Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 14th March, 2022 in the Council Chamber Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Conroy, Pamela
Dennehy, Brian
Dennison, Kieran
Donnelly, Angela
Doyle, Tania
Graves, Ann
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Healy, David
Henchy, Adrian
Hopkins, Joan
Kitt, Tom
Lavin, Anthony
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne
Mahony, Howard
Manton, Brigid
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Ó Rodaigh, Seána
Rane, Punam
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Walsh, John
Whooley, Daniel

Apologies were received from Councillors J. Burtchaell, J. Humphries, M. McCamley, K. Power, S. Shovlin and N. Treacy.

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action & Active Mobility); Mary Daly (Director of Services/Operations & Water Services); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services/Planning & Strategic Infrastructure); Robert Burns (Director of Services Housing and Community); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Fionnuala May (County Architect); Brian Buckley (Senior Executive Officer); Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer); Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect); Bronagh Corry (Administrative Officer).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

F/78/22

VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

At the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor sought the agreement of the Members to vary the order of business and take Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 38, 39 and 40 at the beginning of the meeting and to suspend Standing Orders to deal with a motion submitted by Cllrs O'Leary, Rane, Tormey, Shovlin and Lavin as part of that discussion. This variation and the suspension of Standing Orders was AGREED by the Members.

F/79/22 (Agenda Item No 3)

Filling of Casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Aaron O'Rourke

The report by the Chief Executive, setting out the required procedures, which had been circulated was READ.

In accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, Cllr. Angela Donnelly was co-opted as a Member of Fingal County Council.

F/80/22 (Agenda Item No 4)

Appointment of one Member to Transport and Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee

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

It was proposed by Councillor A. Graves, seconded by Cllr. B. Hanaphy and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Angela Donnelly be appointed to the Transport and Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee."

F/81/22 (Agenda Item No 5)

Appointment of one Member to Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Management Advisory Committee

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

It was proposed by Councillor A. Graves, seconded by Cllr. B. Hanaphy and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Angela Donnelly be appointed to the Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee."

F/82/22 (Agenda Item No 6)

Appointment of one Member to Hansfield Strategic Development Zone Steering Group

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

It was proposed by Councillor A. Graves, seconded by Cllr. B. Hanaphy and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Angela Donnelly be appointed to the Hansfield Strategic Development Zone Steering Group."

MOTIONS - NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/83/22 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillors D. Butler, B. Manton, T. Kitt, T. Murphy, B. Dennehy, J. Newman, R. O'Donoghue, G. Maguire, H. Mahony, P. Conroy, D. Whooley, JK Onwumereh, I Carey, T. Doyle - Condemnation of Russia's attack on Ukraine

The motion, in the names of Councillors D. Butler, B. Manton, T. Kitt, T. Murphy, B. Dennehy, J. Newman, R. O'Donoghue, G. Maguire, H. Mahony, P. Conroy, D. Whooley, JK Onwumereh, I. Carey and T. Doyle was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt.

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

F/84/22 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor A. Graves - Sanctions against Russia and solidarity with Ukraine.

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Graves, was proposed by Councillor A. Graves and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

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

F/85/22 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillors T O'Leary, A. Lavin, A. Tormey, S. Shovlin, P. Rane, T. Leddy - Support for Ukraine

The motion, in the names of Councillors T O'Leary, A. Lavin, A. Tormey, S. Shovlin, P. Rane and T. Leddy, was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor A. Lavin.

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

F/86/22

Emergency Motion - Councillors T. O'Leary, P. Rane, A. Tormey, S. Shovlin, A. Lavin - Housing Plan for 100,000 Refugees Fleeing Ukraine to Ireland

The following motion, which was submitted in the names of Councillors T O'Leary, A. Lavin, A. Tormey, S. Shovlin and P. Rane, was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor A. Lavin -

"This Council calls on the Chief Executive and her team to immediately carry out an audit of buildings and locations , sites suitable for rapid build homes to cater

for the humanitarian crisis as a result of the war and atrocities in Ukraine, so that Fingal can play its part in accommodating some of the projected 100,000 Ukrainian Refugee families expected to locate in Ireland."

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

F/87/22 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029 Meetings held from 18th January 2022 - 10th February 2022

It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to the April meeting of the County Council.

F/88/22 (Agenda Item No 2)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th February 2022

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 14th February 2022 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 14th February 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/89/22 (Agenda Item No 7)

Nomination of Members to the Age Friendly Alliance (2 Members)

It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to the April meeting of the County Council.

F/90/22 (Agenda Item No 8)

Nomination of Members to Comhairle na n-Óg (3 Members)

It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to the April meeting of the County Council.

F/91/22

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor A. Lavin and RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 9 to 19, be ADOPTED."

F/92/22 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor P. Mulville - Public beach showers

F/93/22 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor P. Mulville - The need for CCTV security cameras at beach car parks

F/94/22 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor J. Hopkins - High Amenity Areas

F/95/22 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor A. Henchy - Dog Fouling

F/96/22 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor K. Power - Reduced grass cutting schedule in Spring/Summer Months

F/97/22 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Number of Blue flags applied for by the Council

F/98/22 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Autism Parking Spaces in Fingal

F/99/22 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor B. Manton - Recycling sites in Fingal

F/100/22 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor H. Mahony - Allocation of Active Travel funding

F/101/22 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor D. Healy - N3 M50 to Clonee outbound general traffic lane

F/102/22 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor D. Whooley - Feasibility study for the universal access to Balscadden Beach

F/103/22 (Agenda Item No 20)

Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 14th February 2022

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee meeting held on 14th February 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

b Report of Balbriggan/Swords/Rush-Lusk Area Committee Services B meeting held on 17th February 2022

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Committee Services B meeting held on 17th February 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

c Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services B meeting held on 2nd March 2022

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Howth/Malahide Committee Services B meeting held on 2nd March 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

d Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart-Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 3rd March 2022

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor P. Conroy and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart-Castleknock/Ongar Committee Services B meeting held on 3rd March 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

e <u>Report of Balbriggan/Swords/Rush-Lusk Area Committee Services B meeting held on 10th March 2022</u>

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Committee Services B meeting held on 10th March 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/104/22 (Agenda Item No 21)

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for Proposed development of 300 no. dwellings, Crèche and Commercial Units, Eastern Linear Park and associated site works at Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park Development, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was given to the Members and following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED:**

"That Fingal County Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), that the proposed development of 300 no. dwellings, Crèche and Commercial Units, Eastern Linear

Park and associated site works at Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park Development, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/105/22 (Agenda Item No 22)
Proposed Disposal of Properties / Grant of Wayleaves

a **Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Baskin Green, Stockhole, Cloghran, Co. Dublin to Irish Water**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **RESOLVED:**

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

b **Proposed disposal of lands at College Business & Technology Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 to Colorman Ireland Limited**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and seconded by Councillor P. Rane and **RESOLVED:**

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

c **Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Avondale, Dublin 15 to Irish Water**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED:**

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

d Proposed Disposal of 2 no. sites at Damastown Industrial Estate, Damastown, Dublin 15 to Cilbrook Property Co. Limited

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and seconded by Councillor P. Rane and **RESOLVED**:

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

e Proposed Disposal of Lands at Bath Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/106/22 (Agenda Item No 23)

Financial Matters

a 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 report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** It was then proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor P. Rane and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/107/22 (Agenda Item No 24)

Amendment to Standing Orders

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was then proposed by Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Cllr. D. Butler and **RESOLVED** that -

"It is hereby resolved that the amendment contained in the draft Fingal County Council Standing Orders (March 2022) be made and that the amended Standing Orders be adopted as the Standing Orders of Fingal County Council."

F/108/22 (Agenda Item No 25)

Mayor's Awards

A presentation was given to the Members by Robert Burns, Director of Services. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Cllr. K. Dennison and AGREED that the proposal for the Mayor's Awards be proceeded with as set out by Mr. Burns.

F/109/22 (Agenda Item No 26)

Chief Executive's Report

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was CONSIDERED. Following discussion, the report was NOTED.

F/110/22 (Agenda Item No 27)

Mayor's Business

While it was NOTED that there was no business under this heading, the Mayor wished to thank the Members who had deputised for her in her absence due to illness. The Mayor also advised the Members that an invitation had been extended to her and the Deputy Mayor from the Palestinian Ambassador to visit Palestine in May and asked that the matter be investigated further, to which the Members AGREED.

F/111/22 (Agenda Item No 28)

Conferences

a AILG 2022 Annual Conference, 23rd & 24th March 2022 in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal

The notice which had been circulated was NOTED.

b LAMA Spring Training Seminar, 11th and 12th April 2022 in Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Kilkenny

The notice which had been circulated was NOTED.

F/112/22 (Agenda Item No 29)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a Letter of acknowledgement received from Department of Transport dated 22nd February 2022 in relation to telephone service for the Motor Tax Office

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

F/113/22 (Agenda Item No 30)

Correspondence

a Letter from Dublin City Council dated 12th January 2022 - re Names of nine Councillors who were nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Committee.

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

b Letter from Dublin City Council dated 9th February 2022 - re The Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland nominated to become a member of the committee after her term as Lord Mayor ends and a new Lord Mayor is elected in June 2022.

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

c Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2002 - re Increase in Housing Adaptation Grant

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

d Letter from Tipperary County Council dated 17th February 2022 - re That Tipperary County Council supports the "Women of Honour" campaign for

a statutory Commission of Investigation into alleged issues within our Defence Forces surrounding dignity in the workplace, bullying, harassment, discrimination, assault, sexual harassment and sexual assault

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

e Letter from Clare County Council dated 22nd February 2022 - re Licensing system for forestry

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

f Letter from Clare County Council dated 22nd February 2022 - re Household Benefits Package

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

g Letter from Kerry County Council dated 28th February 2022 - re Granting of Planning Permission for LNG Infrastructure in Ireland

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/114/22 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Protection of Natura 2000 sites/ SPAs/ SACs

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins, was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

Following discussion, the report was NOTED. It was further AGREED that the matter would be referred to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

F/115/22 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor C. Boland - Water Services supply over lifetime of County Development Plan

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Boland, was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

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

F/116/22 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor D. Healy - Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

The motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy, seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and the report was **NOTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 03

LOCAL LINK COMMUNITY BUS AND GOCAR PARTNERSHIP

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the plans for Local Link bus and GoCar partnership for 2022 in terms of its use to reduce private car dependency and localised private car trips?"

Reply:

Fingal launched its first Community Car Pilot Scheme in November 2019 in Skerries and Howth. Due to the CoVid19 pandemic, operations ceased in 2020. It is proposed to engage with GoCar on recommencing this initiative in the coming months in partnership with Local Link and once available, an update will be provided to Councillors on details and locations of the initiative.

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ITEM NO. 04

THE USE OF WEEDKILLER WHICH CONTAINS GLYPHOSATE

Question: Councillor K. Power

"To ask the Chief Executive for figures on how much weed killer, which contains glyphosate, was used in 2021 by Operations Department as a whole and if glyphosate will be removed from the 2022 treatment of weeds?"

Reply:

The table below details the quantity of glyphosate used across the 3 Operational Areas in Fingal since 2018. There is a consistent reduction in overall usage year on year.

2018	2019	2020	2021
1,460L	1,863L	840.95L	607.50L

The Council has used several non-chemical weed control alternatives over the last number of years, including some vinegar-based solutions, hot steam/foam applicators and mechanical brushing techniques. All systems tried have a noticeably short reaction time and will result in increasing the labour input to match the reapplication visits required. Traditional herbicide application would require one to two visits annually, while a vinegar-based solution applied via traditional knapsack applicator will require a minimum of approximately 10 applications during the growing season.

During 2021 the Council engaged in a pilot project using Hot Foam Treatment as a non-chemical weed solution in selected trial locations. The method and results of this trial indicate that use of this system will significantly increase the labour input. The objective of the trial was to find a suitable alternative with an applicator system that can be used within our current maintenance regime.

During 2022 work will commence on the production of a formal Herbicide Policy for the County. The trials carried out during 2021 and a period of public consultation will feed into this process. It is important to remember that the level of herbicide being used are extremely low and necessary in all circumstances.

Finding alternative suitable solutions is a process that requires careful consideration and planning as it has an enormous knock-on effect on how staff carry out the regular expected maintenance in the public realm. To simply stop all use without an alternative plan in place is not feasible and until a working Herbicide Policy is agreed and in place the Operations Department will continue to use the minimum necessary levels that complies with all national current legislation.

The Council is also liaising with the other local authorities as part of a National Scientific Assessment of Alternatives to Herbicide Use in the Maintenance of Amenity Public Open Spaces.

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ITEM NO. 05

HOUSING FOR ALL INITIATIVE IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive how this Council will meet the objectives of the Housing for All initiative in Fingal including how many sites do we have for social housing that we own and how we plan to improve our supply and how many sites in private ownership does the Council envisage actually commencing building on by first quarter of 2022?"

Reply:

Under the Housing for All Plan, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) set Fingal County Council a target to deliver 3,286 new build social homes over the period 2022 to 2026. The Council has a good track record in the delivery of social homes across the county and has met all new-build delivery targets set by the DHLGH since 2015.

In order to meet the significant challenges of delivery set out in the Housing for All Plan, an ambitious construction programme has been put in place which involves utilising all residentially owned lands currently in the ownership of the Council, a total of 23 sites. The Council will continue to work collaboratively with our partners in the Approved Housing Body sector and the Land Development Agency to facilitate the delivery of social and affordable housing. The proposed delivery through Part V in private developments will also contribute to Fingal delivering on the challenging targets set for social housing delivery under Housing for All. The Council has received 35 new residential commencements for Q1 2022 relating to the construction of 275 dwellings on private sites.

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ITEM NO. 06

DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if arrangements can be made to hold Development Plan public consultation meetings, for the current public consultation phase of the plan, in every town in the County, in particular given that it was not possible to hold in person public consultation meetings during the previous phase due to the Covid-19 pandemic emergency period restrictions?"

Reply:

While continuing to be cognisant of emerging public health advice, the Planning Authority is pursuing a comprehensive consultation strategy with regard to public engagement during all stages of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 preparation. This includes the hosting of both in-person and on-line consultation events.

The Draft Plan, currently on display until the May 12th 2022, is available to inspect at numerous locations across the County – Balbriggan, Baldoyle, Blanchardstown, Donabate, Garristown, Howth, Malahide, Rush and Swords, as well as on the Fingal County Council online consultation portal https://consult.fingal.ie/.

