecally contaminated waters. The World Health Organisation "Guidelines for safe recreational water environments" Vol 1 coastal and fresh waters chapter 4, 2003 and an addendum 2009, is the main document with recommendations on assessing risk taking into account the work of many researchers over the years and led to the standards in the current EU directive on bathing water Links to the documents are here.
WHO Guidelines
Bathing Water Regulations
Linking health impacts to bathing water exposure is difficult, the following quotes from the WHO and the HSE are illustrate the difficulties
2016 WHO note on recreational waters
"Many of the same micro-organisms that are responsible for recreational water illnesses can also be transmitted through contaminated food, drinking-water, person-to-person contact or contact with contaminated objects and, as a result, it can be difficult to directly attribute these illnesses to a distinct exposure"
HSE criteria for lifting prohibition notices 2020

"It should be noted that most gastro-intestinal illness is likely to go unreported – only about 20% with GI illness attend a GP and of these about 20% have microbiological testing.3,4. This suggests only about 4% of GI illness will be reported - though probably those who are most ill." Note on Bathing Water Microbiological Quality at Fingal Beaches

This table is taken from the WHO guidelines and shows the estimated risk of gastroenteritis and AFRI (acute febrile respiratory illness) NB. enterococci replaced faecal streptococci as a indicator organism and is similar in value

The table below is from Kay et al 1995 on which the WHO guidelines are partly based shows the risk to bathers of gastroenteritis. It is a controlled trial with the actual exposure at the location of bather's immersion compared with a control group which was not exposed

Regulation 9 of the Bathing Water Regulations sets the standards for the assessment of bathing waters and is calculated over a four-year period. The calculation is a statistical one with a log-normal distribution, the magnitude of very high readings impacts the parameter as well as the frequency of poor results.

The Bathing Water regulations require the EPA to assess the status of each identified bathing water each year based on the results for the previous 4 years. The assessment is based on a log normal statistical distribution and 90/95% of the results meeting the required level for the relevant status as follows:

Bathing Water Classification from the Regulations

The Beaches.ie gives all the current and historical water data for each identified bathing water, example overleaf for Portrane. The website also gives details of the discharge locations for pumping stations and treatment plants and stormwater overflows however it is Note on Bathing Water Microbiological Quality at Fingal Beaches

somewhat out of date. See separate file for example of data downloaded for Portrane Beach

Continuous Discharges The following table shows the status of discharges at the time of the adoption of the Urban Wastewater treatment directive and the date of the cessation of untreated discharges in Fingal. Catchment	Status upon the adoption of the Urban Wastewater Directive in 1991	Date of the cessation or improvement of discharge
North Dublin Drainage Scheme *(serving the North City Area) including Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle and Portmarnock discharging at the Nose of Howth*	Untreated	2003 for 80% 2007 for the balance (Howth Sutton, Baldoyle and Portmarnock)
Malahide	Treated	Upgraded 2004with UV treatment
Swords	Treated	Upgraded in 2002 & 2014 with UV treatment
Portrane/ Donabate	Treated	Upgraded in 2012
Lusk	Untreated	Ceased in 2012
Rush	Untreated	33% ceased in 2013 & 66% in 2018
Loughshinny	Partially treated	No change
Skerries	Untreated	2007 with UV treatment
Balbriggan	Untreated	2007 with UV treatment

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2013-2016	2014-2017	2015-2018	2016-2019
Balbriggan	Sufficient	Sufficient	Sufficient	Sufficient
Skerries South	Good	Sufficient	Good	Good
Strand				
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Burrow Beach	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Sutton				
Claremont	Good	Sufficient	Sufficient	Sufficient
Beach Howth				

Note on Bathing Water Microbiological Quality at Fingal Beaches

Intermittent Discharges (mechanical breakdown and wet weather)

Overflow locations are on the Beaches.ie Website marked in green – this information needs to be updated

Screen

Standards for overflows are prescribed in the following document “Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC) Procedures and Criteria in relation to storm water overflows” and are as follows

- • 3 per bathing season on average for identified bathing waters
- • 7 per bathing season on average for overflows affecting water with contact recreational use
- • 1 per 5 years for overflows discharging above low water mark

The baseline water quality at Fingal Beaches has been good or excellent over the past 4 years and poor results or closures are due to intermittent discharges due to bad weather or other unknown causes. Protection of the health of bathers should therefore focus on this issue and the main way to do this is to notify the public of significant overflows or predicted significant overflows based on predicted rainfall.
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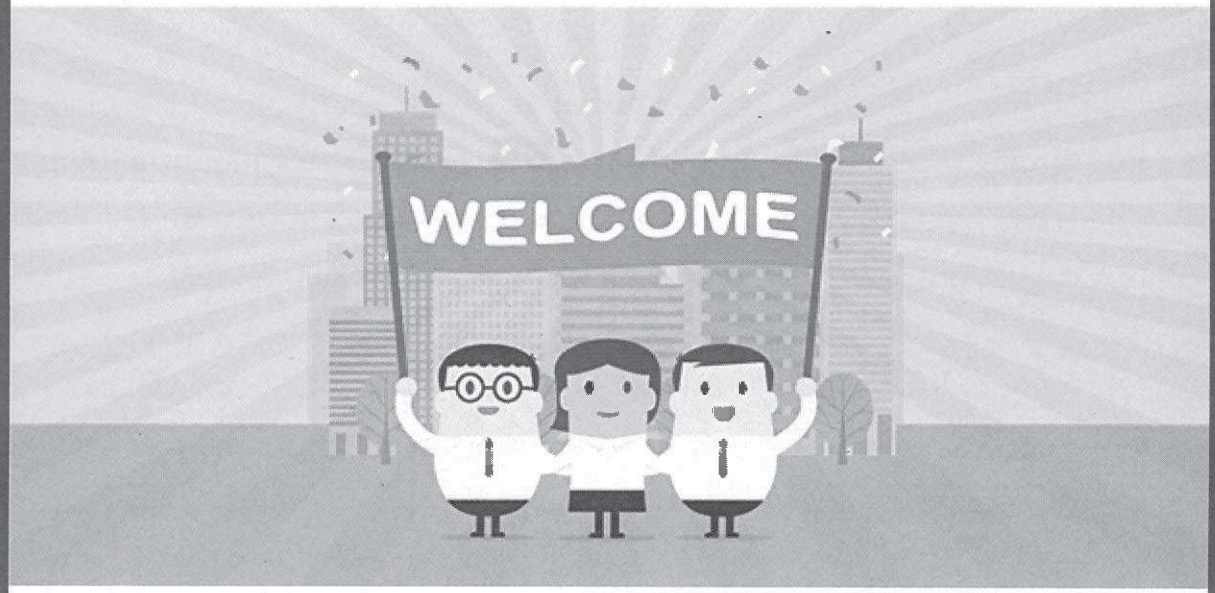
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AILG Plenary Members Activity Report

May 2020 edition



Welcome Plenary Members to your new look monthly activities report from the AILG!

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Throughout this Covid-19 crisis, the AILG has continued its work on behalf of our members across the country. Like all organisations, the AILG has adapted to using alternative methods to communicate with our various committees, elected members, government bodies and other local government stakeholders by Zoom, WebEx and other technological tools. However, we look forward to the day, hopefully not too far in the future, when we can meet all of our members in person once again.

It is a busy and exciting time here as the Association has just launched a new communications strategy which we will tell you all about. As part of this new strategy, we have a new AILG staff member on board who has just joined the Association and will be assisting the directors with new developments and ideas. We will also be launching our brand new website soon - stay tuned for more updates!

We hope everyone is keeping well at this time and wish everyone good health and encourage you to follow the government's advice and directions to help protect your family and friends

Latest news

So what's been happening at the AILG? Well...a lot!

- We've welcomed a new staff member to AILG headquarters!
- Our brand new website is in development and will be ready to launch in the coming weeks
- We have jumped into the world of Social Media, with our Twitter account in full flow (make sure to follow us!) and we have also created a private Facebook group which will be a useful resource for all our members to share their thoughts and ideas
- The AILG is launching a new Training and Policy Development strategy which will further develop the work that the Association is doing on behalf of its members while also raising the profile of the Association. We will be updating you on this strategy in our June edition
- We are becoming Zoom experts (!), holding virtual meetings with each other as we continue to social distance from each other and we hope

to see you all at our Plenary meeting webinar in June (more details will issue to you in due course)



Introducing our new Communications and Office Administrator!

The AILG welcomed our newest staff member, Jenny Coonan, to the Association in May. Jenny is no stranger to Maynooth, having both studied and worked at the University here, and she will be assisting the directors with

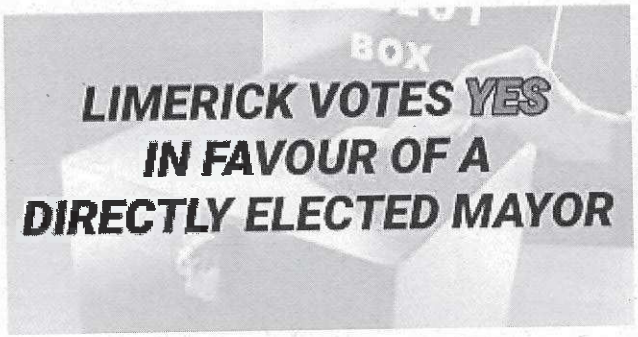
the next stage of the Association's development following on from its strategic review early in the year. We hope to introduce you to her soon (albeit virtually for now!) but we are delighted to have Jenny on board with us we and wish her all the very best of luck in her new position!



Communications Update

We will be launching a brand new website in the coming weeks. The website will contain lots of new features such as videos, images, interactive tools, up-to-date news and will also include our new branding and logo. We look forward to sharing it with you very soon.

We are gathering quite a following on Twitter and we hope to continue this by posting regularly on interesting articles, updates on legislation and policy and promoting the profile and work of the Elected Members. We will also be posting photos of our events and training. You will find our social media links at the bottom of this email so we look forward to having you join us!



AILG receives a briefing on the progression of a Directly Elected Mayor for Limerick

In early May, the AILG Officers received a detailed briefing from officials in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on the work of the Limerick Mayor Implementation Advisory Group, which has been tasked with advising the Minister about putting in place a Directly Elected Mayor with Executive Functions, in accordance with the outcome of last year's

plebiscite on Directly Elected Mayors in Limerick City and County.

The briefing was very informative for the AILG to hear first-hand about the many issues that the advisory group have been tasked to examine, including the potential of the directly elected mayoral role into the future, the implications for the delivery of services and resourcing for Limerick City and County Council, the governance relationships between the new Mayor, the Council and the Executive and what possible extra functions the Mayor could take on.

The AILG delegation did stress to the officials that in the progression of a Directly Elected Mayor for Limerick and possibly for other city areas into the future, it is imperative that the existing powers of the Elected Members in any city adopting this governance model are not diminished. As the national representative members body, the AILG need to have the opportunity to contribute to the process of determining the way this role develops.

A commitment was given that the AILG will have the opportunity to submit relevant papers on various matters, in order to feed into the process prior to their final report being completed.



June Plenary Meeting - Webinar

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are still unable to hold physical meetings at this time. We plan to host an online webinar in June to facilitate the next Plenary Delegate meeting. We will be giving you advance notice of this and will also be emailing you instructions on how to join the meeting.

We hope then that, after the final two phases of the Government's current 'Reopening Roadmap' on the 28th July & 10th August, we will be able to resume our physical meetings and once again get to meet our delegates in person.



AILG Participation on Department Bodies

The Association is currently represented on a number of Department advisory groups on planning and waste management. Our President, Cllr. Mick Cahill, is representing our members on the Department's Development Plan Guidelines Advisory Group. The purpose of the Advisory Group is to enable core stakeholder representatives to inform and input strategic thinking to the preparation of updated Development Plan guidance for planning authorities.

Our Vice-President, Cllr. Anne Colgan, is representing our members on the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment Advisory Group which will advise the Minister on a new National Waste Policy Plan which is due to be in place later this year. This new national waste plan will inform future cycles of waste policy and resource management plans and will provide a coherent framework in which sectoral policies, targets and objectives can be realised.

The AILG will keep our members informed of the work of our members on these important advisory groups.

AILG submission to National Marine Planning Framework

The Association made a submission to the National Marine Planning Framework in late April. Nineteen of our member Councils have coastlines or deep water ports and it is vital that local authorities be fully involved with planning decisions for off-shore and near-shore developments. The submission built on the AILG's ongoing campaign to expand the remit of local government to incorporate more functions and services which impact on the public.

Historically near-shore developments have been permitted through an old foreshore licensing system which is operated by central government. The AILG argued in its submission that, in future, such developments should be channelled through the local authority planning system which is suitably resourced to incorporate marine planning considerations.

In compiling its submission, the AILG invited inputs from Councillors throughout the country. Earlier in the year, the AILG President, Cllr Michael Cahill, and Director, Liam Kenny, attended a Department workshop seeking views on the draft Framework.

The Association will monitor the progress of this policy and report to members when the finalised Framework is published.

We hope everyone is keeping well at this time.

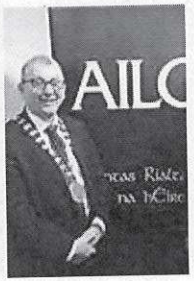
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Kind Regards

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Cllr. Mick Cahill

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDING ORDERS

1. In these Orders "Council" means "The Council of the Administrative County of Fingal."

2. "Councillor" means a person elected or co-opted to the office of Councillor of the Administrative County of Fingal.

3. "Representative" means a person nominated by their organisation and appointed to the position of representative of Strategic Policy Committee by the elected Members of Fingal County Council.

4. "Member" means a person elected or co-opted to the office of Councillor or selected to the position of representative of a Strategic Policy Committee.

5. "Mayor/Méara" means Mayor/Méara so elected at the Annual Meeting.

6. "*Cathaoirleach*" means the Councillor presiding at any meeting of the Council or of a Committee or Sub-Committee, Corporate Policy Group, Area Committee or Strategic Policy Committee.

7. The "Chief Executive" means the Chief Executive for the Administrative County of Fingal or, in their absence, their duly appointed deputy.

8. The membership of the Council shall consist of the Councillors of Fingal County Council.

9. The membership of the Corporate Policy Group shall consist only of the Mayor of the Council and each Cathaoirleach of the Strategic Policy Committees.

10. The membership of each Area Committee shall consist only of the Councillors for the electoral area represented by that Area Committee.

11. a) Each Member of the Council shall be a member of at least one Strategic Policy Committee.

    b) The membership of each Strategic Policy Committee shall consist only of the Councillors selected by the Council to that Strategic Policy Committee and the representatives nominated by their organisations and appointed by the Council to that Strategic Policy Committee.

12. In counting clear days, where the number of days' notice does not exceed seven, Sundays and Christmas Day are not counted. If notice exceeds seven days, Sundays and Christmas Day are to be counted. Unless otherwise stated, the word "month" when used in resolutions of the Council, Standing Orders and regulations of the Council, shall mean a calendar month.

MEETINGS

13. The Members of Fingal County Council will meet as set out below –

    a) Annual General Meeting - Annually
    b) Budget Meeting – Annually and as required
    c) Ordinary Meeting – Monthly
    d) Special Meetings – As required / requisitioned as per these Standing Orders

14. The Standing Committees of the Council are established as follows:

    a) Corporate Policy Group.
    b) The Organisation & Procedure Committee
    c) Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee
    d) Transport and Infrastructure Management Strategic Infrastructure Policy Committee
    e) Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee
    f) Housing Strategic Policy Committee
    g) Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee
    h) Planning Strategic, Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee.
    i) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee
    j) Howth/Malahide Area Committee
    k) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee

    Standing Committees will meet as set out in these Standing Orders, as agreed by resolution of the Council and as may be agreed by the Committees

15. An Audit Committee is established as per the Regulations governing the business of Audit Committees and is subject to such Standing Orders specific to the Audit Committee as agreed by resolution of the Council.

QUORUM

16. At meetings of the Council, eleven Councillors shall be a quorum.

17. At meetings of the Corporate Policy Group, three Members shall be a quorum.

18. At meetings of the Area Committees the quorum will be as follows:
    a) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords – 6 Councillors
    b) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar – 5 Councillors
    c) Howth/Malahide – 3 Councillors

19. At meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees, the quorum will be as follows:
    a) Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC – 5 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    b) Housing SPC – 5 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    c) Planning Strategic, Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC – 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    d) Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    e) Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors

f) Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors

20. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order Nos. 18, 19 and 20, the quorum for any other committee of the Council (including sub-committees) shall be not less than one quarter of the membership of such committee or three Members, whichever is the greater, two of whom must be Councillors; provided however, that should the membership of any such committee be less than eight, the quorum shall be two, one of whom shall be a Councillor.

21. When, during any meeting, it is stated by a Member to the Cathaoirleach/ Mayor, that less than the quorum of Members are present, the Meetings Administrator shall, after an interval of five minutes, call the roll and shall record the names of the Members in attendance, and when it appears that the number of Members present is less than the quorum the meeting shall rise and the business not disposed of by such meeting shall be set down to be disposed of at the next meeting.

ATTENDANCE / RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

22. Every Member attending a meeting shall sign their name in the attendance book provided for the purpose. The minutes of each meeting shall be the official record of such attendances.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

23. Any Member of the Council acting as a Member of Council, a committee or sub-committee whether by themselves or by their partner, proposing in their private or professional capacity to act in any matter against the Council, shall notify the fact to the Chief Executive for report by them to the Council, committee or sub-committee concerned.

24. No Member shall attend a meeting of the Council, a committee or sub-committee or section of a sub-committee during the consideration of any matter in which they have a pecuniary or professional interest.

25. No Member shall attend a meeting of the Council, a committee or sub-committee or section of a sub-committee during the consideration of any matter in which any person, with whom the member has any immediate family relationship, is concerned

ANNUAL MEETINGS

26. In every year in which a local election is held, the Annual meeting shall be held on the 14th day after polling day. In every other year the Annual Meeting of the Council shall be held, in the month of May or June as the Members of the Council shall by resolution agree.

27. At an Annual Meeting in an election year the Meetings Administrator shall read out the names of the persons duly elected as Members of the Local Authority.

ELECTION OF MAYOR / CATHAORLAIGH

28. The first business at every Annual Meeting of the Council shall be the election of the Mayor/Méara and Deputy Mayor/Leas-Mhéara and they shall come into office immediately after their election and shall, unless they earlier resign, continue in office (subject to their death, resignation, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise ceasing to be a Member of the Council) until their successor has been elected. The procedure for the election of the Mayor/Méara is set out in Section 36 and 37 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended.

29. At each Annual Meeting, or at such meeting as may be agreed by resolution of the Members, the election of Chairs/Cathaoirlaigh for each of the Area Committees shall take place.

30. At the first Annual Meeting following the election of the Council, the election of Cathaoirlaigh for the Strategic Policy Committees shall be listed on the Agenda.

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE ORDINARY MEETING TIMES

31. Ordinary monthly meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 5.00 p.m. or at such other day or time as the Council, by resolution, may decide.

32. The Council shall meet not less than once a month, but no ordinary meeting of the Council shall be held in August. A Budget Meeting shall be held during the period prescribed by regulation.

33. Ordinary meetings of the Standing Committees shall meet as follows, and on such days as agreed by the Council, unless otherwise determined by the Council;

a) **Corporate Policy Group** shall meet at such days and times as agreed by the Committee and Mayor.

b) **Strategic Policy Committees** quarterly at 4.30 p.m. to conclude at 6.30 pm or at a time agreed by the Committee except for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee which starts at 4.00 pm and concludes at 6.00 pm.

c) **Organisation and Procedure Committee** quarterly prior to a Council Meeting and at a time deemed necessary by the Mayor for the business of the meeting to be concluded.

d) **Area Committees**

i) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords monthly at 3.00 p.m. to conclude at 6.00 pm

ii) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar twice monthly at 3.30 p.m. to conclude at 6.00 pm

iii) Howth-Malahide monthly at 3.00 p.m. to conclude at 6.00 p.m.

34. When at a meeting of the Council, Corporate Policy Group or Strategic Policy Committee all of the business set down for such meeting has been transacted, the meeting shall then conclude without question from the Cathaoirleach/Mayor, subject to the proviso that all meetings of the Council shall terminate at a time not more than three hours from the time appointed for the commencement of that meeting. Business not reached shall be listed on the agenda for the next meeting. Any motion included in such business may be withdrawn by the proposer on notification.

35. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, voting in pursuance of proposals to put the motion or decisions to vote made before the time appointed for the termination of a meeting shall proceed. In such circumstances, the meeting shall terminate on declaration by the Cathaoirleach/Mayor of the results of such voting.

36. The Mayor/Méara of the Council may decide, before the end of the Council meeting, and with the agreement of the majority of the Members present, to extend the current meeting or adjourn the Council meeting to a date before the next Council meeting, for the purpose of concluding some or all of the business set down for the Council meeting that has not been transacted. Any extension to a meeting should be for a specific time period.

37. An ordinary meeting of an Area Committee or the Organisation and Procedure Committee shall finish when all of the business for such meeting has been transacted, and if all of the business has not have been transacted by 6.00 p.m., the meeting shall end and any outstanding business shall be dealt with at the next meeting of the committee.

CONSTITUTION OF MEETINGS

38. The Chair at every meeting shall be taken within ten minutes after the time set for the meeting. In the absence of the Cathaoirleach of an Area Committee at its meeting, the majority vote of Councillors present shall decide who shall be Cathaoirleach. In the case of meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees, the Cathaoirleach of the Strategic Policy Committee or in their absence some other Councillor - Member will take the Chair. At all other meetings, in the absence of the Mayor/Méara or Deputy Mayor/Leas-Mhéara, a Councillor chosen by a majority of the Councillors present and voting at the commencement of business shall preside as Acting Cathaoirleach, and in that capacity shall have the same powers, rights and duties as are, under Standing Orders, possessed by the Mayor/Méara.

39. If, after fifteen minutes after the published start time for a meeting, a quorum is not present, the business shall be postponed to the next meeting or to a date and time specified by the Cathaoirleach of that committee on the day of the meeting that has fallen. If no such date and time is specified, then a motion signed by a quorum of the committee, giving at least five days' notice of the date and time of the proposed meeting, shall serve to cause the committee to reconvene at the date and time specified in the motion.

40. All meetings of the Council shall be at County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin or at such other place as the Council may decide.

41. A meeting to be valid must be:

(a) Properly convened after proper notice from the Meetings Administrator;
(b) Properly constituted; that is
    (i) With properly appointed person in the Chair;
    (ii) With a quorum present;
    (iii) Must be held in accordance with Standing Orders, Articles or Regulations governing its Constitution.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

42. Public Notice of the place, date and time of a meeting, other than a Local Authority Budget meeting, shall be displayed not less than three clear days before the day of the meeting in, or at the principal offices of the Local Authority in a position convenient for public inspection during normal office hours.

The Notice shall include the agenda for the meeting or specify a place where the agenda can be inspected and in the case of a Special Meeting shall include or be accompanied by a copy of the requisition.

43. An agenda paper setting out the business to be transacted shall be furnished to each Member three clear days before the date of a meeting.

44. If a Member does not receive notice of a meeting it shall not affect the validity of the meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

45. A Special Meeting of the Council may be called at any time by the Mayor/Méara, or if the office of Mayor/Méara is vacant or the Mayor/Méara is unable to act by the Deputy Mayor/Leas-Mhéara, of their own motion or upon a request addressed to them and signed by at least five Members of the Council.

If the Mayor/Méara does not act on such request within seven days after its presentation, a Special Meeting for the purposes defined in it may be called by any five Members of the Council, on the expiration of these seven days, provided that not less than three clear days shall elapse between the date of the summons convening a Special Meeting and the date of the Special Meeting, and the meeting may be called for the time that the Mayor/Méara or Members request.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

46. The Order of Business at all but Special, Budget or Annual Meetings shall be as herein set down and shall only be altered in cases of urgent and important business and only then by a majority vote on suspension of standing orders or at the discretion of the Mayor. The functions of meetings of the Council shall be comprised solely of reserved functions and policy matters affecting the whole county.

a) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.
b) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 139 of the Local Government Act 2001.
c) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.
d) Confirmation of Minutes.
e) Appointment of Members to various committees.
f) Questions
g) Consideration of reports of the Corporate Policy Group and committees.
h) Other business prescribed by Statute, Reserved Functions, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council for transaction at that meeting.
i) Business arising from the implementation of Section 44 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, or such other business as may, from time to time, become urgent for the implementation of the Council's powers in accordance with Statute.
j) Headed Items/Business submitted by the Chief Executive.
k) Chief Executives report – Will be taken as the last Headed Item on the Agenda
l) Business submitted by the Mayor/Méara.
m) Correspondence and matters not for discussion.
n) Notices of motion – Fingal County Council Statutory Functions –
Motions relating to matters that are within the direct control and statutory functions of Fingal County Council will be listed on the Agenda in the following order;
(i) Business not reached at previous meeting;
(ii) Motions adjourned without discussion at a previous meeting on the request of the proposer;
(iii) Notices of Motion shall appear on the agenda, in the order of their receipt;
o) Notices of motion – Non-Fingal County Council Statutory Functions –
Motions relating to matters that are not within the direct control and statutory functions of Fingal County Council will be listed on the Agenda in the following order;
(i) Business not reached at previous meeting;
(ii) Motions adjourned without discussion at a previous meeting on the request of the proposer;
(iii) Notices of Motion shall appear on the agenda, in the order of their receipt;
p) Other business as set forth in the agenda paper.

47. All items appearing on Council agendas and which require to be proposed and seconded, other than those items specifically entered by Members, shall be taken to be proposed and seconded by the Mayor/Méara and Deputy Mayor/Leas-Mhéara unless there is a particular reason why the item should not be proposed and/or seconded by the Mayor/Méara and/or Deputy Mayor/Leas-Mhéara.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

48. Minutes of every meeting shall be drawn up in accordance with paragraph 14 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001. The Minutes of every meeting shall be signed by the Mayor/Méara, or Cathaoirleach at such meeting, and shall be kept by the Council, and no Minutes shall be submitted for confirmation unless a copy thereof shall have been previously, and at least one day before the meeting, transmitted to every Member of the Council/Committee after which such Minutes shall be taken as read when the question that they be confirmed shall be put from the Chair, unless a Member requests that any part be read in order to determine whether it is an accurate record, provided that no entry shall be made in the minutes of any protest or expression of dissent, save in the form of a motion or amendment.

49. Any discussion of the Minutes except as to their accuracy is out of order, and the Mayor/Méara/Cathaoirleach shall rule accordingly. Questions are only permissible on matters arising out of the Minutes, and for information only and not for discussion.

QUESTIONS

50. Written questions by Members, which are received in advance, are permitted to be put to the Chief Executive relating to the business of the Council or the executive functions of the Chief Executive.

51. Each Councillor may submit one question for the Council meeting, and one additional question shall be allowable in lieu of a motion. Each Councillor may submit seven questions for an Area Committee meeting and two questions shall be allowable in lieu of two motions.

52. Before being formally put and answered, questions must be approved by the meeting on motion without debate. Questions shall be framed in such a way as to elicit information or a report on a matter.

53. Questions shall not involve argument, nor contain any matters, except such as are strictly necessary to explain such questions. Questions must relate to a specific subject or aspect of a service only and if applicable to a locality, must be confined to a single instance or application and may not be omnibus.

54. Matters referred to in Questions will not be discussed or debated and any clarifications must be followed up through normal channels outside of the meeting's agenda. Supplementary questions are not allowed. A question which has been fully answered may not be renewed.

55. Where the subject matter relates to a Local Area and not to Policy issues, questions and motions in connection with these issues should be submitted only to the Area Committees.

56. Any questions which in the opinion of the Meetings Administrator are unreasonable, unsuitable in form, frivolous, or derogatory to the dignity of the Council may be disallowed.

57. With the consent of the Cathaoirleach/ Mayor, urgent and important questions may be put without notice in exceptional circumstances, if the information required is readily available.

58. The latest day for submission of questions for inclusion on agenda for meetings of the Council or any one of its committees shall be nine clear working days before the date of the meeting. Only those questions which are received before midnight on that day will appear on that agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

59. A copy of every report of the Corporate Policy Group or of a committee to be submitted to the Council shall, before the submission thereof, be transmitted to every Member of the Council at least three days before the Council meeting, save in cases of urgency when the reading of the report to the Council shall suffice.

60. Where several items are dealt with in a Report it shall be in order to submit by reading any item or items requiring urgent consideration.

61. A Report may without notice:

(a) Be adopted;
(b) Be postponed for consideration
(c) Be referred back to the committee from which emanated for re-consideration and further report with or without instructions;
(d) Be amended.

62. Every report of a committee of the Council shall be signed by the Cathaoirleach of the committee or by the Councillor in the Chair when the report was adopted. A motion to adopt a report of a committee or to sanction any proceeding or recommendation of a committee shall be proposed by the Cathaoirleach of that committee or, in their absence, by one of its Members. A report recommending or involving expenditure shall not be considered by the Council unless it shall contain or be accompanied by a statement setting out the expenditure which would be involved by the adoption of the report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS / CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

63. (a) Under the item Chief Executive's report members shall be allowed ninety seconds to make a contribution. Within their contribution Members shall only be allowed to refer to matters of policy / county wide relevance. No area specific matter shall be allowed to be raised by Members during their contribution.
(b) The Management Report (Chief Executive Report) shall be circulated 3 days prior to the ordinary meeting of the Council.

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR/CATHAOIRLEACH

64. At each monthly meeting of the County Council, the Mayor may submit, two motions in addition to their right, as a Member, to submit one question and one motion in the ordinary way.

65. At each meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee, Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee and the Howth/Malahide Area Committee, the Cathaoirleach may submit one motion in addition to their right, as a Member, to submit two motions and seven questions in the ordinary way.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

66. The agenda paper for a Council meeting shall contain Notice of motions where Notice is submitted in advance of the Meeting and in accordance with these Standing Orders.

67. The Agenda paper for a Council meeting shall contain no more than one notice of motion from any one Councillor, including an adjourned motion.

68. The Agenda paper for an Area Committee meeting shall not contain more than two motions for any one Councillor, including an adjourned motion.

69. Each Member of the Council may submit an original motion relevant to the business of the Council on giving notice through the Modern.Gov Meetings Management System, to the Meetings Administrator. The latest date for submission of motions for inclusion on agenda for meetings of the Council, or any one of its committees, shall be nine clear working days before the day of the meeting, except for County Development Plan meetings where, because of the nature and volume of the motions, additional time may be required to allow for consideration by the Chief Executive. Only those notices of motion which are received before midnight of that day will appear on the agenda paper.

70. A notice of motion recommending or involving expenditure shall not be considered by the Council unless the Council has before it at the same time a report from the proper officer setting out the estimated expenditure which would be involved by the adoption of the motion.

71. Each Council Member and each representative on the Strategic Policy Committees will be confined to submitting one motion only for each Strategic Policy Committee meeting agenda. The submission of questions for such agendas will not be permitted.

72. Every notice of motion (and any notice of amendment thereto) shall be relevant to some question which affects, or may affect, the services of the Council, the administration of the County or the interests of the people of the County. Motions should not be omnibus in nature, relate to a particular subject only and shall not apply to a variety of services affecting a single area.

73. If any Notice of Motion of which notice has been duly given relates to a matter normally dealt with by a Committee or comes within the terms of reference of any Area Committee or Committees, it shall be referred to such Area Committee or Committees as the meetings administrator may determine. Any dispute on such reference shall be determined by the Mayor/An Méara.

74. Any notice, which is seriously technically out of order, or contains unbecoming expressions, may be excluded from the agenda by order of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

75. The following motions may be made without notice at a meeting:

a) On matters expressly required by Statute to be done at the meeting;
b) On matters arising directly out of a Report presented at the meeting;
c) For, or on, the appointment of a committee to which business specified is to be referred;
d) For the resolution of the Council into a committee of the whole Council;
e) For a variation of the order of business;

f) For the adjournment of the meeting;
g) For the suspension of a Standing Order or of Standing Orders in respect of any specified rule or rules;
h) For the appointment of a Cathaoirleach of the day, the Cathaoirleach/Mayor and/Deputy Mayor being absent.
i) Motion to Reconsider
j) Emergency Motions

MOTIONS

76. The proposer of a motion or an amendment not printed in the agenda paper shall, before moving the same, deliver a copy in writing to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach

77. A motion may be withdrawn with the permission of the meeting.

78. Discussion on any motion is restricted to the subject of the motion put to the Council. Members may not, under cover of any motions authorised by these Orders, discuss any other subject.

79. If a Member is not present at a meeting when their motion is reached on the agenda paper, the Member may move the motion, when duly seconded, without debate before the end of the meeting when they are present at the meeting. The Chief Executive's report is accepted in such cases and is subject to the agreement of the Members

EMERGENCY MOTION

80. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Standing Orders a motion may be proposed without notice for the purpose of dealing with urgent or emergency business related to a function of the local authority and where due to its seriousness and the imminence of the matter gives rise to an unexpected, urgent and/or potentially dangerous situation requiring immediate action of Council within its statutory functions. Any such motion must set out the clear reasons why the motion cannot be dealt with by way of motion to an ordinary meeting of the Council or a committee.

Any such proposed motion requires the support of two thirds of the Members present subject to the number voting in favour of the motion being not less than half of the total number of Members of the Authority and no such motion may be considered until 2 ¾ hours after the commencement of business, or at the conclusion of the business, whichever is the earlier.

SIMILAR OR RESCINDING MOTIONS

81. When any motion or resolution has been disposed of by the Council, it shall not be for any Councillor to propose a similar or rescinding motion within a period of six months without the consent of not less than three-fourths of the Councillors of the Council.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

82. A Member may move a motion to reconsider a motion of which they were the proposer and where the Chief Executives report was accepted by the proposer and where no vote has taken place. Such a motion, if seconded, may only be considered where a clear misunderstanding of the content of the Chief Executive's report is explained by the Member. The consent of three quarters of the members of the whole Council, will be required for a motion to be reconsidered. Such a motion may only be proposed during the meeting at which the original motion was considered.

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS

83. An Amendment may:

a) Omit certain words;
b) Omit certain words and insert or add others;
c) Insert certain words;
d) Add certain words.

84. An amendment shall not involve such substantial alteration of the motion as to make it a new motion.

85. An amendment shall not commit the meeting to anything more onerous than the original motion.

86. An amendment must be formally moved and seconded before any discussion or vote can be taken.

87. An amendment must be in writing clearly stating the proposed alteration and signed by the proposer and handed to the Cathaoirleach/Mayor.

88. An amendment shall not be moved after the original motion is put to the Council

89. The proposer of an amendment may be permitted by the Cathaoirleach/Mayor to reply.

90. If there is an equality of votes and the Cathaoirleach/Mayor does not exercise their casting vote the Amendment is deemed not carried.

91. When a motion and an amendment remain before the Chair, the amendment shall be first put, and shall be disposed of before any other amendments can be moved. When an amendment is agreed, the original motion shall disappear and the Amended motion shall become the motion under consideration, upon which a new Amendment may be moved. When an Amendment is lost, another amendment to the original motion may be proposed, but only one amendment shall be at any one time before the Chair. Notice of any number of amendments may, however, be given.

92. A Member may propose an amendment to any amendment being considered to a motion before the Council. Any amendment proposed to an amendment under consideration is subject to Standing Orders Nos. 84 to 92.

In such cases, the question of making an amendment to the amendment shall be considered and put first. When affirmed, the amendment stands amended and is then considered as the proposed amendment. When lost, the first proposed amendment is considered.

RULES OF DEBATE

93. All Members are bound to act in accordance with the Ethics Framework and Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members, to co-operate with the orderly conduct of meetings, the direction of the Mayor / Cathaoirlaigh and in a manner that is respectful of colleagues.

94. Members must bear in mind that discussions at Council Meetings are not privileged. No Member may make false statements, impute improper motives or use offensive or unbecoming words in reference to any Member of the Council, employee of the Council or any other person. Any Member having made such statements or used such objectionable words, and not explaining or retracting the same, or offering apologies for the use thereof when requested by the

Cathaoirleach/Mayor to do so shall be called upon by the Cathaoirleach/ Mayor to withdraw from the meeting.

95. A Member while speaking shall address themselves to the Cathaoirleach/ Mayor.

96. A Member speaking is not to be interrupted except on a point of order, but they shall give way to a Member desiring to make a personal explanation with the consent of the Cathaoirleach/ Mayor. A Member who speaks shall confine their speech strictly to the matter under discussion. A ruling of the Cathaoirleach/ Mayor on a point of order, or on the admissibility of a personal explanation, shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

97. The proposer of a motion shall be allowed to speak to the motion for not more than three minutes and for a further three minutes in reply to the debate; the speech of any other contributor shall not exceed two minutes.

98. On matters of exceptional importance, the Cathaoirleach/Mayor may consent to the continuation of a speech for an additional three minutes. Any further extension shall require the special consent of the meeting and shall be for a definite period.

99. Members of the Council shall address and speak of each other in the Council by the respective titles of "Mayor/Méara", "Cathaoirleach" or "Councillor".

100. The Cathaoirleach/ Mayor may allow a Member to speak a second time, but only after every Member who desires to do so shall have spoken once.

101. The Cathaoirleach/Mayor shall call a Member to order for irrelevance, repetition, unbecoming language, imputations of motives, reflections of a personal character upon another Member or employee, or any breach of order, and may direct such Member, if speaking, to discontinue their speech.

102. In the event of a grave disorder at the meeting, or of persistent disregard to the authority of the Chair, the Cathaoirleach/Mayor shall protect the meeting in the conduct of its business by directing the Member or Members causing such disorder, or disregarding such authority, to retire for any period up to and including the remainder of the meeting or for a shorter period.

103. When the Cathaoirleach/ Mayor so directs a Member to retire, and the Member does not retire immediately, the Cathaoirleach / Mayor shall give directions for the removal of the Member and such other directions as are necessary for restoring order to the proceedings.

104. If the Cathaoirleach/ Mayor considers that the meeting, owing to disorder, cannot continue, they shall have power to adjourn the meeting for a short interval.

DETERMINATION/ VOTING

105. Subject to any statutory provision requiring the recording of the names of Members voting for or against a motion, voting may be:

(a) By voice when it is obvious that the meeting is practically unanimous, and no Member dissenting.
(b) By show of hands. If any objections as to the correctness of the results are made a poll may be demanded
(c) By a division, i.e. a regular count of the Members for or against the motion.

106. Every matter at a meeting of the Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the Members of the Council voting on the matter, unless otherwise stated by Statute or included in Standing Orders, and, in the case of an equal division of votes, the Mayor/Méara of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

107. When voting on a motion is by a roll-call division, there shall be an interval of three minutes between the decision to take the vote and the actual vote itself should any Member so request. The Mayor/Méara shall determine when this interval has elapsed.

108. No motion or amendment shall be put to the Council unless it has been duly proposed and seconded. A motion may be proposed either by the Member in whose name it stands, or in their absence, by any Member authorised by them to propose it on their behalf. If a Councillor is not present to propose their motion at a full Council meeting, the motion shall retain its position on the schedule of motions for the next full Council meeting unless removed by the Councillor concerned.

109. Verbal/Written reports to motions will be presented as such by the Chief Executive only where a motion has been proposed and seconded. Once the motion is put to the Council, reports will be made available to Members for the purpose of discussion at the meeting and are only published to the public record where Members have concluded consideration, debate and decided/voted on the motion in question.

110. When the Cathaoirleach/Mayor has not formally declared the result of a vote or is in doubt as to whether their declaration is right or wrong, they are entitled to take a second vote on the matter especially if they consider that through some misunderstanding the first vote did not properly represent the sense of the meeting.

111. The Cathaoirleach/Mayor cannot give their first vote after they have ascertained the number of votes for or against a motion. They can only then give their casting vote.

COMMITTEES

112. The Council and every committee are authorised to furnish to the Press reports of its proceedings.

113. The Chief Executive shall summon a meeting of any standing or special committee on the request of its Cathaoirleach, or any three of its Councillors, or whenever they shall deem it necessary that such committee shall meet.

114. In the event of the Council deciding to empower any special committee to do any act without further reference to the Council the resolution of appointment shall be in conformity with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2001.

115. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of every committee by such officer of the Council assigned to attend the committee. Such minutes shall give the names of each Member present.

116. All questions in committee shall be determined by a majority of such Members of the Committee as vote and in case of an equal division of votes the Cathaoirleach shall have a casting vote in addition to their vote as a Member of the Committee.

117. Committees may appoint sub-committees of their number for facilitating the transaction of business, who shall report to the committee, but such sub-committee shall not have power to transact any business without express authority from the committee.

118. Each Member of a committee is to be notified of every meeting of that committee.

119. The Council may from time to time appoint any special committee for specific purpose, and may, set out terms of reference for this committee.

120. The Council may, at any time, resolve itself into a committee of the whole Council for the transaction of business, to be specified in the resolution. The quorum of a Committee of the whole Council shall be eleven.

121. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 145, meetings of any standing or special committee shall not, without the authority of the committee, be open to the public.

122. A meeting of the Council shall take precedence over a meeting of any committee.

123. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 125, recommendations of the standing committees numbered (a) to (k) inclusive, as set out in Standing Order No. 15, on reserved functions and policy matters shall come before the Council for consideration by way of report; otherwise the proceedings of each committee shall come before the committee for confirmation and re-affirmation at its next meeting.

124. Recommendations of the Strategic Policy Committees, numbered c) to h) in Standing Order No. 15, shall come before the Corporate Policy Group in the first instance before being considered by the Council.

125. Vacancies in Committees shall be filled by the Council at any ensuing meeting of the Council.

126. Members of standing committees numbered i), j) and k), in Standing Order No. 15 may submit two motions and seven questions for each meeting of the committee subject to the proviso that an additional question shall be allowable in lieu of a motion.

127. Save where the Council otherwise directs, it shall be a function of the Organisation and Procedure Committee to fix periodically the dates and times of meetings of the Council and its committees.

128. Site visits within the County shall be approved by the County Council, or by the Organisation and Procedure Committee, as the case may be.

MAKING OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

129. In any consideration of the making of the Development Plan, all amendments suggested by the Chief Executive or the Members shall be specifically listed on the agenda for the relevant meeting as headed items or motions as appropriate and in such way as clearly to identify the area or purpose involved.

VARIATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

130. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 132, or of any other Standing Order relating to the submission of motions, at a meeting held to consider submissions/observations and the report of the Chief Executive made under Section 12(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as

amended, or to make the proposed plan in accordance with the provision of Section 12(10) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, motions to make such proposed plan with or without amendments (including motions for a specific amendment or amendments) as provided for in the aforesaid Section 12(10), as amended, may be made without notice at such meeting.

131. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders 70 and 76(b) in any consideration of a Variation to the County Development Plan following the public consultation procedures as set out in Section 13 the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, all modifications proposed by the Members shall be by way of motion submitted seven clear working days before the day of the meeting and in such a way as to clearly identify the area or purpose involved. Once consideration of a Variation has commenced no further motions can be submitted or proposed.

LOCAL AREA PLANS

132. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders 70 and 76(b) in any consideration of a Local Area Plan following the public consultation procedures as set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, all amendments suggested by the Members shall be by way of motion, submitted seven clear working days before the day of the meeting and in such way as to clearly identify the area or purpose involved. Once consideration of a Local Area Plan has commenced no further motions can be submitted or proposed.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE, RESIGNATION, VACANCIES, ETC.

133. A Councillor may, at any time, in writing, signed by them, and delivered to the Chief Executive of the Council, resign their membership of the Council.

134. If a Councillor is absent from meetings of the Council for more than twelve months, except in case of illness, or for some reason approved of by the Council, the Councillor will be deemed to have resigned.

135. A Member of any committee who is absent from all meetings of the committee in any twelve months shall, except in case of illness, or for some reason approved by the Council, be disqualified and be ineligible for re-election.

136. A casual vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001.

137. Where a casual vacancy is caused by the resignation of a non-party Member, the vacancy shall, be filled by a person nominated by the Member. In the case of a casual vacancy being caused by the death of a non-party Member the vacancy shall be filled by a nominee of the family of the Member and for the purposes of this standing order "member of the family" means a brother, sister, parent and spouse of the member or a child of the member.

MAKING OF APPOINTMENTS

138. Subject to observance of any statutory requirements in relation to the making of appointments, the following procedure shall apply:

a) If the number of nominees, duly proposed and seconded, exceeds the number of appointments to be made, then each Councillor will be entitled to vote by ballot for not more than the number of appointments to be made.

b) Nominees securing the greatest number of votes shall then be declared to be appointed in order until the number of vacancies has been filled. In the event of a tie between two or more nominees for one or more remaining vacancies, there shall be a further ballot or ballots as necessary, on the basis set out in sub-paragraph (a) above, between the tied nominees for the vacancy or vacancies have been filled.

c) If following a ballot or a number of ballots there remains two or more tied candidates for one or more vacancies, the remaining vacancy or vacancies shall be filled successively by a ballot between the remaining tied candidates, each Councillor having a single vote, and in the event of a further tie, the Mayor/Méara shall have a casting vote after each such ballot. Should the Mayor/Méara following such ballot not exercise their casting vote, the person to be appointed shall be determined by lot.

d) If the number of nominees duly proposed and seconded is equal to or less than the number of appointments to be made, the nominees shall be declared to be appointed.

REPRESENTATIVES AT CONGRESS, ETC.

139. Councillors and representatives attending on behalf of the Council at meetings of associations, conferences, or congresses shall report to the Council upon any matter discussed at such meetings, which, in their opinion, is of interest to the Council.