A well-attended public consultation webinar was held on the 22nd of March 2022 and a number of in-person public consultation events are being carried out across the County in Swords, Blanchardstown, Malahide and Balbriggan (commenced on the 31st of March). Additionally, a consultation event facilitating the Public Participation Network will also be held on the 6th of April.

Date	Venue	Time
31st March 2022	The Atrium, County Hall, Main St. Swords.	4.00p.m.- 8.00p.m.
5th April 2022	The Lecture Room, Blanchardstown Library, The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15.	4.00p.m.- 8.00p.m.
20th April 2022	The Lecture Room, Malahide Library, Main St. Malahide.	4.00p.m.- 8.00p.m.
21st April 2022	Martello Room, The Bracken Court Hotel Balbriggan.	4.00p.m.- 8.00p.m.

The four drop-in information events are taking place at different geographical locations throughout the County. The drop-in information events take place in the Council Offices or Council Library venues with exception of Balbriggan where a suitable size Council venue was not available.

The two drop-in events held to date have had attendance of c.30 attendees in Swords and 10 in Blanchardstown.

The Planning Department will make every effort to meet an individual, group or organisation should a meeting to discuss any aspect of the Plan be sought.

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ITEM NO. 07

SWIMMING POOL FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY

Question: Councillor H. Mahony

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the progress of discussions with Swim Ireland to provide swimming pool facilities in the County?"

Reply:

The Community Development Department have opened a dialogue with Swim Ireland with a view to incorporating best practice on swimming facilities into a wider review of sports and recreation facilities within the Fingal County Council area. It is intended to commence the review by the middle of this year and aim to have review completed by the end of 2022. The review is being undertaken against the backdrop of a potential national policy/strategy review by the Department of Sport whereby it is anticipated that further direction will emerge nationally on the provision and funding of swimming pool facilities.

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ITEM NO. 08

RECYCLING CENTRES PRICING REVIEW

Question: Councillor J. HUMPREYS

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the recycling centres pricing review?"

Reply:

The review of the pricing in place at the Council's recycling centre is nearing completion.

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ITEM NO. 09

DOG FOULING- DNA TESTING

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on DNA testing for issuing fines to owners who don't clean up after their dog?"

Reply:

Leitrim County Council introduced a DNA sampling pilot scheme in May 2021 whereby DNA samples were taken from all stray or surrendered dogs that entered their pound. Details are then entered on a DNA database, of which there are currently approx. 50 dogs listed. The dog warden takes a sample of dog fouling and checks the database in order to issue a fine. To date there have been no fines issued.

Under this scheme there is no legal responsibility for a dog owner to provide a DNA sample to the Local Authority for testing. Furthermore, there currently is no legislative provision which would permit the creation of such a DNA database that could be used for purposes of prosecution under the Litter Pollution Act. If at some time in the future the legislative changes are made, it would be envisaged that the database would be a national requirement and Fingal County Council would feed into any national system developed by the Department of Agriculture.

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ITEM NO. 10

HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING NEEDS IN THE COUNTY

Question: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to give updates on the homelessness and housing needs in the County?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council is committed to the implementation of Housing for All, a New Housing Plan for Ireland, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Pathway 2 to Eradicating Homelessness.

The Council's Homeless Services Team provides information, support and guidance to those who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless. This includes liaising with the Outreach Teams in relation to accessing support for rough sleepers and the Implementation of the Housing First National Implementation Plan (HFNIP) 2022- 2026.

The Team carries out homeless assessments, approves access to Emergency Accommodation and determines eligibility for Homeless HAP. The elevated rates of HHAP were introduced as a mechanism to provide a pathway to assist families and individuals exit homelessness.

To date in 2022, 135 assessments have been carried out and 61 families and individuals have been assisted to exit homelessness.

The recently published HFNIP 2022- 2026 sets out the yearly breakdown of targets by the Local Authority.

Please see table below which sets out Fingal's targets

FCC	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Yearly Target	23	23	23	22	22	113

The Council continues to work in collaboration with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) which is the lead Statutory Authority for the provision, management and co-ordination of services to people who are homeless in the Dublin Region.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022

ITEM N0. 11a

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE (SERVICES B) MEETING HELD ON 7TH APRIL 2022

The following report, by the Manager, which had been circulated, was CONSIDERED:

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. They were approved at April Area Committee Meeting. 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
Practical Language Service	€3,000	Language Classes in Tyrellstown & Mulhuddart Tyrrelstown room rental €648 Mulhuddart	N	0	€3,000

		room rental €1250 Flyers & Pop-up banner €164 Equipment €376 Educational supports €167 Insurance €395			
Castleknock Tidy Towns	€3,000	Graffiti Removal Group Annual insurance €292 Website annual fees €250 Paint €420	n/a	n/a	€712.00
Genesis Psychotherapy & Family Service	€3,000	To provide child/family counselling to students in Tyrrelstown Educate Together Room rental in Community Centre for 2022 800	n/a	n/a	€800.00

The Application for Funding which was received, was AGREED
That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the funding in the foregoing report.

Signed:

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Councillor Daniel Whooley
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022

ITEM NO. 11b

QUARTERLY REPORT OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

SPC QUARTERLY REPORTS
TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor Tom O'Leary (Chair), Councillor Ann Graves, Councillor Jimmy Guerin, Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, Councillor Karen Power	
Non-Council Members	Doreen Keaney, Ray Ryan - Public Participation Network	
Meeting Date 2022	Theme/Policy Issue	Update
9th March 2022	Online presentation on the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Implementation Plan. All 40 Elected Members of Fingal County Council were invited to attend.	A discussion with questions and answers followed the presentation. The report was **Noted.**
	Online presentation on Fingal Active Travel Strategy	A discussion with questions and answers followed the presentation. The report was **Noted.**
	Status of Skerries Active Travel Plan	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**
	Removal of Kissing Gates	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**
	Parking of buses in Swords	Following discussion, the

		report was **Noted.**

SPC QUARTERLY REPORTS
HOUSING SPC

Council Members	Councillor Robert O' Donoghue (Chair), Councillor Brigid Manton, Councillor James Humphreys, Councillor Natalie Treacy, Councillor Daniel Whooley, Councillor John Burtchaell, Councillor Kieran Dennison, Councillor Adrian Henchy	
Non-Council Members	Adeline O'Brien, Finbarr Geaney, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, Oghenetano John Ukhumiakpor	
Meeting Date 2022	**Theme/Policy Issue**	**Update**
28th March 2022	Minutes of Meeting of the Housing SPC held 30th November 2021	
	Housing SPC Work Programme 2022	Presentation on the planned Work Programme for 2022
	Ukrainian Refugee Crisis and Emergency Accommodation	Presentation on the Council's humanitarian response to people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine
	Housing for All and Housing Delivery Plan Update	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date and planned developments
	Housing First and Homelessness	Update on the Housing First initiative and the National Implementation Plan
	Councillor D. Whooley - Update on Croí Cónaithe funding and Social Housing retrofit numbers	Following discussion, the report was **NOTED.**
	Dayakar Reddy Komirelly - Housing Needs Report	Following discussion, the report was **NOTED.**

	Councillor A. Henchy - Update on delivery of short-term housing	Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.
	Councillor B. Manton - RAS contracts to have their status on the housing list reinstated	Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

SPC QUARTERLY REPORTS
MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Councillor Eoghan O'Brien (Chair), Councillor Brian Dennehy, Councillor Robert O'Donoghue, Councillor Ann Graves, Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Tom O'Leary, Councillor Karen Power, Councillor David Healy
Non-Council Members	Conor McCabe, Principal, Marine Planning Policy and Legislations, DHLGH

Meeting Date 2022	**Theme/Policy Issue**	**Update**
23rd March 2022	National Marine Planning Framework	Presentation given by Conor McCabe
	Protection of Natura 2000 sites/SPCs/SACs.	Discussion held. Agreed to invite NWPS to next meeting and to focus on a Communications Strategy.
	Motion: Councillor R. O'Donoghue – Coastal Defence	Coastal Defence Proposals Report **NOTED**.
	Motion: Councillor P. Mulville – Educational Signage	Following discussion, the report on the motion was **NOTED**.
	Motion: Councillor A.	Following discussion, the

	Henchy – Open Sea Water Swimming	report on the motion was **NOTED.**

SPC QUARTERLY REPORTS
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Councillor Tony Murphy, (Chair) Councillor Darragh Butler, Councillor Ian Carey, Councillor Ted Leddy, Councillor Anthony Lavin, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin, Councillor Howard Mahony, Councillor Breda Hanaphy	
Non-Council Members	Mr Anthony Cooney, Chambers, Mr Eric Fleming, ICTU Mr David Normoyle, PPN., Mr Kesava Gollapalli, PPN	
Meeting Date 2022	**Theme/Policy Issue**	**Update**
29th March 2022	Preparation of Tourism Strategy 2023 - 2029	Presentation by Mary Godwin, Senior Executive Officer to the Members on the preparation of the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029. The Members noted that the Council was going out to tender to engage consultants to undertake the development of a Tourism Strategy.
	Development of an Outdoor Dining Policy	Emer O'Gorman, Director gave a presentation on the Outdoor Dining Strategy to the Members which was **NOTED.**

	Motion - Councillor H. Mahony - Inclusion of Dublin 15 when advertising for Fingal Tourism	The report on the Motion was **NOTED.**
	Motion - Councillor S. Shovlin - Christmas Market in Castleknock 2022	The report on the Motion was **NOTED.**

SPC QUARTERLY REPORTS
CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Councillor David Healy (Chair), Councillor Joe Newman, Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Pamela Conroy, Councillor Mary McCamley	
Non-Council Members	Edward Stevenson	
Apologies	Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey, Sean Barry, Seamus McGrath	
Meeting Date 2022	**Theme/Policy Issue**	**Update**
29th March 2022	End of year Environment Inspection Plan Review RMCEI 2021	Presentation given
	Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030	Presentation given
	Investigation on Monitoring Strategies for Assessment of Water Quality Pressures in Balbriggan	Presentation given
	Motion: E Stevenson – Car Clubs/Car Sharing Scheme	Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

SPC QUARTERLY REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Councillor Joan Hopkins (Chair), Councillor Cathal Boland, Councillor Grainne Maguire, Councillor Seána Ó'Rodaigh, Councillor John Walsh, Councillor JK Onwumereh absent
Non-Council Members	Abbie Wise apologies

Meeting Date 2022	**Theme/Policy Issue**	**Update**
30th March 2022	Provision of Early Years Services in Fingal – Empower – Adeline O'Brien	**Noted.** The Executive undertook to bring to Full Council at a later stage.
	2022 SPC Workplan – Naomi Weir	**Noted** and **Agreed**
	Public Art Policy on Private Developments – Mary Godwin	**Noted** and **Agreed**
	Support for Tidy Towns – Sinead Wiley	**Noted** and **Agreed**
	Report on the Costings for the Community Project – Sinead Wiley	**Noted.**

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 12

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/GRANT OF WAYLEAVES

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services,
Economic, Enterprise Tourism
& Cultural Development Dept,
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD 1359

1st April 2022

TO: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Rathbeale, Swords, Co Dublin to Irish Water

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An application has been received from Irish Water to acquire a permanent Wayleave at Rathbeale, Swords, Co Dublin to facilitate the installation of vital services to assist in the delivery of a housing construction project for Fingal County Council.

It is proposed to grant the Wayleave to Irish Water as shown coloured in yellow on Drawing No. LA-020-21 dated 7th June 2021 comprising 2685 meters squared approximately, contained within Folios DN137387F, DN183554F and DN86556F in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. Any and all terms and conditions as set out in the Self-Lay Connection Agreement No. 7138165870 dated 9th July 2019.

2. The Council, as the Developer, shall be responsible for all costs in connection with and/or arising out of the Special Conditions set out in Appendix 3 of the Self-Lay Connection Agreement, including but not limited to any reasonable costs incurred by Irish Water in excess of the connection charges and restoration costs.

3. The consideration payable to the Council in respect of this transaction shall be in the nominal amount of €1.00 (one euro) plus VAT, if applicable.

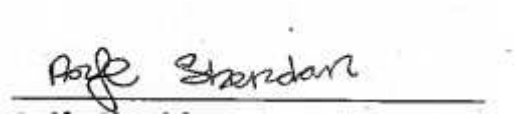
4. The Council, as the Developer, shall be responsible for the payment of the connection fee of €8,670.00 (Eight thousand, six hundred and seventy euro) to Irish Water in respect of this development as set out in Appendix 4 of the Self-Lay Connection Agreement.

5. Each party will be responsible for their own costs in this matter.

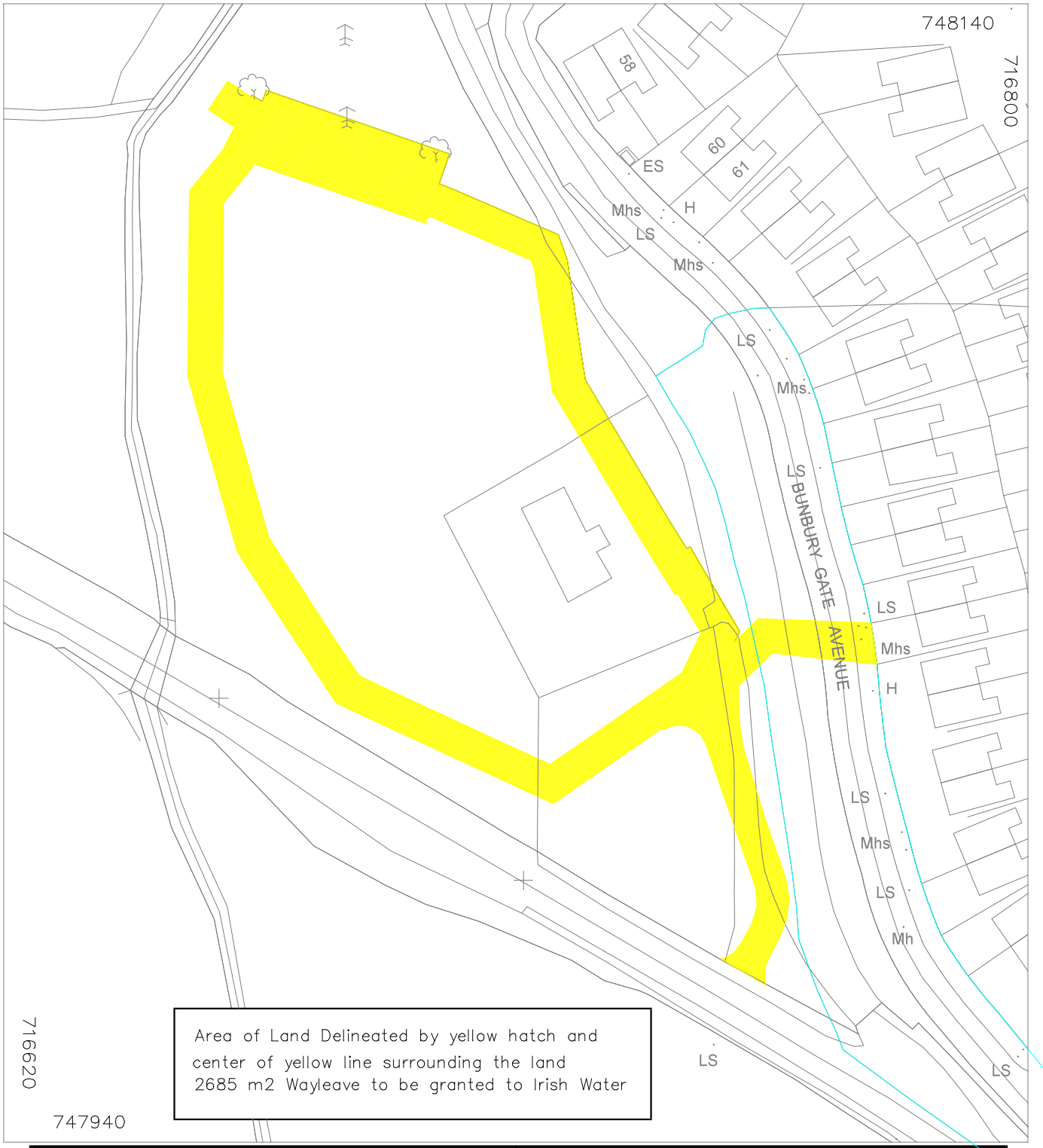
6. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired for housing purposes from Mrs Anne Collins in 2007.

A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on 10th March 2022.



SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-020-21	O.S.Ref:
		Date: 7 Jun 2021	Drawn By: LJM
		Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
		Dev. File No:	Job No. SM20/21
Project: Land at Rathbeale Road Swords		Gross Area :	
Wayleave to be granted to Irish Water		Road Area :	
		Nett Area :	

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services,
Economic, Enterprise Tourism
& Cultural Development Dept,
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD 1360

1st April 2022

TO: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Rolestown, Swords, Co Dublin to Irish Water

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An application has been received from Irish Water to acquire a permanent Wayleave at Rolestown, Swords, Co Dublin to facilitate the installation of vital services to assist in the delivery of a housing construction project for Fingal County Council.

It is proposed to grant the Wayleave to Irish Water as shown coloured in yellow on Drawing No. LA-021-21 dated 7th June 2021 comprising 6,325 meters squared approximately, contained within Folio DN19483, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. Any and all terms and conditions as set out in the Self-Lay Connection Agreement No. 3532097010 dated 13th February 2019.

2. The Council, as the Developer, shall be responsible for all costs in connection with and/or arising out of the Special Conditions set out in Appendix 3 of the Self-Lay Connection Agreement, including but not limited to any reasonable costs incurred by Irish Water in excess of the connection charges and restoration costs.

3. The consideration payable to the Council in respect of this transaction shall be in the nominal amount of €1.00 (one euro) plus VAT, if applicable.

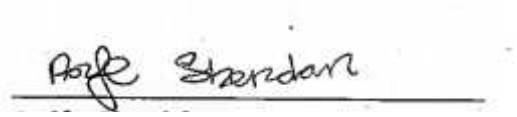
4. The Council, as the Developer, shall be responsible for the payment of the connection fee of €7,670.00 (Seven thousand, six hundred and seventy euro) to Irish Water in respect of this development as set out in Appendix 4 of the Self-Lay Connection Agreement.

5. Each party will be responsible for their own costs in this matter.

6. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired for housing purposes from Mrs Winfred Harford in 1969.

A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on 10th March 2022.



SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dwg No: LA-021-21	O.S.Ref:
Date: 7 Jun 2021	Drawn By: LJM
Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
Dev. File No:	Job No. SM21/21
Gross Area :	
Road Area :	
Nett Area :	

Project:
Land at Rolestown Swords

Wayleave to be granted to
Irish Water

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Area of Land Delineated by yellow hatch and center of yellow line surrounding the land
6325 m2 Wayleave to be granted to Irish Water

750454
712970

ROLESTOWN DRIVE

3
2
1

Hall

37.4

Parochial House

715290
750200

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 13

DECLARATION OF ROADS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022

ITEM NO. 13a

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

THE HAWTHORNS, CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

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 –Castleknock TL Castleknock

Road Name	Length	Description
The Hawthorns, Castleknock.	40m	From the junction of Hawthorn Lawn and "The Hawthorns" head west for 40m to end of road and to include turning Head.
Total Road Length = 40m Number of Units = 6		

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 13b

DECLARATION OF ROADS

CNOC DUBH, BALLYBOUGHAL, 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 - Ballyboughal TL – Ballyboughal

Road Name	Length	Description
Naul Road, Cnoc Dubh.	97m	From outside the gate of No.11 on The Naul Road heading north for 97m to the fence located at the north boundary of No.1 on Naul Road. Only pavement and carparking bays are included. Quantities of car parking bays in total 11. Quantities of Lamp Pole in total 3.
The Green, Cnoc Dubh.	33m	From the middle point of the junction of the No. 4 & 5 on Naul Road head east, to the end of the carriageway on the Green Road. Both Road and pavement are included. Quantities of Lamp Pole in total 1.
Total Length of Road= 130m Number of units = 11		

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 14

FINANCIAL MATTERS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 14a

REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/2021

In accordance with Article 26 (2) of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2016, the Council's Rate Collectors have prepared Schedules of Uncollected Rates for the year ended 31/12/2021 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 2021:

Arrears @ 01/01/21	6,873,695
Accrued	**149,291,077**
Adjustments	837,759
Total for collection	155,327,012
Waivers applied	63,608,830
Collected	84,563,316
Arrears @ 31/12/21	**7,154,867**
Percentage collection	95%

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 15

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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 for adoption, pending the finalisation of figures for the AFS and Appendix XII Performance Indicators 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021.

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 2021 is hereby ADOPTED."

Fingal County Council

Annual Report 2021

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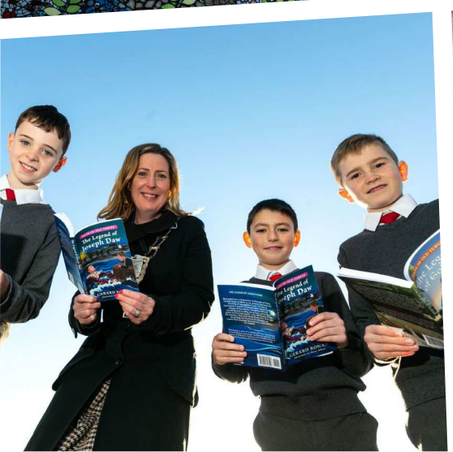















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Foreword

Mayor of Fingal
Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh



While 2021 was another challenging year for many people across the County, there has been much to celebrate and as we move forward in a post-Covid environment.

I have been honoured to meet with many organisations, community groups and individuals right across Fingal since being elected Mayor in June 2021. As restrictions eased, I listened to stories of strength, resilience and perseverance amidst the most difficult of times. I have the utmost admiration for the sacrifices people have made over the past two years and I wish to thank everyone in Fingal who helped carry us through the most difficult of times.

Throughout 2021, the Council continued to enhance the infrastructure, facilities and services which are vitally important in making our everyday lives easier and more enjoyable. Active travel, housing delivery and community/arts supports have been at the forefront of much of that, alongside the ongoing maintenance of the many open spaces, parks and coastline which we are lucky to have on our doorstep.

Fingal is in a strong position to develop and grow, and many initiatives that were launched in 2021 will be the foundatation for the development of our communities into the future. To that end, the Council will benefit from an increased budget for 2022 to keep pace with continued growth across the County. A spending plan of around €300m will be in place which will deliver improved services and see support remain in place to reenergise economic development in the County.

Both members of Fingal County Council and staff are working hard to make Fingal a place of choice to live, work, visit and do business but this can only be achieved in partnership with the citizens who call Fingal home. I have not only seen first-hand the wonderful community spirit that exists, but also the tremendous enthusiasm and commitment people have to create sustainable, healthy and vibrant communities for future generations.

It was with great sadness that I learned of the loss of Cllr Freddie Cooper last year. Although I only worked with Freddie for a short time, it was a privilege to be his colleague and witness such a genuine representative for the people of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart. He is greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues and they are in my thoughts.

Being Mayor of Fingal has been the greatest honour of my life and one that very few people get to experience. I see the very best of us on a daily basis. I would like to thank my colleagues on the Council for the support they have given during this time. When people work together, we can achieve anything. I also wish to express my deep appreciation to my Deputy Mayor, Cllr Daniel Whooley for his kindness and commitment.

Finally I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly for her invaluable guidance, kindness and empowering leadership, and to the Council staff for their hard work in supporting the people of Fingal. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you all. Gach rath oraibh amach anseo.

Introduction

Chief Executive
AnnMarie Farrelly

I am immensely proud of all that the Council has accomplished in 2021, particularly against the backdrop of a pandemic no one could have envisaged and where we have continued to face a year of challenges and uncertainty. It is clear that, just like in 2020, this has been a year which has presented many difficulties for citizens and businesses in Fingal alike.

The council has taken enormous strides throughout the last year to meet the needs of our citizens by continuing to deliver major projects, essential services, and maintain vital infrastructure. To that end, we have also continued to engage with and serve our community by also ensuring we are in an ideal position to realise our vision for the County. That vision will see us striving to build a more liveable and sustainable Fingal, whereby we will make a significant effort in tackling environmental challenges whilst meeting the demands of a burgeoning population and encourage economic growth.

While this report reflects on what we have done throughout 2021, we continue to have our sights firmly set on plan effectively for the future. In order for the Council to continue its vital work, we have seen a welcome increase in our expenditure that will enable us to continue to provide the high level of services that have come to be expected in Fingal. With a budget of some €300m, we will be undertaking initiatives in a number of key areas including road maintenance, traffic management, increased street cleaning, housing, improvement works at parks and open spaces, tourism and for projects as part of our efforts to encourage active travel.

Alongside being the youngest local authority in Ireland, Fingal is also the third most populous and covers key population centres in the likes of Blanchardstown, Swords and Balbriggan. As such, the Council needs to be innovative in how we deliver the best possible outcomes for an ever-changing demographic - socially, environmentally, economically and in terms of our civic leadership. The Elected Members of the Council have now begun work on the next Fingal Development Plan, a major six-year strategy commencing in 2023. This is a programme of activity that will impact all 300,000 citizens of Fingal and I would urge everyone to view our website to see what the draft of the plan contains and to have your say in helping shape the future of the County.



I would like to thank the Mayor, Cllr Seána O Rodaigh and her predecessor Cllr David Healy for the guidance and vision they have both brought to the role through this difficult year. As always, I am also grateful to the input and insights we've had from the Elected Members of the Council, and their ongoing support throughout 2021.

Last but not least, I would like to pay special tribute to the Council's 1,500 staff for adapting along with us as we looked to deliver better services to the people of Fingal more efficiently and effectively, and for their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm in the workplace. I look forward to us all working together for the future of Fingal in 2022.



Elected Members
2021

Elected Members



Mayor
David Healy
Green Party

January - June 2021



Mayor
Seána Ó Rodaigh
Labour Party

June - December 2021



Deputy Mayor
Robert O'Donoghue
Labour Party

January - June 2021



Deputy Mayor
Daniel Whooley
Green Party

June - December 2021

Balbriggan



Tony Murphy,
Non Party



Gráinne Maguire,
Non Party



Seána Ó Rodaigh,
Labour Party



Tom O'Leary,
Fine Gael



Karen Power,
Green Party/ An

Elected Members

Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart



Mary McCamley,
Labour Party



Breda Hanaphy,
Sinn Féin



John Burtchaell,
Solidarity



Punam Rane,
Fine Gael



Freddie Cooper,
Fianna Fáil
RIP June 2021



JK Onwumereh,
Fianna Fáil
*co-opted for Freddie
Cooper in October 2021

Castleknock



Ted Leddy,
Fine Gael



John Walsh,
Labour Party



Howard Mahony,
Fianna Fáil



Natalie Treacy,
Sinn Féin





Elected Members

Howth-Malahide


Eoghan O'Brien,
Fianna Fáil


David Healy,
Green Party/An Comhaontas Glas


Brian McDonagh,
Labour Party


Jimmy Guerin,
Non Party


Aoibhinn Tormey,
Fine Gael


Anthony Lavin,
Fine Gael


Joan Hopkins,
Social Democrats

Ongar


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Daniel Whooley,
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Fine Gael


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Sinn Féin

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Robert O'Donoghue,
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Labour Party

Key Achievements 2021

Key Achievements of Fingal County Council in 2021:

Choice Based Letting Scheme introduced

Affordable Housing Purchase Scheme in Lusk

Village Green in Malahide opened

Old Irish Goats returned to Howth Head

Free outdoor public Wi-Fi introduced in towns and villages across the County

The Shackleton Garden officially opened

New online HAP application process launched

First EV lamp post charge points in Dublin region installed

€784m Capital Programme approved

"We Are Fingal" campaign celebrates diversity within Community and Council

Strategically important Hole in the Wall Road opened

Liffey Valley Tourist Trail launched

Reports/Plans/Strategies:

Fingal Local Enterprise Development Plan

Fingal Commemorations Programme

Castlelands Masterplan

Grants:

Youth Sports Grants Scheme

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Artists' Support Scheme

Community Monuments Fund

Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme

Funding for Connected Hubs Scheme

Funding for conservation works and repairs in Fingal

Emergency funding for community and voluntary groups in Fingal

Community Enhancement Programme

Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme



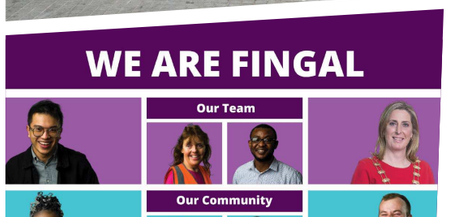














In Memory

Cllr Freddie Cooper



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Cllr Freddie Cooper on 29 June 2021. Freddie was elected as a Councillor for the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart Local Electoral Area as part of the 2019 intake, representing Fianna Fáil.