DEPUTATIONS

140. The Council may set aside days on which deputations shall be received.

141. Any person/ persons wishing to address the Council, must apply in writing to the Chief Executive at least seven clear days before the day for deputations, setting out the matters they wish to discuss. No deputation shall exceed five persons in number and the maximum duration of discussion between a deputation and the Council Members and officials shall be forty minutes**.** A person/persons may only meet with the Council once within any six month period, unless the Council specifically agrees to same.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

142. Following the signing of a Presidential Election Order by the Minister, a Special Meeting of the Council may be held between four and fourteen days following the signing of the Order.

143. A person seeking the Council's nomination is required, in the first instance, to secure the sponsorship of four Elected Members of the Council before that applicant is allowed address the County Council.

144. Sponsored applicants may be allowed a period of up to fifteen minutes each to make a presentation to the Council.

145. Only those applicants who have addressed the Members can be nominated by the Council.

146. At the conclusion of the presentation(s) and any Questions and Answers, the Mayor may accept proposals for the nominations of candidates from the Members.

COMMON SEAL

147. The Common Seal of the Council shall be kept securely by the Council. The Seal shall only be affixed to any document either by resolution of the Council or a signed order of the Chief Executive. Whenever the Seal is affixed the Mayor/Méara or an employee of the authority nominated in writing for that purpose by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Mayor, shall be present and shall testify the fact by their signature to an entry in the Seal Book specifying the document or documents sealed.

148. The Common Seal may be affixed by the Mayor/ Méara to any documents going abroad which do not in any way relate to the Council, at any time, without resolution of the Council.

VISITORS

149. Attendance of the public and media at meetings shall be in accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Act 2001. Visitors and representatives of the Press may be present at meetings of the Council in the visitor's area, unless when the Council, by resolution, otherwise determines and they may report and publish the proceedings of the Council. Representatives of the Press and visitors may also be present at all meetings of the standing committees numbered c), d), e), f), g), h), i) j) and k) of Standing Order No.15.

150. Visitors shall only be admitted to any meeting of the Council or standing committee after they have been signed in by a Councillor. A Councillor may only sign in one visitor to any meeting, if the visitor's area has available capacity. When, upon the expiration of a quarter of an hour after the time for which any meeting is convened, accommodation for visitors is not fully occupied, further visitors, not exceeding the number for which accommodation is available, may be admitted at the direction of the Meetings Administrator.

151. Visitors are to maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach or any officer in attendance. Visitors are the responsibility at all times of the Councillor who has signed them in. Disorderly persons may be removed by order of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

152. In the event of a disorderly person refusing to leave the public gallery, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach may invoke the sanction provided for in Standing Order Nos. 103 and 104, against the Member who has signed the visitor in.

GRANTING OF CIVIC HONOURS

153. Nominations for a person or persons to be granted a civic honour/ reception will be made by the Mayor/Méara to the Council, and the decision to confer a civic honour/reception on any person or persons will be made by resolution of the Council.

MOBILE PHONES

154. The use of mobile phones during Council or committee meetings is strictly prohibited and are to be turned off/on silent upon entry to the Council Chamber. Failure to comply with this order will result in the following penalties:-

(i) **For Members:** A fine of €50 for every time a Member's mobile phone rings during a meeting, this to be automatically deducted from their expenses.

(ii) **For Visitors:** The removal of the visitor from the Chamber and their non re-admission.

INTERPRETATION OF STANDING ORDERS

155. A ruling of the Cathaoirleach on any question or their interpretation of the Standing Orders shall be final. Should any question, doubt or dispute arise as to the area or functions or functioning of a committee or as to the application (save at a meeting) of standing orders to a committee, the matter shall be determined by the Mayor/Méara of the County Council whose decision shall be final.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

156. Any standing order or standing orders may, at any time by consent of at least two thirds of the Members present at the meeting of the Council or standing committee, such meeting consisting of not less than one-half of the Members of the whole Council or standing committee then present, be suspended, on a motion duly made, for the purpose of any specific business then before the Council or standing committee, and defined in the suspensory motion, save that no such motion may be made until 2 ¾ hours after the commencement of business, or at the conclusion of the business, whichever is the earlier.

Subject to the Mayor's consent the decision whether or not to suspend standing orders should go to a vote without debate.

MATTERS NOT COVERED BY STANDING ORDERS

157**.** The Mayor shall have power to deal with any matter not covered by Standing Orders.

DURATION OF STANDING ORDERS

158. These Standing Orders may only be amended or repealed by motion of the Council and agreed by at least one half of the total membership of the Council.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, 19TH JUNE 2020

ITEM NO. 9

REPORT ON AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS RESULTING FROM ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE MEETING 9th MARCH 2020

At the Organisation and Procedure Committee meeting held on 9th March 2020 the following motion was proposed by Councillor C. Boland, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy and **PASSED**:

"That Standing Orders be amended setting out agreed procedures regulating the process to be applied by the Council in consideration of the question of nomination of a Presidential Candidate."

The following motion was proposed by Councillor B. Manton, seconded by Councillor F. Cooper and **PASSED**:

"That Fingal prioritise motions on the Agenda that are relevant to and within the gift of Fingal County Council."

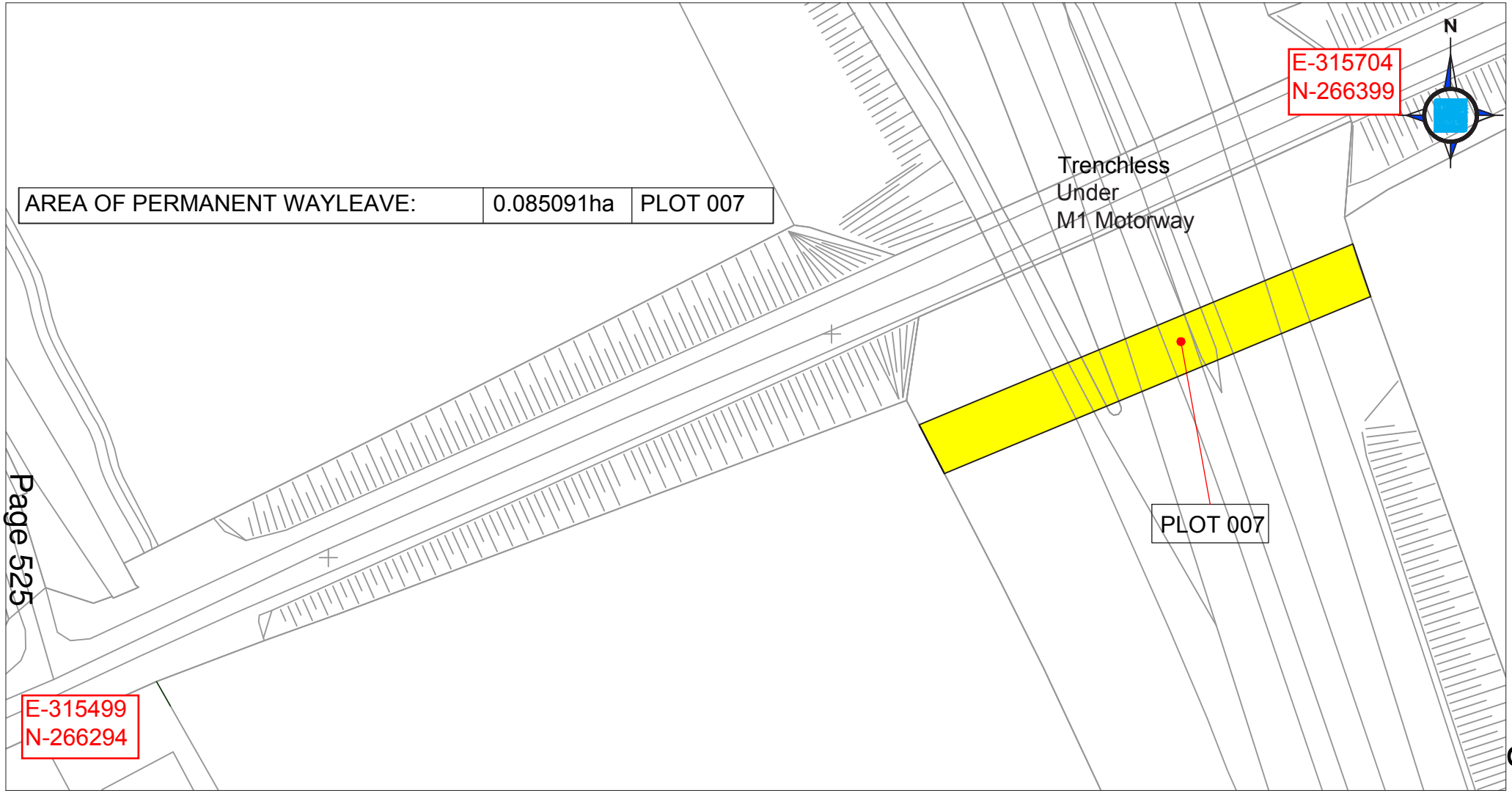
The following motion was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor A. Lavin and **PASSED**:

"That within the Standing Orders, Item 13 be deleted and all pronouns within the Standing Orders be amended to "he or she", "his or hers", "him or her" etc where relevant."

Draft Standing Orders have been circulated incorporating these agreed amendments. It should be noted that in relation to the amendment regarding the prioritisation of Motions on the Council agenda, existing Motions shall remain in their present order until they have all be dealt with/removed and will only affect new Motions submitted following the passing of this amendment.

To give effect to the foregoing motions the following resolution must be agreed by at least one half of the total membership of the Council:

"That Fingal County Council hereby amends Standing Orders as agreed at the Organisation and Procedures meeting held on 9th March, 2020, and as set out in the draft amended Standing Orders as circulated."



AREA OF PERMANENT WAYLEAVE:	0.085091ha	PLOT 007

LEGEND

- PERMANENT ACQUISITION
- PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY
- PERMANENT WAYLEAVE
- PERMANENT WAYLEAVE & PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY
- TEMPORARY WORKING AREA
- TEMPORARY WORKING AREA & PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY
- TEMPORARY WAYLEAVE

PROJECT: CIP WASTEWATER - STAMULLEN

UISCE ÉIREANN : IRISH WATER

WAYLEAVE DETAILS:
Pipe Dia./Details: Twin 200mm

Width of Wayleave (Yellow): 10m Max.
Length of Wayleave (Yellow): 85m

WAYLEAVE

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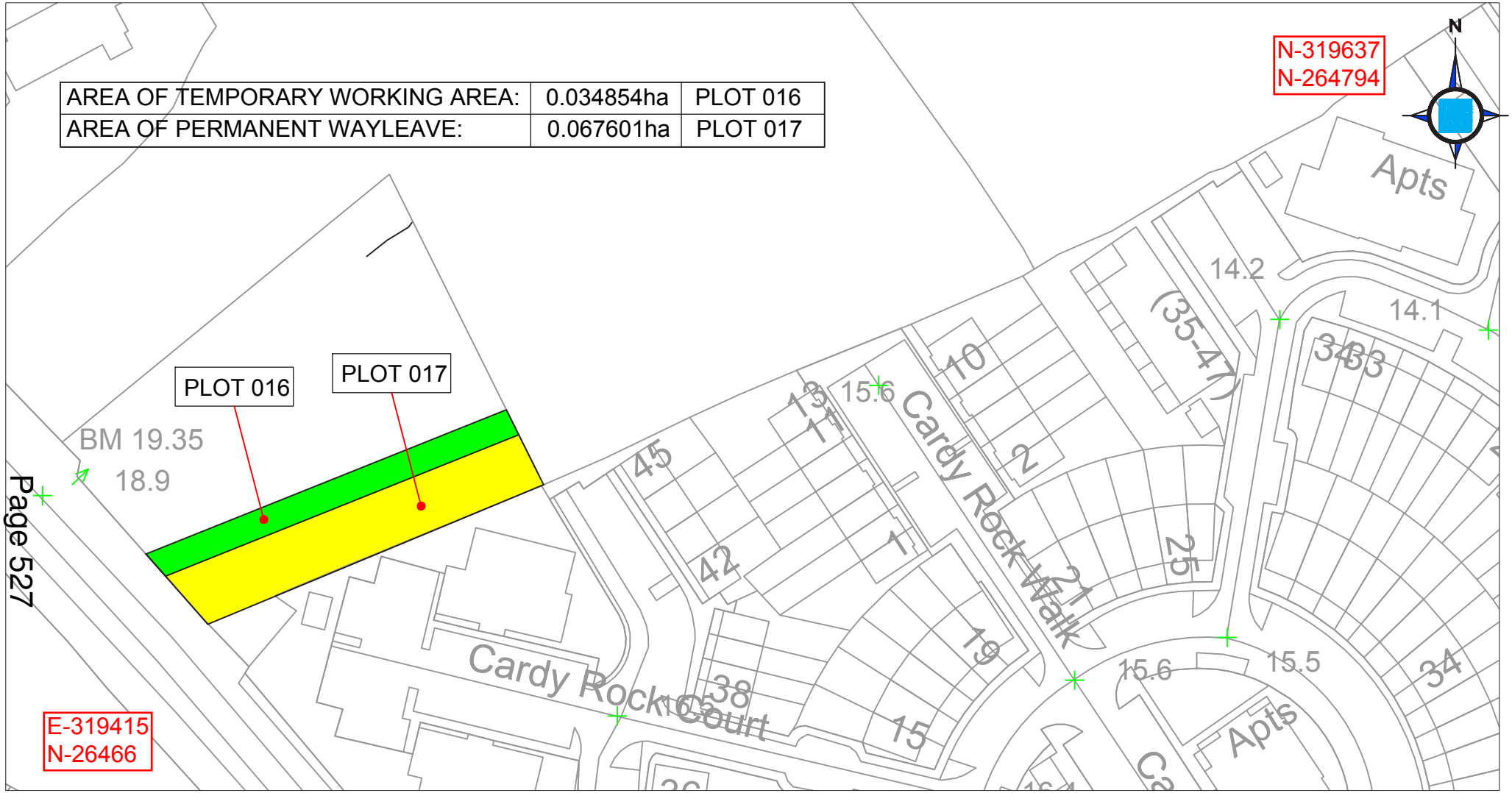
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DRAWING No.	REV
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		DATE	04/07/19
DRG. BY	DK	CHK. BY	BG

AREA OF TEMPORARY WORKING AREA:	0.034854ha	PLOT 016
AREA OF PERMANENT WAYLEAVE:	0.067601ha	PLOT 017



LEGEND

- PERMANENT ACQUISITION
- PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY
- PERMANENT WAYLEAVE
- PERMANENT WAYLEAVE & PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY
- TEMPORARY WORKING AREA
- TEMPORARY WORKING AREA & PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY
- TEMPORARY WAYLEAVE

PROJECT: CIP WASTEWATER - STAMULLEN

UISCE ÉIREANN : IRISH WATER

WAYLEAVE DETAILS:
Pipe Dia./Details: 2 x 200mm dia pipes

Width of Wayleave (Yellow): 10m Max.
Length of Wayleave (Yellow): 70m Max.

Width of Temp Wayleave (Green): 5m Max.
Length of Temp Wayleave (Green): 71m Max.

WAYLEAVE

LAND OWNER OR REPUTED LAND OWNER

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ITEM NO. 11

FINGAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID - 19 FUNDING SCHEME

This Funding Scheme has been developed as a response to the Covid-19 crisis. It is managed by the Community Development Office Successful projects/services must:

- appropriately and safely respond to Covid-19 to safeguard volunteers and support vulnerable members in the community
- Demonstrate partnership/ collaboration of local community groups and key services
- Have an assigned lead community groups that is registered on the Fingal Community County Register (FCCR)/PPN
- Be accessible to all members of the community and take place in Fingal
- Be able to start immediately
- Adhere to public health guidelines in relation to gatherings during Covid

Eligible costs include leaflets/ flyers, social media, mobile phone (purchase), personal protection equipment (i.e. gloves, masks, sanitizers), insurance, virtual event costs, trainer/ tutor/ instructor fees, design/ print of leaflets, programme material, publicity etc. Items and expenses excluded include expenditure on items incurred before approval of the grant. Spend on alcoholic beverages, fines, penalty payments, legal cost or general overheads such as wages are also excluded.

Note: Each Community Group is to be advised that they are responsible for ensuring all volunteers follow public health guidance in relation to the Covid-19 crisis www.hse.ie

A report on these grants was noted at the virtual Council Meeting on the 8th June 2020.

Name of applicant	Purpose of application	Recommended Grant Funding
Balbriggan/Swords/Rush-Lusk Area		
Ballyboughal Community Council	Safety Wear, Sanitizer and wipes, Printing ink & paper	€780.00
Swords Youth Service	40 x Positivity Packs	€400.00
Balbriggan Traveller Project	Bleach, Disinfectant, Gloves, Phone Credit and Hand Sanitiser	€1,000.00
Balbriggan Women's Development Group	Fabric & Threads, Care packs and Online Video/Editing	€1,000.00
Oldtown/Wild Geese GAA	Gloves, Masks, Vests and A4 Paper	€410.00
Aster Family Resource Centre	PPE and activity packs	€750.00
O Dwyer's GAA Club	Masks, Gel and Gloves	€648.00
Balbriggan Social Isolation Volunteers	Hi Viz, Stationary, Printing, Crates, Boxes, Shopping Bags, Phone	€1,000.00
Lusk Community Council	PPE Equipment	€300.00
Skerries Self Isolating Volunteers	PPE, Dog Leads, 2 x Mobile Phones & Credit, Printing Leaflets	€423.00
MIND Ireland	40 x Starter Packs for Families of Front-Line Staff tested positive for COVID 19	€800.00

Rush Community Council	1000 x Cotton Reusable Facemasks	€1,000.00
Lusk ICA	Materials for 800 PPE Masks	€1,040.00
Order of Malta Swords	Ambulance Equipment, Radio Rental, DOE Ambulance& Ambulance Insurance	€2,616.82
Fingal Leader Partnership	PPE Equipment	€1,000.00
Aster Family Resource Centre	Food Parcels & Activity Packs	€2,118.32
Swords Youth Service	PPE & Covid Signage	€855.00
	TOTAL	€16,141.14
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar		
Whitestown Est Management	Insurance, phones & Microsoft Package	€800.00
Irish Red Cross D15	PPE Equipment	€450.00
Fingal Counselling Service	Phone Credit for 24 Volunteers x 2 months	€480.00
Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living	Mobile Phones	€200.00
KRCRA Covid Action Group	Mobile Phones & Phone Credit	€200.00
Blakestown Community Centre	38 x Entertainment / Activity Packs	€1,000.00

Corduff Community Resource Centre	43 x Entertainment / Activity Packs	€1,000.00
Castleknock Community Centre	Home Tea & Scone Project	€1,000.00
Homestart	Enhanced Food Hampers	€1,000.00
Tolka River Valley Project	Chairs & Signage	€952.31
Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group	2 x Mobile Phones & 10 x PPE Packs	€480.00
Order of Malta Blanchardstown	PPE, Training, Cleaning Supplies & Ambulance Stock	€950.00
Children 4 World Children	PPE, Phone & Credit, Leaflets & 30 x Fruit Packs	€600.00
Foroige	112 x Food Packs & 80 Activity Packs	€1,000.00
Mountview Family Resource Centre	216 x Hot Meals for Vulnerable People	€1,000.00
Hartstown CRC	2 x iPads	€798.00
D15 Community Drugs Team	PPE Equipment	€1,000.00
Empower (One Step Closer CSP)	9 x Laptops & 9 x Headsets	€2,794.86
Marycare Foundation	PPE, Mobile Phone & Credit, Flyers & Leaflets	€530.00
St. Peregrines GAA Club	Food & Food Containers for Meal Deliveries	€521.91
Corduff Task Group	180 x Activity Packs & Mask Materials	€3,000.00

Corduff Community Resource Centre	PPE, Food Supplies & Plates / Cups	€1,000.00
Blakestown Community Centre	PPE, Food Supplies & Plates / Cups	€1,000.00
	TOTAL	€21,757.08
Howth/Malahide Area:		
Beann Eadair CLG Howth Sutton	Masks, Gloves, Sanitizers, Wipes, Printing & Mobile Phone	€700.00
Forget Me Nots Choir	Virtual Choir Project to target isolating members	€1,000.00
St Sylvesters GAA Club	PPE Equipment	€1,000.00
Baldoyle Family Resource Centre	100 x Activity Packs, PPE & Mask Materials	€2,000.00
	Total	€4,700.00
Overall Total	€42,598.22	

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ITEM NO. 12

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY AND ARTS GRANTS

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Activity Funding Scheme and the Arts Grants Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. Reports on these grants were noted at the virtual Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords and Howth/Malahide Area committee meetings on 11th and 12th June 2020 respectively.

It is proposed to make funding available to these organisations, in accordance with the conditions of the schemes up to the amount set out hereunder: -

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area					
Name of Applicant Group	**Eligible Funding**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Ravenswell Residents Association, Rush	€2,384.00	Estate Name Stones	No		€1,907.00
Fingal Rowing Club	€2,829.00	East Coast Skiff Launching Trailer	No		€2,000.00
34th Dublin Ballyboughal Scouts	€2,284.00	Camping Equipment Purchase	No		€1,827.20
Balbriggan Bridge Club	€839.00	Laptop & Wireless Bridgemate Scoring Equipment	Yes	2018 - €2,000.00	€839.00
Balbriggan Cricket Club	€2,593.00	Mobile Artificial Pitch	Yes	2019 - €2,000.00	€2,000.00

O'Dwyers GAA Club, Balbriggan	€2,400.00	3 Sets Portable Goalposts	Yes	2016 - €3,000.00	€2,000.00
Ashton Broc Residents Association, Swords	€800.46	Biodiversity bedding plants	Yes	2019 - €648.00	€640.37
The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival, Donabate	€830.00	International Women's Day - Lá Idirnáisiúnta na mBan	Yes	2018 - €1,500.00 2019 - €558.40	€664.00
Rivervalley Community Club, Swords	€2,847.00	Equipment purchase – foldable chairs	Yes	2019 - €1,949.60	€2,000.00
Cuidiu Dublin County North, Swords	€8,550.00	Antenatal Tutor Training Program	No		€2,000.00
Fingal Orienteers, Lusk	€2,595.00	Orienteering equipment	No		€2,000.00
Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival	€19,000.00	7-day Festival	Yes	2019 - €10,000.00 2018 - €10,000.00	€10,000.00
				TOTAL	**€25,877.57**
Howth/Malahide Area					
Suttonians Rugby Football Club	€2,460.00	Sports Equipment	No		€2,000.00
Mid Sutton/Bayside Bridge Club	€ 780.00	Replacement of bridge tables	Yes	2017 - €1,339.20 2018 - €1,936.00	€624.00
Portmarnock Integrated Arch Club	€2,200.00	First Aid Responders Course	Yes	2019 - €1,120.00	€1,760.00
Bell Tower Bridge Club, Malahide	€2,500.00	Hand held computers for scoring	No		€2,000.00
				TOTAL	**€6,384.00**

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ITEM NO. 13

ARTISTS'S GRANT SUPPORT SCHEME 2020

Applications have been received from professional artists under the bursary entitled the *'Artists' Support Scheme 2020'*. This bursary scheme arose as a core recommendation from the Councils Arts Development Plan 2013-2017 and was adopted by Council in 2014. Now in its seventh year, demand for the funding scheme has increased from 37 applications received in 2014 to 107 eligible applications received this year.

The funding allows for professional artists in Fingal to avail of an award towards professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of their careers as artists.

The award was open to practising artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, dance and literature. To be eligible to apply, applicants must: have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. It is proposed to make funding available to the applicants in accordance with the conditions of the scheme.

A total of 109 eligible applications were received and assessed by independent advisors in each category. Having examined the applications the advisors have recommended 65 awards amounting to a total sum of €100,000 with a total demand for the fund of €323,825.33. Over 60% of applicants were awarded.

This year the budget for the scheme was maintained from 2019 at €100,000 however there was a 39% increase in demand for the awards. The Arts Office are now seeking the Councils approval to issue the successful candidates with the awards, the candidates are as follows:

DRAMA

Declan Gorman	2,500, Skerries
Aoife Maguire	300, Portmarnock
Elaine Murphy	1,500, Lusk
Aonghus Og McAnally	3,000, Portmarnock

Gary Kegan	3,000, Swords
Hildegard Ryan	2,000, Skerries
Joe O'Byrne	2,500, Balbriggan
Margaret McAuliffe	1,480, Malahide
John King	2,000, Castleknock
Deborah Grimes	2,520, Castleknock
TOTAL 10	**20,800**

LITERATURE

Brian Gallagher	2,500, Castleknock
Michael Daly	700, Ongar
Kevin Curran	3,000, Balbriggan
Kevin Breathnach	2,700, Malahide
Lauren Foley	3,000, Rush
Theo Dorgan	1,880, Baldoyle
Sophie Meehan	1,800, Balbriggan
Christodoulos Makris	2,700, Balbriggan
TOTAL 8	**18,280**

MUSIC

Dorone Paris	2,800, Swords
Bobby Aherne	2,800, Castleknock
Rhona Clarke	3,420, Sutton
Patrick O'Laoghaire	1,900, Malahide
Odd Morris(Band) c/o Daragh Griffin	1,500, Clonmethan
Michelle O' Rourke	3,000, Oldtown
Mary Louise O'Donnell	2,100, Castleknock
Eimer O'Sullivan	1,600, Skerries
Total 8	**19,120**

VISUAL ART

Susan Buttner	1,500, Castleknock
Aoife Dunne	2,100, Clonsilla
Phill Foley	500, Balbriggan
Michelle Harton	1,000, Coolmine
Desmond Kenny	400, Clonsilla
Helena Gouveia Monteiro	750, Baldoyle
Ella de Burca	2,500, Bayside
Steven Maybury	1,750, Oldtown
Emma Wolf-Haugh	1,500, Clonsilla
Jason Deans	1,000, Swords
Thomas Brezing	2,000, Balbriggan
Rony Sidon	419, Balbriggan
Michelle Hetherington	750, Swords
Marie Hanlon	381, Sutton
Sharon Ramsey	750, Portmarnock
Natalie Pullen	750, Portmarnock
Éimear Regan	500, Donabate
Sara Muthi	1,000, Huntstown
Susan Early	1,250, Portmarnock
Glenn Matthews	500, Swords

Ann Ensor	750, Clonee
Kathleen Frith	500, Clonsilla
Sean Molloy	1,750, Swords
Bassam Al-Sabah	3,250, Balbriggan
Katie O'Neill	1,000, Balbriggan
Elizabeth Archbold	500, Lusk
Ruth Clinton	1,500, Sutton
Erin de Burca	500, Baldoyle
Alex de Roeck	500, Swords
Kurt Oppermann	750, Swords
Yvonne McGuinness	2,000, Portmarnock
Samuel Casey	500, Stamullen
Rhona Byrne	2,000, Portmarnock
Alan Raggett	1,000, Kinsealy
Elke Westen	500, Donabate
Rebecca JaneDolan	750, Skerries
Aideen Farrell	1,000, Blanchardstown
Róisín McGannon	500, Santry
Naomi Sex	1,250, Portmarnock
TOTAL 39	**41,800**

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ITEM NO. 14

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, provides for the preparation of an Annual Report. In accordance with the Act the Draft Annual Report is to be submitted to the Elected Members not later than 30th April each year. The Annual Report is to be adopted by the Council, as a reserved function, not later than 30th June.

The Draft Annual Report is submitted to the Council at today's meeting in its final version. It is proposed that the Members adopt the Annual Report subject to the inclusion of these updates and that the following resolution be passed:

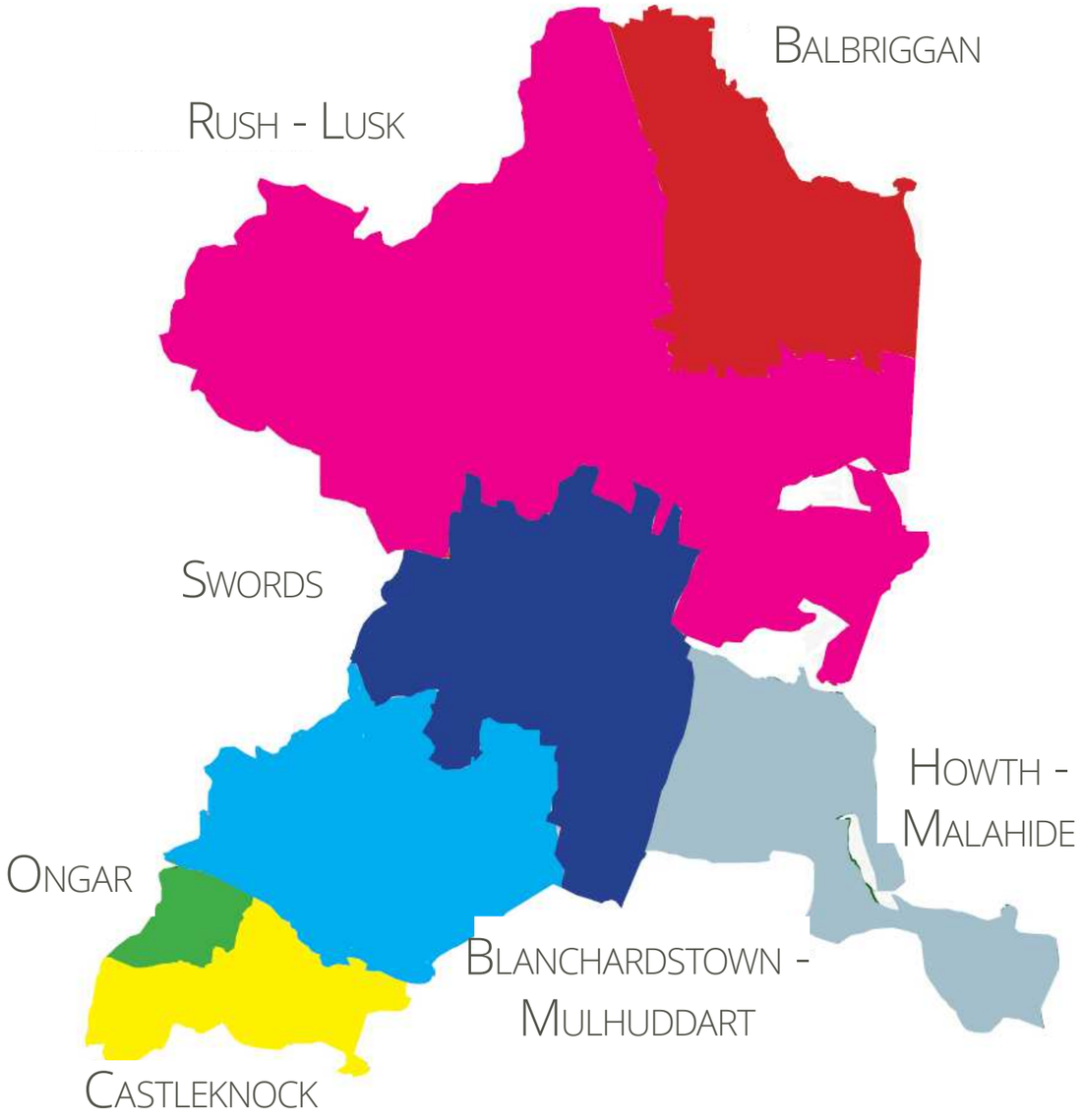
"In accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Annual Report of Fingal County Council for the year 2019 is hereby ADOPTED."

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Foreword

Mayor of Fingal
Cllr Eoghan O'Brien



2019 has been a year of achievement and activity for Fingal, and it has proven very memorable indeed on a personal level.

Following the Local Elections, I was elected Mayor of Fingal on the same day my son Oisín was born.

I have since been honoured to represent Fingal as its first citizen and meet with the many community groups, organisations, business people and volunteers who help make Fingal a great County to live, work, visit or do business in.

Fingal has made important progress in key areas like housing, climate action, infrastructure delivery and economic development.

The combined efforts, perspectives and goodwill of Council staff, the elected Councillors, and external stakeholders have been instrumental in achieving our objectives in these fields.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors on the Council for their invaluable support during my term as Mayor, and express my appreciation to Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Tom Kitt, for his assistance and to my predecessor Cllr. Anthony Lavin for his contribution.

Finally, I wish to thank the Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly, for her guidance and support and to thank all Council staff for the work they have done to deliver the many services outlined in this Report.

Introduction

Chief Executive
AnnMarie Farrelly

2019 has seen Fingal County Council make great strides in service delivery while continuing to address key challenges in proactive and innovative ways.

This progress has been achieved through constructive partnership between all stakeholders including staff, Councillors, community groups and businesses.

Housing provision remained a top priority in which considerable progress was made.

The Council's continued focus on diversified tenure types and delivery mechanisms was crucial in our efforts to bring increased residential units on stream.

Fingal County Council fulfilled its housing provision targets and continued the implementation of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan. The Project Talamh Office continued its work on three strategic sites across the County.

Important pieces of infrastructure such as the Donabate Distributor Road were progressed, and important heritage and conservation works were undertaken on Swords Castle and the Malahide Casino.

Climate action and environmental issues have increasingly moved to the forefront of the national conversation. Fingal has been proactive in launching our Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 which sets out 133 actions which are planned or ongoing to protect and foster the natural beauty and environmental wealth of the County.

The Local Elections of 2019 were handled expression of democracy. I would like to once again extend my congratulations to all involved.

I would like to thank the Mayor, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien, and his predecessor, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, and all Members of the Council for their co-operation and support during 2019.

I wish to thank my predecessor as Chief Executive, Paul Reid, for the leadership and contribution he made to Fingal County Council.

I would like to pay tribute to all Council staff for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm in the delivery of services to the people of Fingal.

I am confident that the partnership between staff and elected Members will continue in the years ahead.

Finally, 2019 saw us celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Fingal County Council. We have seen the County and the Council transformed since 1994.

I look forward to us building on achievements to date while ensuring that Fingal remains a vibrant, outward-looking and well-run Council which embraces opportunity and diversity and leads on issues such as climate action, public transport improvement, employment and housing.



Elected Members
January - May 2019

Elected Members 2019



Mayor: Anthony lavin
Deputy Mayor: gráinne maguire

Balbriggan Electoral Area

Robert O'Donoghue (Labour)
Tony Murphy (Non Party)
Cathal Boland (Non Party)
Malachy Quinn (Sinn Féin)
Gráinne Maguire (Non Party)
Brian Dennehy (Fianna Fáil)
Barry Martin (People Before Profit)
Tom O'Leary (Fine Gael)

Castleknock Electoral Area

Natalie Treacy (Sinn Féin)
Roderic O'Gorman (Green Party)
Eithne Loftus (Fine Gael)
Ted Leddy (Fine Gael)
Mags Murray (Fianna Fáil)
Sandra Kavanagh (Solidarity)
Howard Mahony (Fianna Fáil)

Howth Malahide Electoral Area

Cian O'Callaghan (Social Democrats)
Eoghan O'Brien (Fianna Fáil)
Daire Ní Laoi (Sinn Féin)
Jimmy Guerin (Non Party)
Anthony Lavin (Fine Gael)
Brian McDonagh (Labour)
David Healy (Green Party)
Keith Redmond (Non Party)

Mulhuddart Electoral Area

Paul Donnelly (Sinn Féin)
David McGuinness (Non Party)
Edmond Lukusa (Sinn Féin)
Tania Doyle (Non Party)
Kieran Dennison (Fine Gael)
Lorna Nolan (Non Party)
Mary McCamley (Labour)
Matthew Waine (Solidarity)

Swords Electoral Area

Ann Graves (Sinn Féin)
Darragh Butler (Fianna Fáil)
Adrian Henchy (Fianna Fáil)
Joe Newman (Non Party)
Eugene Coppinger (Solidarity)
Anne Devitt (Non Party)
Paul Mulville (Social Democrats)
Justin Sinnott (Non Party)
Duncan Smith (Labour)

Elected Members
June - December 2019



Mayor
Eoghan O'Brien
Fianna Fáil



Deputy Mayor
Tom Kitt
Fianna Fáil

Balbriggan



Tony Murphy,
Non Party



Cllr Joe O'Brien,
Green Party/An Comhaontas Glas
June - November



Gráinne Maguire,
Non Party



Seána Ó Rodaigh,
Labour Party



Tom O'Leary,
Fine Gael

Elected Members
June - December 2019

Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart



Mary McCamley,
Labour Party



Breda Hanaphy,
Sinn Féin



John Burtchaell,
Solidarity



Punam Rane,
Fine Gael



Freddie Cooper,
Fianna Fáil

Castleknock



Roderic O'Gorman,
Green Party/An Comhaontas Glas



Emer Currie,
Fine Gael



Ted Leddy,
Fine Gael



John Walsh,
Labour Party



Howard Mahony,
Fianna Fáil



Natalie Treacy,
Sinn Féin

Elected Members
June - December 2019

Howth-Malahide


Eoghan O'Brien,
Fianna Fáil


David Healy,
Green Party/An Comhaontas Glas


Cian O'Callaghan,
Social Democrats


Brian McDonagh,
Labour Party


Jimmy Guerin,
Non Party


Aoibhinn Tormey,
Fine Gael


Anthony Lavin,
Fine Gael

Ongar


Paul Donnelly,
Sinn Féin


Tania Doyle,
Non Party


Tom Kitt,
Fianna Fáil


Daniel Whooley,
Green Party/An Comhaontas Glas


Kieran Dennison,
Fine Gael

Elected Members
June - December 2019

Rush - Lusk


Robert O'Donoghue,
Labour Party


Adrian Henchy,
Fianna Fáil


Brian Dennehy,
Fianna Fáil


Cathal Boland,
Non Party


Paul Mulville,
Social Democrats

Swords


Darragh Butler,
Fianna Fáil


Ian Carey,
Green Party/An Comhaontas Glas


Dean Mulligan,
Independents 4Change


Duncan Smith,
Labour Party


Joe Newman,
Non Party


Brigid Manton,
Fianna Fáil


Ann Graves,
Sinn Féin

Corporate Awards







During 2019 there was worthy recognition of the work Fingal County Council does on a day to day basis.

In February, St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 15 was named Best Public Park and Fingal County Council's Electric Vehicle Charging on the Public Street Lighting System won the Best Energy Smart Initiative at the 2019 All Ireland Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA) Community and Council Awards.

In November 2019 at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards Fingal won several awards, including Best Practice in Citizen Engagement for the Our Balbriggan campaign and Festival of the Year for the Dublin Bay Prawn Festival, as well as being named as the Local Authority of the Year.

There was great success for Fingal at the IPB Pride of Place Awards as Flemington, Balbriggan was awarded 'Best Urban Neighbourhood' and the residents of the Whitestown Estate, Dublin 15 were runners-up in the 'Best Housing Estate' category.

The Our Balbriggan public engagement strategy was recognised and awarded as the Best Public Sector Campaign at the Excellence in Public Relations Awards.

Swords Castle was recognised in 2019's Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards where they received the Heritage and Conservation Award for the redevelopment work of Swords Castle which is part of the flagship Swords Cultural Quarter project.

At the National Procurement Awards, the establishment of the Central Procurement Unit won "Project of the Year".

The ACORN project won the Communications Award at the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards.

At the Fingal Dublin Chamber Business Excellence and CSR Awards, Newbridge House and Farm won the Best Leisure/Tourism Service category.







Key Achievements

Key Achievements of Fingal County Council in 2019:

Held 2019 Local Elections

Launched Luttrellstown Community Facility

Bleeperbike introduced

Launched Tyrellstown Park Cricket Field by An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar

School Street Initiative

Launched new website www.fingal.ie

Reports/Plans/Strategies:

Balbriggan Socio-Economic Rejuvenation Plan 2019-2025

Fingal County Council's Arts Plan 2019-2025

Fingal Climate Action Plan 2019-2024

Third Heritage Plan

Fingal Skills Strategy, the first of its kind to be developed by any Local Authority in Ireland.

Draft Fingal Community Archaeology 2019-2023 opened for public consultation and submissions

Fingal County Council Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy

Draft Dublin Airport Local Area Plan went on public display for a 6-week period

Grants:

Youth Sports Grants Scheme

Financial Assistance to Approved Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme

Fingal Summer Project 2019

Creative Ireland Community Grants

Community Activity Funding Scheme

Artist Support Scheme

Arts Funding Scheme

Activity Funding

Creative Ireland Funding

Architectural Heritage Fund

Built Heritage Investment Scheme

Historic Structures Fund

Financial Supports:

Budget 2020

Local Property Tax

- Retention of 10 per cent reduction in the Local Property Tax for 2020.

Approval of Annual Financial Statement 2018 and Statutory Audit Report







Architectural Services

Provision of architectural advice and services to the organisation

Supporting Strategies		Update
AR 1	Provide quality architectural design, conservation, urban design, building procurement and quantity surveying services to all departments of the Council	The diverse services offered ranged from feasibility studies, site assessment, statutory consent processes, tender and contract administration, procurement, cost planning and control, urban and interior design and administration of conservation grants to protect the built heritage. The services were provided in relation to various project types including newbuild, extensions, refurbishment, conservation and maintenance services.
AR 2	Prepare a Swords Castle Architectural Masterplan proposing works and measures which will regenerate Swords Castle and its environs.	The programme of works at Swords Castle continued with works to facilitate access to the wall walks, East tower and Chapel roof and demolition of some buildings on North Street. Development of a strategic brief for the Swords Civic Centre continued with inputs from various departments. The brief envisages the development of a new County Library and Arts venue in Swords. A Project Management team was appointed in October to assist with development of the projects in the Cultural Quarter.

Corporate Plan
FINAL REVIEW 2019

Community Services

Library, Community, Sports and Cultural services

Supporting Strategies		Update
CS 1	Review the Fingal Community Development Strategic Plan 2010-2015	The strategy was reviewed and a new Community Development Vision Statement was produced in 2019.
CS 2	Develop a strong Public Participation Network and implement a Well-Being Plan for the citizens of Fingal	The number of groups registered with the PPN increased by 131 to 846 at December 2019. A Resource Support Worker was appointed to carry out the initiatives of the Well-Being Plan.
CS 3	Implement the Arts Plan 2013- 2017	There was continued implementation of the actions of the Arts Plan. The new Arts Plan 2018 -2025 was prepared and launched at the end of 2019.
CS 4	Implement the "Opportunities for All" - A Strategy for Public Libraries 2013-2017	A new national strategy 'Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities' aims to develop libraries as focal points for community and cultural development, with particular emphasis on enhancing digital and technological capacity. Progress in 2019: ❍ Fines for overdue books were abolished, as research indicated that they were viewed as a barrier to membership. ❍ Strategic programmes including the Right to Read, Healthy Ireland at your Library and Work Matters continued to be coordinated centrally and rolled out locally. ❍ The Department of Rural and Community Development made funding available for Autism Friendly initiatives and for the expansion of the 'My Open Library' service.
CS 5	Implement the Sports Strategy – Supporting Sport in Fingal, 2011-2016	The actions of the Sports Strategy continued to be implemented. A new Sports Vision Statement was produced in 2019.
CS 6	Implement the actions under the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy Initiative 2012-2017	The actions under the Age Friendly Strategy continued to be implemented.
CS 7	Provide support and assistance to people, emerging and established communities to access services, participate in and contribute to their community	Work continued with established and new communities to develop their capacity to contribute to their area.

Corporate Affairs & Governance

Provision of support for the democratic functions and corporate support and strategic planning to the organisation

Supporting Strategies		Update
CA 1	Support the Elected Members in delivering their policy making, oversight and representational roles	All scheduled Council and Area Committee meetings which took place throughout the year were serviced, including the webcasting of meetings and publishing of Minutes on the Council's website.
CA 2	Provide strong executive business Management, risk management, procurement, audit and corporate governance structures and systems	There was continued implementation of governance actions and risk management systems during 2019. Audit Committee meetings were held in accordance with regulations and Internal Audit workplan progressed.
CA 3	Measure and Report on the performance of the organisation	Performance monitoring and reporting of KPIs was provided to the Executive Management Team on a quarterly basis. The Corporate Governance Section of the Department (Internal Audit and Central Procurement Unit) also met with Directors of Service quarterly to provide advice and oversight in key areas.
CA 4	Provide a consistent and high quality customer service and complaints handling approach across the organisation	It is the aim of the Customer Care Unit (CCU) to resolve queries at the first point of contact for the customer. All customer interactions with the CCU – via phone, email, in person, etc. - were recorded by the CCU agents and, where possible, dealt with immediately. All complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner and in accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter.
CA 5	Develop strategies and channels that use literacy friendly techniques to promote the County, the work of the Council and enable effective communication, consultation and engagement with people and organisations	The Council has developed a Communications Strategy and its Communications Unit operates across seven pillars using a variety of communications tools to promote Fingal, highlight the work of the Council and ensure awareness among citizens and stakeholders.
CA 6	Implement the Fingal County Council Irish Language Scheme 2015 -2018	Irish language training was provided to staff. The third Irish Language Scheme was approved. Implementation Plan for Third Irish Language Scheme was completed. The new website launched with a version in Irish. Council material was made available in Irish Language and promotional events, such as Pop-Up Gaeltachts, held.
CA 7	Make information available and accessible and ensure a culture of openness exists within the organisation	All requests for data and records are processed within the statutory timeframes, and the vast majority of requests are granted or part-granted.
CA 8	Promote and Implement the Public Sector Duty obligations of the organisation	Continuous improvement to service delivery, organisational and staff development.