A passionate and energetic campaigner for the local community in Dublin 15, Freddie sat on a number of key bodies, including the Community Development, Heritage, Culture and Creativity Strategic Policy Committee, the Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee, the Airport Regions Conference, the County Heritage Forum, Hansfield SDZ Steering Group, the Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee and the Joint Policing Committee.

Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Review

Theme 1:
Quality of Life

Theme 2:
Quality of Climate Resilient Environment

Theme 3:
Quality Business Environment

Theme 4:
Quality in our Work

THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ***SUPPORT THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF FINGAL***

Provide for the sustainable development of the County through the review of the County Development Plan - and the preparation of a new Plan

First public consultation phase completed with respect to the review of the 2017-2023 County Development Plan and new 2023 -2029 County Development Plan. Chief Executive Draft Development Plan issued to Members.

Facilitate the supply of housing, both public and private, in the County to provide sustainable, quality, affordable, mixed tenure housing options through land use activation and development management

The Council continued the acquisition of strategic housing sites to support the provision of housing delivery throughout the County.The Property Section supported the acquisition of strategic housing sites and sites to support the provision of key infrastructure throughout the County.

Facilitate good quality private rented accommodation standards to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families living in the private rented accommodation sector

The Private Rented Inspection Section continues to carry out inspections on private rented properties to ensure that the properties meet the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. In 2021 over 2,798 inspections were carried out of which 2,183 were first inspections. In line with Rebuilding Ireland's strategy for the Rental Sector, the Council is dedicated to improving the living standards of tenants in private rented housing in the Fingal area.

Strive to ensure that all communities in Fingal irrespective of age, nationality, ethnicity, religious or cultural background are encouraged to participate in and avail of the services delivered by the Council

The Council appointed an Inclusion Officer and established an inclusion team during 2021 to support the integration work being undertaken. The Inclusion Team supports the work of the Migrant Integration Forum in promoting integration and inter-culturalism. An organisation wide approach to integration and equality was supported with 5 Strategic Pillars identified to deliver on the objectives of the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy.

Provide a safe and sustainable public realm to meet the needs of all the citizens of the County

The public realm, namely the road network, footpaths and paved areas are required to be secure, accessible, connected and well maintained. High quality upkeep of the public realm contributes to a positive image and foster a sense of community. Meeting the requirements in relation to accessibility/ mobility/ age friendly commitments is important in the retro-fitting of infrastructure within the public realm e.g. tactile paving, noise aids at crossings, mobility hubs placement of street furniture. Delivery of the Programme of Works, preventative and response maintenance programmes ensures the provision of a high quality public realm for citizens and visitors to the County. In terms of sustainability the Council is committed to encompassing the principles of green infrastructure and whole life cost in terms of reinstatement and upgrading of existing infrastructure. Redesign and retrofitting, in order to ensure that the public realm better serves the needs of the citizen will also take place.

THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ***SUPPORT THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF FINGAL***

Develop and enhance the arts and cultural identity of Fingal, make space for the arts connecting people and ideas and encouraging participation in all art forms.

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued with the Public Arts Programme 'Infrastructure' and the awarding of grants, commissions and bursaries schemes.

The actions of the eight year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council continued on the two areas of agreement:
a) Research & Development
b) Building Capacity - in respect of the Swords Cultural Quarter, Our Balbriggan and the development of Artist studios at 2-4 Dublin street, Balbriggan

Provide dynamic and inclusive library spaces and services for the community

The objectives of Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 continued to be implemented in 2021. Blanchardstown Library was refurbished, a Maker in Residence was appointed to develop maker spaces in libraries and Eduroam Wi Fi was made available to college students at 8 branch libraries.

Support culture and recreation and enable literacy, education and economic development through innovative programmes

The LCDC supported programmes of literacy, digital literacy, education and economic development through SICAP and the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme.

The Libraries Dept through programmes such as Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Right to Read, Work Matters and Europe Direct and through events such as the Writers Festival, Fingal Festival of History, the Cruinniú na nÓg Story Trail and the Burning of Fingal Coast Guard Stations Exhibition engaged and informed citizens throughout 2021.

Create effective pathways for citizens of Fingal to develop and participate in lifelong patterns of involvement in sport, recreation and leisure creating healthy lifestyles and building a sustainable approach to sport development

The Community Development and Sports Division supports the citizens of Fingal through various arranged programmes of sport, community and sports grant schemes coupled with its support of 33 Community Facilities to ensure that effective pathways are available to the citizens of Fingal to encourage a sustainable approach to sport, recreation and leisure development. The Section also ensures that information on the various initiatives is passed on through the vast network of the Public Participation Network to ensure it reaches a wide audience. The LCDC supported programmes of healthy living and well-being through the healthy Ireland programme.

THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ***ENSURE OUR EXISTING AND NEW COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE***

Develop plans to facilitate the increase of supply of housing in the County

Continued residential development site activity. There were 73 active Residential Sites in December 2021 with 3,598 completed units and another 2,970 currently under construction. A further 2,861 units not yet commenced.

In addition, 21 on-going sites have been finished and fully built out in 2021 and delivered a further 1,941 units.

There are a further 56 inactive sites with live Planning Permissions with potential to deliver a further 7,092 units. Continued advancement of Project Talamh at Ballymastone and Churchfields and continued LIHAF project delivery assisted activate lands to increase housing supply.

Build a strong sense of place, identity and wellbeing through the development of equal, inclusive and connected communities

The Integration Office runs a variety of initiatives throughout the year to raise awareness and assist with the integration of all our citizens including Non- Irish- National citizens, those from the traveller and Roma communities and members of the LGBTQ+ community. These initiatives are focused on breaking down barriers, combating stigma and embracing the diversity of our minority communities. The Community Development Officers work with groups within the community to assist them in their establishment, development and growth within their communities.

The Our Balbriggan team progressed public realm improvements in the town by completing key acquisitions, progressing the procurement of integrated design teams and progressing planning and design work on identified projects. Our Balbriggan ran a Place-Making Grant Scheme to fund groups to make transformational improvements to the town and ran a series of hackathons with TY students in 3 schools in Balbriggan and 'The Changing Face of Balbriggan' Citizen Engagement Hackathon as part of the Smart Balbriggan Programme.

Support the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods

The Council works closely with other service providers across the County to combat crime and anti-social behaviour i.e Balbriggan through the Safe Balbriggan Pillar Group. Various sporting initiatives throughout the County are facilitated by the Council to target specific groups such as drop in football, late night leagues, show racism the red card, supporting the establishment of new football and other clubs in areas of disadvantage, including work with minority sports groups such as the basketball and skatepark users in Balheary, Swords.

The LCDC supported the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods through various funding programmes run in 2021 i.e. CEP/Town & Village Renewal Scheme/Community Activities Fund/SICAP etc.

THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ***ENSURE OUR EXISTING AND NEW COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE***

Provide high quality parks and open spaces to meet the needs of all users and create a healthy environment

The Council, continues to invest in the regional parks and open spaces through the Capital Works Programme and the Programme of Works. Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for passive and active recreation. During the last two years in particular they have provided an important outlet for residents and visitors to the County.

Parks and open spaces help build and strengthen ties within communities by bringing people together for community events, including those who may be separated by ethnic or social background. A network of high quality certified playgrounds demonstrates our commitment to the importance of play and child development. As part of our Play Strategy an audit will be carried out of play facilities across the County and this will guide future development of play facilities for various age groups.

Continued investment in sports pitches, recreational hubs and installation of outdoor exercise equipment meets the needs of a broad cross section of the community of all ability levels and age groups.

Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development

The Fingal SICAP Programme supported physical and mental well-being through the LCDC Healthy Ireland Programme community safety and integration. The Fingal LCDC is responsible for the delivery of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, and all available funding under that Programme was approved during 2021.

Additional funding under the Community Enhancement Programme, the Town & Villages Renewal Scheme, Community Facilities, Community Grants and Sports Grant Schemes supported local community and economic development with funds supporting online events, measures to repurpose open space, supports for social distancing in community centres and providing equipment to community groups and sports clubs. The Our Balbriggan Programme Leadership Group, comprising senior public, private and community stakeholders, with an independent Chair leads on local community and economic development in Balbriggan and in 2021 in response to feedback from the community the Programme added a fifth pillar to focus on community safety.

Support the development of strong, safe and engaged communities to actively participate in civic life celebrating our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport

The Sports Office delivered 1,026 programmes to 78,904 participants through online and in-person activities such as:

- 50 Safeguarding courses
- 72 older adults attending the pitch and putt event
- 2,000 people attended the Balbriggan Beach & Water Sports Activity Day
- Sports Con 10 @ 10 - Primary School classroom or home-based exercise programme via Fingal Digifit

3,200 primary school children (25 schools) took part in the MarathonKids programme.
Sports Equipment and Youth Sports Grants were provided to over 100 sporting facilities across Fingal.

Support local communities and residents to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our society working with other agencies in Fingal

Grant funding was provided to Summer Projects, Activity Funding and Special Funding Schemes such as Digital Poverty and Residents groups. The Community Development Section also continued to support Covid-19 Community Response Volunteer Groups in their ongoing delivery of supports as partners in the Community Call. The Section also worked closely with many groups which target the most vulnerable in society including the Older Peoples Council and Age Friendly Alliance, the Fingal Child and Youth Protection

THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: *DEVELOP ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS*

Ensure that our citizens, businesses and organisations can easily communicate with the Council

Continued to ensure that our information is in plain English, end-user friendly and translated to different languages.

Engage and consult with citizens and stakeholders in a way that allows their views to be taken on board, through the use of both statutory and non-statutory processes

Continued engagement and consultation with organisations throughout the County such as Fingal PPN, Comhairle na n-Óg, the Age Friendly Alliance and use of the Council's consultation portal for both statutory and non-statutory purposes.

Strengthen and support stakeholders and statutory providers by collaborating in the economic and social development of the County

The Council supported econonmic and social development through the provision of Parklets at locations throughout the County; processing of the Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Scheme; provision of funding under the Countywide Shopfront & Main Street Residences Improvement Scheme; through local collaborations on URBACT programmes in Balbriggan and Rush and through continued collaboration with Dublin Fingal Chamber of Commerce, Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce, Malahide Chamber of Commerce and Shop Malahide on the Fingal In It Together Initiative.

The Property Section progressed a number of key acquisitions and disposals to support the economic development of the County.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved 19 Projects with a total value of €766,899.48 during 2021. Of these, 16 Projects were in Fingal with a total value of €685,658.83.

The Council's three enterprise centres continued to support start-up enterprises through the provision of workspace and relacopyted supports.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office supports five work stream Pillars, collaborating across economic and social development: Local Economy, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Safety, Public Realm and Community Affairs.

Strengthen, support and expand the work of the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN)

The Fingal LCDC continues to work in partnership with the Fingal PPN Membership through the LCDC programmes.

The SICAP Programme continued to support and mentor the development of Social Enterprises in the County, many of which are PPN Members.

THEME 2: Quality and Climate Resilient Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: *ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE*

Deliver on the specific actions in the Climate Action Plan to improve climate resilience

Implementation of all actions in the CCAP 2019-2024 is underway and good progress is being made. The second annual progress report has been prepared, communicated and submitted to the Department of Environment Climate & Communications.

Play a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society

The Council has demonstrated a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society by improving its energy efficiency by 39.9% by December 2020* and through the combined effect of delivering on the actions in the CCAP 2019-2024. These actions include a focus on awareness the Councils' actions and issues facing society, and delivering infrastructure to enable decarbonisation. *The figures for 2021 will be available in the 3rd quarter of 2022.

Promote and protect the biodiversity of the County and work to restore ecosystems and ecosystem services

10 actions from the Fingal Biodiversity Plan implemented including the provision of a new 3 acre wetland in the Turvey Nature Reserve and the development of a new local nature reserve at Beaverstown in Donabate.

Ongoing implementation of actions of the Howth SAAO Operational Plan and the Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy including wildfire management measures such as developing strategic wildfire breaks and commencing a goat grazing project with native Irish goats.

Promote and enforce a culture of compliance within the County to advance Climate Action commitments

The Climate Action Awareness Officer along with the Environmental Awareness Officer continued to promote Climate Action awareness within the County.

Foster a strong local economy through environmentally sustainable businesses

The Sustainable Fingal Initiative was launched in 2021 to promote sustainable business measures in line with objectives under the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. The Initiative includes an information page on the Council's website and a competition was held with the prize of a Sustainability Audit.

Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County

The Conservation Office delivers a work programme related to the built heritage of Fingal. This comprises of administering 3 grant schemes – The Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in Time grant.

It also prepares Planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Dept., participates in preplanning meetings, advises the Planning Department in relation to the architectural heritage of the County for the Development Plan review, inputs to the FCC Monuments/Structures at Risk Programme, inputs into Climate Change Initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responds to Elected Member queries and questions, as well as correspondence/emails from the public and others related to the built environment. It also reviews and updates the Record of Protected Structures for the County.

THEME 2: Quality and Climate Resilient Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: *PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE*

Promote the unique urban, rural and coastal landscape character of Fingal

Sustainable Swords Project public consultation took place. Non-statutory consultations took place with respect to Royal Canal Greenway and Fingal Coastal Way.

Sutton to Malahide Greenway – design options assessment advanced with view to commencing non-statutory public consultation in 2022. On-going advancement of Broadmeadow Way Project.

Support the unique cultural heritage of Fingal and the Irish language

The Creative Ireland Programme in 2021 supported 42 creative projects/initiatives with funding of €343,000, which was allocated across the Creative, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programmes.

Promote the sustainable management of waste & the circular economy

Promoted through the waste enforcement and environmental awareness work programme (including through Green Schools Programme); the Sustainable Fingal initiative and also the promotion of 2020 Green Enterprise: Innovation for a Circular Economy by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Reduce the environmental impact of Council activities

The Council has improved its energy efficiency by 39.9% to December 2020*. MS Teams has been provided to all staff to reduce the need to travel to meetings. EV charge points have been provided in staff carparks. The Council has Environmental Management Systems in place aimed at reducing waste and increasing recycling in offices and depots. *The figures for 2021 will be available in the 3rd quarter of 2022.

Ensure our coast, beaches and waterways are managed in a sustainable manner

In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is managed and maintained by the the Council. This includes the 3 large protected estuaries and 11 designated beaches. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements. Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year with works carried out on the marker buoys and navigational aids at all harbours. As an acknowledgement of the significance of the coast and beaches to the local economy and to visitors to the County a new SPC was approved by the Councillors titled Marine and Coastal Management SPC.

THEME 3: Quality Business Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: *PROMOTE AND ENABLE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH*

Foster collaborative leadership in the development of future skills in the County

The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group was established in 2021 to progress the implementation of the Strategy's recommendations with strong engagement between industry and education/training providers. Two sub-groups were established in the Transport & Logistics and the Construction Sectors which advanced work in skills provision in these sectors.

The Council continued to liaise with the Dublin Regional Skills Forum to share knowledge and information on emerging challenges for businesses, adapt existing courses to online provision and restructuring of apprenticeships to meet employers requirements.

The Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival was held online in April 2021 and focused on the themes of: (1) Learning for Employment; (2) Learning for Business; (3) Learning in the Community; (4) Digital Learning

Existing online courses were provided by Empower under SICAP.

Support and promote the sustainable economic development of Fingal

The Council continued to support businesses through the Fingal In It Together initiative with the installation of c. 40 parklets across the County for public and business use, grant funding in excess of €60,000 issued under the 2021 Shopfront & Main Street Residences Scheme and c. €440,000 in Outdoor Dining Grants were issued to businesses on behalf of Fáilte Ireland.

Support the performance, innovation, competitiveness, productivity and success of business in Fingal

The Council worked collaboratively on initiatives to support businesses in Fingal including the installation of parklets, active travel and outdoor dining measures, lighting up of public buildings and promotion of the Shop Local Concept.

The Sustainable Fingal Initiative was launched to promote sustainable business measures with the development of a dedicated section on the Council's website to provide information on sustainable business measures and a competition for businesses to win a sustainability audit.

The Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor was launched with a dedicated website detailing information on each of the partner local authorities and a webinar to present a profile report on the corridor by DCU and UU.

Support local economic development by promoting Fingal as a location in which to invest and by developing and implementing sectoral policy iniatives

The Council worked with the local business and tourism sectors to develop a range of initiatives to promote and market the local economy and Fingal as a place to invest and do business.
The Our Balbriggan Team worked with the URBACT Local Group (ULG) in developing an integrated action plan to promote the development of the local economy and an ecosystem to support entrepreneurs and also developed marketing videos showcasing businesses in Balbriggan.

THEME 3: Quality Business Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ***GROW AND ENABLE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM***

Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County

In collaboration with Fáilte Ireland on promotion of Fingal as a tourist destination to the domestic market continued despite the impact that Covid 19 had on tourism. The Dublin Coastal Trail Destination Plan, Destination Towns Skerries and the Food Tourism project, Dublin's Coast and Fields, have all progressed during the year. Support to local tourism development groups also continued in 2021.

Facilitate the creation of a Fingal Food & Drink Tourism Destination

The Dublin's Coast and Fields Steering Group continued work on their Action Plan for 2021 notably a series of networking building events, familisarition visits and workshops.

Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage properties

Marketing and promotion undertaken throughout 2021 continued to be aimed at the domestic market given the Covid 19 restrictions. The Council continued to engage with its operators on delivery of tourism related experiences at our heritage properties. The Tourism & Hospitality Working Group which was established in 2019 agreed actions for 2021 including developing videos, social media content and updating of websites.

Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events

There was continued capital investment for maintenance and upgrading of our Heritage Property facilities during 2021. The Council engaged with its Operators and Café providers to optimise visitor experiences. Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued during 2021 on a number of projects including the Coastal Development Plan, engagement with the Tourism Development Groups and marketing of Fingal.

The planned extensive Events Programme could not be undertaken due to Covid-19, however they were replaced by virtual and online events, including the lighting up of historic buildings.

THEME 3: Quality Business Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ***PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE***

Activate lands by delivering infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of housing, economic development and sustainable communities

Kellystown Local Area Plan adopted , Castelands Masterplan adopted Project Talaimh plans for Ballymastone and Churchfields advanced. LIHAF projects advanced.

Deliver a sustainable transport system for all citizens

Works at Snugborough Road interchange commenced, Hole in the Wall Road opened, Park Road Rush upgrade completed and opened. R132 Connectivity project in conjunction with the NTA(Planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanála). Ongoing advancement of the following planning approved projects through CPO, procurement, contract stages - Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement, R126 Portrane Road Enhancement, Hearse Road Bad Bend Re-alignment, New Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge Donabate, Churchfields Link Road and Cycle Network. Non statutory consultations completed re N2 – Rath Kilmoon, N3 -M50 Clonee projects.

Deliver work programmes that develop and maintain strategic, physical and green infrastructure of the County

Ongoing advancement of projects in the 2022 -2024 Capital Works Programme. Non-statutory consultations took place with respect to Royal Canal Greenway and Fingal Coastal Way.

On-going advancement of Broadmeadow way project.

Racecourse Park Baldoyle park development project application submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

Sutton to Malahide Greenway – design options assessment advanced with view to commencing non-statutory public consultation in 2022.

Work commenced on River Valley All Weather Pitch facility.

Skerries Town Park Playground and Rathmore Park Play trail opened.

Shackleton Park restoration project completed and opened.

8km of path improvement completed on Howth head.

Bells Lane\Bremore Park upgrade works advanced on site to near completion.

Plans for proposed upgrade of Howth Harbour Playground approved.

Part VIII statutory public consultations held and Planning approval achieved for following Development Projects – Bremore Regional Park, Lanesborough Park , Naul Village Park Garristown Public Space Project, Ballymastone Recreational Hub.

Porterstown Park recreational hub procurement advanced.

"Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal " and "Forest of Fingal" tree strategy both adopted.

THEME 4: Quality in Our Work

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ***IMPROVE DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE, OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY***

Provide the highest quality of service to our Councillors and all elected representatives

The meetings of the Council (County Council, Area Committee, Strategic Policy Committees, etc.) are serviced to a high standard allowing the Elected Members carry out their democratic and statutory functions. The Council and Area Committee meetings are webcast ensuring that members of the public can view the meetings in real-time and agendas and minutes of meetings available on the Council's website. Additionally, Councillors, TDs and Senators can make representations on behalf of their constituents through the Council's CRM system.

Ensure good governance, openness and transparency within the Council

The Chief Executive and her Management Team and staff engage in a positive and open manner with the Local Government Audit Service and the Audit Committee to ensure that best practice in corporate governance is adhered to throughout the year.

The Council is committed to complying with all legislative requirements with regard to FOI, GDPR, Protected Disclosures and public procurement, as well as providing information to the public on our website in a transparent and open manner.

Ensure that the democratic functions of the Council are performed in an open, informed and effective way

The Chief Executive and the Management Team continue to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc.

Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their policy making role with the Corporate Policy Group advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy.

Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

Inform citizens through effective communications programmes

The Council's Communications Strategy provides for an extensive programme of external communications in order to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens. The Council is also committed to ensuring that our information is in plain English, is end-user friendly and translated to different languages.

THEME 4: Quality in Our Work

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ***DELIVER QUALITY SERVICES***

Deliver services in the most efficient and effective manner

The Council continues to deliver a broad range of services to the public in an open and transparent manner with a conserted focus on ensuring that it is done in an efficient and effective way.

Foster a culture of continuous improvement in all our activities

By implementing a culture of continuous improvement, the Council regularly looks at processes to see where and how improvements can be made and by measuring performance against metrics established at operational and strategic levels.

Use digital technologies to enable and transform our workplace and the delivery of services

Digital Workplace Transformation Programme is in place and continued to facilitate the operations of the Council and the services it provides.

Apply the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision making to all projects, programmes and delivery of services

The Council is committed to and is cogniscant of the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision in order to provide an effective programme delivery of all projects, programmes and services.

Perform statutory obligations in a way that ensures fairness and efficiency for both the community being protected and those being regulated

The Council is committed to complying with all statutory and legislative requirements in the delivery of its functions and carrying out these requirements in the most efficient and effective way.

Deliver on the Public Sector Duty under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014

The Council is cogniscant of its Public Sector Duty and training for staff is provided through our Diversity and Equality Programmes.

Within the Migrant and Social Cohesion Strategy, the Council continues to embrace the cultural diversity within the County.

THEME 4: Quality in Our Work

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ***STRENGTHEN ORGANISATIONAL AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT***

Build a workforce of the future by recruiting, retaining and developing high quality and motivated staff

Recruitment of qualified staff progressing and adapted to accomodate on-line processes.

Competency based Performance and Development Framework in place for all staff.

Extensive Training and Development Programmes.

PMDS process informs succession plans.

Protect and promote Health, Safety and Wellbeing amongst our staff

Health Safety and Wellbeing Framework and Programmes in place.

Safety Awareness Programmes, Inspections & Safety Audits continued at worksites.

Pro-active attendance management process in place.

In-house provision of Staff Welfare Services.

Develop capacity and capability of the organisation

PMDS process ongoing annually.

Competency Framework an integral part of the recruitment procedures and Training and Development Programme.

Extensive Training and Development Opportunities offered and completed.

Manage the organisation effectively

The effective management of the Council is ensured through the Management Team structure, led by the Chief Executive, supported by Departmental and team meetings and underpinned by the PMDS process.

Reports on Strategic Policy Committees & Joint Policy Committee

Strategic Policy Committee
Programme Report 2021



Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment

Chairperson: Cllr David Healy
Council Members: Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Ian Carey, Cllr Joe Newman, Cllr Paul Mulville.
External Members: Seamus McGrath, Edward Stevenson, Sean Barry

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
March 23	RMCEI Plan 2021 and 2020 Plan update	Presentation given
	Decarbonisation zones	Presentation given
	Review Carbon emissions	Motion agreed
	Protection & Conservation of Hedgerows	Motion agreed
	Fly Tipping	Motion agreed
	Waste Water networks	Motions to be brought to Irish Water
June 22	Abandoned Car Pilot Scheme	Presentation given
	Development Contribution Scheme	Presentation given
	Tree Strategy	Adjourned until 5th July 2021
	Joining KIMO	Motion agreed
	Fit and Fun in Fingal	Motion agreed
	Information on sewage overflows and unplanned discharges	Motion agreed
July 5	"Forest of Fingal" A Tree Strategy For Fingal	Presentation given
	Fingal County Council will work with community-based organisations to support local initiatives to plant trees or support tree-planting including: • Miyawaki forests/ microforests/ pocket forests • community nurseries • community orchards	Motion agreed
	Where damaged to paths is resulting from tree roots, the Council will explore options to retain trees while repairing paths including taking more space from the carriageway and/or path to facilitate a green verge, planting area or rain garden.	Motion agreed
	Review the provision of street trees and the potential for extra street trees within a year to set out a programme for additional planting over the subsequent	Motion agreed

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Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
July 5	The analysis of tree provision will include street trees per km of street and road in Fingal, and tree cover by neighbourhood.	Motion agreed
	The Council will undertake a proactive programme of Tree Preservation Orders, at a rate of 10 per year per ward over the next year, for review after that complement is achieved.	Motion agreed
	The Tree Strategy to include protecting young trees from weed competition by means of mulching rather than herbicide.	Motion agreed
	The Tree Strategy to include an annual implementation report.	Motion agreed
	Trees in residential areas that are within 5 meters of public lighting standard and obstructing light to an unreasonable level may only be removed as a last resort if it is not feasible to 1) reduce the height of the light so that light is no longer obstructed, or 2) extend the arm of the light so that light is no longer obstructed.	Motion agreed
September 22	Draft Fingal Tree Strategy	Presentation given
	Draft Electric Vehicle Strategy	Presentation given
	Briefing on Dublin Agglomeration Air Quality Plan	Presentation given
	Support local initiatives to plant trees	Motion agreed
	Retention of trees while repairing paths	Motion agreed
	Review the provision of street trees	Motion agreed
	Analysis of tree provision	Motion agreed
	Tree preservation orders	Motion agreed
	Protecting young trees from weed competition	Motion agreed
	Annual implementation report	Motion agreed
	Public lighting	Motion agreed
	Hedgerows Survey	Motion agreed
	'Seed Fund' for Communities to initiate Climate Action	Report noted

Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
December 7	Report on submissions on Draft Dublin Agglomeration Air Quality Plan	Presentation given
	Climate Change Action Plan Annual progress report	
	National Draft River Basin Management Plan	Presentation given and approved
	'Forest of Fingal'	Presentation give Motion noted

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Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity

Chairperson: Cllr Aaron O'Rourke
Council Members: Cllr Freddie Cooper (until June 2021), Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, Cllr Cathal Boland.
External Members: Liz Madden, Hiwa Wahab (until September 2021)

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
March 24	SPC Workplan 2021	Agreed
	FCC 4th Language Scheme	Agreed
	Climate Action Programme – Facilities Network- New Project "Keen to be Green"	Noted
	Virtual Community Centre Project	Noted
	Provision of Community Meeting Rooms to voluntary, non-profit & start-up community groups – free of charge	Noted & agreed
June 23	Fingal Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy	Noted – Training to be provided for Councillors on the Strategy
	Libraries Summer Programme & General Update	Noted
	Fingal Celebrates Strategy	Noted
	Age Friendly Healthy Homes Programme	Agreed
	Active Cities Programme	Noted
September 27	Review of Community Amenity Grants	Agreed
	Review of Scheme for non-Council Owned Facilities	Not agreed. Executive to revert to future SPC with revised proposal
	Update on Creative Ireland Fingal Programme	Noted
	Update from Libraries Division Programme	Noted
December 14	Sports Equipment Funding - detailed presentation on Sports Equipment Funding.	Noted
	Music Generation – detailed report on FCC working with working with ETB on this initiative.	Noted
	Public Art Policy Update – a detailed background of policy development, infrastructure, key objectives and FCC's view on public art policy.	Noted
	Heritage Plan - a detailed presentation	Noted

Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
December 14	Heritage Plan - a detailed presentation on the Heritage Plan, Climate Change & Cultural Heritage Risk Assessment.	Noted
	Update on Swords Cultural Quarter - a detailed presentation on the overview of Swords Cultural Quarter	Noted

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Economic Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Chairperson: Cllr Tony Murphy
Council Members: Cllr. Darragh Butler, Cllr. Pamela Conroy, Cllr. Tom O'Leary, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr. Howard Mahony, Cllr. Breda Hanaphy.
External Members: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, David Normoyle, Kesava Gollapalli.