Corporate Plan
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Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development

Provision of supports for structured and sustainable economic development of Fingal by planning for, initiating and managing projects that contribute positively to the county's ongoing economic and community development

Supporting Strategies		Update
ED 1	Support local economic development by promoting Fingal as a location in which to invest and by developing and implementing sectoral policy initiatives	The Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan was launched in May 2019 following extensive public engagement and encompasses 93 commitments across four Pillars: ❍ Public Realm ❍ Growing the Local Economy ❍ Community Affairs & Integration ❍ Education, Training & Employment. The Council has committed to deliver "20 things in the first 12 months". Balbriggan joined the EU URBACT Network under the iPlace Project which focuses on the development of local economic niches and ecosystems. The Fingal Skills Strategy was completed in 2019 and outlined 34 recommendations and actions to consolidate the skills supply in Fingal.
ED 2	Facilitate the work of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC	The LCDC and EETD SPC were fully supported in 2019 in completing their respective work programmes. The Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC met five times and the LCDC met six times in 2019.
ED 3	Deliver the actions set out in Fingal's Local Community & Economic Plan and support the implementation of wider economic, enterprise and tourism policies at a regional and national level	The implementation of the LECP continued across several Council Departments and multiple external stakeholders. The LECP progressed across all goals and objectives.
ED 4	Co-ordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local community development programmes including the government's Social Inclusion Community and Activation Programme (SICAP) and Leader	The Fingal SICAP achieved its annual planned targets and has been cited as a best practice example nationwide. The LEADER project, overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG), comprising representation from Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC's approved over €1.5 million for 18 new projects in 2019.

Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development

Supporting Strategies		Update
ED 5	Foster local enterprise development by delivering business advice, information and financial support through Fingal Local Enterprise Office and implement the Annual Enterprise Plan	LEO Fingal continued to implement the actions from the Dublin Region Action Plan for Jobs, 2016 - 2018, the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy 2017 – 2019 and Enterprise 2025. These actions provided businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the County. During the year: ❍ A total of €1,007,000 in financial aid approved to Fingal Businesses for business priming grants (for start-ups), feasibility grants, business expansion grants, agile innovation grants, Trading Online Vouchers, Exporter Development grants, Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE) and other schemes aimed at stimulating enterprise and job creation with 109 net jobs created in 2019. ❍ Business development workshops delivered to 534 clients. ❍ Enterprise Week was run throughout the County. ❍ Business clinics delivered to 739 clients and 162 mentoring assignments approved. ❍ 64 Trading Online Vouchers approved. ❍ Start Your Own Business courses delivered to 174 prospective entrepreneurs.
ED 6	Implementation of the Tourism Strategy is ongoing. A review of the strategy is under way to update and renew actions. Actions emanating out of the Fingal Heritage Property Strategc Review are also being implemented	Significant capital investment across our Heritage Properties portfolio continued during 2019.
ED 7	Execute property acquisitions and disposals and ensure the Council's property portfolio, strategic land banks and enterprise centres are utilised to maximise social and economic benefit	Property Services continues to execute property acquisitions and disposals and ensure the Council's property portfolio and strategic land banks are utilised to maximise social and economic benefit. All property acquisitions and disposals were completed in accordance with relevant legislation. Industrial Development continued its Programme of Development and Management of Industrial Parks, including disposal of industrial sites supporting job creation and economic growth. A Programme of Operational Investment and Marketing continued to attract new investment into the Dublin Enterprise Zone and Stephenstown, Balbriggan. The Council's three Enterprise Centres continued to support start-ups in the County with 68 businesses located

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Environment and Climate Action

Develop and implement sustainable policies for the protection of our environment and to safeguard the provision and distribution of high quality drinking water supply and the treatment and disposal of waste waters

Supporting Strategies		Update
ENW 1	Develop an adaptation policy regime in line with the National Climate Change Adaptation Framework & Dublin's Climate Change Strategy	The Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 was submitted to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in September 2019. The Plan was adopted by the Council in May 2019 following six weeks public consultation. The Plan was drafted in accordance with the Local Authority Adaptation Strategy Development Guidelines.
ENW 2	Protect and enhance the natural environment of Fingal through effective education, awareness, monitoring and enforcement of national and local legislation and policy	The Environmental Education Officer promoted and delivered Environmental Awareness programmes such as Green Schools, Greener Communities, Instruments Projects, etc, and engaged with internal departments and community groups to promote environmental awareness.
ENW 3	Improve energy efficiency by 3% per year and an overall target of 33% by 2020	The Council is on track to achieve an energy efficiency improvement of 33% by December 2020. An energy efficiency improvement of 27.8% had been achieved by December 2018. The monitoring & reporting for 2019 is underway and is due to be completed by the end of June 2020.
ENW 4	Act as Irish Water's agents under the Service Level Agreement that was adopted on 1 January 2014	The Water Services Department continued to operate a Service Level Agreement for Fingal County Council on behalf of Irish Water.

Environment and Climate Action

Supporting Strategies		Update
ENW 5	Implementation of the Eastern and Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021 and the River Basin Management Plan 2015-2021	The 2018/19 report for the Regional Waste Management Plan will be published on www.emwr.ie/emwr-plan/ in due course. The Second-Cycle River Basin Management Plan (RBMP), arising from the implementation of the 2000 Water Framework Directive, runs from 2018 to 2021. Fingal is part of a revised single National River Basin District Structure whose primary objective is to achieve compliance with statutory obligations set out in the Directive relating to surface, ground and coastal waters, including the implementation of the 2008 Bathing Water Regulations. Under the plan, Fingal has three priority areas: ❍ The area draining to the Rogerstown Estuary ❍ Santry River ❍ Upper Tolka River sub catchments. Work in these areas is led by the Local Authorities Waters Programme Office (LAWPrO) with Fingal providing support and following up on referrals during 2019.

Financial Services

Provision of Financial Management advice and services to the organisation

FS 1	Advance the delivery of the Council's adopted Capital Programmes subject to available funding	The three-year Capital Programme for 2020-2022 was delivered to Council in October 2019. The Capital Programme is monitored during the year.
FS 2	Monitor the short and long term financing needs of the Council	The Council's financial resources continued to be prudently managed with the short-term and long-term financial requirements of the Council being informed by the Budget and Capital Planning amongst other things.
FS 3	Optimise the use of resources and obtain value for money	The Annual Budget and Capital Plan outline the allocation of financial resources available to the Council and is monitored during the year.

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Human Resources

Provision of Human Resource Management services to the organisation

Supporting Strategies		Update
HR 1	Promote the development of a culture that allows staff to reach their full potential and to contribute positively to the Council	Recruitment of qualified staff Competency Development implemented for all staff Training and Development Programme in place Proactive Attendance Management
HR 2	Support staff and organisational development through the implementation of the Performance Management Development System, Competency Frameworks and development programmes	PMDS process ongoing annually Competency Framework an integral part of the recruitment procedure and Training and Development Programme Extensive Training and Development Opportunities offered and completed
HR 3	Optimise staff deployment and opportunity through Work Force Planning, succession and mobility programmes	Active Recruitment campaigns Transfer mobility Programme in place PMDS process informs succession plans
HR 4	Improve staff engagement and communication structures through PMDS, line management and improvement of internal communications channels	PMDS process continuing annually Team meetings continue under 'Engage' Leadership Training programmes
HR 5	Promote staff wellbeing through occupational health and wellbeing, diversity and equality programmes	Pro-active attendance management process in place On-site provision of Staff Welfare Services Diversity and Equality Programmes in place Health Safety and Wellbeing week
HR 6	Adopt best practice in relation to all Health & Safety matters	Safety Inspections carried out 2 internal safety inspectors employed Safety Audits completed Support to Safety Representatives and Fire Wardens Reduction Year on Year in Serious Workplace Incidents

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Housing Services
Provision of Financial Management advice and services to the organisation

Supporting Strategies		Update
HS 1	Implement the Government Housing Strategy in Fingal	The delivery of social housing is undertaken and guided by the Fingal Housing Strategy, the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 and the objectives of the Government's strategy, Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, which prioritises addressing homelessness, the acceleration of housing delivery across all tenures, a better rental sector and a more efficient use of the housing stock.
HS 2	Address Homelessness in the county	Demand-led localised assessment, information and supports services were in place. Homeless circumstances are alleviated through various forms of Social Housing Support including Homeless HAP.
HS 3	Adopt and Implement a progressive County Development Plan 2017-2023 that supports the roll out of the Fingal Housing Strategy	An ambitious Social Housing Delivery Programme is in place. The delivery of additional social homes in Fingal is focused on three key actions - Build, Buy and Lease programme.
HS 4	Maximise occupancy of social housing stock	An increase in allocated funding from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government of €3.3m was received in 2019. The Council approved 291 applications for adaptation grants to private households and adaptations to Council owned stock to the value of €586k were carried out during the year. These works enabled citizens to remain living in their own homes. A performance standard of circa 1% of casual voids within social housing stock at any time was achieved.
HS 5	Deliver the social housing procurement programme in line with the Fingal Housing Strategy	The Social Housing Delivery Programme is aligned with the Fingal Housing Strategy and Fingal Development Plan. The programme has delivered on targets set out to date under the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness.
HS 6	Plan, administer and manage the Housing Assistance Payment	The administration of the HAP service is ongoing with 727 HAP and 365 Homeless HAP tenancies put in place during 2019.
HS 7	Implement the actions under the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 – 2018	A new Traveller Accommodation Programme is in place for the period 2019-2023. Regular fire safety audits were undertaken during 2019 together with an associated programme of fire prevention measures.

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Information, Communication and Digital Services
Provision of information technology and digital services to the organisation

Supporting Strategies		Update
IT 1	Develop and Implement an ICT & Digital Strategy for the organisation	The Fingal Digital Strategy was finalised in 2019. The development of the Strategy included a robust stakeholder consultation process and the establishment of the Digital Fingal Oversight Group. The document outlines digital transformation for Fingal over a three-year period and includes a number of strategic digital deliverables. The Strategy focuses on four core pillars: Digital Infrastructure, Digital Community, Digital Business and Digital Government.
IT 2	Optimise infrastructure, systems and services to enable Citizens, Staff and Councillors to utilise technologies	A rolling programme of infrastructure upgrades, implementation and upgrade of sites included: ❍ Complete replacement of Core and Edge Network Infrastructure including upgraded resilience and redundancy ❍ County-wide wireless network upgrade including added resilience and additional high site ❍ Complete replacement of enterprise Storage/Compute infrastructure ❍ Installation of 200+ new and replacement servers ❍ Upgrade of IT security infrastructure ❍ Upgrade of Citrix remote working infrastructure ❍ Data suite upgrades including UPS and AC ❍ Digital and AV solutions for Swords Atrium, Council Chamber and CE Suite ❍ Technical kit out and upgrades of sites inc. ANCA, Archives Library, Ballycoolin Training Centre, Coolmine Operations, Donabate Library, Not So Different Hub ❍ Corporate WiFi in key County Hall & Civic Offices locations ❍ Public WiFi in County Hall Atrium and Council Chambers for visitors ❍ Refresh of all staff PCs and libraries public PCs over the five-year period including upgrade of all Windows XP to Windows 7 ❍ Implementation of laptop supply/support service for Councillors in 2014 & 2019

Information, Communication and Digital Services

Supporting Strategies		Update
IT 3	Optimise infrastructure, systems and services to enable Citizens, Staff and Councillors to utilise technologies	The IT Department took the lead on many innovative projects and business process improvements between 2014 and 2019, including: ❍ Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 ❍ New Voice Over IP Telephony System ❍ OHMS Housing System Upgrade ❍ APAS Planning System Upgrades ❍ Core HPPS Project: Implementation of Core HR, Payroll, Time & Attendance, Pension, Expense, Health & Safety and PMDS Modules ❍ Local Elections 2019 The Digital Workplace Transformation programme commenced in 2019 and coupled with the Fingal Digital Strategy will continue to ensure that Fingal will deliver new innovative business processes that will enhance our customer services and lead to continued workplace and business improvement.
IT 4	Use and expand ICT technologies such as Intranet, online, GIS, data analytics, performance and knowledge management systems to improve performance and efficiency	During the past five years, the IT Department continued to respond to increasing internal and external technological demands. Existing legacy applications were maintained and supported and usage guidance was provided to staff on how best to deliver maximum benefit to the organisation. This was achieved using a mixture of domain expertise and analysis skills. Custom business solutions were implemented utilising several different technologies including GIS, Mobile, Business Intelligence, Web and Microsoft platforms. These solutions included: ❍ Launch of redesigned Fingal.ie website ❍ Councillors' Representations system ❍ Customer Care Unit system ❍ CRM solutions including: FOI requests Homelessness support system Staff lifecycle ❍ Mobile solutions including: Life Buoy inspections Playground inspections and Park Ranger supports ❍ Business Intelligence dashboards including: Corporate Risk Register Locations of Litter Complaints
IT 5	Promote a culture of continuous improvement and support project management techniques across the organisation	Underlying patterns in processes and culture are reviewed and critiqued on a regular basis and changes implemented as required using project management methodology. This continuous improvement process resulted in a fundamental restructuring of the IT Department commencing in 2017 and concluding in 2019, including the introduction of a managed service for IT Infrastructure and Service Desk.

Law

Provision of legal advice and services to the organisation

L 1	Provide in-house legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council's Departments in relation to the Council's statutory functions	Legal services and advice provided as requested by the Chief Executive and other Departments.

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Operational Services
The general maintenance of regional and local roads, parks and public open spaces along with landscaping, tree maintenance, litter collection, beaches, harbours and public conveniences

Supporting Strategies		Update
OP 1	Improve accessibility for citizens	The Operations Department continued to provide suitably designed facilities for Fingal citizens, public transport users, vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists and those with mobility/sensory impairments.
OP 2	Provide safe transport infrastructure	New and improved infrastructure was provided including: ❍ Resurfacing Programme ❍ Footpath Renewal Programme ❍ Traffic Management Scheme ❍ Traffic Calming Measures ❍ Pedestrian Crossings ❍ Cycling Infrastructure ❍ School Streets ❍ Community Car
OP 3	Deliver core operational services in the most efficient and effective manner possible	The Programme of Works as approved by the Elected Members was delivered on time and within budget. There was continued improvements in the programming and scheduling of all maintenance works across the County. An online service was introduced through the Road Management Office for all Road Opening Licence Applications. An in-house system was developed for the management of all playgrounds and exercise equipment across the County.
OP 4	Train and resource personnel to meet the demands of the citizens across all operational areas	There was continued focus on providing training to staff across all the disciplines to ensure they have the necessary skills to deliver high quality services to the citizens of the County with a particular emphasis on health and safety training.
OP 5	Keep our beaches clean and free from pollution	Additional relief staff were recruited for beach clean ups. Co-ordination with other state agencies to ensure prevention of pollution spread to public beaches. The Blue Flag was retained for Portmarnock Beach (Velvet Strand).
OP 6	Manage and maintain the four Harbours in Fingal to an acceptable standard	Approval of funding from DAFM was received for works on harbours in 2019. A Harbours Report was completed which focused on the future management and maintenance of the small harbours in the County.

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Planning and Strategic Infrastructure
Planning for the medium to long term development of the county while managing the day to day development, enforcement and building control of development being undertaken in the county

Supporting Strategies		Update
PL 1	Conclude the review of the Fingal County Development Plan and set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the county	Fingal's Development Plan 2017 – 2023 sets out the Council's proposed policies and objectives for the development of the County and seeks to develop and improve, in a sustainable manner, the social, economic, environmental and cultural assets of the County. Variation No. 1 to the Development Plan was adopted in December 2019. This incorporates revised Airport Noise Zones, revisions to the Rural Housing Policy, revisions relating to the implementation of the Dublin Agglomeration Environmental Noise Action Plan 2018-2023 and removal of Red Approach Areas from Development Plan maps.
PL 2	Develop a programme that supports increased housing output to meet demand as set out in Construction 2020 A Strategy for a Renewed Construction Sector	The Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness - Rebuilding Ireland - established a €200m Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) for investment in infrastructure to enable early activation of suitably located and scaled housing sites. LIHAF funding of €26.58m was provided for Fingal's three LIHAF projects: ❍ Donabate Distributor Road ❍ Oldtown/ Mooretown ❍ Baldoyle / Stapolin. Through Project Talamh, procurement advanced on the delivery of housing on the lands at Ballymastone. An initial phase of housing development at Churchfields was approved and commenced procurement while design work commenced on both the required road infrastructure between Damastown Road and Wellview Avenue and the green infrastructure. Design work also commenced on an initial phase of housing development at Cappaghfinn.

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Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

Supporting Strategies		Update
PL 3	Collaborate with other stakeholders and statutory providers in developing the essential infrastructure necessary for economic and social development	Continuous engagement with all stakeholders ensured the timely and efficient delivery of strategic infrastructure throughout the County. The Part VIII process for the construction of a Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge in Donabate over the Dublin – Belfast railway line was approved. Part VIII public consultations were initiated with respect to Turvey Avenue extension, Donabate and the realignment of the R126 Hearse Road, Donabate. Public consultation and information evenings took place with respect to Fingal Coastal Way project and the Harry Reynolds Road Cycle and Pedestrian route. Work commenced on the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Walkway and Greenway and were nearing completion at the end of 2019. Works on the Donabate Distributor Road and the Rathbeale Road Upgrade projects commenced in 2019.
PL 4	Contribute to the achievement of a sustainable transport system for all the citizens	The 2020-2022 Capital Programme provides investment of €151.7m including €58.45m investment in strategic roads infrastructure and €43.85m in Greenways projects.
PL 5	Deliver an effective and efficient development management and enforcement service to the public	1,364 applications were received in 2019. Unauthorised development was investigated and action was taken where required. 325 warning letters and 25 enforcement notices were issued, while legal proceedings was instigated in 16 cases. In terms of Derelict Sites, 21 complaints were investigated, 16 warning letters were issued and two sites were placed on the Derelict Sites Register. At the end of 2019, there were eight sites on the Vacant Sites Register.

Corporate Plan

2019-2024

Following the election of the new Council on 24th May 2020, the preparation of drafting the Council's Corporate Plan commenced.

The Corporate Plan serves as our strategic framework for the next five years. Key to the development of the Plan was the extensive consultation that was undertaken involving internal and external stakeholders including:

- The Elected Members
- The staff of the Council
- The business community
- Non-Governmental Organisations
- Community groups affiliated with the Public Participation Network (PPN)
- The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

The Plan sets out the strategic priorities and objectives of the Council under the following four strategic themes:

- **QUALITY OF LIFE**
- **QUALITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT**
- **QUALITY BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT**
- **QUALITY IN OUR WORK**.

The Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024 was adopted by the Elected Members in December 2019.





Reports on Strategic Policy Committees & Joint Policy Committee

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Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity

Formerly Arts, Culture, Heritage & Community Development

Chairperson: Paul Donnelly
Council Members: Freddie Cooper, John Walsh, Gráinne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Jimmy Guerin
External Members: Hiwa Wahab, Abbi Wise, Liz Madden

Council Members Pre May 2019: :Anne Devitt, Joe Newman, Adrian Henchy, Mary McCamley, Gráinne McGuire & Daire Ní Laoi.
External Members: Lorcan Blake, Guy Thompson & Arun Rao

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
March 25	Fingal County Council's Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy Update	Presentation on the findings from the public consultation process for the proposed Fingal Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy was made. It is anticipated the Strategy will be completed by end of June 2019.
	Balbriggan Socio Economic Strategy Update	Reports on the public consultation process are available on the balbriggan.ie website. The Plan is currently being developed with an anticipated launch date of late April/early May.
	Swords Civic & Cultural Centre Update	The tender for Project Management Services was published on 25th March, 2019. The project is broken down to three main areas 1. Civil Centre - Library/Theatre 2. Hub Building 3. Public Realm area It is anticipated that the tender will be awarded within the next three months and that the planning process will commence in Q1 2020.
	Presentation from Comhairle Na n-Óg – Workplan 2019	This item was deferred to a future meeting. It is anticipated the Strategy will be completed by end of June 2019.
	Update on Sports Development Office	Presentation on the Sports Programmes and participants for 2018 and the priorities/challenges for 2019. It is anticipated the Strategy will be completed by end of June 2019.
	Motion form Cllr. Mary McCamley Creation of Local Heritage Centres	Following discussion, it was agreed to revert to the Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure with the points raised.
	Motion from Lorcan Blake: Proposed FCC Community Centre Usage Policy	This item has been referred to the Corporate Policy Group.
	Motion from Arun Rao.	The report was accepted, the revenue budget is



Transport & Infrastructure Management

Formerly Transportation

Chairperson: Cllr Ted Leddy
Council Members: Ann Graves, Adrian Henchy, Cathal Boland, Joe O'Brien, Cian O'Callaghan.
External Members: Raymond Ryan, Sinead Kavanagh, Doreen Keany

Council Members Pre May 2019: Eoghan O'Brien, Darragh Butler, Roderic O'Gorman, Ted Leddy, Natalie Treacy, Tania Doyle.
External Members: Bob Laird, Raymond Ryan

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
January 28	2019 Programme of Works	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	Invitation to CEO of Metro Dublin	Following discussion, the report was agreed.
	Cycling Policy	Following discussion, the report was agreed.
	Strategic review transport around Dublin Airport	The report was noted.
	Cycling Infrastructure	Following discussion, the report was noted.
April 1	Speed Limit Review	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	Draft Parking Places Bye-Laws 2019	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	Parking in Housing Estates	In the absence of Cllr D. Butler, the report was accepted by Cllr E. O'Brien.
	New Housing Estates Access to key facilities	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	Phoenix Park Cycle Lane Scheme	Following discussion, the report was noted.
November 19	Speed Limit Review	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	2019 Programme of Works Review	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	School Streets Initiative	The report was noted.
	Update at each quarterly meeting on progress in constructing the Fingal Coastal Way, and additional cycling infrastructure	Following discussion, the report was noted.
	Upgrades and Improvements to the Northern Commuter line between	The report was noted.

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Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment

Formerly Water & Environmental Services

Chairperson: Cllr Roderic O'Gorman
Council Members: Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Mary McCamley, Aoibhinn Tormey, David Healy
External Members: Seamus McGrath, Edward Stevenson, Sean Barry

Council Members Pre May 2019: Paul Donnelly, Eugene Coppinger, Eithne Loftus, Mary McCamley, Gráinne Maguire, Paul Muville, Natalie Treacy.
External Members: Seamus McGrath, Angela O'Flynn Bury, Charles Sargent

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
April 30	Litter Management Plan 2019-2021	Plan Adopted.
	RMCEI Plan 2019 & 2018 Review	Item Deferred.
	Draft Climate Action Plan Update	Report Noted.
November 12	Domestic Waste Collection	List as Headed Item and Next Meeting.
	Climate Action Plan	Report Noted.
	Tree Strategy	Report Noted.
	Biodiversity Action Plan	Report Noted.
	Data Centre- Renewable Energy	Item Deferred.
	Use of Weed killer by Fingal County Council	Report Noted.
	Climate Action Plan "actions awaiting budget"	Report Noted as part of Climate Action Plan discussions.

Housing

Chairperson: Cllr Duncan Smith
Council Members: John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Brigid Manton, Robert O'Donoghue, Eoghan O'Brien, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley.
External Members: Michela Benassi, Finbarr Geaney, Norman Higgins, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly

Council Members Pre May 2019: Duncan Smith, Kieran Dennison, Adrian Henchy, Sandra Kavanagh, Barry Martin, Lorna Nolan, Robert O'Donoghue, Malachy Quinn, Justin Sinnott, Matt Waine.
External Members: Marian Buckley, Finbar Geaney, Freda Hughes, Ashraf Logman, Alan Redmond

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
February 25	Rebuilding Ireland - Delivery Update	Report presented on 2018 targets and delivery.
	Vacant Homes Unit	Presentation on the Vacant Homes Unit.
	DRHE Homeless Action Plan 2019-2021	Action Plan discussed and observations required back through SPC within two weeks.
	MTR Home for Life Enhanced Leasing Model	Presentation on Mortgage to Rent Scheme delivered by Claire Feeney, SEO, Housing Agency.
November 25	ReBuilding Ireland - Delivery Update	Report presented on housing delivery under Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan.
	Overview of Housing Services	Presentation made on services delivered by the Housing Department.

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Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure

Formerly Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Chairperson: Cllr Brian Dennehy
Council Members: Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Punam Rane, Tom Kitt, Brian McDonagh.
External Members: Greg Farrell and Kieran O' Neill

Council Members Pre-May 2019: Cian O'Callaghan, Cathal Boland, Jimmy Guerin, Brian Dennehy, Brian McDonagh, David Healy, Ann Graves, Tom O'Leary
External Members: Greg Farrell and Kieran O' Neill

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
January 28	South Fingal Transport Study	A presentation was given on the South Fingal Transport Study. The study was noted.
	Draft Works Programme 2019	A Draft Works Programme was presented at the January Meeting and the Programme for 2019 was agreed.
	Mapping of Rights of Way	A progress report was presented at the January Meeting. The report was noted.
	Review of Development Contribution Scheme	A report was given on this Motion. The report was noted.
	Afforestation Master Plan	A report was given on this motion and following discussion the report was noted.
April 29	Fingal Development Plan 2 Year Progress Report	A presentation and an update report on the Fingal Development Plan Two Year Progress Report was given at the April Meeting. The report was noted.
	MetroLink	A report was given on the Metro Link and the preferred route alignment. Following a discussion the report was noted.
	Fingal Greenways	A presentation on the various schemes and an update report on the Greenways was given. The report was noted.
	Dog Bye Law	A report was given on this motion. The report was noted.
November 20	Coastal Erosion	A presentation was given and an update on Fingal's Coastal Erosion. Following a discussion the report was noted.
	Major Studies/LAPs	A report was given at the November Meeting in relation to current LAP's and studies. The report was noted.
	Fingal Greenways	An updated progress report was given at the November Meeting in relation to the various schemes and discussed. The report was noted.
	Bye Convictions	A report was given on this Motion and following

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Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development

Formerly Economic Development & Enterprise

Chairperson: Cllr Tony Murphy
Council Members: Darragh Butler, Tom O'Leary, Emer Currie, Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin, Ian Carey.
External Members: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, David Normoyle, Kesava Gollapalli.

Council Members Pre May2019: Kieran Dennison, Keith Redmond, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Lorna Nolan, Edmond Lukusa, Jimmy Guerin, Mags Murray, David McGuinness, Howard Mahony.
External Members: Eric Fleming, Siobhán Kinsella, Emmanuel Okezie Emuaga, James Scully, Odran Reid, Kesava Gollapalli.

Meeting Date 2019	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
February 26	Update on all ongoing programmes	Update on Policy Implementation covering the Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2021, Dublin Rural LEADER 2016 -2020, Social Inclusion & Community Activation 2018-2022, Fingal Tourism Strategy 2015-2018, the Local Enterprise Office & Enterprise Centres.
	Local Enterprise Week	The Head of Local Enterprise gave a presentation on Local Enterprise Week 2019 which took place from 4th to 8th March.
	Balbriggan Economic Strategy	Presentation on the Balbriggan Socio-Economic survey results.
November 13	Overview of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Department	An overview of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Department was presented by members of the Department.
	Skerries Martello Tower feasibility study	Presentation on the Skerries Martello Tower feasibility study outlining the three development options. The second option was agreed.
	Shackleton Mills as a heritage and tourism centre.	Councillor Howard Mahony proposed the motion to work towards developing Shackleton Mills as a heritage and tourism centre. An arrangement for a conservation plan to be put in place was agreed.

Joint Policing Committee
Membership and Activities

The Fingal Joint Policing Committee was established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005 and its function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Council's administrative area, and in particular to keep the following under review:

• The levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs).

• The factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.

This is managed through the Annual Work Programme of the Joint Policing Committee which sets out four strategic areas for collaboration between the Council and An Garda Síochána, which are:

- Community Engagement & Awareness
- Traffic & Road Safety
- Crime Reduction & Analysis
- People & Demographics

In 2019, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met on 8th March, 27th September and 13th December. The meeting due to be held on 31st May was cancelled due to the Local Elections.

A series of four public meetings were hosted in March on the following dates:
- March 13 - Lusk
- March 14 - Dublin 15
- March 20 - Sutton
- March 21 - Malahide

Membership

Local Authority Members

Prior to the Local Elections in May, the membership was as follows: Cllr. Kieran Dennison (Chair) and Cllr. Gráinne Maguire (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Tom O'Leary, Cllr. Malachy Quinn, Cllr. Adrian Henchy, Cllr. Paul Mulville, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Jimmy Guerin, Cllr. Howard Mahony, Cllr. Mags Murray, Cllr. Eithne Loftus, Cllr. Roderic O'Gorman, Cllr. Natalie Treacy, Cllr. Tania Doyle, Cllr. Duncan Smith.

At its first meeting on 10th June 2019, the new County Council appointed the following members to the Joint Policing Committee:

Cllr. Roderic O'Gorman (Chair), Cllr. Gráinne Maguire, Cllr. Freddie Cooper, Cllr. John Walsh, Cllr. Adrian Henchy, Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Tony Murphy, Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Emer Currie, Cllr. Ian Carey, Cllr. Ann Graves, Cllr. Tania Doyle, Cllr. Duncan Smith, Cllr. Dean Mulligan.

Oireachtas Members

Alan Farrell TD, Brendan Ryan TD, Louise O'Reilly TD, Senator James Reilly, Senator Lorraine Clifford-Lee.

Fingal County Council

AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive and Liam Burke, SEO Housing Department

PPN (Community) Representatives

Pre May 2019: Jossy Akwuobi, Rev. Kenneth Lindsay, Eamonn Price, Myles Caulfield, Ray Smyth, Peadar O'Kelly and Maria Tormey.

Since June: Jossy Akwuobi, Myles Caulfield, Ray Smyth, Aisling Kelly, Pat Doyle, Tom O'Brien.

An Garda Síochána

Chief Superintendent Curran (DMR-N) and Chief Superintendent Finbar Murphy (DMR-W)

Financial Position

Revenue Account Statement

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* Figures are correct at time of printing

	DRAFT 2019 €	2018 €
EXPENDITURE		
Housing & Building	52,385,570	45,536,191
Roads Transportation & Safety	27,662,676	24,542,199
Water & Sewerage	14,967,965	16,706,084
Development Incentives & Controls	19,112,314	18,293,027
Environmental Protection	39,528,196	38,380,726
Recreation & Amenity	39,350,799	37,083,726
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	795,563	768,773
Miscellaneous	9,313,281	7,948,026
Total Gross Expenditure	**203,137,364**	**189,258,752**
INCOME		
Housing & Building	57,817,752	52,786,497
Roads Transportation & Safety	8,765,770	8,249,502
Water & Sewerage	17,146,987	17,276,760
Development Incentives & Controls	5,237,676	5,033,180
Environmental Protection	6,438,149	4,702,612
Recreation & Amenity	3,319,275	3,508,482
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	263,714	269,585
Miscellaneous	12,672,382	12,363,026
Total Income	**111,661,705**	**104,189,644**
Net Expenditure	**91,475,659**	**85,069,108**
Which is funded by		
County Rates	128,1277,804	120,305,779
Local Property Tax	7,524,670	7,521,354
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
TOTAL	**135,702,474**	**127,827,133**
Surplus (Deficit) for Year Before Transfers	44,226,815	42,728,025
Transfers from (to) Reserves	(44,225,894)	(42,756,069)
	921	1,956
Incoming Balance @ !st January	15,978,443	15,976,487
Closing Balance @ 31st December	**15,979,364**	**15,978,443**

Financial Position

Capital Account Statement

for year ended 31st December 2019

* Figures are correct at time of printing

	DRAFT 2019 €	2018 €
EXPENDITURE (Net of Internal Transfers)*		
Housing & Building	149,166,953	129,403,479
Roads Transportation & Safety	26,337,998	18,471,340
Water & Sewerage	1,158,002	971,361
Development Incentives & Controls	23,797,647	33,549,795
Environmental Protection	2,289,247	6,608,941
Recreation & Amenity	10,057,058	6,105,831
Miscellaneous	13,046,756	1,163,064
	225,853.661	**196.273.811**
INCOME (Net of Internal Transfers)*		
Housing & Building	149,966,669	123,320,728
Roads Transportation & Safety	14,485,902	9,570,374
Water & Sewerage	4,352,193	927,897
Development Incentives & Controls	56,608,766	66,961,264
Environmental Protection	2,939,851	4,720,171
Recreation & Amenity	4,515,736	1,537,045
Miscellaneous	13,619,571	9,351,844
	243,518,688	**216,389,323**
Surplus (Deficit) for year	**17,665,027**	**20,115,512**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	178,080,783	157,965,271
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December	**195,745,810**	**178,080,783**

Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account

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Architects

Objective	Assessment
Assist with particular built heritage protection issues including managing the Building Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports.	Grant programmes completed and targets achieved to protect the built heritage of the County.
Procure professional expert consultant services and construction works	Achieved on all completed projects and ongoing work with procedures recorded and open to independent scrutiny.
To engage with relevant government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the council	Continued to ensure the interests of Fingal protected through effective operation of grants schemes and through input to and interpretation of policy matters.
To ensure that building projects commissioned by the council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection	Practice procedures updated in accordance with changing legislation and accurate project recording. These procedures are applied on all projects to ensure standards are met.
To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-lets	KPIs achieved for: ❍ Painting, joinery maintenance & other planned maintenance programmes ❍ Response maintenance services ❍ Mechanical and electrical installations and maintenance.
To manage construction budgets and process contractor claims for payment efficiently and fairly	Ongoing on all projects to ensure accuracy of: ❍ Professional budgeting of projects ❍ Recording of tender prices and claims ❍ Recording and processing of payments within set timelines.
To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments	Ongoing process with various projects completed including delivery of agreed Annual Work Programmes.





Reports on Service Delivery
Community, Culture & Sports

Objective	Assessment
Deliver the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2018-2025	Musician-in-Residence Programme 2019 – 2021 25 primary schools participated in this newly developed initiative that brings professional musicians into schools to enrich music education for children in Fingal. Professional Art Programme 58 awards under the '2019 Artist Support Scheme' amounting to €100,000. Other programmes included MART Graduate Award, Graphic Studio Award and residencies at Loughshinny boathouse. Public Art Programme Six commissioned projects commenced including virtual reality exhibition in Swords with Silicon Synapse at Carnegie Library. Hide Sculpture entered Pride of Place Awards and Irish Aphasia Theatre in Excellence in Local Government Awards. Launch of Fingal County Council's Arts Plan 2019 – 2025 Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien was joined by AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Margaret Geraghty, Director of Services, Rory O'Byrne, County Arts Officer and special guest speaker Art O'Leary, Secretary General to the President in Swords Castle to launch the Plan.
Deliver on the Eight-Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council	An Urgent Enquiry -SAC-Special Area of Conversation at Portrane Beach This was a collaboration funded through the Arts Council of Ireland's Invitation to Collaboration Award. Fingal, Wexford and Dublin City Councils explored the local and shared biodiversity along the east coast. The artwork highlighted the existence, fragility and importance of all the creatures who call the Fingal coastline 'home'. Exploring & Thinking – Presentations on Early Childhood Arts Commissions The partnership consists of Fingal, Dublin City, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Councils following an award from the Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration Scheme focused on commissioning and touring new artwork for children with local engagement programmes in arts and non-traditional arts venues.
To coordinate the implementation of the Creative Ireland Programme in Fingal	The Fingal Culture Team continued to support cultural and creative initiatives across the county, in line with the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy (2018-2022). Focusing on engagement with citizens of all ages, these cross disciplinary initiatives spanned the visual arts, film, music, dance, STEAM and history alongside collaborative intergenerational projects in storytelling and theatre. The very successful Cruinniú na n-Óg programme of events for young people included creative activities in various disciplines - Arts, STEAM, film production and music, across 13 locations and was attended by over 2,800 young people.





Reports on Service Delivery
Community, Culture & Sports

Objective	Assessment
To provide developmental and management support to voluntary facility committees	Continued support to 32 Community Centres and monitoring and oversight of Facilities Funding streams and KPI processes ensured that Council facilities are run and managed to a high standard, are working towards sustainability and are accessible to the whole community. Fingal Community Facilities Network launched their Connecting Communities Information booklet.
Continue to manage the up keep and renovation of older community facilities	The Community Development Office continued to work through the conditioning surveys for older community facilities with the support of the Architects Dept. Management Licences were issued by the Council to 13 community centres Management Committees to manage and operate the facilities on behalf of the Council.
Financial Supports to Community & Voluntary programmes and activities	Community Groups Funding Scheme Funding was provided to Summer Projects, Activity Funding and Special Funding Schemes. Pride of Place Fingal had two winners in the IPB Pride of Place competition, which recognises community projects in Ireland, north and south. Flemington, Balbriggan won the Best Urban Neighbourhood category, the judges were impressed with how different community groups supported each other. Whitestown estate in D15 was runner up in the Housing Estate category. They impressed judges with their community memorial garden in an area previously noted for anti-social behaviour.
Fingal Public Participation Network and other networks	A Memo of Understanding was signed by Fingal County Council and Fingal PPN outlining the roles and responsibilities of both entities in their commitment to the delivery of the PPN programme in Fingal. The number of groups registered on the PPN increased by 131 to 846 at December 2019. A resource support worker has been appointed to carry out initiatives within the Well-Being Plan.
Deliver the Fingal County Council Integration and Social Cohesion Policy	The Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024 supported by an action plan was launched in November and outlines how the Council will work to meet the needs of the diverse population of Fingal.
Fingal Comhairle na n-Óg	The AGM was held in November 2019 and was attended by 130 young people from primary, secondary and youth organisations across the county of Fingal. The theme was health and sustainability of the environment. Mayor Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien opened proceedings with some very motivational words. The exisiting Comhairle invited Jack Kavanagh who told the inspiriational story of his life and the day finished off with the election of a new committee 2019/2020.





Reports on Service Delivery
Community, Culture & Sports

Objective	Assessment
Swords Civic & Cultural Centre	The Arts Office continued to participate in regular meetings in 2019 regarding the development of the Swords Civic & Cultural Centre.
Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Alliance	In May over 120 Senior Citizens took part in an Information Seminar on Changing Gears, with key note speaker Christy Keneally and discussed social preparation, wills, housing and rightsizing, Fair Deal, hobbies and activities and health & wellbeing. **ACORN Age Friendly** ACORN Age Friendly Tablet won the Age Friendly Communication category at the national Age Friendly Ireland awards. This project was a collaboration between Fingal County Council, Meath County Council and Limerick County Council. **Walkability Studies** Age Friendly Fingal and the Operations Department organised three walkability studies in Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Howth. There was a great turnout of volunteers in each area with the support of local Councillors with a number of issues highlighted.
Delivery of sports programmes	**Transition Year Football Development Course** In partnership with the FAI the Sports Office implemented this course with 25 students. **Sports Conditioning** This programme was developed for children of all ages and abilities, continued with the emphasis on teacher training in 2019. Programmes included Primary School Athletics, MarathonKids, Soccer, Rugby, Cricket and Tennis Programmes for Older Adults, Women in Sport and Inclusive Sports. **Healthy Fingal Learning Portal** Launched in November, it contains videos, tutorials and forums, which help educate school children on a range of topics, activities and skills contributing to healthy and active lifestyles. Two sports hubs in Balbriggan and Tyrrelstown/Mulhuddart were opened. A Community Sports Development Officer and a Social Inclusion Officer were also engaged.



Reports on Service Delivery
Corporate Affairs & Governance

Objective	Assessment
To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities	The Communications Unit partnered with the IT Department to develop the new fingal.ie website. It issued 271 press releases, statements or media invitations and assisted departments with campaigns, consultations and media queries. Instagram was added to the Council's portfolio of social media channels with the Facebook account achieving a 24% rise in the number of followers. The 2019 RED C Residential Satisfaction Survey showed awareness of the Council has risen from 33% to 42% since 2017 while 49% of residents feel well-informed about the Council compared to 43% two years previously. Internal communications included publication of a quarterly staff magazine and a daily email bulletin to staff.
To promote the use of the Irish language through the implementation of the Irish Language Scheme	Implementation of the Third Irish Language Scheme and compliance with all Irish Language legislation continued. The new Fingal.ie website has an Irish language version. Training was provided to selected staff through Gaeltacht courses. Forms and publications were made available in Irish including the Nuacht Fhine Gall magazine. The language was promoted within the Council and the County with events taking place in libraries and County Hall and a programme was produced for Seachtain na Gaeilge. The language was also promoted at other events including the Fingal Fleadh, Heritage Week and Flavours of Fingal County Show.
To ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation	In 2019, the Customer Care Unit was further developed and expanded into all offices of the Council. An augmented team of trained agents has been put in place to ensure that queries – via phone, email, in person, etc. - are resolved at the first point of contact for the customer.
To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council	Following a Boundary Commission Report in 2018, the Local Electoral Areas increased from five to seven and came into effect at the Local Elections in May 2019. Members were subsequently elected to Committees and Associations as representatives of the Council. A new Strategic Policy Committee Scheme was also approved and the Members were appointed to the six Committees as part of their policy development role. Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.
To Plan for Major Emergency Management in the County	Training continued throughout 2019 for the Council's Management Team to ensure that the Council and its Departments were ready should a Major Emergency occur. This included reviewing the Council's Major Emergency Plan and Business Continuity Plans so that the services could continue to be provided to our citizens in the event of an emergency situation.
To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement	The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) managed procurement processes set out in the Annual Procurement Plan. Spend analysis and identification of strategic procurement opportunities was also undertaken during 2019. CPU arranged training courses and provided guidance as necessary to service Departments.





Reports on Service Delivery

Corporate Affairs & Governance

Objective	Assessment
To ensure that data and information held by the Council is protected and accessible	The Information and Data Management Office, through continuous staff training, awareness-raising and liaison with all departments, particularly the IT Department, monitors and improves the security and accessibility of Council data.
To promote best practice in corporate governance	Procurement monitoring and reporting carried out throughout 2019.
To promote good governance through effective internal audit functions	There was positive engagement with Executive Management and staff in execution of Internal Audit workplan and governance actions/ risk management systems. Effective management of Audit Committee meetings and positive engagement with the Audit Committee continued.
To uphold the Citizen Charter and good customer service	In accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2019.



Reports on Service Delivery

Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development

Objective	Assessment
Achieve the objectives set out in Fingal's Local Community & Economic Plan (LECP) in a manner that both reflects and supports the implementation of the existing Regional Planning Guidelines, proposed Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies and wider economic, enterprise and tourism policies at a regional and national level	The implementation of the LECP continued across several Council Departments and multiple external stakeholders. The LECP showed progress across all goals and objectives.
Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal	Fingal Local Enterprise Office (Fingal LEO) operates under a Service Level Agreement between Fingal County Council and Enterprise Ireland. Fingal LEO is funded by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund. Fingal LEO had a very busy and successful 2019 with all key targets being achieved. Some 32 projects were approved for funding totalling 109 new jobs in the local economy. As the national and local economy continues to grow, strong participation remains a feature of all core initiatives among both start-up/ aspiring entrepreneurs and existing SMEs. Programmes include Start Your Own Business courses, Mentoring, Business Clinics, 53 Management Development workshops and many other initiatives such as Brexit preparedness activities and LEAN programmes provided by LEO Fingal. Major flagship events included the "Local Enterprise Week 2019" which was hugely successful and the biggest event of its kind in the country. Fingal LEO also plays an important role in the cultivation of an entrepreneurial culture and the Student Enterprise Programme is run in most second level schools in Fingal, with over 2,700 participating students each year.
Co-ordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local community development programmes including the government's Social Inclusion Community and Activation Programme (SICAP) and LEADER	The SICAP Oversight Committee meets on a quarterly basis to review, advise and provide oversight to EMPOWER who has responsibility for the implementation of the contract. The Fingal SICAP achieved its annual planned targets and has been cited as a best practice example nationwide.The LEADER project is overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) which comprises representation from Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown Fingal. During 2019, over €1.5 million was approved for 18 new projects. In the programme to date 64 projects have been approved for €3.03 million. Of these 45 are in Fingal, 4 in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown and 15 in South Dublin.





Reports on Service Delivery
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development

Objective	Assessment
Implement the actions of the Fingal Statement of Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2022	Implementation of the Strategy continued during 2019. The Events and Festivals Programme supported over 82 events and festivals across the County in 2019 which succeeded in generating economic, social and cultural benefits and attracting overseas visitors. Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland on promotion of Fingal as a tourist destination continued and we have secured grant funding under the 'Destination Towns' call for Skerries. Support to local tourism groups continued in 2019 including Howth, Skerries, Balbriggan, Malahide, Donabate/ Portrane and the rural villages. Significant investment across our Heritage Properties portfolio includes: ❍ Completion of feasibility study for Skerries Martello Tower ❍ Appointment of Consultants to carry out structural assessment of Bremore Castle ❍ Completion of the conservation of the Casino Malahide and commencement of fit-out to house the Fry Model railway ❍ Completion of Phase II enabling and conservation works at Swords Castle with works to the East Tower, Chapel and ramparts ❍ Upgrade of heating in Newbridge House and Ardgillan Castle ❍ Commencement of refurbishment of Howth Court House ❍ Engagement of Consultants for re-development of Red Barn, Skerries ❍ Engagement of Consultants to report on conservation of Guinness Bridge, Strawberry Beds.
Support the work of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC	The LCDC and EETD SPC were fully supported in 2019 in completing their respective work programmes.
Develop a socio-economic Strategy for Balbriggan in collaboration with all the key stakeholders	The Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan was launched in May 2019, following an extensive public engagement process. The Plan encompasses 93 actions across four Pillars. Four Pillar working groups, with expert subject chairs were formed in May 2019. These Pillar Working groups met regularly throughout 2019, to progress actions across: ❍ Public Realm ❍ Growing the Local Economy ❍ Community Affairs & Integration ❍ Education, Training & Employment.