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
March 18	Balbriggan rejuvenation plan URDF update	A presentation and update on the Balbriggan rejuvenation plan on the Public Realm projects and URDF Round 2 funding was given. **Funding:** • Estimated total project costs €33.9m • URDF Funding Allocation €25.4m • FCC Match Funding Commitment €8.5m
	Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor update	A presentation and update on the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor was given by Emer O'Gorman Director of Services.
	Leader Transition Programme	A presentation and update on the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) programme was given including the LAG Strategic Priorities for 2021-22
	Motion Councillor H. Mahony: Refurbishment of Guinness Bridge	Following discussion, the report on the Motion was noted
	Motion Kesava Gollapalli Fingal Ethnic Network: Review of Vocational and Educational Campuses based in Fingal	Following discussion, the report on the Motion was noted
	Motion Councillor S. Shovlin: Illuminated Walking Trail	Following discussion, the report on the Motion was noted and it was agreed that a review would be carried out to trial.
	Motion David Normoyle: Remote-working community hubs	Following discussion, the report on the Motion was noted
June 9	LEADER Transition Programme	Eilish Harrington gave a presentation on the LEADER programme
	Update on Outdoor Summer Plans	Emer O'Gorman gave a presentation on the Outdoor Sumner Plans for 2021
	Motion - Cllr. S. Shovlin – Tourism Office in Dublin 15	Motion was noted
September 8	Presentation by Dundalk IT on why it should become a Campus of a Multi-Campus Regional Technological University.	Agreed to explore ideas
	Presentation on Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation	Need support of SPC and business community

Economic Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
September 8	Presentation on Fingal Celebrates and related events	Paul Barnes gave a presentation on Fingal Celebrates and upcoming events for 2021
	Presentation on Bremore Castle	Emer O'Gorman gave a presentation on Bremore Castle. Council to bring the Castle to Part M compliance but planning and ministerial consent required. Opportunities for funding to be explored
November 24	Local Enterprise Development Plan 2021 – 2024	Oisin Geoghegan gave a presentation on Local Enterprise Development Plan 2021 - 2024
	Broadmeadow and Ward River Trails Economic Appraisal	Report was welcomed by Cllr. Butler and noted by members
	Event Funding Scheme	Scheme to go to full Council (via the CPG) for noting
	Motion - Cllr. Anthony Lavin – Outdoor Dining Initiatives in Fingal	Motion was noted and agreed
	Motion - Cllr. Breda Hanaphy – Tourism Map for Dublin 15	Motion was noted and agreed

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Housing

Chairperson: Cllr Robert O'Donoghue
Council Members: Cllr Brigid Manton, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Natalie Tracey, Cllr Daniel Whooley, Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Adrian Henchy
External Members: Adeline O'Brien, Finbarr Geaney, Dayakar Redy Komirelly, Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
March 30	Minutes of meeting of the Housing SPC held on 1st December 2020	
	Housing Delivery Streams	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date and planned developments
	Choice Based Letting update	Presentation on the proposed plan to offer an online service for choice-based lettings
	Update on the new Plan for Disability	Presentation on Fingal's strategic plan for housing people with a disability
	Social Housing Application form	Presentation on the new application form which comes into effect on the 16th April 2021 and explaining next steps for applicants
June 30	Minutes of meeting of the Housing SPC held on 30th March, 2021	
	Housing Delivery Update	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date and planned developments
	Cost rental	Presentation on the proposed cost rental imitative under the Affordable Housing Bill 2021
	Administration of the new HAP Scheme	Presentation outlining the current HAP scheme and the plan to move the service online in Quarter 3 2021
September 21	Minutes of the meeting of the Housing SPC held on the 30th June 2021	
	Housing for All – A new Housing Plan for Ireland	Presentation outlining the recently published Housing for All plan
	Draft strategy for Housing Disabled people 2021-2026	Presentation on the current five-year strategy
	Cllr. Dayakar Reddy Komirelly – Two Bedroom Apartments	Following discussion, the report was ACCEPTED
	Cllr. J. Burtchaell – Fingal Targets under the Housing for All Plan – AI069482	Following discussion, the report was ACCEPTED
	Cllr. N. Treacy – Infill Spaces across the County	Following discussion, the report was NOTED

Housing

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
November 30	Minutes of the meeting of the Housing SPC held on the 30th November 2021	
	Housing for All Update	Presentation on the delivery streams in the Housing for All plan
	Housing Delivery Action Plan	Following discussion, the report was NOTED
	Homeless Action Plan 2022-2024	Presentation on the roll out of the new Action Plan

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Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure

Chairperson: Cllr Brian Dennehy
Council Members: Cllr Brian Mc Donagh, Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr Punam Rane, Cllr Tom Kitt
External Members: Greg Farrell (up to July 2021) and Kieran O'Neill

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
March 10	SPC Work Programme for 2021	A presentation on the Work Programme for 2021 was given at the Meeting. Following the presentation, the programme was noted.
	Development Plan 2023-2029	An update on the Development Plan 2023-2029 and a discussion regarding the Strategic Issues Paper was noted.
	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on all current LAP's and studies was given to the Members and noted.
	Fingal Greenway/Cycleways	A presentation was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way (Donabate to Balbriggan), Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the presentation was noted.
	Space for Play – Draft Fingal Play Policy	A presentation was given to the Members on the Draft Fingal Play Policy and following discussion the presentation was noted.
	Taking in Charge Policy	A presentation was given at the Meeting and noted.
	Motion – Councillor D. Mulligan – Feasibility of extension of Luas Line	The Chief Executive Report on the Motion was noted.
	Motion – Councillor P. Rane – Cycling infrastructure needed in Hollystown	The Chief Executive Report on the Motion was noted.
June 15	Guest Speaker – Mr Tim Gaston Director of Public Transport Services NTA	A presentation and update on the Bus network redesign and Bus Connects was given at the Meeting. The presentation was noted.
	Fingal Greenways/Cycleways	An update was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way (Donabate to Balbriggan), Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the update was noted.
	Development Plan 2023-2029	An update on the Development Plan 2023-2029 and a discussion regarding the Strategic Issues Paper and the next stage of the process was given and noted.

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Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
June 15	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on all current LAP's and studies was given to the Members and noted.
	Universal Design	A presentation was given to the Members on Universal Design and following a discussion the presentation was noted.
	The Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy	A presentation was given to the Members on the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy and following discussion the presentation was noted.
September 29	Development Plan 2023-2029	An update on the Development Plan 2023-2029 and a discussion regarding the Strategic Issues Paper and the next stage of the process was given and noted.
	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on current Studies and LAP's. A discussion on Sustainable Swords Project and the public consultation for the project was given to the members and noted.
	Fingal Greenways/Cycleways	An update was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way (Donabate to Balbriggan), Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the update was noted.
	Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)	A presentation was given to the Members on Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Following a discussion the presentation was noted.
	Derelict Sites Register	A presentation was given to the Members on Derelict Sites Register. Following a discussion, the presentation was noted.
	Space for Play: A Play Policy for Fingal	A presentation on the Space for Play Policy was given to the Members. The Committee was advised that the Policy was due to be considered at the County Council Meeting in October. The presentation was noted.
	The Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal	An update on the Tree Strategy for Fingal was given to the Members. The Members were advised that the Tree Strategy for Fingal was due to be considered at the Council Meeting in October 2021 this was noted.

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Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
November 29	Draft Biodiversity Action Plan	A presentation on the draft Biodiversity Action Plan was given to the Committee and noted.
	Development Plan 2023 -2029	An update on the Development Plan and the upcoming stages in the process were discussed and noted.
	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on studies and upcoming LAP's were discussed and noted.
	Fingal Greenways/Cycleways	An update was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way, Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the update was noted.
	Urban Regeneration and Development Fund	An update on studies including Sustainable Swords and Dunsink feasibility study were discussed and noted.
	Vacant Site Register	A presentation on the Vacant Site Register was given to the Committee and following a discussion the presentation was noted.
	Motion – Councillor T. Doyle – Update on proposals to link the N3 and N4	The Chief Executive Report on the motion was noted.



Transport & Infrastructure Management

Chairperson: Cllr Ted Leddy
Council Members: Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Joan Hopkins, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Jimmy Guerin, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien
External Members: Doreen Keaney PPN, Raymond Ryan Environmental Pillar, Sinead Kavanagh Eirebus

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
March 1	2021 SPC Work Programme	Following discussion, it was agreed a follow up meeting will be arranged to discuss additional items to be added to the Annual Programme. The Report was Noted.
	Presentation on Draft Casual Trading Bye-Law	Following the presentation, questions and concerns raised by the Members were responded to. Draft Bye-Laws to go to Area Committees and on public display The Report was Noted.
	Active Travel Strategy	Following the presentation, questions and concerns raised by the Members were responded to. The report was Noted.
	Councillor A. Graves - Work Programme	Taken with No 1 above.
	NTA Sustainable Transport Measure Grants	Cllr. Joan Hopkins requested the Committee Members receive regular updates throughout the year on the various projects being undertaken. Following discussion, the Report was Noted.
	Public Lighting in Parks & Open Spaces	Following discussion, the Report was Noted.
June 17	Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws	Report noted on public consultation and draft bye-laws Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws recommended by SPC to Council for approval.
	Proposed Work Programme 2021	Presentation on agreed work programme for 2021 noted and agreed by the SPC.
	Regional Parks & Open Spaces Bye-Laws	It was agreed by the Members to extend an invitation to Fingal DOG to present to the next SPC in September. The SPC members agreed to extend the invitation on condition that Fingal DOG agree and accept that the Council will not be reviewing Bye-Law 4.7(d).
	Trial of Car Free Zones	Report noted.
	Parking Practices in Fingal County Council	Report noted.
	Review of Protected Cycle Lane in Rivervalley	Report noted.
	Liaise with Consultants of the Fingal Coastal Way	Report noted.

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Transport & Infrastructure Management

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
September 16	Draft Burial Policy Review	A discussion followed a presentation and it was agreed to progress the draft Fingal Burial Ground Bye-Laws to each Area Committee Meeting and then to public consultation.
	Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws – Invitation to Fingal DOG	The SPC agreed that an invitation be issued to Fingal DOG requesting that they present their proposals, with regards to off-leash areas within the Council area, at the next SPC meeting in November. The Committee agreed that it be outlined to Fingal DOG that the Council's position on Bye Law 4(7)(d) not being reviewed has not changed.
	National Transport Authority Quarterly Report	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was noted.
	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was noted.
	Town Bus Service for Swords	The report was noted.
	Segregated Cycle Tracks in Urban Areas	Item not reached
	Kerb Protected Cycleways	Item not reached
November 22	Presentation from Flexibus	Following the presentation, questions and concerns raised by the Members were responded to.
	Presentation from Fingal DOG	Following the presentation by Fingal Dog a detailed discussion took place. Questions and clarification on Bye-Law 4.7(d) raised by the Members were responded to and the Director of Services confirmed that going forward proposal for on/off leash areas will go to relevant Area Committee as agreed by Council in June.
	Programme of Works – Discussion on Programme of Works 2022	Following discussion, the Report and proposals for Programme of Works for 2022 was noted.
	R. Ryan – Fingal Coastal Greenways	Following discussion, the Report was noted.
	Cllr. A. Graves – Retrofitting of Pedestrian & Cycling facilities at Balheary Road	Following discussion, the Report was noted.
	Cllr. K. Power – Third level Education Partnership	Following discussion, the Report was noted.

Joint Policing Committee

Membership and Activities

The Fingal Joint Policing Committee is 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 local authority's administrative area, and in particular to keep 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), and**
- **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 Fingal County Council and An Garda Síochána.**

In 2021, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met on the following dates:

- 5th March 2021 via Microsoft Teams
- 4th June 2021 via Microsoft Teams
- 3rd September 2021 via Microsoft Teams
- 3rd December 2021 via Microsoft Teams

With Covid restrictions the four public meetings were unable to take place during 2021.

MEMBERSHIP

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Cllr. Adrian Henchy (Chair), Cllr. Grainne Maguire, Cllr. John Walsh, Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Tony Murphy, Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Ian Carey, Cllr. Ann Graves, Cllr. Tania Doyle, Cllr. Dean Mulligan Cllr. James Humphreys, Cllr. JohnKingley Onwumereh, Cllr. Pamela Conroy, Cllr. Ted Leddy

OIREACHTAS MEMBERS

Alan Farrell TD, Louise O'Reilly TD, Senator Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Duncan Smith TD, Senator Emer Currie

PPN (COMMUNITY) REPRESENTATIVES

Jossy Akwuobi, Myles Caulfield, Ray Smyth, Aisling Kelly, Pat Doyle, Tom O'Brien, Angela Rogers

AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA

Chief Superintendent Mark Curran (DMR-N) and Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy (DMR-W)

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive; Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations and Water Services; and Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

Financial Position

Financial Position

Revenue Account Statement

for year ended 31st December 2021

*** THESE ARE DRAFT FIGURES AND THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE ADOPTED PENDING THEIR FINAL APPROVAL**

	DRAFT 2021 €	2020 €
EXPENDITURE		
Housing & Building	77,049,691	59,911,347
Roads Transportation & Safety	33,809,591	26,793,608
Water & Sewerage	24,148,606	15,579,868
Development Incentives & Controls	27,336,596	50,950,623
Environmental Protection	48,001,493	40,768,857
Recreation & Amenity	49,181,867	39,267,114
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	1,109,744	895,997
Miscellaneous	100,741,206	89,305,628
Total Gross Expenditure	**361,378,794**	**323,473,042**
INCOME		
Housing & Building	73,363,308	65,562,862
Roads Transportation & Safety	9,023,205	8,117,621
Water & Sewerage	22,885,193	17,203,842
Development Incentives & Controls	8,696,496	37,338,511
Environmental Protection	7,520,202	7,733,164
Recreation & Amenity	3,586,250	3,072,387
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	290,472	264,065
Miscellaneous	79,311,075	92,828,907
Total Income	**204,676,202**	**232,121,359**
Net Expenditure	**156,702,593**	**91,351,683**
Which is funded by		
County Rates	149,200,050	148,736,900
Local Property Tax	7,503,957	8,528,476
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
TOTAL	**156,704,007**	**157,265,376**
Surplus (Deficit) for Year Before Transfers	1,415	64,913,691
Transfers from (to) Reserves	-	(64,913,368)
	1,415	323
Incoming Balance @ !st January	15,979,679	15,979,356
Closing Balance @ 31st December	**15,981,094**	**15,979,679**

Financial Position

Capital Account Statement

for year ended 31st December 2021

*** THESE ARE DRAFT FIGURES AND THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE ADOPTED PENDING THEIR FINAL APPROVAL**

	DRAFT 2021 €	2020 €
EXPENDITURE (Net of Internal Transfers)*		
Housing & Building	41,620,503	93,648,084
Roads Transportation & Safety	20,048,231	23,025,407
Water & Sewerage	1,240,008	2,148,087
Development Incentives & Controls	10,180,420	25,249,001
Environmental Protection	877,036	5,306,730
Recreation & Amenity	9,967,318	7,632,320
Miscellaneous	2,683,455	2,879,862
	86,616,970	**159,889,491**
INCOME (Net of Internal Transfers)*		
Housing & Building	58,042,667	89,983,152
Roads Transportation & Safety	11,271,685	13,188,885
Water & Sewerage	1,039,126	1,039,126
Development Incentives & Controls	51,622,919	49,739,940
Environmental Protection	7,569,693	6,975,350
Recreation & Amenity	2,389,440	7,435,418
Miscellaneous	25,896,092	32,099,910
	157,831,622	**200,613,680**
Surplus (Deficit) for year	**71,214,651**	**40,724,189**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	236,469,998	195,745,809
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December	**307,684,649**	**236,469,998**

Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account

Reports on Service Delivery

Aircraft Noise Competent Authority

Objective	Assessment
Ensure the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed and provide for the application of the ICAO balanced approach where a noise problem is identified	ANCA completed a full aircraft noise impact assessment for Dublin Airport during 2021 in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019. The process resulted in the making of a noise abatement objective and draft regulatory decision, including supporting report, under Section 34C of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Environmental assessments were carried out on these plans. The draft regulatory decision and report, noise abatement objective and environmental assessments were made available for public inspection and submissions from 11 November 2021 to 28 February 2022. ANCA will have regard to all submissions /observations made during this period prior to making a regulatory decision during 2022.
Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed	ANCA completed an assessment of the aircraft noise implications of all planning applications for development at Dublin Airport during 2021. Ten planning applications were referred to ANCA during 2021 and ANCA issued a statutory report to the planning authority on all applications within the four-week period prescribed by Section 34B(1)(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.
Monitor compliance with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions	Section 19 of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019 requires the airport authority to prepare a compliance report on noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions. This compliance report was audited by ANCA and both the initial report and the additional information requested by ANCA were published on the ANCA website for public inspection during 2021.