Reports on Service Delivery
Environment & Climate Action

Objective	Assessment
Aftercare of historic and closed landfills	Compliance with EPA licences for Balleally and Dunsink Landfills continued. Frameworks were put in place for specified engineering works and for risk assessments on historic and legacy landfills, from which assessments completed on two former landfills. Balleally Landfill is partially open to public following near complete restoration.
Monitor Air and Noise Pollution	Transport Infrastructure Ireland installed noise & air quality monitors along the M50. The EPA published a report on air quality in the Dublin Region and areas in the city centre and portals to the port tunnel were identified as likely to exceed the annual limits for NOx for 2019 and likely to require an Air Quality Management Plan for the Dublin Agglomerations. The National Air Quality Monitoring Network includes three air quality monitoring stations one of which is maintained by the Council.
Enforce Waste Regulations	The targets for inspections in the Annual Plan (RMCEI), including national priorities, were met this year. Waste Presentation Draft Byelaws were published for consultation.
Operate dog and horse control service	The Council continued to enforce the Control of Dogs and the Control of Horses legislation. The Dog Warden and Pound Services are provided by contract. Dog Warden services were extended in 2019 to include weekend patrols. Approximately 97% of dogs seized or surrendered were reclaimed, rehomed or transferred to another dog welfare group. The horse seizure service is also provided by contract and in 2019, 412 horses were seized.
Operate Litter Warden service	Six Litter Wardens patrol pre-determined scheduled routes throughout Fingal. This year saw the introduction of walking patrols in towns in Fingal. In 2019, 935 fines were issued by the Wardens and 164 prosecutions were instigated.
Protect Surface, Ground and Coastal Waters	RMCEI inspections including Farm (22), Septic Tank (8), Operational River Monitoring (85), additional non statutory river monitoring (397), trade effluent inspections (129) and bathing water samples (103). Fingal participated in investigations in Rogerstown Priority Area for Action (PAA), including referrals and engaged with Dublin City Council on the proposed Santry River restoration. The Council also participated in community information meetings for the Upper Tolka River. Fingal progressed collaborative research projects with DIT/TUD on Freshwater and with UCD on Acclimatize Bathing Water Project (with focus on Portrane and Donabate Beaches). Thirty seven water pollution investigations were completed.





Reports on Service Delivery
Environment & Climate Action

Objective	Assessment
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme	The 2019 Environmental Awareness Programme was busier than ever. Projects included the promotion of Biodiversity and the All-Ireland Pollination Plan, Green Schools Programme, Waste Prevention including the Instruments Project and the GAA Sports Sustainability competition. The Community Environmental Action Fund awarded 25 Community Groups/Residents Associations, Schools and Organisations with funding for environmental projects. The Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti fund focused on communities and awarded 15 communities funding for projects to tackle graffiti and litter prone areas.
Implement Flood Protection Schemes in co-operation with the OPW	Two Flood Protection Schemes (Sluice River at Portmarnock and Skerries Mill Stream) were selected to be implemented, however by the end of 2019 still had to pass a feasibility test based on more detailed monitoring and surveys.
Co-ordination of Climate Change Action Plan	A governance structure is in place with a Steering Committee at Director of Service level. The Climate Action Officer works with Implementation Representatives from all Council Departments and with the other Dublin Local Authority colleagues and stakeholders to co-ordinate delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The Plan was adopted by the Council in May 2019 and submitted to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in Sept 2019. Monitoring and reporting programmes are in place to ensure delivery. Actions will be reviewed on an annual basis.
Provide Bring banks for glass bottles	The Council operates two civic amenity sites (Estuary & Coolmine), a network of 60 bring banks throughout the County and 26 clothes banks. In 2019, approximately 5,100 tonnes of clear, green and brown glass was collected and recycled. This contributed directly to a saving of 295kgs of C02 per tonne collected i.e. 1,505 tonnes of C02. Awareness of this positive climate action benefit of recycling glass will be highlighted.
Maintenance of the Surface Water Network	Surface water networks continue to be maintained throughout the County with a number of key projects currently ongoing to improve the surface water network and flooding throughout the County.
Provision of water services on behalf of Irish Water	Provision of a Service Level Agreement to Irish Water for the provision of Water Services throughout Fingal continued.



Reports on Service Delivery
Finance

Objective	Assessment
Active Debt Management (Rates/ PEL/NPPR)	In 2019, 97% of Commercial Rates were collected. The Property Entry Level (PEL), which is a charge that applies to all newly erected or newly constructed properties pending the assessment of Comemercial Rates, took in revenue of €295,635. Revenue from the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was €1,698,983 in 2019.
Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies	All claims against the Council were pro-actively managed and investigated by the Council. We continued to engage with our insurers with regards to the insurance policies in place.
Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored	Revenue account budgets and Capital Plan were reviewed quarterly with each department.
Production of 3 Year Capital Programme	The 2020 -2022 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2019.
Production of Annual Budget	The 2020 Budget was presented to Council on November 26th 2019.
Production of Annual Financial Statement	The 2018 Financial Statements were completed in April 2019 with the Auditor's Report signed in August 2019.
The Management of Accounts Payable, Payroll and Treasury Management Cash Outflows.	Accounts Payable processed €402m of payments during 2019 an increase of €77m over 2018. The treasury management and cashflow is actively managed throughout the year. Payroll is now managed by HR with processing outsourced to MyPay.





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Housing Services

Objective	Assessment
Delivery of the Fingal targets in the National Social Housing Strategy 2020/Rebuilding Ireland	Fingal continued to deliver an ambitious programme of social housing delivery. For the period 2015 to 2019 Fingal was set a target to deliver 5,392 social housing solutions. During that period a total of 6,150 housing solutions were delivered. These family homes were delivered under a range of housing delivery mechanisms including, Construction Programme, Leasing Programme (RAS and LTL), Acquisitions Programme, units under Part V, voids and the HAP Scheme. The Council also works in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies in the delivery of social housing units through the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF), Mortgage to Rent and Capital Assistance Schemes. The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan was operating in its second year of existence in 2019 and continued to attract a large level of inquiries and interest. The number of applications under this loan reached 893 by the end of 2019. Options for borrowers increased and 196 loans had been drawn down by year end, totalling €43 million.
Delivery of the social housing procurement programme in line with the Fingal Housing Strategy and the 2017 – 2023 County Development Plan	During 2019 the following Council housing projects were delivered: Scheme / Units Castlelands, Balbriggan — 24 Rivermeade, St Margaret's — 2 Pinewood, Balbriggan — 2 Avondale, Dublin 15 — 42 Church Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 — 22 Rolestown, Swords, Phase 1 — 26 Other Supply Mechanisms Delivery under Part V has increased year on year with the upturn in construction. A total of 171 homes were delivered under Part V in 2019. A total of 204 new homes were delivered by Approved Housing Bodies with the support of Fingal County Council. A total of 85 homes were delivered under Long-Term Leasing and Mortgage to Rent arrangements.





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Housing Services

Objective	Assessment
Delivery and management of homeless services in accordance with the Dublin Homeless Action Plan	The Homeless Team continued to offer support to those in homeless circumstances with a Tenancy Protection Service supported by Threshold. During 2019 the homeless circumstances of 516 households (families/singles/couples) were alleviated through the varying forms of social housing support, including 365 homeless HAP tenancies provided under the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive. Spring and Winter rough sleeper counts were conducted. On the night of the last rough sleeper count (26th November 2019), one rough sleeper was located. Support is offered to rough sleepers from the Council's homeless support team in liaison with the rough sleeping intake team operated by the Dublin Simon Community.
Administration of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme	The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme has been in operation for three years in Fingal and in 2019 there were 727 new tenancies put in place.
Management and maintenance of Housing Stock/Vacancies/Voids	Circa 1% of casual voids within social housing stock at any time is achieved. Maintenance requests received for the period of 2019 was 13,048, an increase on the 2018 figure of 975.
Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2023	The 2019 count of Traveller families show a total 523 families in the County. The Council provided 35 units of standard accommodation to Travellers in 2019 and the Council offers a caravan loan scheme to Travellers as further assistance in the provision of accommodation.





Reports on Service Delivery
Human Resources

Objective	Assessment
To foster and embed an effective performance management and development culture in the organisation	PMDS Programme operating Competency Framework embedded Active Training and Development programme ongoing
To implement a program that promotes wellbeing, equality and diversity in the workplace	Staff Wellbeing, Equality and Diversity Programme implemented in 2019 Health Safety and Wellbeing Week in October 2019
To optimise the availability and skills of the Council's human resources	65 Recruitment competitions 204 new staff recruited 436 Training courses provided 40 staff availed of Staff Education Scheme
To promote a safe and healthy work environment	A reduction in the number of Serious Workplace Incidents. 310 safety inspections carried out Awarded Higher Distinction Award and Consistent High Achiever Award by NISO Annual Occupational Safety Awards.

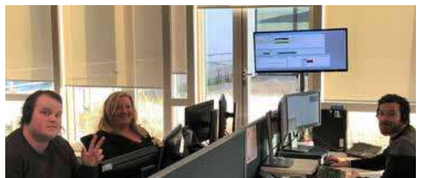




Reports on Service Delivery
Information Technology

Objective	Assessment
Produce Digital Strategy	The Fingal Digital Strategy was finalised in 2019. The development of the Strategy included a robust stakeholder consultation process and the establishment of the Digital Fingal Oversight Group. The document outlines digital transformation for Fingal over a three-year period and includes a number of strategic digital deliverables to improve the way we live, work and do business in Fingal. A number of projects and initiatives that form part of the Strategy objectives and deliverables, commenced in 2019 including: Unheard Voices SBIR, Smart Bench pilot, Smart Mobility Hub SBIR, Not so Different Creative Ability Hub and the publication of the Fingal Public WiFi Plan.
Analysis, design and deployment of secure IT systems to support business processes	There was continued support of current and legacy systems along with significant upgrades to departmental systems including Planning, Housing, HR/Payroll and Document Management systems; GIS infrastructure; Database infrastructure. There was also workflow analysis of processes using Six Sigma in various Departments including Housing, Planning and IT.
Deliver an efficient support service for our Staff and Councillors and members of the public	A managed service for ServiceDesk and IT Infrastructure and a new managed print contract were implemented. Following the Local Elections, new laptops and support service were delivered for 40 Councillors. The Council's Storage/ Computer Infrastructure was replaced as part of the ongoing programme of infrastructure upgrades. Corporate WiFi was implemented in all key Corporate locations. All senior staff were provided with laptop computers and the rolling upgrade of staff computers continued during the year.
Encourage sustainable business change through design for digital	The Digital Workplace Programme involves the implementation of new technologies to enable new ways of working, collaborating and communicating and thereby foster continuous improvement in the workplace. The programme has an estimated duration of three to five years. The programme consists of a number of projects – Office365; Cloud telephony and Customer Contact Centre; Cloud Collaborative systems; Cloud Document Management; Cloud CRM; Asset/Workforce Management; Change Management and Business Process Improvement. Contracts have been awarded for Office365; Cloud telephony and Customer Contact Centre; Cloud Collaborative systems; Cloud Document Management and Change Management, all of which were in progress at 2019 year end.





Reports on Service Delivery
Information Technology

Objective	Assessment
Promote a culture of continuous improvement	Major workplace business improvement projects commenced in Planning (ePlanning) and Housing (eHousing), and the work on the HR/Payroll (Core HPPS) project continued. In 2019 the IT Department had a portfolio of twenty Programmes of Work including a total of 121 projects. Implementation of a Council wide Project Management methodology and systems commenced in 2019. The aim is to digitise and standardise Programme and Project Management.
Promote innovative solutions through the mediums of Web, GIS, CRM, Data Analytics, BPI, Open Data and Knowledge Management	A number of new and improved solutions were delivered during 2019 including: ❍ Launch of redesigned Fingal.ie ❍ Development of Customer Care support system ❍ Implementation of several CRM solutions including FOI requests, Homelessness support system and staff lifecycle ❍ Implementation of Mobile solutions including Life Buoy inspections, Playground inspections and Park Ranger supports ❍ Configuration of Business Intelligence dashboards including Corporate Risk Register and Locations of Litter Complaints.
To implement best practice in IT governance.	The IT Department continues to follow best practice in all aspects of IT governance. Best practice has also been followed in the introduction of the new Managed Service and the Managed Service provider also follows industry best practice.

Law

Objective	Assessment
To provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments	Legal services are provided to the Chief Executive and Council Departments as requested





Reports on Service Delivery
Libraries

Objective	Assessment
To publish and implement the Library Development Plan 2018 - 2023	The seven objectives in the Plan continued to be implemented in 2019 by way of 42 actions.
To ensure the highest possible standard in the delivery and operation of library spaces.	Proposed extension to and refurbishment of Skerries Library was approved in October 2019. A brief for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) was further developed. Local Studies and Archives moved to a new premises in the SCQ at 46 North Street. Rush and Malahide Libraries were awarded with Age Friendly Charters in 2019.
To ensure the libraries budget is spent appropriately and in line with the Council's procurement policies.	The budget was spent on the management and development of library services in the County in line with procurement policies. Collection HQ, an electronic evidence-based stock management system was put in place to enhance the management and curation of library stock.
To ensure uninterrupted access to library services.	Footfall to Fingal libraries remained strong in 2019, with 1,008,436 visits (3.4 per head of population) to our 10 branch libraries, mobile libraries and to the Local Studies and Archives service. There were no unplanned closures of libraries in 2019. There was a 41.2% increase in the number of items (books, CDs, DVDs and electronic resources) issued to library members in 2019, when compared to the previous year. In total 1,067,112 items were issued in 2019, of which 54.1% were physical items, mainly books but also CDs and DVDs. Electronic resources, particularly online newspapers accounted for 45.9% of items issues, with music downloads, e-magazines, e-books and e-audio books also proving popular.
To further develop and implement Fingal Libraries ICT enhancements.	Meeting pods with charging points were installed at Blanchardstown, Malahide and Balbriggan Libraries. Hublets (tablet lending devices) were installed at Baldoyle, Rush, Howth, Garristown and Donabate Libraries. Tovertafels (Magic Table equipment) were installed at Malahide and Rush Libraries. They are particularly useful for people with mid to late stage dementia and for children with sensory issues. Self-service kiosks have been in operation at Howth, Garristown and Baldoyle Libraries since May 2019. STEAM -Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths events were held throughout the branch network in 2019. Freegal Music, a free streaming and downloading service, with over 15 million songs and over 40,000 music videos was made available to Fingal library members.





Reports on Service Delivery
Libraries

Objective	Assessment
To further develop strong links and partnerships with outside agencies to underpin libraries role as a socially inclusive, community, cultural, educational, information and learning centre.	Fingal Libraries was awarded €40,350 under the Dormant Accounts Fund, subject to matched funding from the Council, to develop Autism Friendly Schemes across the branch network. Libraries in Fingal now run autism-friendly sessions each month, and regularly schedule 'quiet time' and 'relaxed programming' events which cater to people with autism. The third annual Fingal Festival of History took place from 30th September until 7th October. This year's programme featured History at the Castle, a day of talks, with story-telling and music at Swords Castle Chapel. In September, the fourth annual Write Time Festival featured free workshops and talks to spark the imagination and inspire creativity. Over 200 people attended a conference called "Climate Emergency – This Generation's Inheritance" organised by Europe Direct and Blanchardstown Library in October. Participation in the Europe Direct / Blanchardstown Library Young Entrepreneurs Club involves an eleven week programme for 10 to 12 year olds, during which they learn about conducting market research, marketing, and financial management.
To maintain a high-quality library workforce who receive training and support to deliver services.	Throughout 2019 staff received appropriate training, engaged in continuing professional development and received support to avail of relevant third level educational opportunities.



Reports on Service Delivery
Operations Department

Objective	Assessment
Roads: Maintenance, Improvement and Safety of Roads	Within the Fingal area there are 65km of National Roads including Motorways, 264km of Regional Roads and 1,011km of Local Roads and three depots at Balbriggan, Swords & Coolmine. An extensive Programme of Works was carried out in 2019 across the County including road and footpath renewal & repairs. The following applications were processed during 2019:

Item	2019
Wayleave/ Communications/ Road Opening Licences	1,776*
Taking in Charge Certs	1,862
Abnormal Load Permits	498
Temporary Road Closures	59

*Note: All licences are processed on the MRL Online System.

Road Safety:
- Implementation of the School Streets pilot in Malahide.
- Provision of 126 School Wardens
- Assessments & improvements to 92 School Crossings
- Road Safety Promotion, administration of Cycling and Junior School Warden training
- Promotion of National Road Safety campaigns (including Aviva Driving School sponsored VR Headsets & AXA Road Safety Road Show)
- Bike Week cycle events/Street Velodrome
- Promotion of Campaigns: Cycle to school/Bike to work/Safe Routes to School/Walking buses
- European Mobility Week participation including 'Car Free Day' in Malahide

Public Lighting:
In 2019, maintenance of the Council's stock of 32,900 lights resulted in the issuing of 10,614 job requests including 6150 through the LED Energy Efficiency Programme which will achieve a saving of over 1.15 million kWh annually and is an important driver in the Council achieving its 2020 energy targets.





Reports on Service Delivery
Operations Department

Objective	Assessment
Parks: Management and Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches & Recreational Facilities	Management and maintenance continued in: ❍ c. 5,000 acres (2000 Ha.) of public open space including regional and neighbourhood parks, c. 800 allotments, 50 playgrounds, 170 playing pitches, eight all-weather pitch facilities ❍ Cricket grounds: Malahide Demesne, Town Park, Balbriggan, Porterstown, Lanesborough and Tyrellstown Park ❍ 14 Multi Use Games Areas ❍ Four Skateparks at Balheary, Swords, Millennium Park, Millpond and Skerries Town Park ❍ Eight Public tennis courts ❍ Town Park, Skerries Bowling Green ❍ Adult exercise equipment in 29 locations
Environment: Management & Maintenance of Harbours, Litter Management, Provision of Burial Grounds, Public Conveniences	88 kilometres of coastline are maintained including 11 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South, Rush North, Portrane, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton (Burrow Road) and Claremont, Howth. 36 lifeguards were employed from June to the end of August 2019. Monitoring of seawater samples was carried out to ensure compliance with Bathing Water Quality requirements. Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Loughshinny and Malahide Slipway are managed and maintained. A number of improvements in Rush and Balbriggan Harbour were carried out throughout 2019: ❍ Removal of vessels from Balbriggan Harbour ❍ Installation of services (water and electricity) Balbriggan Harbour ❍ Restoration works in Rush Harbour.
Events: Delivery of Operational Support in respect of high quality and safe events	The Operations Department was involved in the delivery of over 200 events. These were all accommodated within Regional Parks, local amenities or on public roads. Management of commercial and sporting events and Event Licence applications involved the following: ❍ Pre and post event meetings ❍ Document validation and issuing of event permits ❍ Road Closure Application Processing ❍ Litter Management ❍ Advice on Traffic Management ❍ Advice on Crowd Safety Management
Business Functions: Finance, Corporate Governance, Administration, Health & Safety and PMDS	The following internal business functions were facilitated throughout the year: Operations Accounts Unit, Health & Safety compliance; the County Council and its various Committees were serviced throughout the year. All staff participated successfully in the PMDS process.



Reports on Service Delivery
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Objective	Assessment
Deliver strategic & green infrastructure	The Part VIII process for Porterstown All-Weather Running Track & Sports Facility concluded. Rivervalley Pitch All-Weather Facility moved to tender stage. Works ongoing at Shackleton Mills, Liffey Valley, Malahide Green re-development were at tender evalutation stage. New skateparks opened in Balbriggan and Skerries. New multi-use games area and playground opened at Glebe Park, Balbriggan. Works continued with respect to development of four additional playgrounds in Balbriggan, Lusk & Skerries. There was continued consultation with the community with respect to Bremore Regional Park development. Donabate Distributor Road neared completion. The Part VIII process concluded with respect to New Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge Donabate and were initiated with respect to Turvey Avenue Enhancement Project & the R126 Hearse Road Bend Realignment. Construction commenced on the Portmarnock to Baldoyle walking and cycling Greenway with continued progression of numerous other Greenway and Cycleway routes across the County through the various studies and consultation phases including public information evenings for the Harry Reynolds Road cycle route and the Fingal Coastal Way. The tender process commenced for the Ongar-Barnhill scheme, the Snugborough Interchange scheme and Hole in the Wall Upgrade scheme. Rathbeale Road upgrade works commenced in 2019.
Develop policy, guidelines & standards	Policies, guidelines and standards were continually reviewed to ensure best practice.
Promote & Enforce Building Regulations	There was continued activity to promote a culture of compliance with regulations. Further professional training for staff, increased digitisiation and structure of inspections, enhanced collaboration with other Building Control Authorities through the National Building Control Office. 177 Disability Access Certificates submitted, of which 165 were granted. 263 Fire Safety Certificates submitted, of which 187 were granted. 35 new dangerous structures and places were inspected and action taken to protect the public.
Ensure compliance with Health & Safety statutory requirements	Regular scheduled meetings of the departmental Health & Safety Committee took place with ongoing H&S upskilling and review.





Reports on Service Delivery
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Objective	Assessment
Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development.	There was continued activity in planning enforcement i.e. ongoing issue of warning letters and enforcement notices and referral of cases to Court. Enforcement of the new short-term letting regulations which came into effect on 1st July 2019 commenced.
Ensure compliance with statutory requirements	CPD continued with respect to statutory requirements. Compliance with statutory requirements and review of same is an ongoing activity
Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development	All planning decisions were decided in accordance with statutory requirements. 1,364 planning applications received (1,213 valid applications) with 1,150 decisions made to the Council consulted with An Bord Pleanála on 13 Strategic Housing Development Applications during 2019.
Ensure areas to be taken in charge are to taking-in-charge standards	Standards continued to be met for developments for Taking in Charge and/ or bond release. A framework of service providers is in place to facilitate site resolution plans and subsequent bond claims and drawdowns. A total of nine estates were taken in charge during 2019 when completed to taking in charge standards.
Delivery of Local Area Plans (LAPs), Masterplans & Studies to deliver housing and contribute to the economic development of the County	Four Swords Masterplans were agreed. Castlelands Masterplan was completed but not agreed by the end of 2019. Kellystown LAP continued to be progressed. Variation No. 1 to Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 was adopted. Barnhill, Kinsaley and Dublin Airport LAPs were adopted.
Protect Biodiversity	There was continued biodiversity input in planning applications. Ten actions from the Biodiversity Plan were implemented and there was continued implementation of actions of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy and Howth SAAO Operational Plan.
Protect Built Heritage	There were three conservation grant schemes - Built Heritage Investment Scheme, Historic Structures Fund and Stitch in Time Grant (under the Architectural Heritage Fund). €162,500 allocated to projects under these three funding streams.





Reports on Service Delivery
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Objective	Assessment
Support Rebuilding Ireland - An Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, including the delivery of infrastructure	81 Active Residential Sites delivered 4,849 completed units with another 2,490 currently under construction and a further 2,517 units not yet commenced on these sites. Project Talamh advanced the delivery of public and private housing on strategic landbanks.
Progress projects under LIHAF (Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund)	Donabate Distributor Road works neared completion at the end of 2019. Construction works were ongoing on the Rathbeale Road Upgrade Project.
Progress delivery of Coastal Erosion Policy	Contributions to the National Audit on Coastal Erosion were jointly sponsored by the Council and submitted to Central Government for consideration. An options assessment neared completion for Portrane, Rush and Rogerstown Outer Estuary. Ongoing collaboration with OPW on Coastal Monitoring Programme for the Council.
Provide strategic advice on forward planning of Water Services Infrastructure in the County which contributes to the economic development of the County	There was continued engagement with Irish Water, inter departmental liaison and input to development management and forward planning (Local Area Plans, Masterplans).
Implement the Vacant Sites Levy for all vacant development sites in the County	A complete review of Fingal's approach to Vacant Sites were undertaken to have specific regard to the Core Strategy Hierarchy of the Fingal Development Plan. This identified a focus on Regeneration Sites to be undertaken in 3 phases: Phase 1- Metropolitan Consolidation Towns- Swords and Blanchardstown Phase 2- Consolidation Areas within the Gateway, Moderate Sustainable Growth Towns, Small Towns etc. Phase 3- The Hinterland Area following the hierarchy of the core strategy.
Develop & deliver the Heritage Plan 2018 - 2023	Continued implementation of the Heritage Plan 2018-2023 objectives included delivery of Heritage Week 2019 Programme and monthly collaboration with the Heritage Network. Through the support of the Community Archaeologist, successful community heritage engagement through Digging Drumanagh and Naul Community Dig excavation projects; engagement with education at primary, secondary and university levels; communication of our archaeological heritage to local and international audiences via publications and lectures and the development through public consultation of the Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019-2023, have been undertaken.





Appendices

Appendix I
Council Members

JAN - MAY 2019

BALBRIGGAN ELECTORAL AREA

Robert O' Donoghue (Labour)
Tony Murphy (Non Party)
Cathal Boland (Non Party)
Malachy Quinn (Sinn Féin)
Gráinne Maguire (Non Party)
Brian Dennehy (Fianna Fáil)
Barry Martin (People before Profit)
Tom O'Leary (Fine Gael)

CASTLEKNOCK ELECTORAL AREA

Natalie Treacy (Sinn Féin)
Roderic O'Gorman (Green Party)
Eithne Loftus (Fine Gael)
Ted Leddy (Fine Gael)
Mags Murray (Fianna Fáil)
Sandra Kavanagh (Solidarity)
Howard Mahony (Fianna Fáil)

HOWTH-MALAHIDE ELECTORAL AREA

Cian O'Callaghan (Social Democrats)
Eoghan O'Brien (Fianna Fáil)
Daire Ní Laoi (Sinn Féin)
Jimmy Guerin (Non Party)
Anthony Lavin (Fine Gael)
Brian McDonagh (Labour)
David Healy (Green Party)
Keith Redmond (Non Party)

MULHUDDART ELECTORAL AREA

Paul Donnelly (Sinn Féin)
David McGuinness (Non Party)
Edmond Lukusa (Sinn Féin)
Tania Doyle (Non Party)
Kieran Dennison (Fine Gael)
Lorna Nolan (Non Party)
Mary McCamley (Labour)
Matthew Waine (Solidarity)

SWORDS ELECTORAL AREA

Darragh Butler (Fianna Fáil)
Ann Graves (Sinn Féin)
Adrian Henchy (Fianna Fáil)
Joe Newman (Non Party)
Eugene Coppinger (Solidarity)
Anne Devitt (Non Party)
Paul Mulville (Social Democrats)
Justin Sinnott (Non Party)
Duncan Smith (Labour)

The 2018 Boundary Commission report increased the Local Electoral Areas from 5 to 7 and came into effect at the Local Elections in May 2019.

MEMBERS ELECTED ON 24TH MAY:

BALBRIGGAN ELECTORAL AREA

Gráinne Maguire (Non Party)
Tony Murphy (Non Party)
Seána Ó Rodaigh (Labour)
Joe O'Brien (Green Party) *
Tom O'Leary (Fine Gael)

BLANCHARDSTOWN - MULHUDDART ELECTORAL AREA

John Burtchaell (Solidarity)
Freddie Cooper (Fianna Fáil)
Breda Hanaphy (Sinn Féin)
Mary McCamley (Labour)
Punam Rane (Fine Gael)

CASTLEKNOCK ELECTORAL AREA

Howard Mahony (Fianna Fáil)
Roderic O'Gorman (Green Party)
Natalie Treacy (Sinn Féin)
John Walsh (Labour)

HOWTH-MALAHIDE ELECTORAL AREA

Eoghan O'Brien (Fianna Fáil)
Cian O'Callaghan (Social Democrats)
Jimmy Guerin (Non Party)
David Healy (Green Party)
Anthony Lavin (Fine Gael)
Brian McDonagh (Labour)
Aoibhinn Tormey (Fine Gael)

ONGAR ELECTORAL AREA

Tania Doyle (Non Party)
Tom Kitt (Fianna Fáil)
Paul Donnelly (Sinn Féin)

RUSH-LUSK ELECTORAL AREA

Cathal Boland (Non Party)
Brian Dennehy (Fianna Fáil)
Adrian Henchy (Fianna Fáil)
Paul Mulville (Social Democrats)
Robert O' Donoghue (Labour)

SWORDS ELECTORAL AREA

Darragh Butler (Fianna Fáil)
Ian Carey (Green Party)
Ann Graves (Sinn Féin)
Brigid Manton (Fianna Fáil)
Dean Mulligan (Independents4Change)
Joe Newman (Non Party)
Duncan Smith (Labour)

* Cllr Joe O'Brien was elected to the

Appendix II
Council Membership of Standing Committees of the Council

AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords
Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Adrian Henchy, was replaced by Councillor Darragh Butler, June 2019.

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar
Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Ted Leddy was replaced by Councillor Howard Mahony, June 2019.

Howth-Malahide
Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area
Area Chairperson: Councillor Eoghan O'Brien was replaced by Councillor David Healy, June 2019.

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor Anthony Lavin
Jan 2019 – May 2019.
Mayor: Councillor Eoghan O'Brien
June 2019
Six chairs of the Strategic Policy Committees

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES (SPC)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, CULTURE AND CREATIVITY SPC
FORMERLY ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Anne Devitt (Chairperson), Joe Newman, Adrian Henchy, Mary McCamley, Gráinne Maguire, Daire Ní Laoi.
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Paul Donnelly (Chairperson), Freddie Cooper, John Walsh, Gráinne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Jimmy Guerin.

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC
FORMERLY TRANSPORTATION SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Darragh Butler, Tania Doyle, Ted Leddy, Roderic O'Gorman, Natalie Treacy.

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Ted Leddy (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Adrian Henchy, Cathal Boland, Joe O'Brien, Cian O'Callaghan

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC
FORMERLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Kieran Dennison (Chairperson), Keith Redmond, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Lorna Nolan, Edmond Lukusa, Jimmy Guerin, Mags Murray, David McGuinness, Howard Mahony.

June– Dec 2019
Councillors Tony Murphy (Chairperson), Darragh Butler, Ian Carey, Tom O'Leary, Emer Currie, Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin

HOUSING SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Duncan Smith (Chairperson), Adrian Henchy, Barry Martin, Malachy Quinn, Paul Mulville, Kieran Dennison, Matthew Waine, Lorna Nolan, Sandra Kavanagh, Justin Sinnott, Robert O' Donoghue.

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Duncan Smith (Chairperson), Brigid Manton, Robert O' Donoghue, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley, John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan O'Brien.

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT SPC
FORMERLY WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors Paul Donnelly (Chairperson), Gráinne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Eugene Coppinger, Eithne Loftus, Natalie Treacy, Paul Mulville.

June – December 2019
Councillors Roderic O'Gorman (Chairperson), Mary McCamley, Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Aoibhinn Tormey, David Healy.

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC
FORMERLY PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE SPC

Jan – May 2019
Councillors David Healy (Chairperson), Brian Dennehy, Brian McDonagh, Tom O' Leary, Jimmy Guerin, Cian O' Callaghan, Cathal Boland, Ann Graves.

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Brian Dennehy (Chairperson), Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Punam Rane, Tom Kitt, Brian McDonagh.

Appendix II
Council Membership of Standing Committees of the Council

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Anne Devitt, Justin Sinnott, Anthony Lavin
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Cathal Boland, Brian McDonagh

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Kieran Dennison (Chair) and Gráinne Maguire (Vice-Chair), Tom O'Leary, Malachy Quinn, Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville, Anthony Lavin, Jimmy Guerin, Howard Mahony, Mags Murray, Eithne Loftus, Roderic O'Gorman, Natalie Treacy, Tania Doyle, Duncan Smith.

June – Dec 2019
Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Freddie Cooper, John Walsh, Adrian Henchy, Daniel Whooley, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Emer Currie, Ian Carey, Roderic O'Gorman, Ann Graves, Tania Doyle, Duncan Smith, Dean Mulligan.

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Eugene Coppinger, Ted Leddy, Lorna Nolan
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Emer Currie, Duncan Smith, Breda Hanaphy

Appendix III
Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)
Jan – May 2019
Councillor Anne Devitt
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Freddie Cooper

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD
Jan – Dec 2019
Councillor Gráinne Maguire

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Darragh Butler, Eithne Loftus, Gráinne Maguire, Daire Ní Laoi, Mary McCamley
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Kieran Dennison, Mary McCamley

BALLEALLY LIAISON COMMITTEE
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Brian Dennehy, Robert O' Donoghue, Barry Martin, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn, Adrian Henchy
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Brian Dennehy, Robert O' Donoghue, Paul Mulville, Cathal Boland, Adrian Henchy

BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Mary McCamley, Ted Leddy
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Mary McCamley, Emer Currie

BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Mary McCamley, Howard Mahony
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Ted Leddy, John Walsh

BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Sandra Kavanagh, Ted Leddy
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Ted Leddy, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Mags Murray, David Healy, Ted Leddy, Eithne Loftus, Daire Ní Laoi.
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Ian Carey, Freddie Cooper, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Howard Mahony, Cathal Boland.

DRAÍOCHT
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Natalie Treacy, Mary McCamley
June - Dec 2019
Councillors Mary McCamley, Howard Mahony

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE
Jan – Dec 2019
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

DUBLIN & DUN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD
Jan – May 2019
Councillors, Eithne Loftus, Roderic O'Gorman, Gráinne Maguire, Howard Mahony, Duncan Smith
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Roderic O'Gorman, Gráinne Maguire, Brigid Manton, Joe Newman and John Walsh.

DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Keith Redmond, Jimmy Guerin
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Brian Mc Donagh

EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Kieran Dennison, David Healy, Brian McDonagh
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Robert O' Donoghue, David Healy, Brigid Manton.

EDGE CITIES NETWORK
Jan – May 2019
Councillor David McGuinness
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Cathal Boland

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Tony Murphy, Natalie Treacy, Brian McDonagh
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Mary McCamley, Cathal Boland, David Healy

FINGAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Adrian Henchy, Barry Martin, Ted Leddy
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Punam Rane, Adrian Henchy, Tom Kitt

FINGAL TOURISM LTD
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Anthony Lavin, Kieran Dennison
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU
Jan – May 2019
Councillor Keith Redmond
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Jimmy Guerin

HANSFIELD SDZ STEERING GROUP
Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD
Jan – May 2019
Councillor Anthony Lavin
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Cathal Boland

JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Mayor and all Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

Jan – May 2019
Mayor Anthony Lavin
June – Dec 2019
Mayor Eoghan O'Brien

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION
Jan – May 2019
Councillor Mags Murray
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Cathal Boland

MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LTD
Jan – Dec 2019
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin, Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville

NORDUBCO
Jan – May 2019
Mayor & Councillor Anne Devitt
June – Dec 2019
Councillor Brigid Manton

NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Jimmy Guerin, Malachy Quinn, Tom O'Leary, Eoghan O'Brien, Gráinne Maguire, Adrian Henchy
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Ann Graves, Brigid Manton, Dean Mulligan, Tony Murphy

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST
Jan – May 2019
Councillors Adrian Henchy, Mags Murray, Eithne Loftus, Lorna Nolan, Kieran Dennison, Mary McCamley
June – Dec 2019
Councillors Adrian Henchy, Eoghan O'Brien, Mary McCamley, Aoibhinn Tormey, Kieran Dennison, Brigid Manton

NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SECRETARIAT (NFLA)
Jan – May 2019
Councillor Ted Leddy
June – Dec 2019
Councillor David Healy

Appendix III
Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

Appendix IV
Meetings Held in 2019

MEETING	NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD
Full Council	14
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	9
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee	9
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	9
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	9
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	9
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	9
Strategc Policy Committees	13
Corporate Policy Group	4
Organisation and Procedures Committee	3
Joint Policing Committee	3
Audit Committee	4
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	5

Appendix V
Attendance at Meetings in 2019

Councillor	Number of Meetings attended in 2019	Councillor	Number of Meetings attended in 2019
Cathal Boland	35	Brigid Manton	19
John Burtchaell	16	Mary McCamley	36
Darragh Butler	37	Brian McDonagh	29
Ian Carey	18	Dean Mulligan	18
Freddie Cooper	18	Paul Mulville	36
Emer Currie	18	Tony Murphy	41
Brian Dennehy	43	Joe Newman	38
Kieran Dennison	33	Eoghan O'Brien	46
Paul Donnelly	40	Joe O'Brien	16
Tania Doyle	31	Cian O'Callaghan	35
Ann Graves	34	Robert O'Donoghue	34
Jimmy Guerin	37	Roderic O'Gorman	37
Breda Hanaphy	20	Tom O'Leary	35
David Healy	36	Séana Ó Rodaigh	17
Adrian Henchy	36	Punam Rane	15
Tom Kitt	19	Duncan Smith	37
Anthony Lavin	38	AoibhinnTormey	14
Ted Leddy	33	Natalie Treacy	35
Gráinne Maguire	34	John Walsh	18
Howard Mahony	35	Daniel Whooley	17

Figures based on attendance at the following meetings: County Council, Corporate Policy Group, Organisation and Procedure, Area Committee Meetings, Strategic Policy

Appendix VI
Local Elections Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure Act 1999

Candidates	Expenditure	Donations
Councillor Cathal Boland	€5,970.02	
Councillor John Burtchaell	€2,898.89	€2,635.90
Councillor Darragh Butler	€6,718.70	
Councillor Ian Carey	€4,858.29	
Councillor Freddie Cooper	€4,041.66	
Councillor Emer Currie	€9,021.66	€1,000.00
Councillor Brian Dennehy	€4,194.64	
Councillor Kieran Dennison	€2,675.91	
Councillor Paul Donnelly	€1,763.63	
Councillor Tania Doyle	€4,377.08	
Councillor Ann Graves	€1,469.15	
Councillor Jimmy Guerin	€10,258.00	
Councillor Breda Hanaphy	€756.35	
Councillor David Healy	€1,356.33	€1,000.00
Councillor Adrian Henchy	€2,552.25	
Councillor Tom Kitt	€4,085.21	
Councillor Anthony Lavin	€ 3,552.52	
Councillor Ted Leddy	€4,170.31	€1,000.00
Councillor Gráinne Maguire	€3,969.93	
Councillor Howard Mahony	€10,571.88	
Councillor Brigid Manton	€4,363.50	
Councillor Mary McCamley	€5,500.00	
Councillor Brian McDonagh	€4,374.00	
Councillor Dean Mulligan	€2,267.65	
Councillor Paul Mulville	€4,893.68	
Councillor Tony Murphy	€ 5,872.55	
Councillor Joe Newman	€3,707.05	
Councillor Eoghan O'Brien	€4,092.03	
Councillor Joe O'Brien	€4,647.65	
Councillor Cian O'Callaghan	€4,563.12	€ 750.00
Councillor Robert O'Donoghue	€ 2,815.80	
Councillor Roderic O'Gorman	€ 4,017.17	€ 990.00

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Candidates	Expenditure	Donations
Councillor Tom O'Leary	€10,710.00	
Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh	€5,407.36	€1,000.00
Councillor Punam Rane	€7,939.32	€1,000.00
Councillor Duncan Smith	€2,497.00	
Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey	€6,117.32	
Councillor Natalie Treacy	€1,300.00	
Councillor John Walsh	€12,309.88	
Councillor Daniel Whooley	€ 1,798.66	€1,600.00
Corina Johnston	€2,997.48	€625.00
Davin Browne	€870.00	
Maria Salahovs	€871.12	
Jim Monks	€2,961.08	
Noeleen O'Hagan	€1,861.04	
Eóin Corcoran	€365.64	
Sandra Sweetman	€823.30	
Bob Dowling	€3,963.41	
Glenn Brady	€2,531.80	
Roslyn Fuller	€4,220.35	
Tracey Carey	€ 4,108.48	€406.90
Eugene Coppinger	€2,667.38	€1,985.33
Duane Michael Browne	€2,749.63	
Yulia Ghumman	€1,172.90	
Helen Dunne	€4,324.73	
Lorraine O'Connell	€ 1,024.95	
James Fitzpatrick	€860.51	
Paul Uzo	€2,911.95	
Elaine Dooley	€4,684.12	€1,397.35
Matt Waine	€2,681.29	€ 2,638.73
Raghu Nath	€2,205.00	
Ramesh Racherla	€7,006.07	
Jagan Muttumula	€6,975.22	

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Candidates	Expenditure	Donations
Marian Buckley	€918.70	
Gerard Sheehan	€8,748.37	
Aengus Ó Maolaín	€3,509.50	€800.00
Daire NI Laoi	€1,758.07	
Tom Daly	€2,365.88	
Sandra Kavanagh	€0	
Mags Murray	€0	
Edward McManus	€8,138.16	
Kevin Mullally	€1,178.20	
Ryan Fitzgerald	€4,300.00	
Lorna Nolan	€1,016.00	
Aran Smealie	€0	
Marius Marosan	€963.87	€1,000.51
Sinead Moore	€1,138.85	
Damien Bisset	€756.35	
Jr Onwumereh	€5,551.44	
Martin Hughes	€1,000.00	€1,000.00
Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor	€1,573.50	€518.00
Malachy Quinn	€1,395.81	
Carah Daniel	€2,083.08	€2,000.00
Samuel O'Connor	€3,655.67	€1,012.00
Okezie Emmanuel Emuaga	€6,539.52	€5,674.79
Garreth Mullan	€1,500.00	
Niall Keady	€ 2,218.00	
Fergal O'Connell	* MADE NO DISCLOSURE *	
Robbie Loughlin	* MADE NO DISCLOSURE *	

Appendix VII
Payments to Councillors in 2019

Councillor Payments under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amounts
Expenses paid to Members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	€271,450
Representational Payments	€675,153.94
Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance	€36,000
Mayor's Allowance (January – June 2019) Mayor's Allowance (July – Dec 2019)	€13,568.82 €16,788.54
Deputy Mayor's Allowance (January – June 2019) Deputy Mayor's Allowance (July – Dec 2019)	€2,621.77 €3,357.71

Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2019

Expense Type	Home	Abroad	Total
Travel & Subsistence	€6,237.35		€6,237.35
Fees	€3,432.69		€3,432.69

Appendix VIII

Conferences/Seminars/Training attended by Councillors in 2019

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillor in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expense	Conference Fee
AILG - Elected Members Module 1 Training "Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategies"	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	19th January 2019	Kieran Dennison	€62.71	€55
	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	19th January 2019	Eithne Loftus	€75.01	€55
AILG - Annual Conference	Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Longford	21st - 22nd February 2019	Tom O'Leary	€365.84	€140
	Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Longford	21st - 22nd February 2019	Kieran Dennison	€394.33	€140
	Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Longford	21st - 22nd February 2019	Ted Leddy	€204.19	€140
	Longford Arms Hotel & Spa, Longford	21st - 22nd February 2019	Eithne Loftus	€207.78	€140
LAMA - Spring Training Seminar	The Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim	6th - 8th March 2019	Anne Devitt		€180
	The Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim	6th - 8th March 2019	Kieran Dennison	€364.05	€180
AILG Elected Members Module 2 Training "The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy & Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities - A briefing"	Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow	23rd March 2019	Tom O' Leary		€55
	Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow	23rd March 2019	Eithne Loftus		€55
Cross Border Tourism Conference "Learn from the Best"	Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	10th April 2019	Cathal Boland	€86	€30
Irish District Energy Association National	Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8	12th April 2019	Cathal Boland	€234.16	€187.69

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Conferences/Seminars/Training attended by Councillors in 2019

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillor in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expense	Conference Fee
AILG - Elected Member Induction Training	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	11th July 2019	Cathal Boland	€116.70	€55
	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	11th July 2019	Punam Rane		€55
	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	11th July 2019	Emer Currie		€55
	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	11th July 2019	Kieran Dennison	€ 62.71	€55
	Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	11th July 2019	Dean Mulligan		€55
MACGILL Summer School 2019	Glenties, Co. Donegal	21st - 26th July 2019	Kieran Dennison	€662.82	€80
AILG - Climate Change and Planning - a new Challenge for Local Authorities	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Cathal Boland	€235.06	€140
	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Gráinne Maguire	€ 203.87	€140
	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Tom O' Leary	€210.14	€140
	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Ted Leddy	€248.84	€140
	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Joe Newman	€142.74	€140
	Hillgrove Hotel & Leisure Spa,, Co. Monaghan	11th & 12th September 2019	Kieran Dennison	€225.46	€140
LAMA - Autumn Training Seminar	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	17th-19th October 2019	Ted Leddy	€	€180
	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	17th-19th October 2019	Brigid Manton	€503	€180
	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	17th-19th October 2019	Cathal Boland	€551.78	€180
	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon,	17th-19th	Kieran Dennison	€471.23	€180

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Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillor in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expense	Conference Fee
Audit Committee Member Training	IPA 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin D04 TC62	21st October 2019 Half Day	Cathal Boland	€49.85	€115
	IPA 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin D04 TC62	21st October 2019 Half Day	Brian Mc Donagh		€115
AILG - Elected Member Training Module 4 "The Office of the Planning Regulator and the Elected Member"	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk	12th October 2019	Cathal Boland	€97.88	€55
	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk	12th October 2019	Kieran Dennison	€117.59	€55
AILG - Module 5 "Climate Action - The Local Authority Response"	Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Roscommon	21st November 2019	Cathal Boland	€	€
AILG - Module 5 "Climate Action - The Local Authority Response"	Radisson Hotel, Little Island, Cork	23rd November 2019	Kieran Dennison	€343.61	€

Appendix IX

Part 15 Local Government Act 2001 - Contraventions

There were no contraventions of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2019.

Appendix X

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

There were no protected disclosures in 2019.

Appendix XI

Expenditure and other particulars in relation to the performance of functions

Local Government Act, 2001, as amended	Section 75 Twinning

Budget of €5,000 in 2019 for Twinning purposes and contribution relating to Student Enterprise Awards as part of the Schools Twinning proces.

Local Government Act, 2001, as amended		Section 76 Receptions & Entertainments
Event	**Date**	**Expenditure**
Niamh Fay Civic Reception at County Hall	November 20, 2019	€315.65

Appendix XII
Freedom of Information Requests/ Ombudsman's Queries/ Customer Complaints

FOI Applications Received/Processed	2019
Applications received	287
Decisions made	270
Applications on hand at 31st December	17

Nature of Information Sought	2019
Personal (to applicant)	78
Non-Personal	209
Granted	88
Part-Granted	89
Refused	61
Transferred	3
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	29

Appeals	2019
Appeals to Information Commissioner	3

Ombudsman Queries	2019
Complaints received	23
Complaints responded to	23

Subject of Queries	2019
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	4
Operations	2
Housing	14
Finance	1
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	1

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Customer Complaints	2019
Complaints received	27
Complaints responded	27

Subject of Complaints	2019
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	5
Operations	5
Housing	13
Environment & Water Services	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	1
Libraries	2

Appendix XIII
Performance Indicators
01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019

* All Figures in Appendix XIII are correct at time of printing

TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H1, H2 & H4 APPROVED	A. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 1/1/2019	5,092	This figure excludes stock leased to AHB's
	B. No. of dwellings added to the LA owned stock during 2019 (whether constructed or acquired)	273	
	C. No. of LA owned dwellings sold in 2019	12	
	D. No. of LA owned dwellings demolished in 2019	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 31/12/2019	5,353	
	F. No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHPLG approved scheme	0	
	A. The percentage of the total number of LA owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2019	3%	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2019	165	
	A. Expenditure during 2019 on the maintenance of housing compiled from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2019, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure:	€669.25	
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as SEAI grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works or the Fabric Upgrade Programme but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes)	€3,691,600	Maintenance costs for 2019 are lower than 2018 as there was reduced expenditure on Windows & Doors Replacement due to the current programme nearing completion
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as SEAI grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works or the Fabric Upgrade Programme but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under	€4,274,333	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H3 & H5 APPROVED	A. The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2019 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2019	30.37 weeks	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2019, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2019	€14,776.47	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2019 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	68	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	29	
	Total expenditure on repairs necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1,004,800.18	
	The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2018 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2018	26.78 weeks	
	The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2018 averaged across all dwellings re-let in2018	€17,069.39	
	In 2018, the number of dwellings that were re-tenanted (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	69	
	In 2018, the number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	26.78 weeks	
	In 2018, Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1,177,787.93	
	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2019	21,034	
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2019	3,450	
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2019 that were found not to be compliant with the Standards Regulations	97%	3346/3450 *100 = 96.98 Based on return

TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H3 & H5 APPROVED	D. Number of non-compliant dwellings that became compliant during 2019	411	515 dwellings compliant. 104 dwellings compliant on first inspection
	The number of dwellings inspected in 2019 that were found not to be compliant with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations	3,346	Matches return made to Dept
HOUSING: H6 APPROVED	A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2019		This information is provided by the DRHE
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2019 as recorded on the PASS system		This information is provided by the DRHE
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2019, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		This information is provided by the DRHE
ROADS: R1 & R2 APPROVED	The % of Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2019	97.7%	
	The % of Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2019	89.5%	
	The % of Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2019	95.5%	
	The % of Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2019	87.9%	
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	9.7%	
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	15.4%	

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
ROADS: R1 & R2 APPROVED	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	22%	
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	50.7%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	15.4%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	9.0%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	24.7%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	41.5%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	31.0%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	9.9%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	30.7%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	24.5%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	13.6%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	19.8%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	20.44%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	34.1%	
	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2019	8.82km	
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2019	€2,166,990	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
ROADS: R1 & R2 APPROVED	B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2019	€0	
	C1. Kilometres of local road strengthened during 2019	12.82km	
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2019	€2,178,962	
	D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2019	14.46km	
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2019	€896,293	
MOTOR TAX: R3 APPROVED	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2018		
WATER: W1 APPROVED	% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2018	1%	100%
WASTE: E1 APPROVED	A. The number of households, based on the 2016 Census, who are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2019	77,828	
	B. The % of households within the local authority (also as per the 2016 Census) that the number at A represents	80.56%	
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: E2 APPROVED	A1. Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2019	3,245	
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	3,088	This figure contains complaints received prior to 2019.
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2019	179	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2018	70	
LITTER POLLUTION: E3 APPROVED	A1. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was unpolluted or litter free	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A2. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was slightly polluted	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A3. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was moderately polluted	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A4. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was significantly polluted	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
	A5. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was grossly polluted	1%	Figures in this section are provided by Tobins as part of the national litter survey
GREEN FLAG: E4 APPROVED	A. The % of schools that have been awarded Green Flag status	49%	
PLANNING: P1 APPROVED	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	19.51%	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	1,256	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
PLANNING: P1 APPROVED	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2018 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2019 undertaken by the local authority	245	
PLANNING: P2 & P3 APPROVED			
	A. Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2019	119	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the LA	79.83%	
	Number of determinations confirming the LA's decision (either with or without variation)	95	
	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019 that were investigated	321	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2019	132	
	C. % of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	40.91%	
	D. % of cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0%	
	E. % Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	59.09%	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2019	732	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	54	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	78	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
PLANNING: P4 & P5 APPROVED	A. The 2019 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€35.21	
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2019	€10,432,373	
	A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	39.5%	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	40.97%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	144	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	57	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	59	
FIRE SERVICE: F1 APPROVED			
	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2018 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports		As set out in AFS
	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention for 2018		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FIRE SERVICE: F2 & F3 APPROVED	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	E. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	F. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes.		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes.		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
LIBRARY SERVICE: L1 APPROVED	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2016 Census	3.4	
	B. Number of items issued to borrowers in the year	1,067,122	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018	1,008,436	
LIBRARY SERVICE: L2 APPROVED	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2019 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€48.16	
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2019	€14,256,248	
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Y1 & Y2 APPROVED	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	43%	
	Total number of second level schools in the LA area at 31/12/2019	35	
	Number of second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2019	15	
	A. Number of organisations included in	19.14%	

Appendix XIII
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019

TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Y1 & Y2 APPROVED	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area as at 31/12/2019	846	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2019	129	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	162	
CORPORATE C1 & C2 & C4 APPROVED	A. The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2019	1,354.62	
	A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2019	4.02%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2019	0.37%	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2019	12,228.67	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2019	1119.81	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2019	602	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2019	2,233	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	57	
	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019, divided by the WTE no.	€ 3,772.85	
	Total ICT expenditure in 2019	€ 5,110,777.89	
	All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018, divided by the 2018 WTE no.	€3,764.66	
	Total ICT expenditure in 2018	€4,882,726.	

TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
CORPORATE: C1 & C2 & C4 APPROVED	Total revenue expenditure from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019 before transfers to or from reserves	€203,137,364	
CORPORATE: C3 APPROVED	A. Total page views of the local authority's websites in 2019	2,386,382	
	B. Total number of followers at end 2019 of the LA's social media accounts	219,006	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	56	
FINANCE: M1 & M2 APPROVED	A. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2014 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,967,583	
	B. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2015 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,972,157	
	C. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2016 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,974,676	
	D. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2017 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€15,976,478	
	E. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2018 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€15,978,433	
	F. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2019 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€15,979,356	
	G. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2019 as a percentage of Total Income in 2019 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	6.5%	
	H. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2019	€686	
	The 2019 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	247,364,181	
	The 2019 Total Expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	247,363,258	

Appendix XIII
Performance Indicators
01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019

TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FINANCE: M1 & M2 APPROVED	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	96.1%	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	95.6%	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	96.1%	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018	95.8%	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2019	97.9%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	90.6%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	90.1%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	89.8%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	85.7%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018	86%	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2019	83.9%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	97.8%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	97.9%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	100.1%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	101.2%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018	101.7%	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2019	97.7%	

Appendix XIII
Performance Indicators
01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019

TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J1 TO J4 APPROVED	A. The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	109	
	A. The no. of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2019	64	
	B. The no. of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2019	34	
	A. The no. of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	739	
	A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	Yes	
	B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

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Financial Review

I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Statement of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31st December 2019. The Annual Financial Statement has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements governing the accounts of Local authorities and in compliance with the Accounting Code of Practice for Local Authorities. A statement of the Council's Accounting Policies is included at pages 4 to 8 of the Accounts. Included in the accounts are statements of Income and Expenditure, Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Funds Flow together with various notes and appendices.

The Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis. All debtors are included in the balance sheet and adequate provision is made for doubtful debts.

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) includes valuations for fixed assets and includes local authority houses, land, buildings, equipment, heritage assets, plant and machinery, road networks and the surface water element of our drainage network. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2019 is €2.886bn.

Expenditure for the year 2019 on the revenue account, excluding transfers to reserves, amounted to €203.1m, while income on the account amounted to €247.4m. The revenue account outturn for 2019 is €923 credit. When account is taken of the incoming credit balance the Revenue Account shows a credit balance of €15.979m. Capital expenditure (net of transfers) amounted to €225.9m. The combined total expenditure impact of our Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2019 is €429m.

The total indebtedness of the Council on foot of loans outstanding at the 31st December 2019 was €336m. The corresponding figure for the 31st December 2018 was €334.9m, or a increase of .003%. The additional borrowing has been used, principally, to fund the council's mortgage loans.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all staff in the preparation of the final accounts.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive
29th May 2020

Fingal County Council

Certificate of Chief Executive and Head of Finance for the year ended 31 December 2019

1.1 We the Chief Executive and Head of Finance are responsible for preparing an annual financial statement in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under Section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001

1.2 We are responsible for maintaining proper books of account that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the local authority and enable it to ensure that financial statements prepared comply with the statutory requirements.

1.3 We are responsible for the safeguarding of assets of the local authority and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

1.4 When preparing financial statements we have:

- stated that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice and the accounting policies have been applied consistently; and,
- made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

1.5 We certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2019, as set out on pages 4 to 23, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements as directed by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Chief Executive

Date 29/5/2020

Head of Finance

Date 29/5/2020

AUDIT OPINION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice ACoP on local authority accounting, as revised by the Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) at 31st December 2019. Non-compliance with accounting policies as set out in ACoP must be stated in the Policies and Notes to the Accounts.

2. Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement)

A Statement of Funds Flow was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of local authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the local government sector. For this reason the statement is being referred to as a 'Statement of Funds Flow'. The financial accounts now include a Statement of Funds Flow shown after the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). Notes 17 – 22 relate to the Statement of Funds Flow and are shown in the Notes on and forming part of the Accounts section of the AFS. Note 19 details Project/Non Project/Affordable/Voluntary balances, which can be either a debit or a credit balance. The funds flow assumes that these are debit balances and bases the (Increase)/Decrease description on this.

3. Accruals

The revenue and capital accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with the Code of Practice.

4. Interest Charges

Loans payable can be divided into the following two categories:

- Mortgage related loans
- Non- mortgage related loans

4.1 Mortgage Related Loans

Mortgage related loans have a corresponding stream of income from long term advances (i.e. monies lent by the local authority to borrowers), for the purchase of houses. Only the interest element is charged or credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement).

4.2 Non Mortgage Related Loans

Note 7 to the accounts sets out the types of borrowing under this heading. Loans relating to assets/grants, revenue funding will not have a corresponding stream of income. Bridging finance will eventually become part of permanent funding. Loans in respect of the other headings will have a corresponding value in Note 3. The loan repayment cost of principal and interest is funded through the annual budget process. At the end of the financial year the funding element of the principal is transferred and offset against a loan repayment reserve. This transfer is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Account Statement) under the heading 'transfers to/from reserves'.

5. Pensions

Payments in respect of pensions and gratuities are charged to the revenue account in the accounting period in which the payments are made. The cost of salaries and wages in the accounts includes deductions in respect of pension contributions (including Widows and Orphans) benefits under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and the Single Public Service Pension Scheme.

The Single Public Service Pension Scheme ("Single Scheme") commenced with effect from 1 January 2013. Employee contributions for the Single Scheme continue to be deducted by local authorities but are remitted centrally to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The requirements of current accounting standards relating to pensions and their application to local authority accounting remains under consideration.

6. Agency and Other Services

Expenditure on services provided or carried out on behalf of other local authorities is recouped at cost or in accordance with specific agreements.

7. Insurance

The Council is substantially self-insured in the areas of public and employers liability insurance. An excess of €254,000 and €127,000 respectively operates on these policies. Ongoing provision is made in the revenue budget for the cost of the claims. In addition, an insurance fund is in place on an investment basis rather than on an actuarial basis. We are satisfied that the insurance fund will meet any current liabilities that may fall due.

8. Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts

Provision has been made in the relevant accounts for bad and doubtful debts. We have also provided for any loans not covered by the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process.

9. Fixed Assets

9.1 Classification of Assets

Fixed assets are classified into categories as set out in the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). A further breakdown by asset type is set out in Note 1 to the accounts.

9.2 Recognition

All expenditure on the acquisition or construction of fixed assets is capitalised on an accrual basis. Fixed assets that have been constructed by developers in lieu of their development contributions that have not already been included in our fixed assets will be captured in the fixed asset revaluation process.

9.3 Measurement

A Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) incorporating all of the assets of the local authority was included for the first time in the Annual Financial Statement for 2003. The assets were valued based on the 'Valuation Guideline' issued by the Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government. All assets purchased or constructed as from 1/1/2004 have been included at historical cost. Accounting policies relating to leases are currently being developed and will be reflected in the financial statements at a future date. The valuation of Local Authority Housing is only for the purposes of the AFS and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. All open spaces as at the 31/12/03 were taken on a nil value. Playgrounds taken on since the 1/1/04 have been taken on at cost. Grave spaces are valued at the net realisable value which is there selling price.

9.4 Fixed Assets Revaluation

As set out in a revision to the Accounting Code of Practice it is policy to show fixed assets at cost. Maintenance and enhancement costs associated with Infrastructure assets are not currently included in fixed assets but will be reviewed at a future date. Due to their physical nature the vast majority of assets are unique to local authorities and are not subject to disposal. Any loss or gain associated with the net realisable value of the remaining general assets subject to disposal, are accounted for at time of disposal.

9.5 Disposals

In respect of disposable assets, income is credited to a specific reserve and is generally applied in the purchase of new assets. Proceeds of the sale of local authority houses are to be applied as directed by the Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government.

9.6 Depreciation

Under the current method of accounting, the charge for depreciation is offset by the amortisation of the source of funding the asset. This method has a neutral impact on the Income & Expenditure Account and consequently the charge for depreciation and the corresponding credit from amortisation is excluded from the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement).

The policies applied to assets subject to depreciation are as follows:

Asset Type	Bases	Depreciation Rate
Plant and Machinery • Long Life • Short Life	 Straight Line Straight Line	 10% 20%
Equipment	Straight Line	20%
Furniture	Straight Line	20%
Heritage Assets		Nil
Library Books		Nil
Play Grounds	Straight Line	20%
Parks	Straight Line	2%
Landfill Sites **(*See Note)**		
Water Assets • Water Schemes • Drainage Schemes	 Straight Line Straight Line	 Asset Life of 70 Years Asset Life of 50 Years

The Council does not charge depreciation in the year of disposal and will charge a full years depreciation in the year of acquisition.

*** The value of landfill sites has been included in Note 1 under land. Depreciation represents the depletion of the landfill asset.**

10. Government Grants

Government grants are accounted for on an accrual basis. Grants received to cover day to day operations are credited to Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement). Grants received, relating to the construction of assets, are shown as part of the income of work-in-progress. On completion of the project the income is transferred to a capitalisation account.

11. Development Debtors & Income

Short term development levy debtors are included in Note 5. Income from development contributions not due to be paid within the current year is deferred and not separately disclosed in the financial statements.

Development contribution cash collected in 2019 due to Irish Water but not paid over to Irish Water in 2019 is shown as a creditor.

All S.49 levies received are only included as refundable deposits as the council is only acting as an agent for the Railway Procurement Agency (R.P.A).

12. Debt Redemption

The proceeds from the early redemption of loans by borrowers, are applied to the redemption of mortgage related borrowings from the HFA.

13. Lease Schemes

Rental payments under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement). Assets acquired under a finance lease are included in fixed assets. The amount due on outstanding balances is shown under current liabilities and long term creditors. The sum of the digit method is used for calculating all leases.

14. Stock

Stocks are valued on an average cost basis.

15. Work-in-Progress & Preliminary Expenditure

Work-in progress and preliminary expenditure is the accumulated historical cost of various capital related projects. The income accrued in respect of these projects is shown in the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as 'Income WIP'.

16. Related Parties

A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the local authority and a related party. The main related parties for a local authority include the following:

i. Management and Personnel
ii. Council members
iii. Government Departments
iv. Local Authority Companies

Local Authority council members and key personnel are bound under the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 2001 and subsequent amending legislation to:

A. Furnish an annual declaration of 'declarable interests' set out in section 175 of the Act;

B. Disclose under sections 167, 178 and 179 any beneficial interests that they or a connected person has; and

C. Follow a code of conduct issued by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) under section 169 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2004.

'Declarable interests' cover both financial and certain other interests such as land etc. Local authority management and personnel salary and remuneration is determined by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in line with central government policy on rates of pay. Local Authority interests in companies and joint ventures are disclosed in Appendix 8 to the Annual Financial Statements. Local Authority transactions with government departments are governed by central government controls and procedures driven by government accounting rules.

17. Interest in Local Authority Companies

The interest of Fingal County Council in companies is listed in Appendix 8 and has been included in Long term investments - associated companies in Note 3 as disclosed in Appendix 8.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT)

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure.
It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.
Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

Expenditure By Division	Note	Gross Expenditure 2019 €	Income 2019 €	Net Expenditure 2019 €	Net Expenditure 2018 €
Housing and Building		52,385,570	57,817,752	(5,432,183)	(7,250,306)
Roads, Transportation & Safety		27,662,676	8,765,770	18,896,906	16,292,697
Water Services		14,987,965	17,146,987	(2,159,022)	(570,676)
Development Management		19,112,314	5,237,676	13,874,639	13,259,847
Environmental Services		39,529,196	6,438,149	33,091,047	33,678,115
Recreation & Amenity		39,350,799	3,319,275	36,031,524	33,575,244
Agriculture. Education, Health & Welfare		795,563	263,714	531,849	499,188
Miscellaneous Services		9,313,281	12,672,382	(3,359,101)	(4,415,000)
Total Expenditure/Income	**15**	203,137,364	111,661,707		
Net Cost of Division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax				91,475,658	85,069,110
Rates				128,177,804	120,305,779
Local Property Tax				7,524,670	7,521,354
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer				44,226,816	42,758,024
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	**14**			(44,225,894)	(42,756,069)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**16**			923	1,955
General Reserve at 1st January				15,978,433	15,976,478
General Reserve at 31st December				15,979,356	15,978,433

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019	2018
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,367,549,188	1,303,633,101
Infrastructural		1,144,378,186	1,147,909,375
Community		103,703,179	104,440,975
Non-Operational		270,855,813	257,442,393
		2,886,486,366	**2,813,425,844**
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	**94,371,432**	**73,583,061**
Long Term Debtors	3	**268,689,633**	**262,255,912**
Current Assets			
Stock	4	496,056	606,759
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	95,003,088	63,744,234
Bank Investments		210,000,000	222,556,995
Cash at Bank		3,052,451	8,869,958
Cash in Transit		349,971	542,243
		308,901,566	**296,320,190**
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	91,115,247	89,548,466
Finance Leases		803,581	1,042,838
		91,918,828	**90,591,304**
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		**216,982,738**	**205,728,885**
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	7	316,264,687	315,324,059
Finance Leases		1,119,476	1,311,806
Refundable Deposits	8	34,507,311	41,884,045
Other		26,500,785	26,500,785
		378,392,259	**385,020,696**
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		**3,088,137,909**	**2,969,973,006**
Represented By			
Capitalisation	9	2,886,486,366	2,813,425,844
Income WIP	2	81,171,850	65,489,949
Specific Revenue Reserve		-	-
General Revenue Reserve		15,979,356	15,978,433
Other Balances	10	104,500,338	75,078,780
Total Reserves		**3,088,137,909**	**2,969,973,006**

*Bank Investments include a sum of €2.9m re Section 49 Levies for Metro North and Hansfield

STATEMENT OF FUNDS FLOW (FUNDS FLOW STATEMENT)

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 €	2019 €
REVENUE ACTIVITIES			
Net Inflow/(outflow) from Operating Activities	**17**		**(29,580,448)**
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES			
Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			
Increase/(Decrease) in Fixed Asset Capitalisation Funding		73,060,522	
Increase/(Decrease) in WIP/Preliminary Funding		15,681,901	
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves Balances	**18**	43,621,638	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			**132,364,060**
Capital Expenditure & Financial Investment			
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets		(73,060,522)	
(Increase)/Decrease in WIP/Preliminary Funding		(20,788,370)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances	**19**	(20,850,142)	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			**(114,699,034)**
Financing			
Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing	**20**	(5,924,681)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserve Financing	**21**	6,650,062	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities			**725,381**
Third Party Holdings			
Increase/(Decrease) in Refundable Deposits			**(7,376,734)**
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**22**		**(18,566,774)**

1. Fixed Assets

	Land	Parks	Housing	Buildings	Plant & Machinery (Long and Short Life)	Computers, Furniture and Equipment	Heritage	Roads and Infrastructure	Water and Sewerage Network	Total
	€									
Costs										
Accumulated Costs at 1st Jan	283,826,317	27,770,899	1,063,061,064	298,783,752	12,745,860	1,084,549	1,099,130	1,053,519,209	202,059,449	2,943,950,229
Additions - Purchased	13,305,329	-	53,319,004	9,720,645	1,929,733	-	-	510,000	-	78,784,711
Additions - Transfer WIP	-	-	3,382,055	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,382,055
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	(32)	-	(2,881,417)	-	(1,160,028)	-	-	-	-	(4,041,477)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Historical Costs Adjustments	(322,900)	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	(172,900)
Accumulated Costs 31/12/2019	**296,808,714**	**27,770,899**	**1,117,030,706**	**308,504,397**	**13,515,565**	**1,084,549**	**1,099,130**	**1,054,029,209**	**202,059,449**	**3,021,902,617**
Depreciation										
Accumulated Depreciation at 1st Jan	-	14,104,530	-	121,695	7,364,778	611,967	-	-	108,321,416	130,524,385
Provision for year	-	737,796	-	-	1,009,484	135,842	-	-	4,041,189	5,924,311
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	-	-	-	-	(1,032,445)	-	-	-	-	(1,032,445)
Accumulated Depreciation 31/12/2019	**-**	**14,842,326**	**-**	**121,695**	**7,341,818**	**747,809**	**-**	**-**	**112,362,605**	**135,416,252**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2019	**296,808,714**	**12,928,573**	**1,117,030,706**	**308,382,702**	**6,173,747**	**336,740**	**1,099,130**	**1,054,029,209**	**89,696,844**	**2,886,486,366**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2018	283,826,317	13,666,369	1,063,061,064	298,662,058	5,381,082	472,582	1,099,130	1,053,519,209	93,738,033	2,813,425,844
Net Book Value by Category										
Operational	41,724,192	-	1,117,030,706	202,283,802	6,173,747	336,740	-	-	-	1,367,549,188
Infrastructural	652,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,054,029,209	89,696,844	1,144,378,186
Community	-	12,928,573	-	89,792,676	-	-	981,930	-	-	103,703,179
Non-Operational	254,432,389	-	-	16,306,224	-	-	117,200	-	-	270,855,813
Net Book Value at 31/12/2019	**296,808,714**	**12,928,573**	**1,117,030,706**	**308,382,702**	**6,173,747**	**336,740**	**1,099,130**	**1,054,029,209**	**89,696,844**	**2,886,486,366**

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2. Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses

A summary of work in progress and preliminary expenditure by asset category is as follows:

	Funded 2019 €	Unfunded 2019 €	Total 2019 €	Total 2018 €
Expenditure				
Preliminary Expenses	26,551,066	33,325,788	59,876,854	63,662,589
Work in Progress	34,494,577	-	34,494,577	9,920,473
Total Expenditure	**61,045,643**	**33,325,788**	**94,371,432**	**73,583,061**
Income				
Preliminary Expenses	25,151,732	27,094,330	52,246,062	55,198,975
Work in Progress	28,925,788	-	28,925,788	10,290,974
Total Income	**54,077,520**	**27,094,330**	**81,171,850**	**65,489,949**
Net Expended				
Work in Progress	5,568,790	-	5,568,790	(370,502)
Preliminary Expenses	1,399,334	6,231,458	7,630,792	8,463,613
Net Over/(Under) Expenditure	**6,968,124**	**6,231,458**	**13,199,582**	**8,093,112**

3. Long Term Debtors

A breakdown of long term debtors is as follows:

	2019 Balance @ 01/01/2019	2019 Loans Issued	2019 Instalments	2019 Early Redemptions	2019 Other Adjustments	2019 Balance @ 31/12/2019	2018 Balance @ 31/12/2018
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Long Term Mortgage Advances *	124,807,070	24,545,600	(7,610,403)	(2,478,925)	(1,046,858)	138,216,484	124,807,070
Tenant Purchase Advances	172,511	-	(328,239)	(14,605)	261,329	90,996	172,511
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	3,864,958	-	-	15,465	(178,095)	3,702,328	3,864,958
	128,844,539	24,545,600	(7,938,642)	(2,478,065)	(963,624)	142,009,808	128,844,539
Recoupable Loan Advances						91,775,603	97,501,807
Capital Advance Leasing Facility						26,500,785	26,500,785
Long Term Investments - Cash						19,073,224	19,106,575
Long Term Investments - Associated Companies						1,053,552	1,137,168
Other						-	-
						280,412,972	273,090,874
Less: Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 5)						(11,723,339)	(10,834,962)
Total amounts falling due after one year						**268,689,633**	**262,255,912**

* Includes HFA agency loans

4. Stocks

A summary of stock is as follows:

	2019	2018
	€	€
Central Stores	19,411	32,627
Other Depots	476,645	574,132
Total	**496,056**	**606,759**

5. Trade Debtors and Prepayments

A breakdown of debtors and prepayments is as follows:

	2019	2018
	€	€
Government Debtors	29,291,916	20,760,578
Commercial Debtors	11,773,219	11,009,685
Non-Commercial Debtors	4,837,531	3,876,891
Development Contribution Debtors	65,501,048	96,856,964
Other Services	303,565	506,072
Other Local Authorities	2,400,885	1,657,075
Revenue Commissioners	-	-
Other	-	-
Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 3)	11,723,339	10,834,962
Total Gross Debtors	**125,831,503**	**145,502,226**
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	(49,599,280)	(83,717,141)
Total Trade Debtors	**76,232,223**	**61,785,085**
Prepayments	18,770,865	1,959,149
Total	**95,003,088**	**63,744,234**

6. Creditors and Accruals

A breakdown of creditors and accruals is as follows:

	2019	2018
	€	€
Trade Creditors	13,425,885	10,792,432
Grants	171,235	120,555
Revenue Commissioners	1,816,638	1,413,510
Other Local Authorities	54,420	1,429,898
Other Creditors	319,324	485,662
	15,787,502	**14,242,057**
Accruals	27,527,066	27,242,129
Deferred Income	28,008,542	28,477,416
Add:Current Portion of Loans Payable (Note 7)	19,792,137	19,586,864
Total	**91,115,247**	**89,548,466**

7. Loans Payable

(a) Movement in Loans Payable

	2019 HFA €	2019 OPW €	2019 Other €	2019 Total €	2018 Total €
Opening Balance	296,946,771	-	37,964,152	334,910,923	347,355,693
Borrowings	29,796,900	-	-	29,796,900	14,827,650
Repayment of Principal	(19,020,208)	-	(5,252,790)	(24,272,999)	(19,666,513)
Early Redemptions	(4,363,823)	-	-	(4,363,823)	(7,535,060)
Other Adjustments	(14,178)	-	-	(14,178)	(70,848)
	303,345,463	**-**	**32,711,361**	**336,056,824**	**334,910,923**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				19,792,137	19,586,864
Total amounts falling due after one year				**316,264,687**	**315,324,059**

(b) Application of Loans

An analysis of loans payable is as follows:

Mortgage					
Mortgage Loans *	133,489,376	-	-	133,489,376	117,726,841
Non Mortgage					
Assets/Grants	38,707,945	-	13,207,871	51,915,816	58,285,244
Revenue Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Bridging Finance	54,306,136	-	-	54,306,136	56,570,314
Recoupable	72,272,113	-	19,503,490	91,775,603	97,501,807
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	4,569,894	-	-	4,569,894	4,826,717
Balance at 31st December	**303,345,463**	**-**	**32,711,361**	**336,056,824**	**334,910,923**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				19,792,137	19,586,864
Total Amounts Due after one year				**316,264,687**	**315,324,059**

* Includes HFA Agency Loans

8. Refundable Deposits

The movement in refundable deposits is as follows:

	2019 €	2018 €
Opening Balance at 1st January	41,884,045	34,136,160
Deposits received	2,614,329	13,258,833
Deposits repaid	(9,991,063)	(5,510,948)
Closing Balance at 31st December	**34,507,311**	**41,884,045**

Note: Short Term Refundable Deposits are included as part of Cash Investments on the Balance Sheet

9. Capitalisation Account

The capitalisation account shows the funding of the assets as follows:

	2019 Balance @ 01/01/2019 €	2019 Purchased €	2019 Transfers WIP €	2019 Disposals/ Statutory T/F's €	2019 Revaluation €	2019 Historical Cost Adjustments €	2019 Balance @ 31/12/2019 €	2018 Balance @ 31/12/2018 €
Grants	458,454,992	53,858,723	3,382,055	-	-	-	515,695,769	458,454,992
Loans	170,614,448	-	-	-	-	-	170,614,448	170,614,448
Revenue Funded	4,973,151	9,072,803	-	(79,850)	-	-	13,966,104	4,973,151
Leases	9,971,557	828,278	-	(897,261)	-	-	9,902,574	9,971,557
Development Contributions	80,700,355	510,000	-	-	-	-	81,210,355	80,700,355
Tenant Purchase Annuties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unfunded	115,108,062	13,413,452	-	-	-	-	128,521,514	115,108,062
Historical	2,073,953,024	-	-	(111,566)	-	(172,900)	2,073,668,559	2,073,953,024
Other	30,174,639	1,101,454	-	(2,952,800)	-	-	28,323,293	30,174,639
Total Gross Funding	**2,943,950,229**	**78,784,711**	**3,382,055**	**(4,041,477)**	**-**	**(172,900)**	**3,021,902,617**	**2,943,950,229**
Less: Amortised							(135,416,252)	(130,524,385)
Total *							**2,886,486,366**	**2,813,425,844**

* As per note 1

10. Other Balances

A breakdown of other balances is as follows:

	Note	2019 Balance @ 01/01/2019 €	2019 * Capital Reclassification €	2019 Expenditure €	2019 Income €	2019 Net Transfers €	2019 Balance @ 31/12/2019 €	2018 Balance @ 31/12/2018 €
Development Contributions Balances	(i)	120,679,759	-	14,726,355	50,128,785	(2,667,029)	153,415,160	120,679,759
Capital Account Balances including Asset Formation and Enhancement	(ii)	(54,524,328)	(1,132,707)	160,298,941	122,909,213	16,600,393	(76,446,370)	(54,524,328)
Voluntary & Affordable Housing Balances								
- Voluntary Housing	(iii)	(3,510,716)	-	6,534,921	7,903,702	(296,880)	(2,438,816)	(3,510,716)
- Affordable Housing	(iii)	(11,470,827)	-	-	-	-	(11,470,827)	(11,470,827)
Reserves Created for Specific Purposes	(iv)	135,000,006	-	10,707,364	6,931,618	14,661,983	145,886,243	135,000,006
Net Capital Balances		**186,173,894**	**(1,132,707)**	**192,267,581**	**187,873,317**	**28,298,467**	**208,945,390**	**186,173,894**
Balance Sheet Accounts relating to Loan Principal outstanding (including Unrealised TP Annuities)	(v)						(105,498,604)	(112,232,282)
Interest in Associated Companies	(vi)						1,053,552	1,137,168
Total Other Balances							**104,500,338**	**75,078,780**

* Capital re-classification represents the change in status and/or funding of opening capital balances.

Note (i) This represents the cumulative balance of development levies i.e. income less expenditure and transfers to date.

Note (ii) This represents the cumulative position on funded and unfunded capital jobs consisting of project (completed assets) and non project (enhancement of assets) balances. Debit balances will require sources of funding to clear.

Note (iii) This represents the cumulative position on voluntary and affordable housing projects.

Note (iv) Relates to reserves and advance funding for future Local Authority assets, insurance liabilities, other purposes and includes realised tenant purchase annuities.

Note (v) Loan related balances including outstanding principal on leases and non-mortgage loans remaining to be funded, historical mortgage funding gap, unrealised principal on tenant purchase annuities to be repaid in the future, and shared ownership rented equity.

Note (vi) Represents the Local Authority's interest in associated companies.

11. Capital Account Analysis

The capital account has been de-aggregated and is comprised of the following accounts in the balance sheet as follows:

	2019	2018
	€	€
Net WIP and Preliminary Expenses (Note 2)	(13,199,582)	(8,093,112)
Capital Balances (Note 10)	208,945,390	186,173,894
Capital Balance Surplus/(Deficit) at 31st December	**195,745,809**	**178,080,783**

A summary of the changes in the Capital account (see Appendix 6) is as follows:

Opening Balance at 1st January	178,080,783	157,965,271
Expenditure	225,853,660	196,273,810
Income		
- Grants	124,732,163	102,779,994
- Loans	-	118,951
- Other	87,799,507	87,536,788
Total Income	212,531,670	190,435,733
Net Revenue Transfers	30,987,016	25,953,589
Closing Balance	**195,745,809**	**178,080,783**

12. Mortgage Loan Funding Position

The mortgage loan funding position on the balance sheet at year-end is as follows:

	2019 € Loan Annuity	2019 € Rented Equity	2019 € Total	2018 € Total
Mortgage Loans/Equity Receivable (Note 3)	138,216,484	3,702,328	141,918,812	128,672,028
Mortgage Loans/Equity Payable (Note 7)	(133,489,376)	(4,569,894)	(138,059,269)	(122,553,558)
Surplus/(Deficit) in Funding @ 31st of Decembe	**4,727,108**	**(867,566)**	**3,859,543**	**6,118,470**

NOTE: Cash on Hand relating to Redemptions and Relending	2,547,232

13. Summary of Plant and Materials Account

A summary of the operations of the Plant and Materials account is as follows:

	Plant 2019 €	Materials 2019 €	Total 2019 €	Total 2018 €
Expenditure	(1,874,509)	(110,703)	(1,985,212)	(1,607,040)
Charged to Jobs	1,874,509	-	1,874,509	1,817,091
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**-**	**(110,703)**	**(110,703)**	**210,051**
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) before Transfers	**-**	**(110,703)**	**(110,703)**	**210,051**

14. Analysis of Transfers to/from Reserves

A summary of the transfers to/from reserves is as follows:

	2019 Transfer From Reserves €	2019 Transfer To Reserves €	2019 Net €	2018 Net €
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Own Asset)	-	(5,391,987)	(5,391,987)	(9,269,057)
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Recoupable)	-	(6,587,022)	(6,587,022)	(6,142,253)
Principal Repaid - Finance Leases	-	(1,259,868)	(1,259,868)	(1,391,170)
Transfers - Other Balance Sheet Reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfers - Capital Account	(487,739)	(30,499,278)	(30,987,016)	(25,953,589)
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**(487,739)**	**(43,738,155)**	**(44,225,894)**	**(42,756,069)**

15. Analysis of Revenue Income

A summary of the major sources of revenue income is as follows:

	Appendix No	2019 €		2018 €	
State Grants & Subsidies	3	49,928,244	20.2%	45,129,124	19.5%
Contributions from other Local Authorities		714,060	0.3%	714,141	0.3%
Goods and Services	4	61,019,403	24.7%	58,346,379	25.1%
		111,661,707	**45.1%**	**104,189,644**	**44.9%**
Local Property Tax		7,524,670	3.0%	7,521,354	3.2%
Rates		128,177,804	51.8%	120,305,779	51.9%
Total Income		**247,364,181**	**100.0%**	**232,016,777**	**100.0%**

16. Over/Under Expenditure

The difference between the adopted budget and the actual outturn is respect of both expenditure and income is as follows:

	EXPENDITURE					INCOME					NET
	Excluding Transfers	Transfers	Including Transfers	Budget	(Over)/Under Budget	Excluding Transfers	Transfers	Including Transfers	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	(Over)/Under Budget
	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building	52,385,570	11,388,575	63,774,144	64,104,366	330,222	57,817,752	-	57,817,752	55,012,463	2,805,290	3,135,512
Roads Transportation & Safety	27,662,676	1,454,910	29,117,587	27,309,990	(1,807,596)	8,765,770	-	8,765,770	6,930,608	1,835,163	27,566
Water Services	14,987,965	5,316,344	20,304,308	19,980,281	(324,027)	17,146,987	-	17,146,987	17,830,657	(683,670)	(1,007,697)
Development Management	19,112,314	1,963,658	21,075,972	22,958,903	1,882,931	5,237,676	-	5,237,676	4,496,662	741,013	2,623,944
Environmental Services	39,529,196	5,383,947	44,913,143	45,137,195	224,052	6,438,149	-	6,438,149	4,962,062	1,476,087	1,700,138
Recreation & Amenity	39,350,799	7,203,972	46,554,771	44,834,643	(1,720,128)	3,319,275	(487,739)	2,831,536	2,476,424	355,113	(1,365,015)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	795,563	87,787	883,350	1,087,362	204,012	263,714	-	263,714	259,395	4,319	208,331
Miscellaneous Services	9,313,281	10,938,962	20,252,243	11,892,760	(8,359,482)	12,672,382	-	12,672,382	11,275,129	1,397,253	(6,962,229)
Total Divisions	**203,137,364**	**43,738,155**	**246,875,519**	**237,305,501**	**(9,570,018)**	**111,661,707**	**(487,739)**	**111,173,968**	**103,243,399**	**7,930,569**	**(1,639,450)**
Local Property Tax	-	-	-	-	-	7,524,670	-	7,524,670	7,524,700	(30)	(30)
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	128,177,804	-	128,177,804	126,537,400	1,640,404	1,640,404
Dr/Cr Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Divisions	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**135,702,474**	**-**	**135,702,474**	**134,062,100**	**1,640,374**	**1,640,374**
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**203,137,364**	**43,738,155**	**246,875,519**	**237,305,501**	**(9,570,018)**	**247,364,181**	**(487,739)**	**246,876,442**	**237,305,499**	**9,570,942**	**924**

17. Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities

	2019
	€
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	923
(Increase)/Decrease in Stocks	110,703
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Debtors	(31,258,854)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors Less than One Year	1,566,780
	(29,580,448)

18. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Balances

Increase/(Decrease) in Development Contributions	32,735,400
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves created for specific purposes	10,886,237
	43,621,638

19. (Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances

(Increase)/Decrease in Voluntary Housing Balances	1,071,901
(Increase)/Decrease in Affordable Housing Balances	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Capital account balances including asset formation/enhancement	(21,922,042)
	(20,850,142)

20. Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing

(Increase)/Decrease in Long Term Debtors	(6,433,721)
Increase/(Decrease) in Mortgage Loans	15,762,535
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset/Grant Loans	(6,369,428)
Increase/(Decrease) in Revenue Funding Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Bridging Finance Loans	(2,264,178)
Increase/(Decrease) in Recoupable Loans	(5,726,204)
Increase/(Decrease) in Shared Ownership Rented Equity Loans	(256,824)
Increase/(Decrease) in Finance Leasing	(431,587)
(Increase)/Decrease in Portion Transferred to Current Liabilities	(205,273)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Creditors - Deferred Income	-
	(5,924,681)

21. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Financing

	2019 €
(Increase)/Decrease in Specific Revenue Reserve	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Balance Sheet accounts relating to loan principal & Unrealised TP Annuities	6,733,678
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserves in Associated Companies	(83,616)
	6,650,062

22. Analysis of Changes in Cash & Cash Equivalents

Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Investments	(12,556,995)
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash at Bank/Overdraft	(5,817,507)
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash in Transit	(192,273)
	(18,566,775)

23. Post Balance Sheet (Non Adjusting) Event

At the financial year end on 31/12/2019 initial reports were emerging from China about Covid-19. In the interim the WHO has declared it a pandemic which has resulted in unprecedented restrictions on travel and movement. This health crisis has, in a short space of time, resulted in effectively locking down economic activity within the county and country for the vast majority of businesses, and brings with it financial uncertainty and consequences that will be of proportions impossible to estimate effectively at this time.

The global economic shock created by the COVID 19 pandemic has been faster and more severe than the 2008 financial crash.

It is clear, however, even at this point of the crisis that the financial impact will be significant but an estimate of such costs both in terms of dealing with the crisis and the direct impact on other Income and Expenditure for the local authority cannot be estimated at this time as the crisis is ongoing.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	€	€
Payroll		
- Salary & Wages	67,354,628	64,173,683
- Pensions (Incl. Gratuities)	14,595,507	15,301,230
- Other Costs	-	-
Total	**81,950,135**	**79,474,913**
Operational Expenses		
- Purchase of Equipment	1,096,653	1,645,667
- Repairs & Maintenance	1,985,478	1,933,755
- Contract Payments	20,274,537	17,119,267
- Agency Services	34,966,097	30,980,593
- Machinery Yard Charges (Incl Plant Hire)	1,945,898	2,215,778
- Purchase of Materials & Issues from Stores	3,031,437	2,733,480
- Payments of Grants	6,072,572	5,808,277
- Members Costs	616,171	492,378
- Travelling & Subsistence	1,013,515	997,052
- Consultancy & Professional Fees Payments	4,341,799	3,157,978
- Energy Costs	4,802,437	4,253,391
- Other	17,484,738	17,078,122
Total	**97,631,333**	**88,415,739**
Administration Expenses		
- Communication Expenses	1,167,915	978,077
- Training	1,082,334	803,475
- Printing & Stationery	516,061	487,960
- Contributions to Other Bodies	2,194,671	2,073,687
- Other	3,940,593	3,270,183
Total	**8,901,575**	**7,613,382**
Establishment Expenses		
- Rent & Rates	3,028,949	3,034,064
- Other	1,110,723	967,480
Total	**4,139,672**	**4,001,544**
Financial Expenses	8,168,569	7,005,586
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,346,080	2,747,589
Total Expenditure	**203,137,364**	**189,258,753**

SERVICE DIVISION A

Housing and Building

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	11,446,860	217,026	18,889,191	5,778	19,111,995
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,481,298	-	26,743	1,580	28,323
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,766,916	-	47,131	2,522	49,653
A04 Housing Community Development Support	1,907,165	-	41,668	1,580	43,248
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	3,325,637	-	26,099	312,232	338,332
A06 Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog.	8,388,714	5,513,211	63,547	3,743	5,580,501
A07 RAS Programme	26,021,312	21,153,162	4,653,640	1,482	25,808,284
A08 Housing Loans	4,612,433	285,835	3,681,216	1,743	3,968,794
A09 Housing Grants	3,096,768	2,067,702	13,697	809	2,082,208
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,230,008	684,600	-	4,089	688,689
A12 Housing Assistance Programme	497,032	109,050	8,191	484	117,725
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**63,774,144**	**30,030,587**	**27,451,123**	**336,042**	**57,817,752**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	11,388,575	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**52,385,570**	**30,030,587**	**27,451,123**	**336,042**	**57,817,752**

SERVICE DIVISION B

Road Transport & Safety

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	8,090,197	1,957,223	461,192	6,729	2,425,144
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	9,360,484	1,957,223	86,331	5,101	2,048,655
B05 Public Lighting	4,627,015	439,615	14,690	868	455,173
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	2,768,253	166,828	56,833	1,625	225,286
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B08 Road Safety Promotion/Education	1,581,834	124,917	44,884	2,652	172,452
B09 Maintenance & Management of Car Parking	745,943	-	2,100,431	100	2,100,532
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog.	1,538,546	-	22,260	1,315	23,576
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	405,315	-	1,314,610	342	1,314,952
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**29,117,587**	**4,645,805**	**4,101,232**	**18,733**	**8,765,770**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,454,910	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**27,662,676**	**4,645,805**	**4,101,232**	**18,733**	**8,765,770**

SERVICE DIVISION C

Water Services

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	INCOME Provision of Goods and Services	INCOME Contributions from other Local Authorities	INCOME TOTAL
C01 Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply	9,990,778	2,337,745	7,643,886	-	9,981,631
C02 Operation and Maintenance of Waste Water Treatment	5,864,922	-	5,864,922	-	5,864,922
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-
C04 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	355,230	-	18,011	1,064	19,075
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	6,073	6,073	-	-	6,073
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	858,479	-	859,396	-	859,396
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	3,427	-	262,117	-	262,117
C08 Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services	3,225,399	-	126,706	27,067	153,773
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**20,304,308**	**2,343,818**	**14,775,038**	**28,131**	**17,146,987**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	5,316,344	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**14,987,965**	**2,343,818**	**14,775,038**	**28,131**	**17,146,987**

SERVICE DIVISION D

Development Management

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
D01 Forward Planning	3,012,303	-	77,755	4,567	82,321
D02 Development Management	6,889,991	-	1,555,577	8,732	1,564,309
D03 Enforcement	530,079	-	64,001	639	64,640
D04 Op & Mtce of Industrial Sites & Commercial Facilities	673,592	-	18,875	741	19,616
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	1,305,217	12,062	233,162	460	245,684
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	1,984,351	233,335	42,569	2,515	278,420
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-	-
D08 Building Control	2,002,465	-	223,436	2,266	225,701
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	3,392,513	1,611,832	228,822	1,638	1,842,292
D10 Property Management	928,041	-	731,995	848	732,843
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	357,420	175,045	6,468	338	181,850
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**21,075,972**	**2,032,274**	**3,182,659**	**22,743**	**5,237,676**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,963,658	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**19,112,314**	**2,032,274**	**3,182,659**	**22,743**	**5,237,676**

SERVICE DIVISION E

Environmental Services

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
E01 Operation, Maintenance and Aftercare of Landfill	5,143,990	-	29,876	1,436	31,311
E02 Op & Mtce of Recovery & Recycling Facilities	2,703,229	46,038	1,415,865	34,105	1,496,008
E03 Op & Mtce of Waste to Energy Facilities	811,927	-	1,076,434	-	1,076,434
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	-	-	-	-	-
E05 Litter Management	1,011,633	54,451	99,492	1,270	155,213
E06 Street Cleaning	6,970,968	-	155,219	9,171	164,390
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,157,542	499,000	106,824	1,169	606,993
E08 Waste Management Planning	254,586	19,625	3,133	126	22,884
E09 Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	2,245,672	-	1,107,178	2,802	1,109,980
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	1,335,013	-	22,211	51,312	73,523
E11 Operation of Fire Service	21,203,582	-	-	-	-
E12 Fire Prevention	215,811	-	1,103,407	-	1,103,407
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	1,411,986	-	587,308	780	588,087
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	447,203	-	9,725	194	9,920
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**44,913,143**	**619,114**	**5,716,669**	**102,366**	**6,438,149**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	5,383,947	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**39,529,196**	**619,114**	**5,716,669**	**102,366**	**6,438,149**

SERVICE DIVISION F

Recreation and Amenity

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	781,183	-	324,258	532	324,789
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	14,256,248	176,185	308,924	15,762	500,872
F03 Op, Mtce & Imp of Outdoor Leisure Areas	19,169,809	12,000	1,098,646	25,129	1,135,775
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	7,137,603	600,522	80,312	2,860	683,694
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	5,209,928	28,330	155,897	2,179	186,406
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**46,554,771**	**817,038**	**1,968,036**	**46,463**	**2,831,536**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	7,203,972	-	(487,739)	-	(487,739)
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**39,350,799**	**817,038**	**2,455,775**	**46,463**	**3,319,275**

SERVICE DIVISION G

Agriculture, Eductaion,Health and Welfare

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
G01 Land Drainage Costs	-	-	-	-	-
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	304,540	-	5,376	318	5,694
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	-
G04 Veterinary Service	487,998	16,575	218,025	107	234,707
G05 Educational Support Services	90,812	22,338	921	54	23,314
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**883,350**	**38,913**	**224,322**	**480**	**263,714**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	87,787	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**795,563**	**38,913**	**224,322**	**480**	**263,714**

SERVICE DIVISION H

Miscellaneous Services

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
H01 Profit/Loss Machinery Account	-	-	-	-	-
H02 Profit/Loss Stores Account	218,241	-	-	-	-
H03 Adminstration of Rates	10,813,436	5,467,230	354,326	2,060	5,823,616
H04 Franchise Costs	958,239	-	12,732	8,312	21,044
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	8,606	-	-	-	-
H06 Weighbridges	6,443	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	400	-	3,000	-	3,000
H08 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-	-
H09 Local Representation/Civic Leadership	2,387,530	-	26,369	1,385	27,754
H10 Motor Taxation	-	-	-	-	-
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	5,859,348	3,933,464	2,716,158	147,346	6,796,968
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**20,252,243**	**9,400,694**	**3,112,584**	**159,104**	**12,672,382**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	10,938,962	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**9,313,281**	**9,400,694**	**3,112,584**	**159,104**	**12,672,382**
TOTAL ALL DIVISIONS (Excluding Transfers)	**203,137,364**	**49,928,244**	**61,019,403**	**714,060**	**111,661,707**

APPENDIX 3

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

	2019	2018
	€	€
Department of Housing, Planning, and Local Government		
Housing Grants & Subsidies	29,894,837	26,622,483
Local Improvement Schemes	-	-
Road Grants	3,914,446	4,262,251
Water Services Group Schemes	-	-
Environmental Protection/Conservation Grants	220,000	-
Library Services	75,000	-
Urban and Village Renewal Schemes	-	-
Miscellaneous	11,669,375	10,031,311
	45,773,658	**40,916,045**
Other Departments and Bodies		
Road Grants	731,359	918,042
Local Enterprise Office	1,611,832	1,508,746
Community Employment Schemes	-	-
Civil Defence	-	-
Higher Education Grants	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,811,394	1,786,291
	4,154,586	**4,213,079**
TOTAL	**49,928,244**	**45,129,124**

APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES

	2019	2018
	€	€
Rents from Houses	23,398,090	21,826,082
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	2,839,733	3,585,289
Domestic Water	-	-
Commercial Water	-	-
Irish Water	14,289,624	14,345,944
Domestic Refuse	903,410	789,180
Commercial Refuse	-	-
Domestic Sewerage	-	-
Commercial Sewerage	-	-
Planning Fees	1,588,369	1,539,997
Parking Fines/Charges	2,098,734	1,874,528
Recreation & Amenity Activities	639,253	206,059
Library Fees/Fines	2,030	38,019
Agency Services	-	35,000
Pension Contributions	2,082,206	2,123,413
Property Rental & Leasing of Land	1,239,353	1,202,476
Landfill Charges	-	-
Fire Charges	1,103,407	880,562
NPPR	1,705,956	2,728,650
Miscellaneous	9,129,238	7,171,181
	61,019,403	**58,346,379**

APPENDIX 5

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

	2019	2018
	€	€
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to Contractors	61,137,290	47,360,437
Purchase of Land	22,014,094	9,240,799
Purchase of Other Assets/Equipment	55,614,099	61,275,183
Professional & Consultancy Fees	7,632,183	7,653,360
Other	79,455,995	70,744,031
Total Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)	**225,853,660**	**196,273,810**
Transfers to Revenue	(1,707,582)	3,686,478
Total Expenditure (Including Transfers)*	**224,146,079**	**199,960,287**
INCOME		
Grants and LPT	124,732,163	102,779,994
Non-Mortgage Loans	-	118,951
Other Income		
Development Contributions	50,128,785	59,708,852
Property Disposals - Land	1,125,216	739,146
- LA Housing	2,740,100	573,504
- Other Property	278,070	67,184
Tenant Purchase Annuities	25,524,957	20,260,410
Car Parking	-	-
Other	8,002,380	6,187,692
Total Income (Net of Internal Transfers)	**212,531,670**	**190,435,733**
Transfers from Revenue	29,279,435	29,640,066
Total Income (Including Transfers) *	**241,811,105**	**220,075,799**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**17,665,026**	**20,115,512**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	178,080,783	157,965,271
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December 2019	195,745,809	178,080,783

* Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

					INCOME			TRANSFERS			
		Balance at 01/01/2019	*Expenditure*	*Grants & LPT*	*Non Mortgage Loans **	*Other*	*Total Income*	*Transfers from Revenue*	*Transfers to Revenue*	*Internal Transfers*	*Balance at 31/12/2019*
01	HOUSING & BUILDING	39,053,881	149,166,953	110,160,274	-	30,823,723	140,983,997	6,012,672	-	(67,500)	36,816,097
02	ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY	(14,040,730)	26,337,998	10,847,283	-	2,948,619	13,795,902	690,000	-	2,730,299	(23,162,527)
03	WATER SERVICES	11,583,404	1,158,002	-	-	1,632,350	1,632,350	1,500,000	(1,219,843)	26,105	14,803,701
04	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	79,698,688	23,797,647	2,697,074	-	52,041,692	54,738,766	1,870,000	-	(2,667,029)	109,842,777
05	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	12,148,504	2,289,247	251,851	-	-	251,851	2,688,000	-	(100,000)	12,699,108
06	RECREATION & AMENITY	7,038,810	10,057,058	850,818	-	23,979	874,797	3,153,200	(487,739)	78,126	1,575,613
07	AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	MISCELLANEOUS	42,598,226	13,046,756	(75,137)	-	329,145	254,008	13,365,563	-	-	43,171,040
99	**OTHER PROGRAMMES TO CLEAR**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		178,080,783	**225,853,660**	**124,732,163**	**-**	**87,799,507**	**212,531,670**	**29,279,435**	**(1,707,582)**	**-**	**195,745,809**

* Mortgage related transactions are excluded

Appendix No 7.
Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2019

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Debtor Type	Opening Arrears at 01/01/2019	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustments	Write Off	Waivers	Total for Collection	Amount Collected	Closing Arrears at 31/12/2019	Specific Doubtful Arrears*	% Collected
						=(B+C-D-E-F)		.=(G-H)		.=(H)/(G-J)
	€	€		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Commercial Rates	6,136,529	128,177,804	558,458	2,060,181	-	131,695,694	126,852,927	4,842,767	2,093,714	97.9
Rents & Annuities	3,523,392	23,334,417		-		26,857,808	22,544,097	4,313,711		83.9
Housing Loans	(242,171)	16,180,535		-		15,938,363	15,571,299	367,065		97.7

*Specific doubtful arrears = (i) Vacancy applications pending/criteria not met & (ii) Accounts in examinership/receivership/liquidation and no communication

Note 1 Rental income from Shared Ownership has been included under Housing Loans

Note 2 Income from Tenant Purchase Annuities has been included under Housing Loans

Note 3 Arrears brought forward is shown net of credit balances.

Note 4 Housing Loans are showing NET of overpayments and Includes the principal and net interest due for the year.

APPENDIX 8

INTEREST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COMPANIES

Where a local authority as a corporate body or its members or officers, by virtue of their office have an interest in a company (controlled, jointly controlled and associated), the following disclosures should be made for each entity:

Name of Company or Entity	Voting Power %	Classificaiton: Subsidiary/ Associate / Joint venture	Total Assets	Total Liabilities	Revenue Income	Revenue Expenditure	Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	Consolidated in Local Authority accounts (Y/N)	Date of financial statements
Ardgillan Castle CLG*	33	Associate	43,489	-46,994	627,288	535,178	92,110	N	31/12/2018
BASE Enterprise Centre CLG.	38	Associate	389,536	-240,144	325,693	293,186	32,507	N	31/12/2018
Balbriggan Enterprise and Training Centre CLG,	29	Associate	399,757	-31,449	-	-	-	N	31/12/2018
Castlecurragh Management CLG.	33	Associate	181,155	-7,841	179,427	122,787	56,640	N	31/08/2018
College Business & Technology Park Management Services CLG	100	Subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	N	31/05/2019
Domville Woods Property Management Company CLG.	100	Subsidiary	50,719	-11,929	20,264	14,932	5,332	N	31/12/2018
Draiocht CLG.	67	Subsidiary	926,650	-595,930	1,520,209	1,590,553	-70,344	N	31/12/2018
Drinan Enterprise Centre Ltd, Swords. *	57	Subsidiary	800,818	-623,833	284,781	292,222	-7,441	N	31/12/2018
Fingal Community & Recreation Services CLG. number 373487	75	Subsidiary	665,481	-629,319			-	N	31/12/2018
Fingal Parks & Heritage Trust Ltd.*	100	Subsidiary	44,535	-44,532	79,106	79,106	-	N	31/12/2018
Fingal Tourism CLG.*	33	Associate	69,069	-50,265	-	-	-	N	31/12/2018
Kettle's Lane Management CLG	75	Subsidiary	135,908	-4,773	54,755	35,820	18,935	N	31/12/2018
Ladyswell Property CLG.	100	Subsidiary	109,189	-4,131	104,760	146,306	-41,546	N	31/12/2018
Malahide Castle and Gardens Ltd*	67	Subsidiary	6,819,473	-6,806,798	1,315,323	1,320,345	-5,022	N	31/12/2018
Montini Property Management Company Ltd	43	Associate	11,149	-1,476	6,576	5,811	765	N	31/12/2018
Mullhuddart Community Centre CLG	33	Associate	100,320	-20,359	477,747	470,063	7,684	N	31/12/2018
Newbridge House and Farm Ltd *	78	Subsidiary	37,534	-35,952	69,106	95,706	-26,600	N	31/12/2018
Ongar Community Centre CLG.	33	Associate	206,108	-44,243	257,540	229,796	27,744	N	31/12/2018
Parslickstown House Facilities Management Ltd	33	Associate	292,847	-68,208	586,530	556,936	29,594	N	31/12/2018
Rossan Court Owners Mangament Company limited by guarnantee.	100	Subsidiary	4,400	-9,567	34,703	36,695	-1,992	N	31/12/2018
The Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre Company CLG.	14	Associate	510,118	-275,720	500,685	470,252	30,433	N	31/12/2018
Tyrellstown Community Centre CLG	20	Associate	169,178	-40,724	223,153	197,957	25,196	N	31/12/2018
Whitestown Property Management Company Ltd.	33	Associate	27,289	-789	8,730	2,836	5,894	N	31/12/2018

Note* Company claimed abridged financial statements relief for a small company under section 353 of the Companies Act 2014

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ITEM NO. 16

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2019

In accordance with Article 26 (2) of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014, the Council's Rate Collectors have prepared Schedules of Uncollected Rates for the year ended 31/12/2019 indicating thereon the reasons for non-collection of rates and detailing the measures taken to collect arrears of rates.

The Schedules have been examined and certified by the Administrative Officer, Rates Department and the Head of Finance.

The following summarises the Council's rate collection figure for 2019:

Arrears 01/01/19	€6,197,537.00
Accrued	€128,076,689.00
Write off in lieu of Vacancies	(€558,458)
Write offs for Bad Debts	(€2,060,181)
Total for collection	€131,655,587
Collected	€126,748,777
Arrears @ 31/12/19	€4,906,810
Percentage collection	96%

The arrears position of €4.9m at the end of 2019 is a reduction on the position at 31st December 2018 when the arrears stood at €6.19m.

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ITEM NO. 17

PARKING CONTROL BYE LAWS 2020

Section 36 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1994 provides that before making bye-laws by a Local Authority and states that:

"A road authority may make bye-laws for the control and regulation of the parking of vehicles in places specified in the bye-laws (in this section referred to as parking places) on public roads within their functional area and shall in the bye-laws provide for the payment of fees in respect of such parking."

Following a period of public consultation and presentations to the Members of the three Area Committees, it is now proposed that the Members make Fingal County Council's Draft Parking Control Bye Laws 2020 and that the following resolution be passed:

"That pursuant to Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended by Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1968 and Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 (No. 7 of 1994), and in accordance with Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, and having consulted with the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, Fingal County Council hereby make the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020."

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ITEM NO. 18A

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

ORCHARD VIEW, BEAVERSTOWN, DONABATE, CO. DUBLIN

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the roads set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received and it is recommended that the roads be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

DED –Donabate TL – Ballisk

Road Name	Length	Description
Orchard View	183.6m	From junction with Beaverstown Road west for 56m to outside No.12, south for 35.3m to outside No. 8. From outside No. 3 Orchard View west for 40.3m to outside No.7. Outside No. 12 Orchard View north for 52m to outside No. 18.
Total Length = 183.6m No. of Units =21		

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ITEM NO. 19

REPORT PURSUANT TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 - 2015 AND PART VIII OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – 2018 ON THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH FIELDS LINK ROAD & CYCLE NETWORK, MULHUDDART, COUNTY DUBLIN.

Introduction

Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2018 outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the proposed Church Fields Link Road & Cycle Network in Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

Public Notice of the availability for public inspection of plans and particulars of the proposed Scheme was given in the public press on Thursday 13th February 2020.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated were invited to be made in writing to the County Council up to Friday 27th March 2020.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 – 2015 and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 – 2018, the following report has been prepared: -

(a) Description of the Nature and Extent of the Proposed Development and the Principal Features thereof: -

The proposed development comprises a new link road from an existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue connecting to Wellview Avenue, an upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue, a new combined cycle track and footway along Damastown Avenue and through the future parkland area adjacent to Church Road, and a new cycle route link from the Damastown Avenue / Church Road

Roundabout to Powerstown Educate Together National School, along Powerstown Road.
The development site is located north of Blanchardstown, in the Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 area. It is located in a primarily industrial and residential area close to the N3 National Primary Route.
The proposed development involves the construction of the following:

- New link road from an existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue connecting to Wellview Avenue (approx. 310m)
- Upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue (approx. 380m)
- New combined cycle track and footway along Damastown Avenue through the future parkland area adjacent to Church Road.
- New cycle route link from the Damastown Avenue / Church Road Roundabout to Powerstown Educate Together National School along Powerstown Road.
- The upgrade and provision of vulnerable road user facilities through and around Church Road / Damastown Avenue Roundabout.

The construction works will involve site clearance, earthworks, drainage, pavement, road markings, fencing and landscaping. Both the new section of link road and the upgraded section of Wellview Avenue will have 3m traffic lanes segregated in the middle by a 3m planted grassed median, with 2m off-road cycle tracks and 3m footpaths segregated from the carriageway by 1.75m grass verges.

(b) Evaluation of the likely implications, if any, of the proposed development with respect to environmental matters on the area in which the development would be situated:-

In accordance with Article 81 and Article 120 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended), Fingal County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination that no significant effects on the environment are likely as a result of the proposed development.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report were prepared for the proposed development. These screening reports concluded that no significant impacts were likely on Natura 2000 sites and that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required for the scheme.

(c) Evaluation of the likely implications, if any, of the proposed development with respect to the proper planning and development of the area in which the development would be situated:-

See Appendix A for the full Planning Report. An extract from the report is provided below.

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023

The subject development is located on lands zoned Residential in the Fingal Development Plan 2017-20203 where the objective seeks to 'provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity'.

Local Objectives applicable to the lands:
No. 89- 'Protect the woodland along Church Road in tandem with the retention of scenic views to Co. Meath'
No. 90 – 'Provide for adequate screening and separation of new development from the residential housing adjoining to the south'.

Lands to the east:
No. 87 'Extend existing graveyard and work towards the improvement of safety in the
graveyard and the upgrading of Church Road'.

The overall RS zoned landbank also contains an objective to provide for a school.

A number of industrial sites with Seveso status are located to the west of the subject lands with the applicable consultation distances specified as being between 700m and 1000m.

Planning Assessment

Purpose of the Scheme:
A new link road is proposed from the existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue connecting to Wellview Avenue, together with the upgrading of Wellview Avenue. These works will improve the safe movement of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and private cars. The scheme further includes the following:

- *A new combined two-way cycle track and adjacent footpath along southern side of Damastown Avenue and through future parkland area to the east adjacent to Church Road,*
- *The upgrade and provision of vulnerable road user (VRU) facilities through and around the Church Road / Damastown Avenue Roundabout to tie in with other existing facilities in the area,*

- *The upgrade of existing poorly constructed cycle tracks on the roundabout to tie in to existing cycle tracks on the R121 and R121 Cruiserath Road. On the south-western and northern sections around the roundabout will be a two-way cycle track.*
- *An upgrade to the southern side of the Powerstown Road footpath to include a two-way cycle track to provide a link from the above roundabout to as far as Powerstown Educate Together National School.*
- *The existing pelican crossing on the eastern approach of Damastown Avenue to the Church Road / Damastown Avenue Roundabout is to be upgraded to a Toucan crossing, and new Toucan crossings are proposed on each of the other arms of this roundabout;*
- *New Toucan crossings are proposed on the eastern and western side of the Damastown/ Church Field Link Road roundabout at the top of the new link road section;*
- *New replacement street lighting is proposed on the new and upgraded link road sections, while along the new Damastown Avenue cycle track, the existing street lighting is to be relocated closer to the road, with additional lighting provided to light the new cycle track and footpath. There is minimal existing lighting in the parkland areas along the existing footpath, which is proposed to be replaced with more frequent pathway lighting.*
- *The existing road markings and signage will be refreshed, and new signage and road markings installed as required.*

Internal Reports

Division	*Recommendation*
1. Parks Division	*a) The minimum slope of 1:3 is achieved throughout each pond,* *b) The applicant is requested to carried out a SUDS Health and* *Safety Risk Assessment Checklist that is provided in CIRIA SuDS Manual 2015: Appendix B.* *Tree Protection measures to be incorporated.* *Specifications in relation to the size of trees to be planted along* *Wellview Avenue.* *All tree work should be in accordance with BS3998 (2010) Tree Work – Recommendations.*
2. Water Services Division	*Report refers to relocation of an existing surface water pipe which is acceptable to the Division. Works required to be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Drainage Operations Section. The pond location and overall SuDS strategy is deemed acceptable to the Division.*
3. Transportation Division	*Traffic management arrangements required to ensure that working hours/deliveries have due regard to school peak times etc. Such arrangements should be set out in a detailed Construction Management Plan for the written agreement of the Transportation Planning Section once the contractor has been appointed and prior to the commencement of construction works.* *A road safety audit will be required for the scheme and the recommendations of same should be implemented to the satisfaction of the Transportation Planning Section.* *All necessary works and equipment required for the signalised junctions associated with the scheme including ducting, road markings and signage shall be*

	agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction.
4. Irish Water	*View of Irish Water should be ascertained.*

Principle of development

The proposed development, providing for physical improvements to the existing road and enhancement and extension of the wider road network providing for greater degree of connectivity with surrounding areas is acceptable and in compliance with the under lying land use zoning objective. The provision of new cycle facilities, new Toucan crossing points, and improved lighting will be consistent with and will underpin the land use zoning objective applicable to the site which seeks to provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity.

The Development is consistent with Chapter 7 of the Fingal Development Plan in terms of National and Regional Policies including:

Fingal North Dublin Transportation Study
Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035
Smarter Travel- A Sustainable Transport Future 20909-2020
National Cycle Policy Framework 2009-2020
NTA Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan
Design Manual for urban Road s and Streets
Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

The proposal also accords with national policies and objectives with regard to the
integration of land use and transportation planning.

Archaeological Assessment:

A review and analysis of previous archaeological studies in the area, namely a draft
Archaeological Desktop Study of the Church Fields area carried out by Fingal County Council in August 2018 has been completed by RPS to inform the proposed development. The updated archaeological assessment concludes that there were no impacts on the archaeological sites in the area. The Report and Conclusions/Recommendations therein should be referred to the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and to the Community Archaeologist of Fingal County Council.

Flood Risk

The Churchfields, Mulhuddart Surface Water Management Plan Part 1: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment [DRAFT] was prepared by Roughan and O'Donovan in 2019 in relation to the Church Fields Land Management Plan. The assessment concluded that the majority of the Land Management Plan area is within Flood Zone C where the probability of flooding from rivers and the sea is low (<1 in 1000 year) and is therefore appropriate for highly vulnerable developments. The incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems complying with the GDSDS in all new developments was recommended.

A review of the Draft Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report (Roughan and O'Donovan Consulting Engineers, 2019) for the Church Fields Land Management Plan (LMP) was carried out by RPS in 2019 to inform the design and final layout for Church Fields Link Design.

The Flood Risk Assessment Conclusions and Recommendations reached in the report
received from RPS have been referred to the Water Services Division for assessment and the Division indicates no objections to the development.

Appropriate Assessment

In support of this development, RPS has undertaken a report to Inform Screening for
Appropriate Assessment and have also prepared a report entitled Ecological Appraisal.
The Screening for Appropriate Assessment report concludes that:

- *The proposed development is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site;*
- *The proposed development will not give rise to likely significant effects on the qualifying interests of any SAC, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the sites concerned; and*
- *The proposed development will not give rise to likely significant effects on the special conservation interests of any SPA, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the sites concerned.*

Taking particular account of the contents and conclusions of the above documents
prepared by RPS for this project and having regard to the nature and extent of the

development proposed, the nature of the receiving environment and or proximity to the nearest European site, no appropriate assessment issues arise and it is not considered that the proposed development would be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects on a European site.

The views of the Biodiversity Officer of Fingal County Council should be ascertained and all recommendations taken into consideration in relation to the reports referenced above.

EIAR

Taking particular account of the contents and conclusions of the document entitled
Church Fields link Road and Cycle Network -EIA Screening report prepared by RPS for this project, it is considered that the proposed development individually and cumulatively with associated existing and approved development will not result in the potential for significant impacts to arise on the environmental receptors. The development would not by virtue of its size and scale represent a development for the purposes of Part 10 under Section 5, or fulfil criteria under Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requiring EIAR.

Conclusions:

The proposed scheme on completion would provide significant enhancement to the
existing public road and cycle infrastructure in the area and will provide significant
improvements to the public realm in the Churchfields area. The project would provide enhanced connectivity between existing and proposed residential areas and between residential areas and existing educational facilities. The proposal is consistent with the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

All recommendations of the Internal Divisions of Fingal County Council referred to this report should be complied with.

The development should be forwarded to the following Prescribed Bodies (not exhaustive list) during the period of public consultation:

- *Irish Water*
- *Health and Safety Authority.*

- *National Monuments Service -Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht.*

Recommendations

These recommendations of the Internal Divisions of Fingal County Council have been addressed as follows:

Recommendation		Implementation
1(i)	*a) The minimum slope of 1:3 is achieved throughout each pond, b) The applicant is requested to carried out a SUDS Health and Safety Risk Assessment Checklist that is provided in CIRIA SuDS Manual 2015: Appendix B.*	a) All designed slopes in each pond are and will be minimum 1:3 b) A SuDs H&S Risk Assessment as per CIRIA SuDs Manual 2015: Appendix B has been prepared and will be provided with all documentation throughout the development of the scheme
1(ii)	*Tree Protection measures to be incorporated.*	Tree protection measures have been stipulated in the Ecological Appraisal recommendations, and have been brought forward to the Outline Construction Management Plan. These measures will be incorporated throughout the development of the scheme.
1(iii)	*Specifications in relation to the size of trees to be planted along Wellview Avenue.*	All Tree specifications will be agreed with the Parks Division in advance of completion of the Works Requirements and Tender Documents.
1(iv)	*All tree work should be in accordance with BS3998 (2010) Tree Work – Recommendations.*	Conformance with BS3998 (2010) Tree Work – Recommendations will be included in the Works Requirements and Tender Documents.
2	*Report refers to relocation of an existing surface water pipe which is acceptable to the Division. Works required to be carried out*	The Drainage Operations Section will be fully consulted prior to the development and completion of the

Recommendation		Implementation
	in accordance with the requirements of the Drainage Operations Section. The pond location and overall SuDS strategy is deemed acceptable to the Division.	Works Requirements and Tender Documents.
3(i)	*Traffic management arrangements required to ensure that working hours/deliveries have due regard to school peak times etc. Such arrangements should be set out in a detailed Construction Management Plan for the written agreement of the Transportation Planning Section once the contractor has been appointed and prior to the commencement of construction works.*	The Transportation Planning Section will be consulted in relation to Traffic Management Arrangements and Working Hours in preparation of the Works Requirements and Tender Documents. Furthermore, the appointed Contractor will be required to liaise with the Transportation Planning Section with regard to same, and set out in the Contractor's Construction Management Plan.
3(ii)	*A road safety audit will be required for the scheme and the recommendations of same should be implemented to the satisfaction of the Transportation Planning Section.*	A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) has already been carried out for the scheme, and recommendations considered and implemented as appropriate. A further Stage 2 RSA will be carried out of the completed Detailed Design, and a Stage 3 RSA carried out of the final Constructed Scheme, with all recommendations duly considered and implemented as appropriate.
3(iii)	*All necessary works and equipment required for the signalised junctions associated with the scheme including ducting, road markings and signage shall be agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction.*	The Transportation Planning Section will be consulted in relation to all necessary works and equipment required for the signalised junctions associated with the scheme including ducting, road markings and signage in preparation of the Works Requirements and Tender Documents.

Recommendation	Implementation
4 *View of Irish Water should be ascertained*	Engagement with Irish Water has been commenced and is ongoing. Irish Water will be consulted regarding the finalisation of detailed designs of Foul and Water Main proposals prior to inclusion in the Works Requirements and Tender Documents.

(d) List of persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development: -

Eight submissions were received within the statutory period as follows:

Submission	Name	Reference	Public/ External Consultee
1	Meath County Council c/o Pádraig Maguire	FIN-C278-1	External Consultee
2	Transport Infrastructure Ireland c/o Natasha Crudden	FIN-C278-2	External Consultee
3	Mark Craven	FIN-C278-3	Public
4	Geological Survey Ireland c/o Emily Murray Farrugia	FIN-C278-4	External Consultee
5	Dr. Raymond A Ryan	FIN-C278-5	Public
6	Gaelscoil an Chuilinn	FIN-C278-6	Public
7	National Transport Authority c/o Michael Mac Aree	FIN-C278-7	External Consultee

Submission	Name	Reference	Public/ External Consultee
8	Wellview Parslickstown Residents Association	FIN-C278-8	External Consultee

(e) Summary of the issues with respect to the proper planning and development of the area raised by persons or bodies who made submissions or observations and the response of the local authority thereto: -

Concern Raised	Number of Submissions with Concern
None	3 (Observation 1, 2, 4)
Development works in the grounds of Gaelscoil an Chuilinn	2 (Observation 3, 6)
Provisions for safe walking and cycling	21 (Observation 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5h, 5i, 5j, 5k, 5l, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7g, 7j, 7k, 8b)
Traffic calming	2 (Observation 7f, 7i)
Community access	2 (Observation 7h, 8c)
Traffic management	1 (Observation 8a)
Local environment	1 (Observation 8d)
Anti-social behaviour	1 (Observation 8e)

Observation 1 – Meath County Council – No specific observations.
"I acknowledge receipt of the above and wish to confirm that Meath County Council, Planning Department have no comments to make in relation to the proposed development".

Council's Response
Noted.

Observation 2 – Transport Infrastructure Ireland – No specific observations.
"I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Part VIII referral of 13 February 2020 regarding the above and advise that TII has no specific observations to make in this regard".

Council's Response
Noted.

Observation 3 – Cycle Track, Gaelscoil an Chuilinn, Powerstown Road

"Reviewing the drawings provided, I believe they are out of date and/or incomplete. Gaelscoil an Chuilinn has invested tens of thousands of Euro (after extensive fundraising) over the past year in building a running track and playing fi elds in the area immediately adjacent to the proposed cycle track and have plans for further work in 2020. None of this is captured on the drawings in the published plans."

"Can you please refine & update your drawings and engage with the Gaelscoil's Board of Management & Principal (https://www.gsch.ie) to determine how these two pieces of infrastructure can co-exist happily?".

Council's Response

Representatives from Fingal County Council have previously engaged with the Department of Education, and have met on site with the school Principal and a member of the Board of Management on the 6th March 2020 to discuss the proposals. It was confirmed that the section of land take would not impact on the school running track or football pitch, and a number of accommodation works were agreed between FCC and the School Principal in relation to the high ball fence and netting reinstatement / replacement, reinstatement of any areas impacted by the works, ensure to maintain as much of the existing embankment as possible, and replace any trees impacted by the works. FCC will continue to engage and liaise directly with Gaelscoil an Chuilinn throughout the detailed design process.

Observation 4 – Geological Survey Ireland – No specific observations.

"Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) is the national earth science agency and has datasets on Bedrock Geology, Quaternary Geology, Geological Heritage Sites, Mineral deposits, Groundwater Resources and the Irish Seabed. These comprise maps, reports and extensive databases that include mineral occurrences, bedrock/mineral exploration groundwater/site investigation boreholes, karst features, wells and springs. Please see our website for data availability and we recommend using these various data sets, when undergoing an EIAR, planning and scoping processes. Geological Survey Ireland should be referenced to as such and should any data or geological maps be used, they should be attributed correctly to Geological Survey Ireland."

"With reference to your email received on the 13 of February 2020, concerning the invitations for submissions I refer you to the above abstract of services and data provided by Geological Survey Ireland (a division of Department of

Communications, Climate Action and Environment) that can support the planning process."

"Geoheritage
Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) is in partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs) to identify and select important geological and geomorphological sites throughout the country for designation as geological NHAs (Natural Heritage Areas). This is addressed by the Irish Geoheritage Programme (IGH) of GSI, under 16 different geological themes, in which the minimum number of scientifically significant sites that best represent the theme are rigorously selected by a panel of theme experts.

County Geological Sites (CGS), as adopted under the National Heritage Plan are now included in County Development Plans and in the GIS of planning departments, to ensure the recognition and appropriate protection of geological heritage within the planning system. CGSs can be viewed online under the Geological Heritage tab on the online Map Viewer. The audit for Fingal Co. Dublin was completed in 2007. A published version is available and can be downloaded from here.-

Our records show that there is no CGS located in close proximity of the proposed development site to which your attention should be drawn.

Geotechnical Database Resources
Geological Survey Ireland continues to populate and develop our national geotechnical database and viewer with site investigation data submitted voluntarily by industry. The current database holding is over 7500 reports with 134,000 boreholes; 31,000 of which are digitised which can be accessed through downloads from our Geotechnical Map Viewer. We would strongly recommend that this database be consulted as part of any baseline geological assessment of the proposed development as it can provide invaluable baseline data for the region or vicinity of the proposed development area. This information may be beneficial and cost saving for any site specific investigations that may be designed as part of the development.

Groundwater
It should be noted that our Map Viewer can be used to show Groundwater Vulnerability within a specific area. We recommend using this function when engaging in planning.

Council's Response

Noted. All relevant GSI Databases and Information have been, and will be, consulted in the development and preparation of this scheme.

Observation 5a – Provision for safe cycling / walking.

"The cycle track is laid beside a footpath with a painted line separating cyclists from pedestrians. This layout is potentially dangerous for all parties. In Ireland, such cycle tracks are often separated from the road by a grass verge. This grass area could be used to separate cyclists and pedestrians, with the cycle track at road level, segregated robustly e.g. as is planned for all BusConnects cycle tracks (120mm height barrier). Alternatively segregation can be achieved by a line of wands or bollards, armadillos etc. or, if space allows, by a second grass verge".

Council's Response

The proposed cycle track on the Link Road is segregated from the footpath by a 75mm kerb
upstand, with the cycle track at a lower level to the footpath, as per the layout for a Cycle Track Behind Verge on page 67 of the National Cycle Manual (NCM). Given the amount of children in the area, it is felt that the cycle track further away from traffic is safer, and so it is behind the grassed verge where possible. In addition this layout complies with the boulevard design concept as per the Church Fields Land Management Plan (CFLMP).

As this is a purpose-designed shared street, Section 1.9.3 of the National Cycle Manual requires that pedestrians and cyclists are segregated "vertically and/or horizontally". The inclusion of the 75mm kerb upstand between the cycle track and footpath complies with this requirement, by segregating pedestrians and cyclists both vertically and horizontally.

Observation 5b – Provision for safe cycling.

"The cycle track is positioned away from sight of motorised traffic. When cyclists and drivers meet at intersections, neither may be properly prepared or at the desired level of awareness of the other. Accidents involving cyclists thus mainly occur at intersections, also shown by research".

Council's Response

The proposed cycle track comes back out adjacent to the carriageway and ramps down to carriageway (raised table) level going through the junctions, with appropriate layouts, tapers & ramp lengths as per the NCM.

Observation 5c – Provision for safe cycling.

"The cycle track, which is not at road level or directly parallel to the road, does not have right-of-way across junctions with side roads, as the traffic on the main road does. Again confusion and accidents may arise from this. Note, this problem does not greatly affect long cycle tracks connecting towns outside urban areas as there are few intersections with side roads and lower traffic flows".

Council's Response

As per previous response, the proposed cycle track is at road level and directly parallel to the road through the junctions as per the NCM.

The proposed design is not a painted line between pedestrians and cyclists, but instead a 75mm kerb upstand as per the cross sections on the drawings. The same segregation will be applied to the cycle track in the parkland and along Damastown Avenue.

Observation 5d – Provision for safe cycling.

"The solution to this issue is first of all to segregate cyclists properly from pedestrians and secondly to place the cycle track close to or beside the road, robustly segregated to ensure safety, so that cyclists and drivers remain in clear proximate view of each other. If space allows a green verge can be inserted between track and road".

Council's Response

The proposed Link Road (LR) Cycle track is segregated from pedestrians by a 75mm kerb upstand. The general layout is as per Pg. 67 of the NCM. Given the number of residential homes and the number of schools in the area, it is felt that this cycle track is likely to be used predominantly by children, and providing the cycle track behind the narrow grassed verge gives added protection / an additional buffer from traffic.

Also, the grassed verge is only 1.75m wide so cyclists are still in view of adjacent drivers.

Observation 5e – Provision for safe cycling.

"The problem of right of way across the side streets is solved by running the cycle track as a cycle lane across the exit of the side road on a ramp/raised speed cushion with a stop sign for exiting drivers set back on the inside of the track, clearly indicating that the cyclists have right of way as they ride across the side street exit.

This is the very design shown on Sheet 2 for the side roads on the north side of the road. In Sheet 2 the cycle track, running beside the footpath, is diverted to the roadside so as to cross the side road as a cycle lane on a ramp".

Council's Response

Agreed - no issue. Layout as per pg. 83 & 85 of NCM

Observation 5f – Provision for safe cycling.

"Cyclists travelling straight on are inconvenienced at this junction as they have to turn left and travel a significant distance before reaching a traffic-light controlled crossing where they cross to the right, and then they must head back to the roundabout and turn left again. This is a design that invites failure. It may lead to cyclists entering the main road space to go straight on. The ideal solution is found in Dutch-style roundabouts where the cycle track encircles the roundabout, with corner buffers, and crosses the exits on raised speed cushions with right-of-way given to the cyclists crossing the exit. Cyclists are thus not forced to ride a distance away from the roundabout in order to continue on straight. Drivers do have a slightly shorter circular distance to travel but this difference is small and is worthwhile for cyclists who are protected by the buffers and right-of-way".

Council's Response

A variation of the Dutch-style roundabout was considered for the internal roundabout on GA0004, however there were concerns in relation to the legality of the cyclists right of way across the exits. In addition, this style roundabout is not given in any Irish standards or guidance, which we are obliged to follow.

Furthermore, the southern roundabout on GA0001 is a retro-fit of cycle facilities on an existing roundabout, so project constraints don't allow such interventions. Also, traffic volumes affect such a proposed Dutch-style roundabout, as traffic should not be backing up onto and blocking the roundabout circulatory or other exits, as cyclists have the priority to cross.

However, to mitigate and improve on the concerns raised at this southern roundabout, revisions are being made which include:

- All crossings are being changed to zebra controlled crossings and relocated closer to the roundabout itself as per pg. 127 of the NCM (but with crossings offset at 5m from roundabout circulatory) to reduce the travel distance for pedestrians and cyclists turning right.
- The cycle facilities on the two corners of the northern side of the roundabout will be changed to a two-way cycle track (no space to provide same on southern side). This will then provide an additional option for right-turning cyclists approaching the roundabout from the eastern and

northern arms to be able to cross at the controlled crossing in advance of the roundabout to access the northern and western arms respectively.

Observation 5g – Provision for safe cycling.

"A less ideal alternative for small or existing roundabouts is to convert the track to an on-road cycle lane approaching the roundabout, thus allowing cyclists to use the roundabout directly in the main stream of traffic in order to continue straight on. This latter solution would be made safer if the angle of entry of the road into the roundabout was less splayed so as to slow motorised traffic speed entering the roundabout".

Council's Response

There are significant concerns with providing an on-road cycle lane around the roundabout as there is often conflicts, confusion and apprehension between cyclists traveling straight on across an exit and drivers turning into that exit, and who has the right-of-way. This can lead to safety concerns and local authorities tend to shy away from these roundabout designs. These only really work where vehicular traffic is at low volumes and low speed, and cyclist demand is high, although the conflict and safety concerns still remain. In the case of this roundabout the traffic flows and speeds at this junction are not appropriate for the alternative solution proposed.

Observation 5h – Provision for safe cycling / walking.

"Sheet 4 appears to indicate that the cycle track is segregated by height from the footpath. This is helpful in avoiding conflict between cyclist and pedestrian, as discussed in the preamble. However, if the track were outside of the green space, it would be even better, particularly as it keeps cyclists and drivers in acute visual awareness of each other".

Council's Response

As per previous comment, the cycle track is on the inside of the green verge for added protection of young children, and is as per pg. 67 of the NCM.

Observation 5i – Provision for safe cycling.

"The junctions of side roads to main road are good, as they conform to the diagrams on page 2 above. Again however, were the grass on the inside of the cycle track, then the track would not have to weave to the right whenever it reaches a side road and then to then left afterwards".

Council's Response
As per previous comment, the cycle track is on the inside of the green verge is; as per the boulevard design concept indicated in the CFLMP, as per pg. 67 of the NCM, and for added protection of young children.

Observation 5j – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"There is a problem here. The cycle track appears to direct cyclists into shared space at the roundabout. This issue also arose recently with the Harry Reynolds Road upgrade. It is very undesirable to have cyclists (going at speeds of 30kph to work for example) suddenly finding themselves amidst pedestrians including children, parents with prams, terrified elderly, dogs etc while trying to go through a roundabout. This is a design that also invites failure. The solution again is the Dutch-style roundabout or else the design must make it clear that the cyclists must exit at the Zebra Crossings into the main road to continue through the roundabout from that road before rejoining the cycle track".

Council's Response
As mentioned, the option of a Dutch-style roundabout was considered for the internal roundabout on GA0004, however there were concerns in relation to the legality of the cyclists right of way across the exits. In addition, this style roundabout is not given in any Irish standards or guidance, which we are obliged to follow.
The proposed roundabout conforms to pg. 127 of the NCM. Cyclists will be informed by signage, road markings and change in surface of the shared areas.

Observation 5k – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"See comments on Sheet 2 with regard to roundabout design. Where a note exists : "Tie in to existing footpath", care must also be taken not to discharge cyclists onto a footpath. See also comments on Sheets 7-9 re the two-way cycle track below".

Council's Response
Changes have now been made to provide appropriate tie-in facilities for the cycle tracks and to change the controlled crossing on the new link road arm to a zebra crossing to be consistent with the rest of the link load.

Observation 5l – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"The cross-section diagram underneath the drawings suggests a painted line separating the cyclists from pedestrians. This is unacceptable and is easily

remedied by a height barrier, by a grass verge, by a curbstone line, by armadillos etc. This problem also exists on Sheet 6. The laudable effort being made here to provide a two-way cycle track really calls for this relatively minor modification to keep pedestrians and cyclists apart. The comments on Sheet 2 re the roundabout also apply".

Council's Response
A 75mm kerb upstand segregation between the cycle track and the footpath will be included on all sections where possible.

Observation 5m – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"See Sheet 7-9 comments above re segregation of the cycle track. It is also unclear why the ends of the two-way cycle track at the Church Road crossing (Sheet 10) are not joined up?"

Council's Response
A 75mm kerb upstand segregation between the cycle track and the footpath will be included.
The cycle tracks need to be brought into a shared area at footpath junctions like at Church Road and as per the rest of the scheme, to allow cyclists to safely access the crossings, etc.

Observation 5m – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"The cycle tracks usher the cyclists into shared space which is not acceptable. Dutch-style roundabout design solves this or else facilitate safe entry of cyclists onto the road to allow them to travel straight on."

Council's Response
This is the same roundabout as on GA0004. This design of the roundabout cycle facilities conform to pg. 127 of the NCM.

Observation 6 – Gaelscoil an Chuilinn – Development works in the grounds of Gaelscoil an Chuilinn.
"Gaelscoil an Chuilinn has invested tens of thousands of Euro (after extensive fundraising) over the past year in building a running track and re-surfacing the playing field in the area immediately adjacent to the proposed cycle track and have plans for further work in 2020."

"As outlined above, we welcome a cycle track directly to the schools on this campus. However, we would like to have input in the plans for this cycle track to

ensure that our concerns are addressed. It would be unacceptable to lose the schools' investment as part of these upgrade works. We are also concerned about trees planted in the area outlined for development etc."

"Can you please engage directly with Gaelscoil an Chuilinn's Board of Management & Principal (https://www.gsch.ie) to determine how these two pieces of infrastructure can co-exist happily without any damage or loss to school developments?".

Council's Response

Representatives from Fingal County Council have previously engaged with the Department of Education, and have met on site with the school Principal and a member of the Board of Management on the 6th March 2020 to discuss the proposals. It was confirmed that the section of land take would not impact on the school running track or football pitch, and a number of accommodation works were agreed in relation to the high ball fence and netting reinstatement / replacement, reinstatement of any areas impacted by the works, ensure to maintain as much of the existing embankment as possible, and replace any trees impacted by the works. FCC will continue to engage and liaise directly with Gaelscoil an Chuilinn throughout the detailed design process.

Observation 7a – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.

"The revised layout of the Wellview Road provides enhanced footpaths and cycletracks in the area; however the widened road design including a grass median has the potential to worsen the walking and cycling environment by making it more difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road. The scale of the road and the potential traffic volumes do not warrant the requirement to increase the width of the road in the future nor the provision of turning pockets as per the current design. Careful consideration must be giving to the location of tree planting so that the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is not compromised by decreasing visibility at crossing points".

Council's Response

Given that this road will no longer be a cul-de-sac, but instead a through road, and with the

development of 1,000 additional residential units to come, accessing off this road, the traffic estimates are increased, particularly at morning and evening peaks. The narrow carriageway widths, grassed median, and ramps will calm traffic, help to keep speeds low, and help mitigate over-use as a through-road and potential "rat-run".

The desire / intention is to guide pedestrians to use the controlled crossings, particularly given the potential number of children in the area. Low planting will be considered in the median to prevent unwarranted crossing. It is agreed that careful consideration must be given to the location of tree planting so that the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is not compromised by decreasing visibility at crossing points.

Observation 7b – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.

"Omit the central median and reallocate the green space to the road verges".

Council's Response

Wellview Avenue is the principle arterial street through the Church Fields area and through Mulhuddart. It is the gateway to the neighbourhood south from Damastown Avenue, through the proposed future local centre, and north from Ladyswell Road. Section 5.6 of the Church Fields Land Management Plan (LMP) defines Wellview Avenue as a "boulevard" as well as an "arterial street". Also, the "sample plan" shown for Wellview Avenue in the above section of the LMP shows a central median and right-turn lanes.

The boulevard design concept of this avenue separates the street into parallel urban realms, buffering the residential and future commercial elements on the street edge from the carriageways. Key to the boulevard concept is the reduction in carriageway widths and the proposed well planted median and
verges. These will serve to provide buffers between the busy carriageways and the surrounding pedestrian environment and residential communities, mitigating noise and pollution. The boulevard typology proposed creates a distinctive visual character and a sense of place, linking the existing and future communities together by one arterial street and creating a positive green environment.

The proposed cross section was first assessed in an Early Stage Options Assessment. Following this, the three leading preferred options were assessed against 21 multi-criteria, under the following headings:

- Scheme Specific Objectives
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Economy

Following this, the three leading preferred options were put forward to relevant Stakeholders for review and to give feedback on the options such as preferences,

further constraints, requirements, queries etc. for further consideration in the selection of a preferred option. The Options Selection process was thoroughly followed through to arrive at the preferred option of the current design.

Following further consultation with the NTA, the central median has been omitted at each of the junctions on the road which removes the right turn traffic lane and bring the two running lanes together. This layout narrows the road width at each of the junctions which aids crossing of the road.

Observation 7c – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"Move all pedestrian and cycling crossing points adjacent to the junctions where the desire lines exist for crossing facilities".

Council's Response
All crossing points will be relocated closer to each of the relevant junctions, with the implementation of zebra crossings on the mainline and side road crossings also. A raised table will be provided across the area of the junction to control speeds on the link road, on which the crossings will be located also.

Observation 7d – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"Change the design of the roundabout in Sheet 1 to a cycle friendly roundabout as per the National Cycle Manual".

Council's Response
This southern roundabout (Ch. 0) is an existing roundabout on which cycle facilities are being retro-fitted. This design will be amended to provided zebra crossings on each arm of the roundabout as per page 127 of the National Cycle Manual (NCM), but with the crossings set back from the roundabout circulatory by 5m to allow a stopped vehicle to wait off the roundabout circulatory. Additional segregation of pedestrians and cyclists is provided between the crossing points. Furthermore, the cycle facilities on the two corners of the northern side of the roundabout will be changed to a two-way cycle track (no space to provide same on southern side). This will then provide an additional option for right-turning cyclists approaching the roundabout from the eastern and northern arms to be able to cross at the controlled crossing in advance of the roundabout to access the northern and western arms respectively.

Observation 7e – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling.
"Along the entire length of the road, omit the cycling entrance/turning area opposite the junction – in a three lane scenario these are dangerous for cyclists and are not required where appropriate crossing facilities are provided along the length of the road".

Council's Response
The relevant junctions will be reconfigured to remove the right turn traffic lane and bring the two running lanes together, meaning that experienced cyclists will only have to cross two lanes of traffic. This layout reflects a combination of those on pg. 67, pg. 107 and pg. 140 of the NCM. In addition, the zebra crossings relocated closer to the junctions provide an alternative crossing option for less-experienced cyclists who wish to dismount and cross under controlled conditions.

Observation 7f – National Transport Authority – Traffic Calming.
"Sheet 4 – tighten the roundabout to provide a 4m circulating lane and tighten the radii at the arms of the roundabout".

Council's Response
The roundabout has been kept quite tight in order to calm traffic, while also catering for larger, rigid HGVs such as fire trucks, waste disposal trucks, delivery trucks, etc. with the provision of the over-run area in the centre of the roundabout. Tightening further to provide a 4m circulating lane, as well as tightening the radii at the arms of the roundabout will be assessed further during the Detailed Design.

Observation 7g – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling.
"The provision of an improved cycletrack on Damastown Avenue is welcomed. In the context of the likely future development of the lands to the north of Damastown Avenue for community uses it is considered appropriate that cycletrack provision should also be made on the northern side of the road. It is the preference that a cycletrack is provided on each side of the road in the direction of general traffic, rather than, or in addition to a two-way cycletrack on one side.
Specific recommendations for Sheets 5 to 7:

- *Provide a cycletrack on each side of the road in the direction of general traffic, rather than, or in addition to, a two-way cycletrack on the southern side".*

Council's Response

The lands to the north of Damastown Avenue are zoned Community Infrastructure under the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023. There are no current proposals before the Planning Authorities with regards to this land bank. However, proposals for additional cycle connectivity alone the northern side of Damastown Avenue could be examined as part of future schemes.

The existing on-road cycle lanes either side of Damastown Avenue are to be retained, and will continue to provide for, the experienced cyclist. The proposed 2-way cycle track on the southern side of Damastown Avenue is designed to cater for the less experienced cyclist (children, novices, etc.), and provide a leisure facility link between the parkland cycle track and the link road cycle facilities.

Observation 7h – National Transport Authority – Community access.

"In the context of the continued use of a five-arm roundabout junction and the utilisation of Powerstown Road as the access point to the schools, the provision of improved cycling and pedestrian facilities at the roundabout and on Powerstown Road is welcome. However, it would appear that the closing of the fifth arm of the roundabout at Powerstown Road and the opening of an access off Damastown Road would be a safer and more appropriate long-term solution for traffic accessing the community uses at this location".

Council's Response

The Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023, above, for the area shows the land to the north of Damastown Avenue as a future Community Infrastructure (yellow hatch) - plans would need to be progressed further, and include for a through-road to Powerstown Road. The objective is not just to provide cycle facilities for the access from the Link Road, but access for all from the 5 arm roundabout to the school. It is considered that at present, the opening of an access off Damastown Road would be premature, but will be considered as part of future development. The Fingal Development Plan shows an objective under the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network to provide a cycle link from Damastown Avenue through to Powerstown Road and beyond. There may be potential to provide cycle paths north of Damastown Ave as part of future development proposals on the Community Infrastructure zoned lands.

Observation 7i – National Transport Authority – Traffic Calming.

"Improve the entrance point by tightening the radii of the junction of Curragh Hall to Powerstown Road (this is within the redline boundary of the scheme)".

Council's Response
These additional measures to improve the entrance point by tightening the radii of the junction of Curragh Hall to Powerstown Road will be included in the scheme.

Observation 7j – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"Improve the pedestrian and cycling crossing facilities at Curragh Hall Junction by providing an appropriately designed pedestrian and cycle friendly crossing facility (this is within the redline boundary of the scheme)".

Council's Response
Additional measures to upgrade the existing signal controlled pedestrian crossing between Curragh Hall Crescent and the schools (Ch 216) to a Toucan Crossing will be included in the scheme.

Observation 7k – National Transport Authority – Provision for safe cycling / walking.
"Provide a pedestrian and cycle crossing point on Church Road to allow access to the cycletrack".

Council's Response
Additional measures to provide a crossing facility on Church Road will be included in the scheme.

Observation 8a – Wellview Parlickstown Residents Association – Traffic Management.
"A traffic management plan has not been completed or has not been included in the provision of this new roadway. The last traffic survey completed in the Mulhuddart area was completed during the Summer period while schools were closed and during peak holiday time. As can be seen any morning or evening the road system through Damanstown Ind Estate and Mulhuddart area is trailing for 2 miles all the way to Snugborough Road. If this road opened it would become a rat run for traffic and cause a serious safety issue for the residents in the locality".

Council's Response

The traffic survey data has been calibrated to cater for the summertime traffic and take account of the peak school time traffic. Measures are to be implemented such as raised table crossings along the link road, and narrow carriageway widths, to reduce speeds and deter the over-use as a "rat-run". The road is required to provide access to the development lands to the north for the provision of additional housing units.

Observation 8b – Wellview Parlickstown Residents Association – Provision for safe cycling / walking.

"With such a high expected volume of traffic on this roadway, new kerbside security measures would need to be installed such as a small wall with railings to prevent casual crossing of the new road system".

Council's Response

The scheme has been designed in such a way to guide pedestrians to use the controlled crossings, particularly given the potential number of children in the area. Low planting will be considered in the median to prevent unwarranted or unsafe crossing.

Observation 8c – Wellview Parlickstown Residents Association.

"The new road layout seems to be the wrong system for this road layout. From previous years' experience access along this road can be restricted totally in times of snow the road becomes impassable and the estate can be shut down and isolated . Installing a boulevard would total eliminate any chance of the roadway being made passable especially that this roadway would never be gritted or scraped by Fingal CoCo".

Council's Response

The opening up of Wellview Avenue to the north, via the Church Fields Link Road will vastly improve access, allowing the estates at the northern end of Wellview Avenue to enter from Damastown Avenue to the north. This will negate the need for residents to enter via Wellview Avenue in times of snow. The proposed Church Fields Link Road also has a slacker gradient than the existing Wellview Avenue, providing a safer alternative for residents in times of snow.

Observation 8d – Wellview Parlickstown Residents Association – Community access.

"Considering the impact on the local environment the tree lined road way would be totally destroyed as all the trees on the Wellview side of the road would have to be removed as they would be in the new cycleway. Destruction of trees growing for 20 years would be devastating to the local environmental look of the area.

The road works would also cause serious effect on the traffic route from the estates as a one way system would have to be put in place for a number of months to complete these works".

Council's Response

Semi-mature tree planting has been proposed as part of an all-encompassing landscaping design to negate the impact of tree removal. More trees are to be planted as part of the scheme than are being removed.

Comprehensive traffic management plans will be prepared by the Contractor and agreed with FCC. The opening of access from the north along Church Fields Link Road will ease traffic management issues during the upgrade of Wellview Avenue.

Observation 8e – Wellview Parlickstown Residents Association – Anti-social behaviour.

"This roadway is not being opened for the development of the locality but for further development which the area is not capable of providing. A road had been constructed in put in place over 20 years ago and was never opened due to objections from the local Gardaí because of policing issues and anti-social issues which have still not been addressed".

Council's Response

There are significant developments proposed adjacent to the Link Road, meaning that the proposed Link Road will be surrounded by residential developments, and not greenfield areas as is currently the case. It is expected that the removal of these greenfield areas bring more activity into the area and lead to a significantly higher level of passive surveillance, thereby helping to mitigate the type of anti-social behaviour that can occur in open, undeveloped areas with no such surveillance.

(f) Conclusion:-

The proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and it is not foreseen that there will be a negative impact on the amenities of the area.

(g) Recommendation to Members:-

Having regard to the provisions of Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023; the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department considers that the proposed development would be acceptable subject to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Planners Report.

APPENDIX A
PLANNING REPORT

APPENDIX B
MAPS / PLANS / DRAWINGS

Report of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department:

Re: Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network

Proposal: Development under Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended (Part XI), Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2015 (Part 8)

Report Date: 3rd January 2020

Introduction:

This report is prepared by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department in response to a development which is proposed by the Architects Department under the Development Act 2000 as amended (Part XI), Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2015 (Part 8)

Proposed Development:

In summary, the scheme provides for the following key elements:

- New link road from an existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue connecting to Wellview Avenue (approx. 310m)
- Upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue (approx. 380m)
- New combined cycle track and footway along Damastown Avenue through the future parkland area adjacent to Church Road.
- New cycle route link from the Damastown Avenue / Church Road Roundabout to Powerstown Educate Together National School along Powerstown Road.

Site Location:

The subject lands are located to the north of Blanchardstown town centre and lie north of the N3 National Primary Route. Industrial zoned lands lie to the west of the site. With the exception of the upgrade of the existing carriageway, (Wellview Avenue) the remaining lands are greenfield. Damastown Avenue lies to the south and to the east the larger landbank is bounded by Church Road and by the Pinkeen Stream to the West. Estates in the area include Wellview, Parlickstown Avenue and Avondale Park.

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023:

The subject development is located on lands zoned Residential in the Fingal Development Plan 2017-20203 where the objective seeks to *'provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity'.*

Local Objectives applicable to the lands:
No. 89- *'Protect the woodland along Church Road in tandem with the retention of scenic views to Co. Meath'*

No. 90 – '*Provide for adequate screening and separation of new development from the residential housing adjoining to the south'.*

Lands to the east:

No. 87 *'Extend existing graveyard and work towards the improvement of safety in the graveyard and the upgrading of Church Road'.*

The overall RS zoned landbank also contains an objective to provide for a school.

A number of industrial sites with Seveso status are located to the west of the subject lands with the applicable consultation distances specified as being between 700m and 1000m.

Planning Assessment:

Purpose of the Scheme:

A new link road is proposed from the existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue connecting to Wellview Avenue, together with the upgrading of Wellview Avenue. These works will improve the safe movement of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and private cars. The scheme further includes the following:

• A new combined two-way cycle track and adjacent footpath along southern side of Damastown Avenue and through future parkland area to the east adjacent to Church Road,

• The upgrade and provision of vulnerable road user (VRU) facilities through and around the Church Road / Damastown Avenue Roundabout to tie in with other existing facilities in the area,

• The upgrade of existing poorly constructed cycle tracks on the roundabout to tie in to existing cycle tracks on the R121 and R121 Cruiserath Road. On the south-western and northern sections around the roundabout will be a two-way cycle track.

• An upgrade to the southern side of the Powerstown Road footpath to include a two-way cycle track to provide a link from the above roundabout to as far as Powerstown Educate Together National School.

• The existing pelican crossing on the eastern approach of Damastown Avenue to the Church Road / Damastown Avenue Roundabout is to be upgraded to a Toucan crossing, and new Toucan crossings are proposed on each of the other arms of this roundabout;

• New Toucan crossings are proposed on the eastern and western side of the Damastown/ Church Field Link Road roundabout at the top of the new link road section;

• New replacement street lighting is proposed on the new and upgraded link road sections, while along the new Damastown Avenue cycle track, the existing street lighting is to be relocated closer to the road, with additional lighting provided to light the new cycle track and footpath. There is minimal existing lighting in the parkland areas along the existing footpath, which is proposed to be replaced with more frequent pathway lighting.

• The existing road markings and signage will be refreshed, and new signage and road markings installed as required.

Internal Reports:

Division	Recommendation
Parks Division	a) The minimum slope of 1:3 is achieved throughout each pond, b) The applicant is requested to carried out a SUDS Health and Safety Risk Assessment Checklist that is provided in CIRIA SuDS Manual 2015: Appendix B. Tree Protection measures to be incorporated./ Specifications in relation to the size of trees to be planted along Wellview Avenue. All tree work should be in accordance with BS3998 (2010) Tree Work – Recommendations.
Water Services Division	Report refers to relocation of an existing surface water pipe which is acceptable to the Division. Works required to be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Drainage Operations Section. The pond location and overall SuDS strategy is deemed acceptable to the Division.
Transportation Division	Traffic management arrangements required to ensure that working hours/deliveries have due regard to school peak times etc. Such arrangements should be set out in a detailed Construction Management Plan for the written agreement of the Transportation Planning Section once the contractor has been appointed and prior to the commencement of construction works.

	A road safety audit will be required for the scheme and the recommendations of same should be implemented to the satisfaction of the Transportation Planning Section. All necessary works and equipment required for the signalised junctions associated with the scheme including ducting, road markings and signage shall be agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction.
Irish Water	Views of Irish Water should be ascertained.

Principle of development

The proposed development, providing for physical improvements to the existing road and enhancement and extension of the wider road network providing for greater degree of connectivity with surrounding areas is acceptable and in compliance with the under lying land use zoning objective. The provision of new cycle facilities, new Toucan crossing points, and improved lighting will be consistent with and will underpin the land use zoning objective applicable to the site which seeks to provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity.

The Development is consistent with Chapter 7 of the Fingal Development Plan in terms of National and Regional Policies including:

Fingal North Dublin Transportation Study
Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035
Smarter Travel- A Sustainable Transport Future 20909-2020
National Cycle Policy Framework 2009-2020
NTA Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan
Design Manual for urban Road s and Streets
Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

The proposal also accords with national policies and objectives with regard to the integration of land use and transportation planning.

Archaeological Assessment:

A review and analysis of previous archaeological studies in the area, namely a draft Archaeological Desktop Study of the Church Fields area carried out by Fingal County Council in August 2018 has been completed by RPS to inform the proposed development. The updated archaeological assessment concludes that there were no impacts on the archaeological sites in the area. The Report and Conclusions/Recommendations therein

should be referred to the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and to the Community Archaeologist of Fingal County Council.

Flood Risk

The Churchfields, Mulhuddart Surface Water Management Plan Part 1: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment [DRAFT] was prepared by Roughan and O'Donovan in 2019 in relation to the Church Fields Land Management Plan. The assessment concluded that the majority of the Land Management Plan area is within Flood Zone C where the probability of flooding from rivers and the sea is low (<1 in 1000 year) and is therefore appropriate for highly vulnerable developments. The incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems complying with the GDSDS in all new developments was recommended.

A review of the Draft Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report (Roughan and O'Donovan Consulting Engineers, 2019) for the Church Fields Land Management Plan (LMP) was carried out by RPS in 2019 to inform the design and final layout for Church Fields Link Design.

The Flood Risk Assessment Conclusions and Recommendations reached in the report received from RPS have been referred to the Water Services Division for assessment and the Division indicates no objections to the development.

Appropriate Assessment

In support of this development, RPS has undertaken a report to Inform Screening for Appropriate Assessment and have also prepared a report entitled Ecological Appraisal. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment report concludes that:

- The proposed development is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site;
- The proposed development will not give rise to likely significant effects on the qualifying interests of any SAC, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the sites concerned; and
- The proposed development will not give rise to likely significant effects on the special conservation interests of any SPA, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the sites concerned.

Taking particular account of the contents and conclusions of the above documents prepared by RPS for this project and having regard to the nature and extent of the development proposed, the nature of the receiving environment and or proximity to the nearest European site, no appropriate assessment issues arise and it is not considered that the proposed development would be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects on a European site.

The views of the Biodiversity Officer of Fingal County Council should be ascertained and all recommendations taken into consideration in relation to the reports referenced above.

EIAR

Taking particular account of the contents and conclusions of the document entitled Church Fields link Road and Cycle Network -EIA Screening report prepared by RPS for this project, it is considered that the proposed development individually and cumulatively with associated existing and approved development will not result in the potential for significant impacts to arise on the environmental receptors. The development would not by virtue of its size and scale represent a development for the purposes of Part 10 under Section 5, or fulfil criteria under Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requiring EIAR.

Conclusions:

The proposed scheme on completion would provide significant enhancement to the existing public road and cycle infrastructure in the area and will provide significant improvements to the public realm in the Churchfields area. The project would provide enhanced connectivity between existing and proposed residential areas and between residential areas and existing educational facilities. The proposal is consistent with the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

All recommendations of the internal Divisions of Fingal County Council referred to this report should be complied with.

The development should be forwarded to the following Prescribed Bodies (not exhaustive list) during the period of public consultation:

-Irish Water
-Health and Safety Authority.
-National Monuments Service -Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Church Fields Link Road & Cycle Network
Part VIII

Presentation of the Chief Executive's Report to Elected Members of Fingal County Council

19th January 2020

Introduction

Speakers

- Mr. Paul Carroll – Senior Engineer – Fingal County Council

Objective of presentation

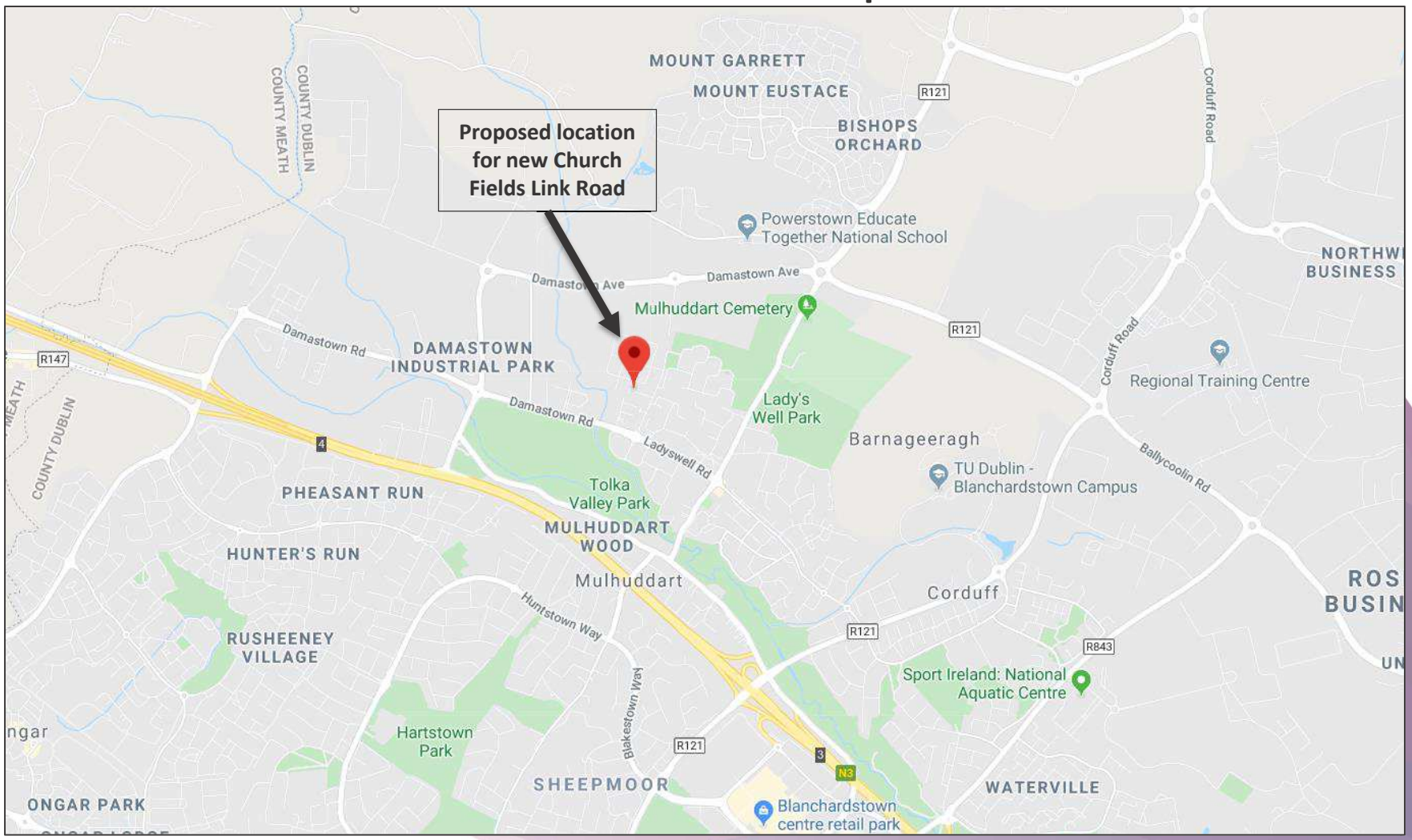
Report pursuant to Part XI Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Proposal for the construction of a 690m link road with high quality cycling and pedestrian facilities (380m upgrade of existing Wellview Avenue and 310m new construction) linking Ladyswell Road and Damastown Avenue. The project also includes for the provision of an additional 1.5km of high quality cycling and pedestrian facilities to the perimeter of the Church Fields LMP Lands.

Background to the requirement for the Church Fields Link Road & Cycle Network

- The Church Fields Link Road is an integral element of the Draft Church Fields Land Management Plan and is being proposed as an advance works project to provide access to adjacent development lands as part of the 'Project Talamh' initiative.
- Improve road safety for all road users
- Provision of high quality cycling and pedestrian facilities
- Provide safe and sustainable transport links to the two schools on the Powerstown Road
- Link the new proposed cycle infrastructure to existing cycle infrastructure in the surrounding area.

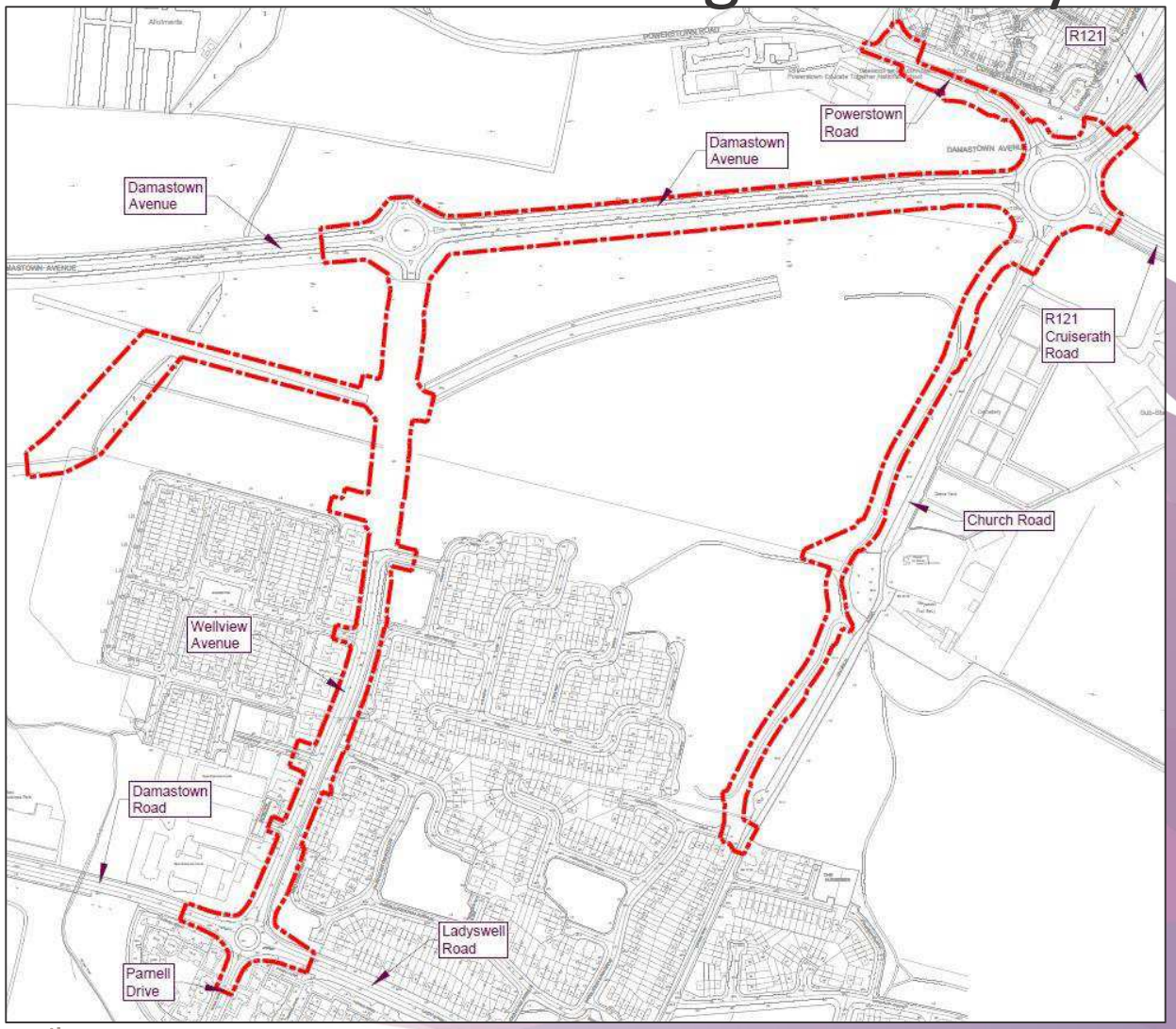
Site Location – Map View



Overview of Proposals



Part VIII Planning Boundary



Proposed Scheme Drawing



Proposed Part VIII Timetable

6th February 2020 – Draft Part VIII prepared and presented to the Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart / Castleknock / Ongar (Services B) Area Committee ✓

13th February 2020 – Notice in newspaper, site notice erected etc. ✓

13th February – 12th March 2020 – 4 week public display and submission period ✓

13th March – 27th March 2020 – Further 2 weeks for submissions ✓

28th May 2020 – Area Committee Meeting. Chief Executive's Report to be issued in advance of this date. ✓

19th June 2020 – County Council meeting where Draft Part VIII is considered for adoption, amendment or rejection.

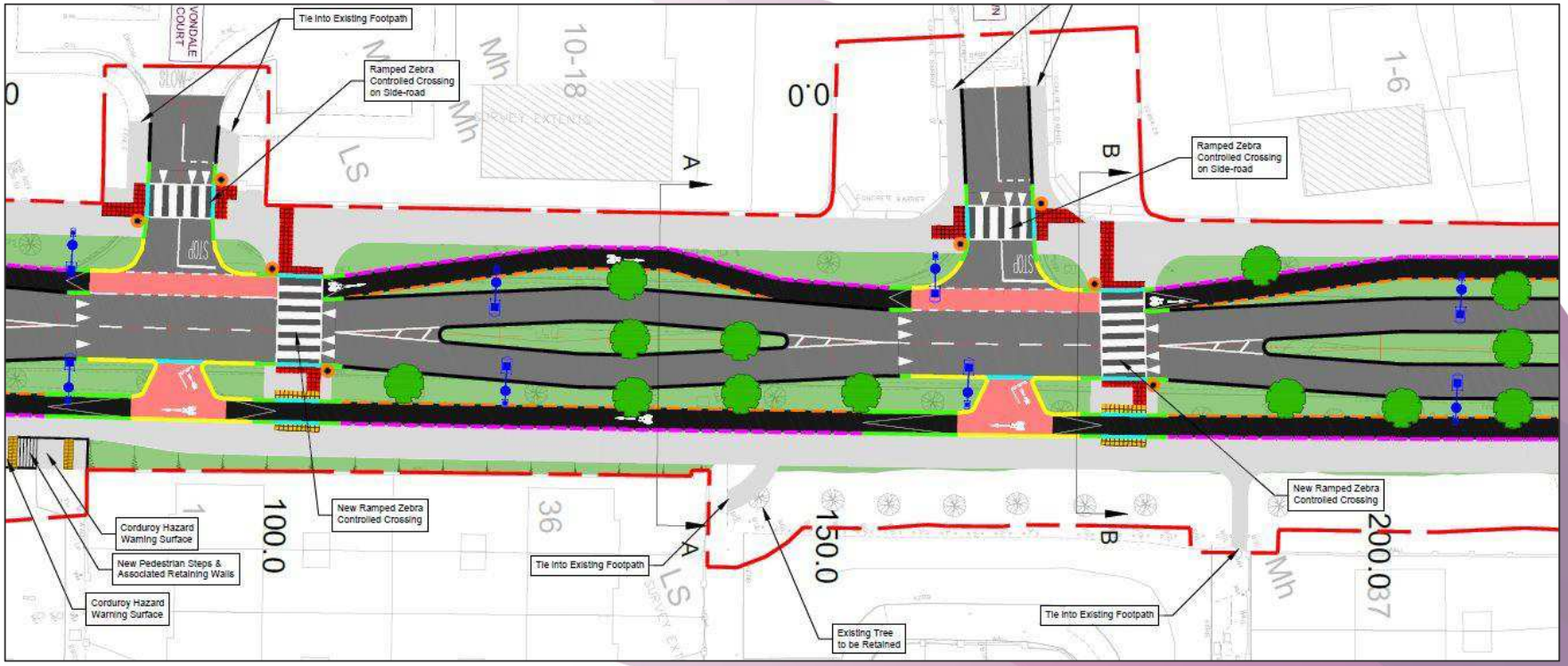
Submissions Received

- All comments from FCC Internal Departments have been addressed.
- 8no. Public Consultation Submission were received:

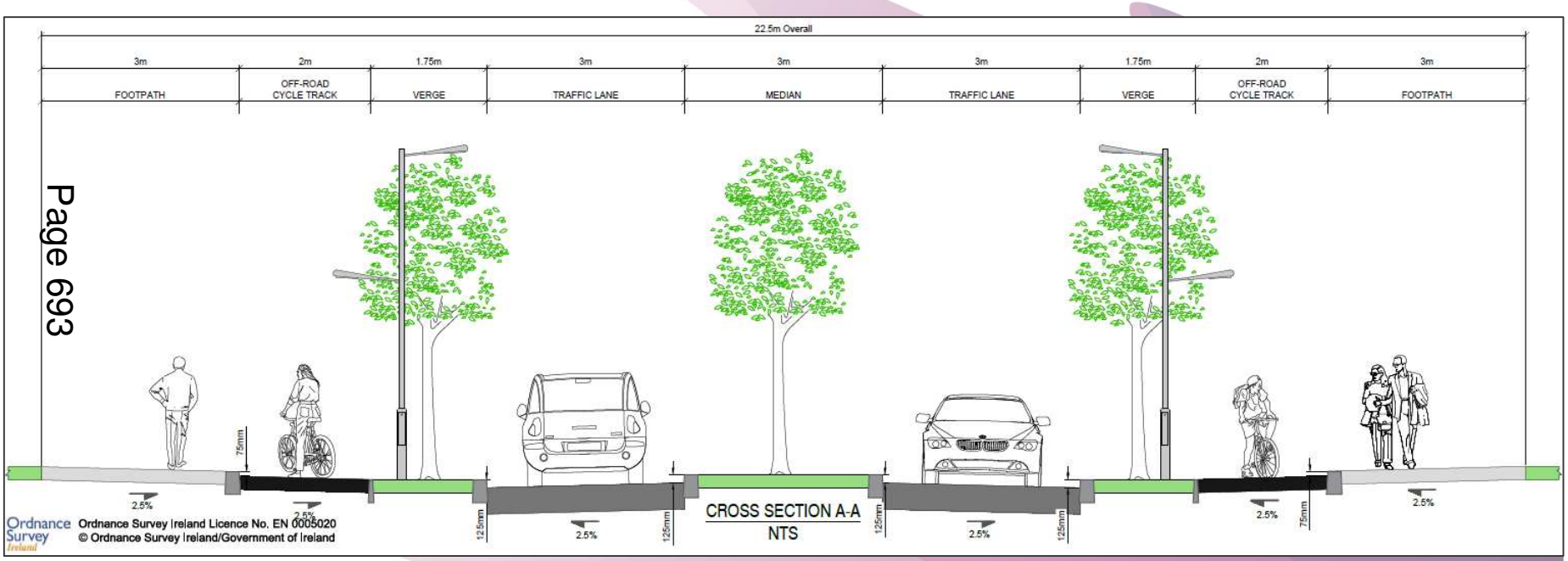
Subm.	Source	Reference	Public/ External Consultee
1	Meath County Council	FIN-C278-1	External Consultee
2	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	FIN-C278-2	External Consultee
3	Public Submission	FIN-C278-3	Public
4	Geological Survey Ireland	FIN-C278-4	External Consultee
5	Public Submission	FIN-C278-5	Public
6	Gaelscoil an Chuilinn	FIN-C278-6	Public
7	National Transport Authority	FIN-C278-7	External Consultee
8	Wellview Parslickstown Residents Association	FIN-C278-8	External Consultee

Concern Raised	Number of Submissions with Concern
None	3 (Observation 1, 2, 4)
Development works in the grounds of Gaelscoil an Chuilinn	2 (Observation 3, 6)
Provisions for safe walking and cycling	21 (Observation 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5h, 5i, 5j, 5k, 5l, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7g, 7j, 7k, 8b)
Traffic calming	2 (Observation 7f, 7i)
Community access	2 (Observation 7h, 8c)
Traffic management	1 (Observation 8a)
Local environment	1 (Observation 8d)
Anti-social behaviour	1 (Observation 8e)

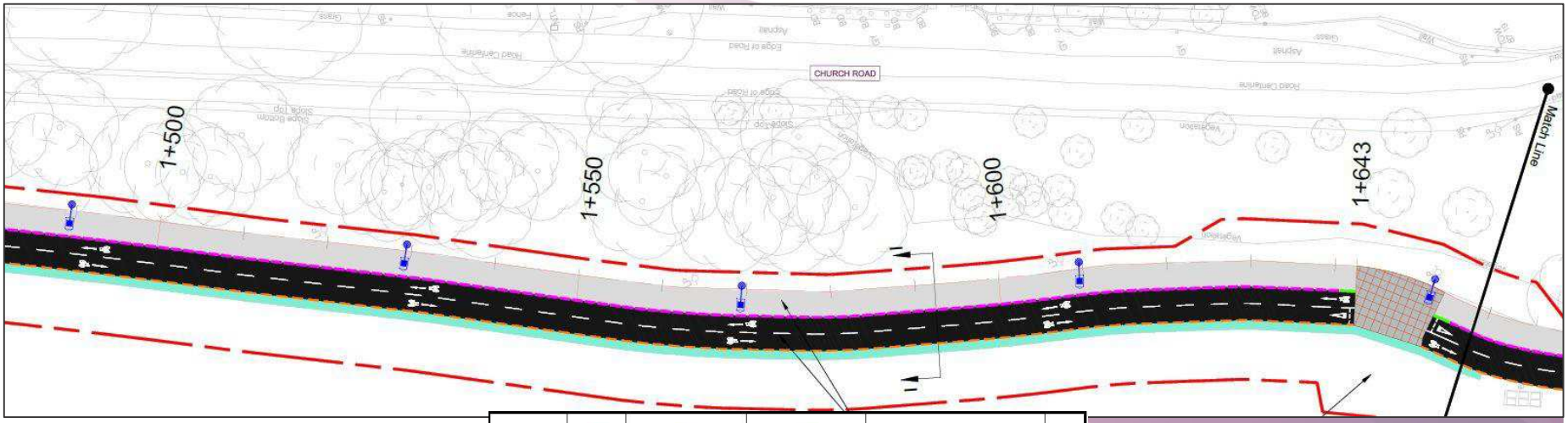
Proposed Link Road Typical Layout - Amended

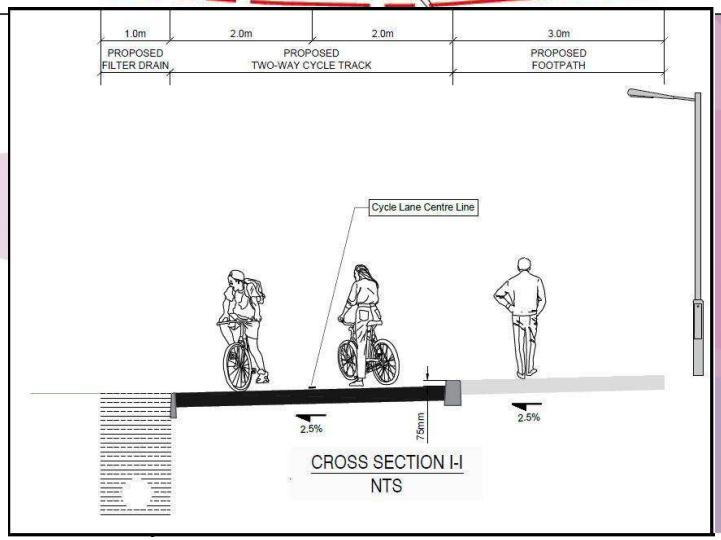


Proposed Link Road Typical Cross Sections

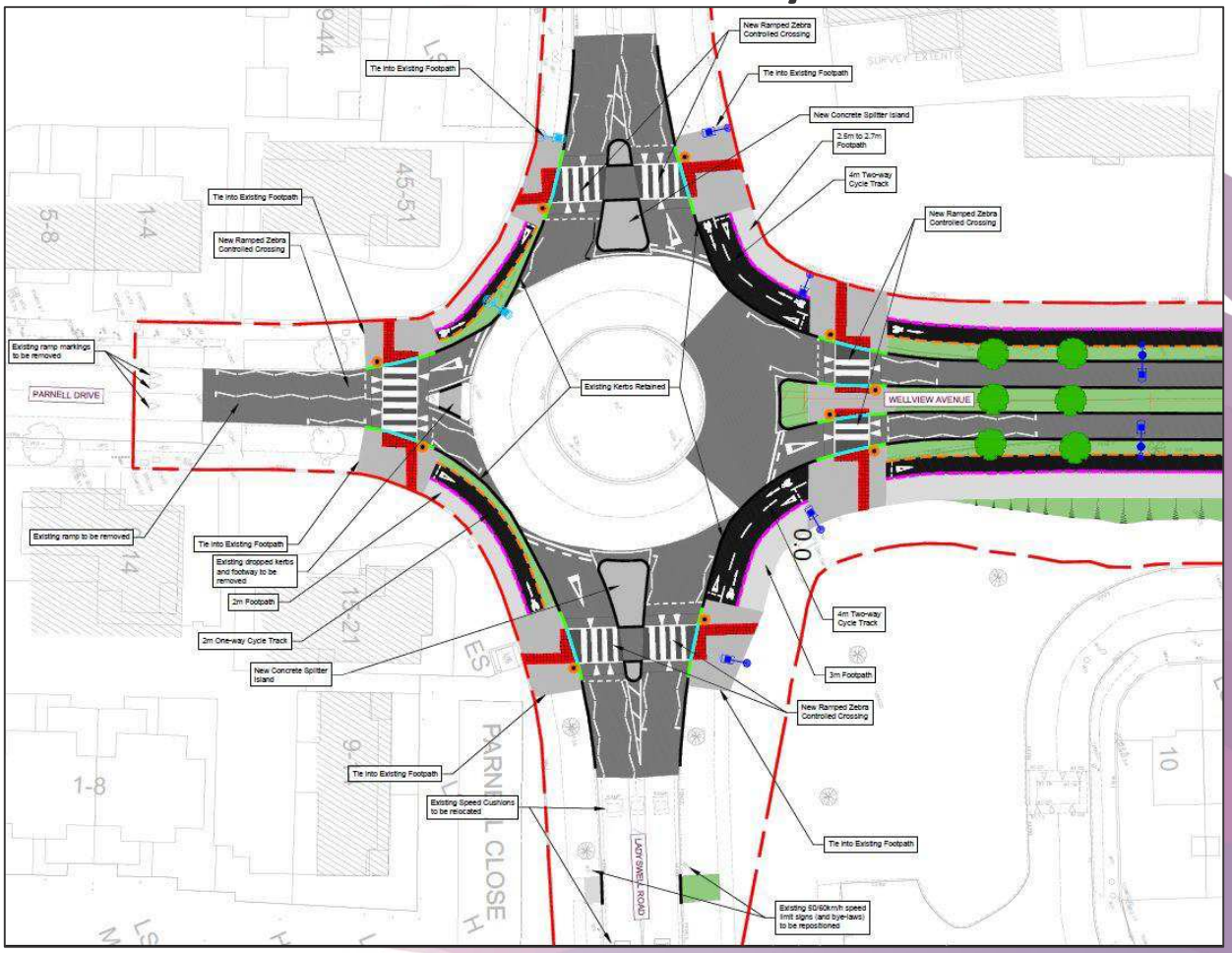


Proposed Parkland Footpath / Cycle Track
Typical Layout & Cross Section - Amended





Southern Roundabout Layout - Amended



Conclusion & Planning Recommendation

The proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and the Draft Church Fields Land Management Plan and it is not foreseen that there will be a negative impact on the amenities of the area.

Having regard to the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023; the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department considers that the proposed development would be acceptable subject to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Planners Report.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Proposed Variation no. 2 - Alignment of the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 with the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES).

David Murray

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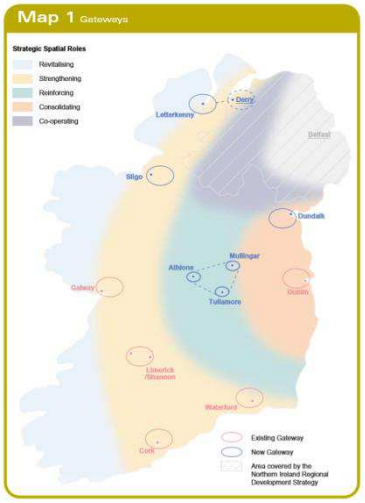
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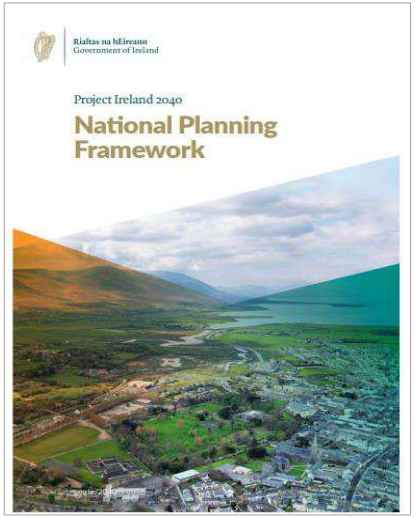
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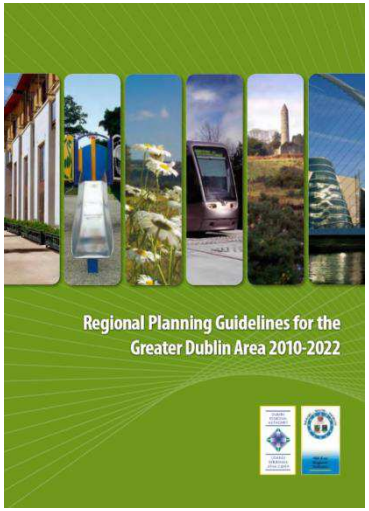
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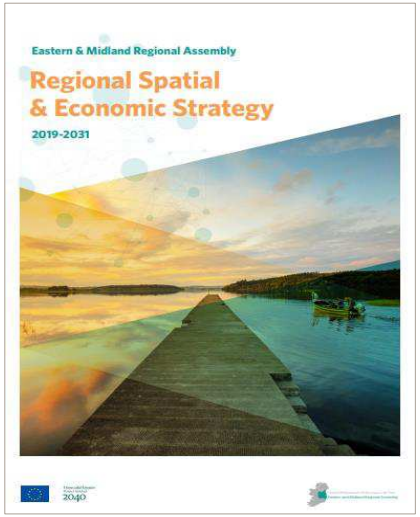
Variation no. 2 responds to changes in National and Regional planning policy

- Replacement of the National Spatial Strategy (NSS) with the National Planning Framework (NPF)
- Replacement of the Regional Planning Guidelines (RPGs) with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)
- Update references in the Development Plan
- Update Core Strategy

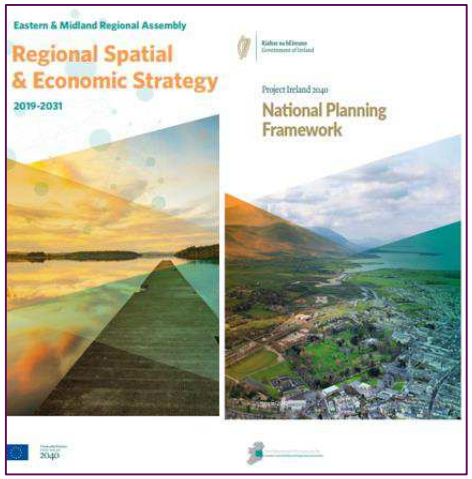








Planning Policy Context





Section 11(1) of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 sets out the options for Local Authorities to ensure their Development Plan is consistent with the RSES

Section 13 (14) – it is a statutory obligation of a Planning Authority to ensure its Development Plan is consistent with the NPF and RSES

Development Plan supports all National Strategic Outcomes (NPF) and Regional Strategic Outcomes (RSES).

Variation of the Development Plan

RSES – Fingal Context



<u>Dublin City and Suburbs</u>
Blanchardstown, Clonsilla, Charlestown, Howth Baldoyle, Clongriffin.

<u>Dublin Metropolitan Area</u>
Swords, Malahide, Donabate

<u>Core Region</u>
Balbriggan, Rush, Lusk, Skerries

RSES - Taking account of Existing Plans

- RSES acknowledges challenge of fitting into DP
- Core Strategy – Prioritisation measures for development land
- Zoning and PP may not result in delivery
- Service capacity, likely and actual rate of delivery
- Active Land Management
- Headroom – population transfer

Proposed Public Consultation Stage Amendments to DP

- A review and analysis of the Core Strategy was carried out
- The Proposed Variation No. 2 was to result in the following changes to the Development Plan:
  - Amendments to the Core Strategy and associated tables in the written statement; and
  - Amendments to text and objectives/policies throughout the written statement to refer to the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.
  - Additional policies supporting NSOs and RPOs.
- This Variation is proposed within the context of the commencement of the upcoming review of the Fingal Development Plan - 2021

Submissions Received

Office of the Planning Regulator

- Core Strategy should address the projected growth of City and suburbs, towns and villages
- Include statement indicating precedence of NPF and RSES
- Include appropriate policy to ensure core strategy meets growth targets of NPF and RSES
- MASP population transfer to Swords is an interim figure until agreed.
- Amend settlement hierarchy to reflect RSES – Dublin City and Suburbs
- Include objective supporting compact growth policies of NPF and RSES
- Include objective supporting recently issued Ministerial Guidelines.

Submissions Received

Eastern Midland Regional Assembly

- Consistency sought between RSES and FCC Settlement Heirarchy
- Reference required to policies on 30%/50% growth within existing areas.
- More specific reference to strategic development areas requested.
- MASP transitional figure for Swords to be omitted
- Sets out issues on housing delivery to be addressed in DP review
- Housing land capacity – further detail of land prioritization measures
- Population capacity should not be based on zoned lands
- Request that retail tier be defined
- Request that the variation set out add. measures on climate action.

Submissions Received

General	Area Specific
Process used – variation	Swords – ensure sufficient figures for housing growth
Alignment with NPR/RSES	Balbriggan (Bal) – pop growth excessive
Data within Dev Plan - CSO	Bal –catch-up investment
Indicate estimated growth	Bal –request social inf. audit
Greater Flexibility – Catch up demand	Bal – Castlelands/High density
Household size use	Baldoyle – higher densities req.
Emphasis - consolidation	Barnhill – rezone land
Increased housing needed	Donabate – Inf req to be listed
Greenfield led at odds with RSES	Howth – inc densities and housing allocation
	Malahide – as per Howth

CE Report - Amendments to the Development Plan

Revised Settlement Heirarchy

Settlement Typology	Description	Areas		
		Metropolitan	Core Region	Gateway Region
Dublin City and suburbs	International business core with a highly concentrated and diversified employment base and higher order retail, arts, culture and leisure offer. Acts as national transport hub with strong inter and intra-regional connections and an extensive commuter catchment.	Blanchardstown Baldoyle, Howth, Santry, Finglas Castleknock		
Regional Growth Centres	Regional Growth Centres are large towns with a high level of self-sustaining employment and services that act as regional economic drivers and play a significant role for a wide catchment area.		Drogheda	Athlone Dundalk
Key Towns	Large economically active service and/or county towns that provide employment for their surrounding areas and with high-quality transport links and the capacity to act as growth drivers to complement the Regional Growth Centres.	Bray Maynooth Swords	Navan Naas Wicklow-Rathnew	Graiguecullen (Carlow) Longford Mullingar Tullamore Portlaoise
Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	i) Self-Sustaining Growth Towns with a moderate level of jobs and services – includes sub-county market towns and commuter towns with good transport links and capacity for continued commensurate growth to become more self-sustaining.	Donabate		
Self- Sustaining Towns	ii) Self-Sustaining Towns with high levels of population growth and a weak employment base which are reliant on other areas for employment and/or services and which require targeted 'catch up' investment to become more self-sustaining.	Balbriggan, Rush, Lusk, Skerries, Malahide		
Towns and Villages	Towns and villages with local service and employment functions.	Kinsealy, Rivermeade, Loughshinny, Balrothery etc		
Rural	Villages and the wider rural region	To be defined by development plans.		

CE Report - Amendments to the Development Plan

New Policies – responds to OPR, EMRA and submissions

- Insert policy determining precedence of NPF and RSES over Development Plan in the event of conflicting policies
- Insert Objectives SS03a and SS01b supporting compact growth and the 30% / 50% requirement for development within existing urban footprints
- Amend Objective SS03 to emphasise compact growth and regeneration
- Additional text setting out the need for future land use plans to demonstrate a tiered approach to servicing

CE Report - Amendments to the Development Plan

New Policies – responds to OPR, EMRA and submissions

- Objective SS 02a

  Development will be permitted in principle on lands where there is a Local Area Plan or Masterplan in place and only when these lands are substantially developed will permission be granted for the development of lands without such a framework. Should the lands identified within a LAP or Masterplan not come forward for development in the short term, consideration will be given to other lands.

- Objective SS 02b

  Focus new residential development on appropriately zoned lands within the County, within appropriate locations proximate to existing settlement centre lands where infrastructural capacity is readily available, and they are along an existing or proposed high quality public transport corridors and on appropriate infill sites in the town centres, in a phased manner alongside the delivery of appropriate physical and social infrastructure.

The Chief Executive has prepared a report on each of the motions with recommendations and a report outlining the proper planning considerations underpinning those recommendations. Members are advised that you are mandatorily restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area,

In making a variation, the members shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of any local authority of the area and any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or any Minster of the Government

Statutory obligations includes an obligation to ensure that the Development Plan is consistent with the NPF and RSES.

Motion 1 – Cllr D. Mulligan

Amendment ref: Table 2.9 and Figure 2.3 OPR recommendation no. 5			
	Chapter	Section	page
Development Plan	The Settlement Hierarchy	Table 2.9 and Figure 2.3 OPR recommendation no. 5: Other Core Towns and Villages	78

Recommendation:

Other Core Towns and Villages:

- St Margaret's be added in writing to be included in this section

Report:

The Settlement Hierarchy of Fingal is outlined in Table 2.9 and this correspondence with the definitions of settlements within the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and the zoning objectives of the Fingal Development Plan. St. Margaret's area is a rural area and zoned as such. The area does not fall within the definition of a town or village as outlined in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. Therefore, it would be inconsistent with the RSES to include it in this category.

Recommendation:

No change.

Motion 2 – Cllr D. Mulligan

Amendment ref: **New Section 2.5 Housing and Population Targets**			
	Chapter	Section	page
Development Plan	1. New Section 2.5 Housing and Population Targets	1- 2.5	71 para 3

Recommendation:

Suggest further edits to recommendation as fellows: edits in red and ~~deleted~~ as such

This additional NPO68 related growth, when allocated to Swords, will support the regeneration of ~~underused town centre~~ underdeveloped areas of main street to north street Swords ~~lands~~ along with the planned and sequential infill opportunities in line with and on condition of the planned and projected population growth to provide for ~~high density~~ population size appropriate and people intensive uses in work and housing opportunities in Swords and will ensure ~~Swords~~ the area continues to develop as a key location to the airport ~~for airport related~~ which assists in economic development and employment provision.

Motion 2 – Cllr D. Mulligan

Report:

The revised wording is acknowledged, however it is inconsistent with the content of the RSES. This text is taken directly from the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and Objectives RPO 4.29 and RPO 4.31 which state:

Support the regeneration of underused town centre lands along with the planned and sequential infill opportunities to provide for high density and people intensive uses in accessible locations that are accessible to high quality transport, existing and planned, and to support the preparation of a local area plan for the strategic landbank at Lissenhall for the longer-term development of Swords.

Support Swords-Dublin Airport as a key location for airport related economic development and employment provision linked to the protection and enhancement of access to Dublin Airport lands including the delivery of Metrolink

While recognising the merit of highlighting Main Street and North Street, the RSES considers Swords and the town centre as a larger area. Furthermore, the Sustainable Swords Strategy – funded through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund – will identify specific areas throughout Swords for regeneration.

It is appropriate that the Development Plan reflect the language and intent of the RSES and therefore no change is recommended.

Recommendation:

No change.

Motion 3 - **Councillor T. O' Leary and K. Dennison**

"That the first sentence of paragraph 3 on page 56 of the Chief Executive's report on the proposed Variation No. 2 be replaced by the following
"The land currently zoned for housing in Balbriggan will be categorised into Tier 1 and Tier 2 properties(locations). During the remaining period of the current Development Plan 2017-2023, development will be confined to Tier 1 properties(locations) " in the interests of proper planning and sustainable development."

Report:
The text referred to in the motion forms part of the Chief Executive's Response to submissions received and it is not possible to change this at this time. It does not form part of the proposed Variation.

That said, recommendation no. 1 of the CE Report (page 74 and 75) includes the following text:
Fingal County Council and the Development Plan process are currently within a transitional phase. The Development Plan review process formally commences in 12 months. Analysis of the issues required to be addressed in the Development Plan are commencing imminently and will deal with issues as varied as adaptation and mitigation for climate change, housing provision, planning for an aging society, regeneration of centres, green networks, sustainable infrastructural systems, while continuing important themes such as compact growth, economic development and placemaking. These matters along with HNDA, will be provided in significant detail during the development plan review process.

An evaluation of all undeveloped residential lands in each settlement will be carried out as part of the formal review of the Development Plan. in the meantime, and as shown above, new residential development will be focused on appropriately zoned lands within the County, within appropriate locations proximate to existing settlement centre lands where infrastructural capacity is readily available, and they are along an existing or proposed high quality public transport corridors and on appropriate infill sites in the town centres, in a phased manner alongside the delivery of appropriate physical and social infrastructure.

Furthermore, the zoning of land in the forthcoming Development Plan and any other land use plan shall comply with the requirements as detailed in Appendix 3 of the NPF relating to a methodology for a tiered approach to land zoning. This methodology requires that land should not be zoned for development unless there is existing service capacity available (Tier1) or the lands have the potential to become fully serviceable (Tier 2) during the life of the plan. Future land use plans shall therefore contain a detailed Infrastructural Assessment for residential land that provides for an evidence-based approach to the servicing of potential sites to establish their suitability for zoning. Other planning considerations such as the overall planned levels of growth, location, suitability for the type of development envisaged, availability of and proximity to amenities, schools, shops or employment, accessibility to transport services, etc., shall also be considered. The NPF also requires that land use plans target of 50% of all new homes within or contiguous to the built-up area of Dublin City and Suburbs and at least 30% in other settlements. The built-up footprints have been defined by the CSO in the Census of Population.
Include new objectives in Chapter 2 to read:
Objective SS 02a
Development will be permitted in principle on lands where there is a Local Area Plan or Masterplan in place and only when these lands are substantially developed will permission be granted for the development of lands without such a framework. Should the lands identified within a LAP or Masterplan not come forward for development in the short term, consideration will be given to other lands.
Objective SS 02b
Focus new residential development on appropriately zoned lands within the County, within appropriate locations proximate to existing settlement centre lands where infrastructural capacity is readily available, and they are along an existing or proposed high quality public transport corridors and on appropriate infill sites in the town centres, in a phased manner alongside the delivery of appropriate physical and social infrastructure.

It is considered this text reflects the aim of the motion in the most appropriate way. Furthermore, we must acknowledge the significant, practical challenges in carrying out the piece of work requested, particularly having regard to the relative imminence of the normal six-year review cycle of the Development Plan. This work is required on a countywide basis and will include analysis of extant permissions, current construction rates, infrastructure capacity, planned infrastructure, proximity to amenities and services, etc and will ensure a robust evidence base is collated. Planning and environmental implications of such designations will also have to be considered.

Therefore, no change is recommended at this time.

Recommendation:
No change.

Motion 4 – Cllr D. Healy

"That the Variation be amended by the inclusion of the following text in the County Development Plan, in line with the submission from the EMRA:
"In line with the emphasis in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, it is an objective of the Council to ensure that spatial planning and infrastructure are consistent with climate mitigation and adaptation objectives. When it is available, the Council will be informed by the work led by the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly to develop a method for quantifying the GHG impacts of spatial planning policies, (QGasSP, an ESPON EU research programme.) The Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) will also play a key role in supporting Fingal in achieving a transition to a low carbon society through the implementation of the Dublin Climate Change Action Plan."

Report:

Given the enhanced focus on climate action as one of three key principles in the RSES which is supported by RSO's 6 – 11and having regard also to the adoption of the National Mitigation Plan 2017 and the National Adaptation Framework 2018 as well as the Fingal County Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024 it is considered appropriate that the text of the motion is included in the Variation.

Recommendation:

Include the following text in the Variation, Section 2.3:

In line with the emphasis in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, it is an objective of the Council to ensure that spatial planning and infrastructure are consistent with climate mitigation and adaptation objectives. When it is available, the Council will be informed by the work led by the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly to develop a method for quantifying the GHG impacts of spatial planning policies, (QGasSP, an ESPON EU research programme). The Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) will also play a key role in supporting Fingal in achieving a transition to a low carbon society through the implementation of the Dublin Climate Change Action Plan.

Motion 5 – Cllr T. Murphy

"In the context of Variation no.2 to the Development Plan, I welcome that Balbriggan has been now classified as a 'self-sustaining town', in this context, I hereby request that the C.E. will give an assurance that Balbriggan, will acquire targeted investment to generate local employment and infrastructure, both physical and social, to enable Balbriggan develop at a more sustainable level into the future and that any proposed increase in housing units is balanced against said investment in employment and infrastructure as is required for 'self-sustaining towns' in the current Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Eastern & Midland Region".

below are quotes from RSES

Self- Sustaining Towns	ii) Self-Sustaining Towns with high levels of population growth and a weak employment base which are reliant on other areas for employment and/or services and which require targeted 'catch up' investment to become more self-sustaining.

Self-Sustaining Towns

Some settlements, particularly those that have undergone rapid residential expansion will require targeted investment in local employment and services to grow at a more sustainable level appropriate to their position in the hierarchy, to be determined by local authorities.

Report:
The Council recognises the importance ensuring there is targeted investment and a cohesive approach to the physical, social and economic development of Balbriggan.

The RSES designates Balbriggan as a self-sustaining town and outlines that these towns require contained growth which focuses on driving investment in services, employment growth and infrastructure alongside balanced housing delivery. It is important that population growth in Balbriggan is balanced with improvements in services and employment provision. It is imperative Balbriggan's position as the main town in north County Dublin is strengthened and developed as is appropriate having regard to its strategic location, connectivity with surrounding settlements, and the availability of a skilled workforce.

Therefore, development in Balbriggan will be set against the policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan and Our Balbriggan. These documents identify the strategic issues and the vision for structured development and balanced growth for Balbriggan. These documents are complementary to each other and will ensure a much wider balanced approach is taken across Balbriggan and will not be limited to spatial planning issues only.

It is considered that the Development Plan review, in combination with the Our Balbriggan strategy, represent the best opportunity to assess and draft interconnected policies and objectives for the development of Balbriggan.

The breadth and scope of these documents demonstrate Fingal's commitment to economic renewal, creation of employment opportunities, provision of high-quality residential units and safeguarding environmental qualities in Balbriggan. These documents, and the in-depth background studies required to support them, will create a framework against which Balbriggan can develop, and which are advanced in consultation with the community.

Recommendation:
No change.

Motion 6 – Cllr J. Hopkins

To change the wording on the CE's report:

"Portmarnock Lands proximate to the DART station are delivering housing within a LAP framework. The lands are served by much improved cycling infrastructure and access to high quality parkland and coastal amenity."
To; "Portmarnock; Part of the Dublin City and Suburbs settlement.
This this part of Fingal is served by the DART. Capacity and Access to DART for mobility impaired. Housing being delivered within the LAP framework. Lands served by limited cycling infrastructure with further infrastructure at design phase (currently no access to village/schools/beach and sports clubs). Coastal amenity with plans for high quality parkland at design stage (Racecourse Regional Park). No access to QBCs due to Road Capacity issues. Afforded a high degree of protection as a consequence of European Site Designations. Benefits from a well appointed self-sufficient village."

Report:
The purpose of the motion is recognised and there is merit in the approach. The Development Plan is the blueprint for future development in Fingal and the Development Plan Guidelines note development plans are over-arching strategic framework documents which outline the vision for an area's future growth. Therefore, the approach to language and context within the Development Plans are generally positive and the text requested runs contrary to this approach.

An important element of the Development Plan process is the identification of the social and physical infrastructure which will be required to support sustainable communities. These can then form specific local objectives in the Development Plan. However, this is a piece of work which is outside the current Variation butwill form part of the Development Plan review and the next Development Plan. No change is recommended at present.

Recommendation:
No change.

Motion 7 – Cllr J. Hopkins

From; "Baldoyle/Sutton Part of the Dublin City and Suburbs settlement, this part of Fingal is served by the DART. At Stapolin, development is being delivered through the LAP, with a station in situ. The village centre is being delivered along with regional parkland"

To; Baldoyle Part of the Dublin City and Suburbs settlement.
This this part of Fingal is served by the DART. Capacity and Access to DART – no access currently exists. Housing being delivered within the LAP framework.
Lands served by limited cycling infrastructure with further infrastructure at design phase (currently no access to village/schools/beach and sports clubs)
Coastal amenity with plans for high quality parkland at design stage (Racecourse Regional Park) No access to QBCs due to Road Capacity issues.
Afforded a high degree of protection as a consequence of European Site Designations.
Historical Baldoyle a village of significant character already exists, naming convention of proposed new village potentially Stapolin village to be confirmed".

Report:
The purpose of the motion is recognised and there is merit in the approach. The Development Plan is the blueprint for future development in Fingal and the Development Plan Guidelines note development plans are over-arching strategic framework documents which outline the vision for an area's future growth. Therefore, the approach to language and context within the Development Plans are generally positive and the text requested runs contrary to this approach.

An important element of the Development Plan process is the identification of the social and physical infrastructure which will be required to support sustainable communities. These can then form specific local objectives in the Development Plan. However, this is a piece of work which is outside the current Variation but will form part of the Development Plan review and the next Development Plan. No change is recommended at present.

Furthermore, the issue of the naming is not part of this particular process.

Recommendation:
No change.

Motion 8 – Cllr J. Hopkins

From; “Howth is afforded a high degree of protection as a consequence of its SAAO and European Site designations. It is served by a DART station and is within the Dublin City and Suburbs area. Benefiting from a village of significant character, brownfield and consolidation lands are available for development proximate to the DART station.
To “Howth Part of the Dublin City and Suburbs settlement.
This this part of Fingal is served by the DART. Capacity and Access to DART for mobility impaired Housing being delivered within the LAP framework.
Lands served by limited cycling infrastructure and currently not included in the Sutton-Malahide section of greenway, limited access to village/schools/beach and sports clubs.
Coastal amenity
No access to QBCs due to Road Capacity issues.
Afforded a high degree of protection as a consequence of European Site Designations.
Brownfield sites are available for development proximate to the DART
Benefiting from a village of significant character”.

Report:
The purpose of the motion is recognised and there is merit in the approach. The Development Plan is the blueprint for future development in Fingal and the Development Plan Guidelines note development plans are over-arching strategic framework documents which outline the vision for an area’s future growth. Therefore, the approach to language and context within the Development Plans are generally positive and the text requested runs contrary to this approach.

An important element of the Development Plan process is the identification of the social and physical infrastructure which will be required to support sustainable communities. These can then form specific local objectives in the Development Plan. However, this is a piece of work which is outside the current Variation but will form part of the Development Plan review and the next Development Plan. No change is recommended at present.

Recommendation:
No change.

Motion 9 – Cllr K. Power

"Can the manager give a commitment that a social infrastructure audit will be carried out in Balbriggan within the lifetime of the variation to this Development Plan? And therefore, to include the following in the variation:
"It is an objective to complete a social infrastructure audit in Balbriggan by (the end of 2021) to inform planning decisions"

Report:
A large amount of the identified asset/potential based criteria are already contained in the Development Plan and Our Balbriggan strategy. Furthermore, the Community Culture & Sports Division has commissioned a report on the need for a multi-purpose sports facility in the North of the County including a public swimming pool, this assessment is being carried out in 2 phases. The objective of phase 1 is to establish baseline data by carrying out a mapping exercise including an audit of all facilities (including community centres, swimming pools etc., public and private) and a Gap Analysis which will be evidence based. Phase 1 is currently underway.

The OPR submission to Variation No 2 recognises the significant practical challenges in varying the Development Plan to incorporate the NPF and RSES. This would include carrying out a social infrastructure audit at this time. The completed audit would inform policy responses for various settlements which would form part of the new 2023 – 2027 Development Plan.

It is considered that the Development Plan review, in combination with the Our Balbriggan strategy, represent the best opportunity to assess and draft interconnected policies and objectives for the development of Balbriggan.

Recommendation
No change.

Motion 10 – Cllr K. Power

"To replace objective SS 02a "Development will be permitted in principle on lands where there is a Local Area Plan or Masterplan in place and only when these lands are substantially developed will permission be granted for the development of lands without such a framework. Should the lands identified within a LAP or Masterplan not come forward for development in the short term, consideration will be given to other lands." with "Development will be permitted in principle on lands where the location is adjacent to existing settlement centre lands and where sustainable physical and social infrastructural capacity is readily available. Only when these lands are substantially developed will permission be granted for the development of lands without such social and physical infrastructure capacity.

Justification
The RSES indicates that Local Authorities should be pursuing the more strategic lands through an Active Land Management Strategy, while the National Planning Framework recommends a 'tiered' approach to development of land according to whether the infrastructure is in place or not. Development of lands should be pursued in a more strategic manner and focus on the availability of infrastructure first and foremost."
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Report:
The overarching strategic vision of the Fingal Development Plan is to consolidate urban areas, provide high quality-built environment and to maximise use of key resources, including infrastructure. This includes the development of lands on approved LAPs and Masterplans in addition to regeneration, or infill development in sustainable locations which may not have or require masterplan.

The use of the approach set out in the Objective SS02a is part of a suite of measures including Objective SS02b and DMS03a aimed at ensuring that development of zoned lands in Fingal occurs at an appropriate pace to deliver affordable housing within the county at a rate appropriate for each particular settlement and on lands where they will be accompanied by planned and identified infrastructure. These measures, which are set out particularly in response to recommendation no. 1 of the Office of the Planning Regulator response regarding provision of appropriate policy objective level mechanisms to ensure that the implementation of the core strategy accords with growth targets under the NPF and RSES. The OPR submission recognises the significant practical challenges in varying the Development Plan to incorporate the NPF and RSES. The suite of objectives proposed are considered a measured response to the OPR recommendation.

The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) indicates that Local Authorities should consider lands with better prospects for housing delivery in the short term while also pursuing strategic lands through active land management strategies. Fingal County Council has over the current and previous Development Plans' provided for development in settlements through use of overarching objectives for each area along with targeted use of LAPs and Masterplans for associated landbanks. Development of strategic land banks forms part of the approach to the sustainable growth of settlements. Such land banks require additional infrastructure to support development. The LAP and Masterplans ensure that this infrastructure is provided in tandem with development.

Report (cont):

The planned approach to development analyses the infrastructural requirements associated with a landbank and provides for required infrastructural improvements in tandem with development of housing. Local Area Plans and Masterplans are the most appropriate local level response and tie delivery of housing into delivery of infrastructure.

Removal of the objective would reduce the effectiveness of the Development Plan to manage the development process in that policy support for a development strategy requiring phased infrastructure delivery on strategic land banks in compliance with the NPF, RSES and OPR would not be set out in policy. This would affect the aim of the variation which is to ensure compliance with the RSES and NPF. This would weaken the prioritisation of development on lands which have a plan approved by elected members and which deliver schools, parks and other infrastructure. Removal of the objective would reduce the effectiveness of the Development Plan to manage the development process to ensure that identified infrastructure that is needed is provided.

Recommendation:
No change

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 2 TO FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017 - 2023

Motion 1: Councillor D. Mulligan

Amendment ref: Table 2.9 and Figure 2.3 OPR recommendation no. 5			
	Chapter	Section	page
Development Plan	The Settlement Hierarchy	Table 2.9 and Figure 2.3 OPR recommendation no. 5: Other Core Towns and Villages	78

Recommendation:

Other Core Towns and Villages:

- St Margaret's be added in writing to be included in this section

Report:

The Settlement Hierarchy of Fingal is outlined in Table 2.9 and this correspondence with the definitions of settlements within the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and the zoning objectives of the Fingal Development Plan. St. Margaret's area is a rural area and zoned as such. The area does not fall within the definition of a town or village as outlined in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. Therefore, it would be inconsistent with the RSES to include it in this category.

Recommendation:

No change.

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Motion 2: Councillor D. Mulligan

Amendment ref: New Section 2.5 Housing and Population Targets			
	Chapter	Section	page
Development Plan	1. New Section 2.5 Housing and Population Targets	1- 2.5	71 para 3

Recommendation:

Suggest further edits to recommendation as fellows: edits in red and ~~deleted~~ as such

This additional NPO68 related growth, when allocated to Swords, will support the regeneration of ~~underused town centre~~ underdeveloped areas of main street to north street Swords ~~lands~~ along with the planned and sequential infill opportunities in line with and on condition of the planned and projected population growth to provide for ~~high density~~ population size appropriate and people intensive uses in work and housing opportunities in Swords and will ensure ~~Swords~~ the area continues to develop as a key location to the airport ~~for airport related~~ which assists in economic development and employment provision.

Report:

The revised wording is acknowledged, however it is inconsistent with the content of the RSES. This text is taken directly from the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and Objectives RPO 4.29 and RPO 4.31 which state:
Support the regeneration of underused town centre lands along with the planned and sequential infill opportunities to provide for high density and people intensive uses in accessible locations that are accessible to high quality transport, existing and planned, and to support the preparation of a local area plan for the strategic landbank at Lissenhall for the longer-term development of Swords.
Support Swords-Dublin Airport as a key location for airport related economic development and employment provision linked to the protection and enhancement of access to Dublin Airport lands including the delivery of Metrolink

While recognising the merit of highlighting Main Street and North Street, the RSES considers Swords and the town centre as a larger area. Furthermore, the Sustainable Swords Strategy – funded through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund – will identify specific areas throughout Swords for regeneration.

It is appropriate that the Development Plan reflect the language and intent of the RSES and therefore no change is recommended.

Recommendation:
No change.

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Motion 3: Councillor T. O' Leary and K. Dennison
"That the first sentence of paragraph 3 on page 56 of the Chief Executive's report on the proposed Variation No. 2 be replaced by the following
"The land currently zoned for housing in Balbriggan will be categorised into Tier 1 and Tier 2 properties(locations). During the remaining period of the current Development Plan 2017-2023, development will be confined to Tier 1 properties(locations) " in the interests of proper planning and sustainable development."

Report:
The text referred to in the motion forms part of the Chief Executive's Response to submissions received and it is not possible to change this at this time. It does not form part of the proposed Variation.

That said, recommendation no. 1 of the CE Report (page 74 and 75) includes the following text:
Fingal County Council and the Development Plan process are currently within a transitional phase. The Development Plan review process formally commences in 12 months. Analysis of the issues required to be addressed in the Development Plan are commencing imminently and will deal with issues as varied as adaptation and mitigation for climate change, housing provision, planning for an aging society, regeneration of centres, green networks, sustainable infrastructural systems, while continuing important themes such as compact growth, economic development and placemaking. These matters along with HNDA, will be provided in significant detail during the development plan review process.

An evaluation of all undeveloped residential lands in each settlement will be carried out as part of the formal review of the Development Plan. in the meantime,

and as shown above, new residential development will be focused on appropriately zoned lands within the County, within appropriate locations proximate to existing settlement centre lands where infrastructural capacity is readily available, and they are along an existing or proposed high quality public transport corridors and on appropriate infill sites in the town centres, in a phased manner alongside the delivery of appropriate physical and social infrastructure.

Furthermore, the zoning of land in the forthcoming Development Plan and any other land use plan shall comply with the requirements as detailed in Appendix 3 of the NPF relating to a methodology for a tiered approach to land zoning. This methodology requires that land should not be zoned for development unless there is existing service capacity available (Tier1) or the lands have the potential to become fully serviceable (Tier 2) during the life of the plan. Future land use plans shall therefore contain a detailed Infrastructural Assessment for residential land that provides for an evidence-based approach to the servicing of potential sites to establish their suitability for zoning. Other planning considerations such as the overall planned levels of growth, location, suitability for the type of development envisaged, availability of and proximity to amenities, schools, shops or employment, accessibility to transport services, etc., shall also be considered. The NPF also requires that land use plans target of 50% of all new homes within or contiguous to the built-up area of Dublin City and Suburbs and at least 30% in other settlements. The built-up footprints have been defined by the CSO in the Census of Population.
Include new objectives in Chapter 2 to read:
Objective SS 02a
Development will be permitted in principle on lands where there is a Local Area Plan or Masterplan in place and only when these lands are substantially developed will permission be granted for the development of lands without such a framework. Should the lands identified within a LAP or Masterplan not come forward for development in the short term, consideration will be given to other lands.
Objective SS 02b
Focus new residential development on appropriately zoned lands within the County, within appropriate locations proximate to existing settlement centre lands where infrastructural capacity is readily available, and they are along an existing or proposed high quality public transport corridors and on appropriate

infill sites in the town centres, in a phased manner alongside the delivery of appropriate physical and social infrastructure.

It is considered this text reflects the aim of the motion in the most appropriate way. Furthermore, we must acknowledge the significant, practical challenges in carrying out the piece of work requested, particularly having regard to the relative imminence of the normal six-year review cycle of the Development Plan. This work is required on a countywide basis and will include analysis of extant permissions, current construction rates, infrastructure capacity, planned infrastructure, proximity to amenities and services, etc and will ensure a robust evidence base is collated. Planning and environmental implications of such designations will also have to be considered.

Therefore, no change is recommended at this time.

Recommendation:
No change.

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Motion 4: Councillor D. Healy

"That the Variation be amended by the inclusion of the following text in the County Development Plan, in line with the submission from the EMRA:
"In line with the emphasis in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, it is an objective of the Council to ensure that spatial planning and infrastructure are consistent with climate mitigation and adaptation objectives. When it is available, the Council will be informed by the work led by the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly to develop a method for quantifying the GHG impacts of spatial planning policies, (QGasSP, an ESPON EU research programme.) The Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) will also play a key role in supporting Fingal in achieving a transition to a low carbon society through the implementation of the Dublin Climate Change Action Plan."

Report:

Given the enhanced focus on climate action as one of three key principles in the RSES which is supported by RSO's 6 – 11and having regard also to the adoption of the National Mitigation Plan 2017 and the National Adaptation Framework 2018 as well as the Fingal County Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024 it is considered appropriate that the text of the motion is included in the Variation.

Recommendation:

Include the following text in the Variation, Section 2.3:
In line with the emphasis in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, it is an objective of the Council to ensure that spatial planning and infrastructure are consistent with climate mitigation and adaptation objectives. When it is available, the Council will be informed by the work led by the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly to develop a method for quantifying the GHG impacts of spatial

planning policies, (QGasSP, an ESPON EU research programme). The Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) will also play a key role in supporting Fingal in achieving a transition to a low carbon society through the implementation of the Dublin Climate Change Action Plan.

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Motion 5: Councillor T. Murphy

"In the context of Variation no.2 to the Development Plan, I welcome that Balbriggan has been now classified as a 'self-sustaining town', in this context, I hereby request that the C.E. will give an assurance that Balbriggan, will acquire targeted investment to generate local employment and infrastructure, both physical and social, to enable Balbriggan develop at a more sustainable level into the future and that any proposed increase in housing units is balanced against said investment in employment and infrastructure as is required for 'self-sustaining towns' in the current Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Eastern & Midland Region".

below are quotes from RSES

Self- Sustaining Towns	ii) Self-Sustaining Towns with high levels of population growth and a weak employment base which are reliant on other areas for employment and/or services and which require targeted 'catch up' investment to become more self-sustaining.

Self-Sustaining Towns

Some settlements, particularly those that have undergone rapid residential expansion will require targeted investment in local employment and services to grow at a more sustainable level appropriate to their position in the hierarchy, to be determined by local authorities.

Report:

The Council recognises the importance ensuring there is targeted investment and a cohesive approach to the physical, social and economic development of Balbriggan.

The RSES designates Balbriggan as a self-sustaining town and outlines that these towns require contained growth which focuses on driving investment in services, employment growth and infrastructure alongside balanced housing delivery. It is important that population growth in Balbriggan is balanced with improvements in services and employment provision. It is imperative Balbriggan's position as the

main town in north County Dublin is strengthened and developed as is appropriate having regard to its strategic location, connectivity with surrounding settlements, and the availability of a skilled workforce.

Therefore, development in Balbriggan will be set against the policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan and Our Balbriggan. These documents identify the strategic issues and the vision for structured development and balanced growth for Balbriggan. These documents are complementary to each other and will ensure a much wider balanced approach is taken across Balbriggan and will not be limited to spatial planning issues only.

It is considered that the Development Plan review, in combination with the Our Balbriggan strategy, represent the best opportunity to assess and draft interconnected policies and objectives for the development of Balbriggan.

The breadth and scope of these documents demonstrate Fingal's commitment to economic renewal, creation of employment opportunities, provision of high-quality residential units and safeguarding environmental qualities in Balbriggan. These documents, and the in-depth background studies required to support them, will create a framework against which Balbriggan can develop, and which are advanced in consultation with the community.

Recommendation:
No change.

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Motion 6: Councillor J. Hopkins

To change the wording on the CE's report:

"Portmarnock Lands proximate to the DART station are delivering housing within a LAP framework. The lands are served by much improved cycling infrastructure and access to high quality parkland and coastal amenity."

To; "Portmarnock; Part of the Dublin City and Suburbs settlement.

This this part of Fingal is served by the DART. Capacity and Access to DART for mobility impaired. Housing being delivered within the LAP framework. Lands served by limited cycling infrastructure with further infrastructure at design phase (currently no access to village/schools/beach and sports clubs). Coastal amenity with plans for high quality parkland at design stage (Racecourse Regional Park). No access to QBCs due to Road Capacity issues. Afforded a high degree of protection as a consequence of European Site Designations. Benefits from a well appointed self-sufficient village."

Report:

The purpose of the motion is recognised and there is merit in the approach. The Development Plan is the blueprint for future development in Fingal and the Development Plan Guidelines note development plans are over-arching strategic framework documents which outline the vision for an area's future growth. Therefore, the approach to language and context within the Development Plans are generally positive and the text requested runs contrary to this approach.

An important element of the Development Plan process is the identification of the social and physical infrastructure which will be required to support sustainable communities. These can then form specific local objectives in the Development Plan. However, this is a piece of work which is outside the current Variation butwill

form part of the Development Plan review and the next Development Plan. No change is recommended at present.

Recommendation:
No change.

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Motion 7: Councillor J. Hopkins
From; "Baldoyle/Sutton Part of the Dublin City and Suburbs settlement, this part of Fingal is served by the DART. At Stapolin, development is being delivered through the LAP, with a station in situ. The village centre is being delivered along with regional parkland"

To; Baldoyle Part of the Dublin City and Suburbs settlement.
This this part of Fingal is served by the DART. Capacity and Access to DART – no access currently exists. Housing being delivered within the LAP framework.
Lands served by limited cycling infrastructure with further infrastructure at design phase (currently no access to village/schools/beach and sports clubs)
Coastal amenity with plans for high quality parkland at design stage (Racecourse Regional Park) No access to QBCs due to Road Capacity issues.
Afforded a high degree of protection as a consequence of European Site Designations.
Historical Baldoyle a village of significant character already exists, naming convention of proposed new village potentially Stapolin village to be confirmed".

Report:
The purpose of the motion is recognised and there is merit in the approach. The Development Plan is the blueprint for future development in Fingal and the Development Plan Guidelines note development plans are over-arching strategic framework documents which outline the vision for an area's future growth. Therefore, the approach to language and context within the Development Plans are generally positive and the text requested runs contrary to this approach.

An important element of the Development Plan process is the identification of the social and physical infrastructure which will be required to support sustainable

communities. These can then form specific local objectives in the Development Plan. However, this is a piece of work which is outside the current Variation but will form part of the Development Plan review and the next Development Plan. No change is recommended at present.

Furthermore, the issue of the naming is not part of this particular process.

Recommendation:
No change.

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PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 2 TO FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017 - 2023

Motion 8: Councillor J. Hopkins

From; "Howth is afforded a high degree of protection as a consequence of its SAAO and European Site designations. It is served by a DART station and is within the Dublin City and Suburbs area. Benefiting from a village of significant character, brownfield and consolidation lands are available for development proximate to the DART station.

To "Howth Part of the Dublin City and Suburbs settlement.

This this part of Fingal is served by the DART. Capacity and Access to DART for mobility impaired Housing being delivered within the LAP framework.

Lands served by limited cycling infrastructure and currently not included in the Sutton-Malahide section of greenway, limited access to village/schools/beach and sports clubs.

Coastal amenity

No access to QBCs due to Road Capacity issues.

Afforded a high degree of protection as a consequence of European Site Designations.

Brownfield sites are available for development proximate to the DART

Benefiting from a village of significant character".

Report:

The purpose of the motion is recognised and there is merit in the approach. The Development Plan is the blueprint for future development in Fingal and the Development Plan Guidelines note development plans are over-arching strategic framework documents which outline the vision for an area's future growth. Therefore, the approach to language and context within the Development Plans are generally positive and the text requested runs contrary to this approach.

An important element of the Development Plan process is the identification of the social and physical infrastructure which will be required to support sustainable communities. These can then form specific local objectives in the Development Plan. However, this is a piece of work which is outside the current Variation but will form part of the Development Plan review and the next Development Plan. No change is recommended at present.

Recommendation:
No change.

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PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 2 TO FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017 - 2023

Motion 9: Councillor K. Power

"Can the manager give a commitment that a social infrastructure audit will be carried out in Balbriggan within the lifetime of the variation to this Development Plan? And therefore, to include the following in the variation:
"It is an objective to complete a social infrastructure audit in Balbriggan by (the end of 2021) to inform planning decisions"

Report:

A large amount of the identified asset/potential based criteria are already contained in the Development Plan and Our Balbriggan strategy. Furthermore, the Community Culture & Sports Division has commissioned a report on the need for a multi-purpose sports facility in the North of the County including a public swimming pool, this assessment is being carried out in 2 phases. The objective of phase 1 is to establish baseline data by carrying out a mapping exercise including an audit of all facilities (including community centres, swimming pools etc., public and private) and a Gap Analysis which will be evidence based. Phase 1 is currently underway.

The OPR submission to Variation No 2 recognises the significant practical challenges in varying the Development Plan to incorporate the NPF and RSES. This would include carrying out a social infrastructure audit at this time. The completed audit would inform policy responses for various settlements which would form part of the new 2023 – 2027 Development Plan.

It is considered that the Development Plan review, in combination with the Our Balbriggan strategy, represent the best opportunity to assess and draft interconnected policies and objectives for the development of Balbriggan.

Recommendation

No change.

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PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 2 TO FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017 - 2023

Motion 10: Councillor K. Power

"To replace objective SS 02a "Development will be permitted in principle on lands where there is a Local Area Plan or Masterplan in place and only when these lands are substantially developed will permission be granted for the development of lands without such a framework. Should the lands identified within a LAP or Masterplan not come forward for development in the short term, consideration will be given to other lands." with "Development will be permitted in principle on lands where the location is adjacent to existing settlement centre lands and where sustainable physical and social infrastructural capacity is readily available. Only when these lands are substantially developed will permission be granted for the development of lands without such social and physical infrastructure capacity.

Justification

The RSES indicates that Local Authorities should be pursuing the more strategic lands through an Active Land Management Strategy, while the National Planning Framework recommends a 'tiered' approach to development of land according to whether the infrastructure is in place or not. Development of lands should be pursued in a more strategic manner and focus on the availability of infrastructure first and foremost."

Report:

The overarching strategic vision of the Fingal Development Plan is to consolidate urban areas, provide high quality-built environment and to maximise use of key resources, including infrastructure. This includes the development of lands on approved LAPs and Masterplans in addition to regeneration, or infill development in sustainable locations which may not have or require masterplan.

The use of the approach set out in the Objective SS02a is part of a suite of measures including Objective SS02b and DMS03a aimed at ensuring that development of zoned lands in Fingal occurs at an appropriate pace to deliver affordable housing within the county at a rate appropriate for each particular settlement and on lands where they will be accompanied by planned and identified infrastructure. These measures, which are set out particularly in response to recommendation no. 3 of the Office of the Planning Regulator response regarding provision of appropriate policy objective level mechanisms to ensure that the implementation of the core strategy accords with growth targets under the NPF and RSES. The OPR submission recognises the significant practical challenges in varying the Development Plan to incorporate the NPF and RSES. The suite of objectives proposed are considered a measured response to the OPR recommendation.

The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) indicates that Local Authorities should consider lands with better prospects for housing delivery in the short term while also pursuing strategic lands through active land management strategies. Fingal County Council has over the current and previous Development Plans' provided for development in settlements through use of overarching objectives for each area along with targeted use of LAPs and Masterplans for associated landbanks. Development of strategic land banks forms part of the approach to the sustainable growth of settlements. Such land banks require additional infrastructure to support development. The LAP and Masterplans ensure that this infrastructure is provided in tandem with development.

The planned approach to development analyses the infrastructural requirements associated with a landbank and provides for required infrastructural improvements in tandem with development of housing. Local Area Plans and Masterplans are the most appropriate local level response and tie delivery of housing into delivery of infrastructure.

Removal of the objective would reduce the effectiveness of the Development Plan to manage the development process in that policy support for a development strategy requiring phased infrastructure delivery on strategic land banks in compliance with the NPF, RSES and OPR would not be set out in policy. This would affect the aim of the variation which is to ensure compliance with the RSES and NPF. This would weaken the prioritisation of development on lands which have a

plan approved by elected members and which deliver schools, parks and other infrastructure. Removal of the objective would reduce the effectiveness of the Development Plan to manage the development process to ensure that identified infrastructure that is needed is provided.

Recommendation:
No change

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PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 3 TO FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017 - 2023

Motion 1: Councillor E. Currie

"That this Council is in favour of adopting Variation No 3 of the Fingal Development Plan and supports the identification of a route for a Dublin 15 Outer Ring Road linking the N3 and N4, west of Clonee and St Catherine's Park and the need for an overall orbital public transport and strategic infrastructure plan involving relevant local authorities, the NTA and TII."

Report:

The support for this variation is noted. Having regard to the 11 route options which have been identified in the TII Resilience Study, and in order to allow effective appraisal and avoid potential for prioritisation of a mapped route, it is considered pertinent to remove the indicative line shown on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South, Fingal Development Plan, 2017 – 2023 in order to facilitate final route selection.

Fingal County Council will continue to work with all stakeholders to support the delivery of an optimum route linking the N3 and N4.

Recommendation:

No change.