Architects

Objective	Assessment
To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives.	Architectural services and advice have been delivered to various council departments throughout 2021 across a range of project types. 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. The services covered many building types- housing, public buildings, offices, historic buildings and design of the public realm.
Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives.	The Conservation Office has delivered a work programme comprising Grants – administration of the Built Heritage investment scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in time grant, Planning reports as an internal consultee for the planning Dept., participation in preplanning meetings, work related to the architectural heritage of the County for the development plan review, input to the FCC Monuments/Structures at Risk programme, input into Climate Change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responses to Elected member queries and questions, responding to correspondence/Emails from the public and others.
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.	The Architects Department have engaged with relevant government departments via our Client council departments for all funded capital projects and grant schemes.
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.	All statutory requirements have been met regarding Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection. In addition, an effective suite of controls is in place to ensure ongoing compliance.
To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of Council climate change action plan.	Cyclical planned and response maintenance programmes were carried out in council housing stock throughout the year including boiler and window and door replacement programmes. Relet repairs were carried out on properties throughout the County. Process improvements were applied to all programmes. A retrofit pilot project was carried out to 65 Council owned houses in response to the climate action mandate.
To manage construction budgets and process contractor claims for payment efficiently and fairly.	Budgets were managed for capital and maintenance projects for client department. Requirements of the CWMF and the OGP were applied to cost control activities. There was close engagement with the CPU.





Community & Sports Development

Objective	Assessment
To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility committees	The Community Development Office continued to provide administrative and financial support to 33 Community Centres throughout 2021. The ongoing support continues to ensure that Council owned facilities are run and managed to a high standard, are working towards sustainability and are accessible to the whole community.
Continue to manage the up keep and renovation of old facilities	The Community Development Office, with support from the Architects department, continued to work through recommendations identified in conditioning surveys to maintain the upkeep of the older community facilities within Fingal. The Office also processed €87k in grant funding to non-council owned facilities under the non-council owned facilities remedial works grant scheme to support capital renovation costs in those facilities.
Supports to Community & Voluntary programmes of activities	Throughout 2021 grant funding was provided by the Community Development Office to Summer Projects, Activity Funding and Special Funding Schemes such as Digital Poverty and Residents groups. Funding was also provided to CoVid-19 Community Response Volunteer Groups in their ongoing delivery of supports as partners in the Community Call.
Fingal Public Participation Network	During 2021, 49 new members groups registered on the PPN network bringing the total membership to over 700. Throughout the year the Community Development Office provided ongoing support to the PPN by facilitating a number of Induction and PPN workshops and through the distribution of monthly newsletters to inform and engage members.
Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Policy	The Community Department continues to support the Migrant Integration Forum in its work to promote integration and inter-culturalism under the 5 strategic Pillars set out in the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 - 2024
Fingal Comhairle na n-Óg	Ongoing support was provided to Fingal Comhairle na nOg. The Online AGM was attended by young people from primary, secondary and youth organisations across the County of Fingal. Funding Provision was made for a new Comhairle coordinator to enhance the support provided and increase stakeholder engagement. 40% of Secondary schools across Fingal engaged with Comhairle throughout the year.
Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Fingal Alliance, continue to support the work of Age Friendly Ireland	8 members virtual meetings was facilitated to support the work of the Older persons Council and the Age Friendly Alliance. Fingal's Older Persons guide 2021 was produced and distributed to over 20,000 Older citizens in Fingal and a number of outdoor music performances were held in Nursing homes across the County. "Connecting with Outdoors" events took place in Swords, Balbriggan and Blanchardstown to celebrate Positive Aging week.

Community & Sports Development

Objective	Assessment
Implement the Fingal Sport Vision Statement 2019-2021	The Sports Office continued to adapt to work within Government Covid restrictions and delivered 1026 online and in-person programmes to almost 79K participants such as: • Safeguarding courses • On-line physical activity programmes for older adults and disability groups • Pitch & Putt and ExWell Medical Programme events for Older Adults • Sports Con 10 @ 10 - Primary School classroom or home-based exercise programmes • Fingal Digifit • Active Club Challenge to encourage walking, cycling and running groups in sports clubs • Exercise Energise Women in Sport participation programme aimed at secondary school pupils. In the Summer, the Sports Office facilitated an Outdoor Beach & Water Sports Activity Day in Balbriggan with over 2,000 people turning out on the day to participate. 3,200 primary school kids took part in the MarathonKids programme. Sports Equipment and Youth Sports Grants were provided to over 100 sporting facilities to assist with purchasing of equipment to upgrade clubs and increase membership as well enabling sports clubs to work with young people for a safe return to sport following Covid restrictions.











Corporate Affairs & Governance

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To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council.	The Chief Executive and her team continued to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County Stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc. Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfill their governance and oversight role. Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.
To ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation	The Customer Care Unit consists of trained agents to ensure that all queries are resolved at the first point of contact for the customer. Throughout the pandemic the Council remained open for business to the public and our Agents dealt with: • 186,957 phone calls • 10,752 emails • 4,027 in-person queries.
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 2021.
To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities	In accordance with the Council's Communications Strategy, an extensive programme of internal and external communications was implemented to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.
To promote the use of the Irish language through the implementation of the Irish Language Scheme	The Fourth Irish Language Scheme 2021 - 2024 was adopted by the Members for implementation across the Council.
To ensure all Corporate Buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard	The Buildings Facilities Team during 2021 ensured that all Corporate Buildings were maintained and protected to the highest standard during a very challenging pandemic year. The staff play a key role in maintaining the Council's commitment to Energy Efficiency and continual improvement through the management of the Council's Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018.



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Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Objective	Assessment
Foster a strong local economy and promote environmentally sustainable business.	Fingal In It Together installed c. 40 parklets for public and business use. Grants in excess of €60,000 issued under the 2021 Shopfront & Main Street Residences Scheme while c. €440,000 in Outdoor Dining Grants were issued on behalf of Fáilte Ireland. The Sustainable Fingal Initiative launched in February 2021 with a new section on the website directing businesses to supports & information to become more sustainable. A webinar was held during Climate Week to highlight sustainability issue and a competition for a Sustainability Assessment & Action Plan was won by a local business in Rush.
Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start- ups and develop existing micro & small businesses. To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.	Small Business Assistance Scheme grants totaling €1.13m were paid to 214 businesses in the Fingal area. SBASC gave grants to businesses who were not eligible for the Government's COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS), the Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity grant or other direct sectoral grant schemes. The Council's three enterprise centres continued to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie and to support start-up and growing businesses through the provision of enterprise space, remote working space and related supports. In 2021 LEO Fingal launched its new Local Enterprise Development Plan (2021 - 2024) and is continuing to implement the actions from the plan. These actions provide businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the County. 2021 saw a continued focus on helping businesses through the impact of Covid-19 and in addition the necessity to focus on preparing businesses for Brexit. A total of €1,563,446 in financial aid was approved to 379 Fingal businesses for various grant aid schemes and Trading Online Vouchers. In total, 7,392 places were booked by clients for Training/ Networking/ Events/ Webinars (all online). An online Local Enterprise Week proved hugely successful with over 1,200 businesses participating. Business clinics and mentoring assignments were delivered to 1,360 clients. 335 Trading Online Vouchers were approved. 14 Start Your Own Business courses were delivered to 295 aspiring entrepreneurs.
Implement and manage local community and economic development programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER	The Fingal SICAP Programme performed strongly with Pobal and the Department of Rural & Community Development citing Fingal's Programme as an exemplar. The LEADER Programme is overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) which comprises representation from South Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and Fingal LCDC's. The 2021/2022 Transition Funding Arrangements approved a budget of €1,882,175. In 2021 19 projects to the value of €766,899 were approved including 16 Fingal Projects



Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Objective	Assessment
Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County	In light of the Covid Pandemic and the impact it has made on tourism business in Fingal in 2021, the Fingal Tourism Hospitality Group, which comprises representatives of the EETCD and members of the Fingal Dublin Chamber, launched a Fingal tourism summer campaign. This commenced with a reintroduction to Fingal messaging, then a focus on flagship attractions (day trip / overnight). The campaign also promoted off the beaten track attractions and unique Fingal itineraries to motivate visitors to explore the area and to reflect the Fáilte Ireland #keepdiscovering campaign. The group agreed an increased spend on social media advertising, Google advertising, display & search and on YouTube was required to reboot the tourism industry after multiple lockdowns. It included calls to action such as competitions, itineraries for day trips and staycations. Previous content and assets, including ads and videos, from the 2020 campaign were re-edited for initial use in the campaign. Fingal Tourism and Ripple Marketing worked with each of the tourism development groups to develop a filming schedule highlighting the unique and saleable experiences in each area. This new content is being edited into 32 videos outputs for use. A series of new ads are being created which reflect the Dublin Brand Toolkit and the #keepdiscovering campaign.
Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development	The Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor was launched with a webinar and a dedicated website and profile report highlighting the economic opportunities of the corridor. In November the Chair and Oversight Board members were elected. The Fingal Skills Strategy Group commenced implementation and established sub-groups to focus on skills development in Transport & Logistics and Construction. Work also commenced on a web portal for skills information. Rush commenced the Urbact Playful Towns Initiative, securing funding to hold play events in October and December.





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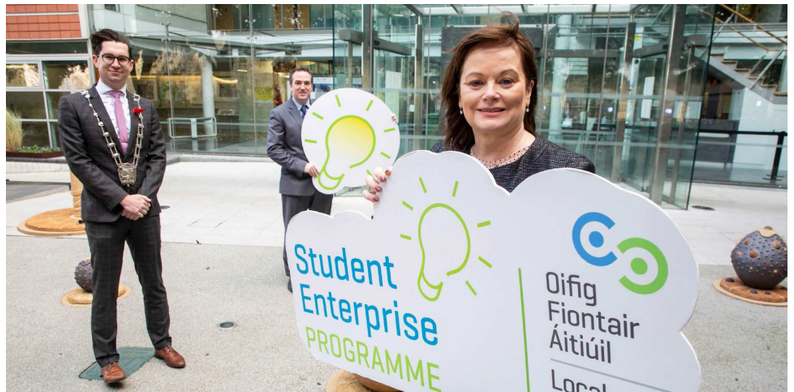
Objective	Assessment
Implement Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan	The Council was awarded €24,438,875 in URDF funding for Balbriggan. The acquisition of key properties was completed with Integrated Designs Teams appointed for the Quay Street & 2/4 Dublin Street Projects. The demolition of the O'Shea's Building commenced at the Harbour. Consultants were appointed to develop a masterplan and to carry out an active travel and traffic study of the town. A new pillar was added with a focus on community safety and integration and work across all pillars was progressed Smart Balbriggan held a webinar on the Smart Balbriggan Programme and a hybrid Hackathon where citizens collaborated to find smart solutions to community challenges. Balbriggan's URBACT iPlace Project continued work on an Integrated Action Plan to strengthen entrepreneurial activity and develop a creative arts local development ecosystem
Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food & drink tourism destination	The Council has worked with Fáilte Ireland and a food consultant assigned to the Fingal Food Tourism Network in 2021 on the following: • A series of speed networking building events • Internal familiarisation visits to food business with training elements • External fam visits to other networks • Workshops/ training events:
Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties	In 2021, the Operator commenced a Summer media campaign to encourage staycationers to visit Malahide Castle and Gardens, Newbridge House and Farm and the Malahide Casino Model Railway Museum. Radio adverts ran on Classic Hits and Newstalk Radio (nationwide) throughout July and into August. In addition, advertisement in the International Arrivals hall at the airport and sightline bus adverts were rolled out. At Newbridge House, the operator worked with Fingal Arts Department in hosting and promoting the Guest exhibition. 'Picnic with Pride' a charity event in aid of the Pride Foundation, hosted by James Patrice, took place on the West Lawn at Malahide Castle on the 24th, 25th and 26th June. A new Trail booklet to increase dwell time for children at the Malahide Casino Model Railway Museum was also designed. Joint Model Railway and Fairy Trail tickets were put in place to drive visitors to the Casino. Ardgillan Castle launched an outdoor children's book trail. Former children's Laureate, Niamh Sharkey's storybook The Ravenous Beast creates an outdoor, free and self-guided family experience.





Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Objective	Assessment
Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events	There was continued capital investment for maintenance and upgrading of our Heritage Property facilities during 2021. The Council engaged with its Operators and Café providers to optimise visitor experiences. Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued during 2021 on a number of projects including the Coastal Development Plan, engagement with the Tourism Development Groups and marketing of Fingal. A new arts and crafts' shop opened at Ardgillan Castle Newbridge House - enhancements to the farm were made to improve the visitor experience including improved signage and the introduction of a wider range of smaller farm animals that appeal to children. A new display of farm implements in the Courtyard area in Newbridge Farm to educate visitors on Farm machinery. Some of the Events programming could not be undertaken once again due to Covid-19, however virtual and online events were facilitated, including the lighting up of historic and civic buildings. When government guidance permitted the following events took place in person: - 'Celebrate Fingal' at Newbridge Demesne and St Catherine's Park; Halloween Event at Swords Castle; Enchanted Forest & Enchanted Cycle at the Millenium Park and Markets at Swords, Blanchardstown and Bremore. Fingal hosted the European Cross Country Event at the NAC in December of 2021. In Skerries Mills, new branding was introduced as part of the suite of branding for heritage properties including new signage at the entrance to the site. Improvements to the audio visuals presentation on the tour were made and preparations to move to paperless guide leaflets in foreign languages began.
Implement the Fingal Arts Development Plan	The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2021 with our public arts programme 'Infrastructure' and our grants, commissions and bursaries schemes, including supporting the Swords Cultural Quarter and the Our Balbriggan rejuvenation project.



Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Objective	Assessment
Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council	The actions of the eight years framework agreement with the Arts Council continued in 2021. The two areas of agreement are: a) Research & Development – the Arts Office continues to engage with the SCQ development team on the new public cultural facility and theatre model. b) Building Capacity - The arts staff have developed a suite of research on how the Council can best meet its public service ambitions in arts and culture, in the areas of public arts practice and youth & education.
To coordinate the implementation of the Creative Ireland Programme in Fingal	A budget of €343,000 was allocated in 2021 to 42 different creative projects/ initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme. The Commemorations Programme focused on the end of the War of Independence with specific emphasis on events which occurred in Fingal during this time and the signing of the truce between the British government and representatives of the Irish Republic. Cruinniu Na Nóg, Ireland's national day of free creative activities for children and young people up to 18 years of age takes place took place on 12th June.
Swords Civic & Cultural Centre	During 2021 procurements and appointments for consultancies were completed to form the design team necessary to deliver the SCQ project. The full design team have been developing their design from initial concept in preparation for the planning process. This work will continue into 2022 with the public consultation planning to take place in 2022 and tendering of the project in 2023.



Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Objective	Assessment
Encourage the community to reach its full potential and engage all citizens through an innovative programme of events and activities in libraries	All our events moved to the virtual space due to CoVid-19. Many of our facilitators came on board to continue to provide events and activities for the public. Our staff were wonderfully creative and inventive in the content they created for our new YouTube channel and for our other social media platforms. Our History and Writers' Festivals, Cruinniú na nÓg, Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Work Matters and Right to Read Programmes, and our Europe Direct events all went ahead as normal, albeit online.
Market Libraries in Fingal as democratic, inclusive and dynamic spaces, open to all who live and work in the County	Throughout 2021, we developed a social media strategy which involved scheduling daily messages, posts and content across our various platforms, in order to promote our activities and programmes. This led to increased engagement by the public with our social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.
Ensure that Fingal Libraries continue to remain visible and relevant in the community through collaboration and partnerships	As a result of funding received from the Dormant Account Fund and collaboration with AslAm, Fingal Libraries engaged in the roll out of an Autism Friendly library project. Highlights from the project included the delivery of 60 sensory friendly family events by the end of March 2020, including story times, STEAM events, equine therapy, arts and crafts, educational talks on aspects of ASD and mindfulness sessions. "Relaxed Programming" and "Quiet Time" sessions were also introduced across the branch network.







Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel

Objective	Assessment
Implement the Eastern - Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021	An evaluation of the current 5yr plan has been undertaken prior to the review of the plan. http://emwr.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Evaluation-of-the-3-Regional-Waste-Management-Plans-Final.pdf
Aftercare of historic and closed landfills	Management of closed licensed landfills - Balleally, Dunsink, Nevitt – ongoing Capital works programme for Balleally progressed Progressed Design, Screening and foreshore agreements for protection wall for Brooks End legacy landfill.
Monitor Air and Noise Pollution	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2021 available here https://www.fingal.ie/national-enforcement-priorities-progress-report-2021 . The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine air/noise related inspections undertaken in 2021 was 407.
Enforce Waste Regulations	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2021 available here https://www.fingal.ie/national-enforcement-priorities-progress-report-2021. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine waste inspections undertaken in 2021 was 1005. End of Life Vehicle Project – 70 illegal sites cleared and closed down during 2021. For the remaining 12 sites 7 are in the process of removing ELV's with legal action required for the remainder.
Operate dog and horse control service	The new Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services began operating in September 2021. These services operate under the Control of Dogs Act 1985. In 2021 there were 32 dogs brought to the shelter as strays, 13 surrendered and no dogs were seized. The Dog Warden Service has commenced dog license checks. The horse service operates under the Control of Horses Act 1996. In 2021, 14 horses were seized from public land and all of these have been rehomed.
Operate Litter Warden Service	This service is operates in line with the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 – 2009. In March 2021 additional litter warden patrols were introduced to cover weekends as a result of public health measures and increased activity across Fingal. In 2021, there was an increased focus on illegal dumping. The pilot abandoned car project commenced in September 2021. The number of routine litter patrols/investigations undertaken in 2021 was 3203.





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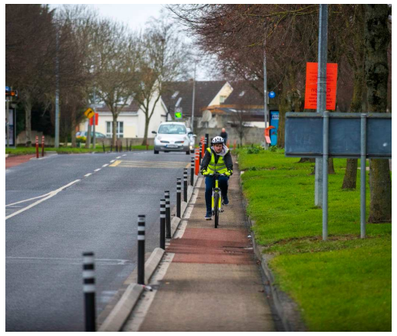
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Protect Surface, Ground and Coastal Waters	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2021 available here https://www.fingal.ie/national-enforcement-priorities-progress-report-2021. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine water/wastewater inspections undertaken in 2021 was 850.
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme	The 2021 Environmental Awareness Program delivered the following: • Worked with the Dublin LA's, the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Plan Office and 40 Fingal Schools on the Composting for Schools Pilot which introduces and subsidised composting and food waste infrastructure for schools. • Litter programs such as the Picker Pals VOICE program was introduced into 20 new Fingal school classes. • 12 Anti Litter Anti Graffiti projects County-wide. • Supported the 145 schools in the Green Schools Program, with 21 no. New Green Flags awarded to Fingal Schools in 2021. • Promoted and facilitated the Fingal Instruments Project whereby instruments are handed in at Recycling Centers, cleaned and repaired and redistributed back into communities. • The Fingal Keen to be Green Project was rolled out to 32 Fingal Community Centers. This is a program designed to assist the centre managers in becoming more sustainable in their delivery of services. • In partnership with six Community Centers litter kit was provided for Fingal individuals and communities. The Dublin Clean-Up Week was an event which mobilised several groups to carry out clean-ups. • Ongoing promotional campaigns in cooperation with Comms to address litter, beach and marine environments, food waste, biodiversity and general environment. • Numerous online workshops on gardening, sustainability and nature were delivered to the public. • Composting workshops were held at Community Gardens.





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Objective	Assessment
Implement Flood Protection Schemes in co-operation with the OPW	There are three flood schemes (Malahide, Portmarnock & Skerries) with the OPW. These are undergoing a Scheme Viability Review by the OPW currently.
Co-ordination of Climate Change Action Plan	Governance and reporting structures are in place. Climate Action Coordinator works with Implementation leads from across all internal Departments, and with colleagues from the Dublin Local Authorities, CARO, Codema, and other stakeholders to coordinate deliver of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The Plan was adopted by the Council in May 2019 and actions are ongoing. The Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC has been provided with regular updates. The Climate Change Action Plan Annual Progress Report 2021 was delivered and communicated to SPC, CPG and Council.
Provide Bring Banks for glass bottles	The Council operates two civic amenity sites (Estuary and Coolmine), a network of 57 Bring Banks for glass recycling throughout the County and a total of 26 Textile Bank locations. In 2021 a total of 6563.39 Tonnes of glass was collected and recycled from Fingal bring banks. A total of 238.68 tonnes of textiles was collected from textile banks.









Finance

Objective	Assessment
Active Debt Management (Rates/ PEL/NPPR)	In 2021, 95% of Commercial Rates were collected (including rates waiver). The Property Entry Levy (PEL), which is a charge that applies to all newly erected or newly constructed properties pending the assessment of commercial rates, took in revenue of €0.76m. Revenue from the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was €1.46m in 2021.
The Management of Accounts Payable, Procurement and Treasury Management Cash Outflows	Accounts Payable processed €291m of payments during 2021. The treasury management and cashflow was actively managed throughout the year.
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 are reviewed regularly with each department.
Production of 3 Year Capital Programme	The 2022 -2024 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2021.
Production of Annual Budget	The 2020 Financial Statements were completed in April 2021 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2021.
Production of Annual Financial Statement	The 2019 Financial Statements were completed in May 2020 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2020.
To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement	The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) conducted procurement processes identified in the Annual Procurement Plan during 2021 as well as carrying out monitoring and reporting on procurement compliance and performance across the organisation to the Executive Management Team.



Housing Services

Objective	Assessment
Delivery of housing in Fingal County Council in line with the Housing Strategy and Rebuilding Ireland: The Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness	A total of 1,776 social housing units were delivered in 2021 via acquisitions, build, leasing and HAP streams. A target of delivering 561 under new build & leasing social housing units during 2021 was set for Fingal. At the end of the year, the target was exceeded, and a total of 584 units were delivered under these streams.
Delivery and management of homeless services in accordance with the Homelessness Action Plan 2019 – 2021	Continued progress has been made with the implementation of the objectives of the Homelessness Action Plan 2019-2021. During 2021, the Homeless Team completed 576 homeless assessments, comprising 320 families and 256 single or couple households. A total of 471 households were assisted to exit homelessness via the provision of: • 82 social housing tenancies • 340 Homeless - HAP tenancies • 49 mainstream HAP There is ongoing engagement with and collaboration with various stakeholders regarding the provision and delivery of homeless services.
Administration of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.	Housing Assistance Payment or HAP continued to be administered in 2021 to assist those in private rented accommodation with rental costs. Fingal County Council set up 746 HAP tenancies in 2021 and has set up over 3,200 since the introduction of HAP in 2017. An online portal to streamline the application process was introduced in October.
Management and maintenance of Housing Stock/Vacancies/Voids	The Council continued to deliver a management and maintenance service for over 6,000 tenancies across the wide range of housing stock, through all levels of Covid restrictions. There were 15,425 maintenance requests in 2021, which was an 9% increase in the number of maintenance requests from the previous year.





Housing Services

Objective	Assessment
Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024	The implementation of the objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 has progressed, with refurbishment and development of accommodation in line with the needs of the Traveller population in Fingal. The construction and occupancy of a seven-unit group housing scheme at Baskin Green was a key delivery achievement during 2021.
Facilitate access to good quality private rented accommodation through an annual inspections programme	In line with the Strategy for the Private Rental Sector the DHLGH has set annual inspection targets for all local authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2021 there were 21,002 tenancies registered with the RTB in the Fingal administrative area. An annual inspection target of 20% of these registered tenancies has been set by the DHLGH. As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 2,683 inspections of private rented properties were carried out in 2021. This was despite the challenges posed by Covid-19 restrictions.
Deliver sufficient and appropriate housing solutions for disabled persons	There were 328 applications for the Housing Adaptation Scheme for Older People and People with a Disability approved in 2021, with grants to the value of €2.3m paid out. Through the Disabled Persons Adaptation Grant Scheme 2021, the Council carried out 87 adaptations and 3 extensions, including work related to 53 new applications. Works included the provision of level access showers, ramps, stairlifts and grabrails. The FCC Housing Department provided approximately €600,000 in funding to support these works.
Support the provision of mixed tenure, quality and affordable housing	The Council continued to advance a number of mixed tenure schemes across the County in 2021. The proposed mixed tenure development at Church Fields, Mulhuddart comprises 1,000 social and affordable housing units. The Part 8 public consultation for the first phase of 300 dwellings and the Eastern Linear Park commenced in late 2021. Works progressed on the Dun Emer development in Lusk where the Council are constructing 39 affordable and 12 social homes, which is one of the first social and affordable housing schemes developed under the Government's Housing for All policy. In 2021, FCC's Housing Department also continued to support the joint venture mixed tenure development, in partnership with a private developer, on lands at Ballymastone, Donabate.





Human Resources

Objective	Assessment
To foster and embed an effective performance management and development culture in the organisation	A Performance Management and Development System is being implemented supported by competency frameworks, an annual training plan and a financially assisted Further Education Programme as normal business process.
To implement a program that promotes wellbeing, equality and diversity in the workplace	Staff wellbeing activities are regularly promoted by the Council, by the staff forum – Network Fingal and a network of informal social groups formed by staff members. Equality and Diversity is integrated in the business process of the organisation
To optimise the availability and skills of the Council's human resources	Staff vacancies are being filled in a timely manner and there is a dynamic mobility programme in place allowing for the deployment of staff having regard to operational requirements and career development aspirations. An annual training programme was implemented primarily on-line due to Covid considerations. Proactive attendance management was also in place
To promote a safe and healthy work environment	There is a proactive and dynamic safety regime of safety inspections, safety auditing and accident investigation in place. In addition, staff are required to attend safety training courses on a structured and regular basis.









Information Technology

Objective	Assessment
To promote innovative solutions through the mediums of Web, GIS, CRM, Data Analytics, BPI, Open Data and Knowledge Management	Two new ICT solutions were delivered to support the management of the Development Plan process which enabled workflow management, mapping, reporting and template generation. They allowed Councillors to map and submit motions and assisted the Planning Department in the report creation and approval process. Several other innovative solutions were delivered or enhanced across the council including Restart Grants, waste management, and heritage sites.
To implement best practice in IT governance	Meetings were held between IT and each Council Department during the year to review systems, project requirements and quality of service.
Implementation and management of required infrastructure for IT systems and services	The Council's server and network infrastructure was managed (and upgraded where required) to ensure that it performed reliably in 2021. Server availability for the year was 100% and network availability was 99.99%. Infrastructure upgrades included Virtual Server system; Network Switch Stack in all Zones in County Hall; Network Switch and Infrastructure in Depots and all Library Branches; Firewalls; installation of Defender for Endpoint for all Laptops/PC's.
Deliver an efficient support service for our Staff and Councillors and members of the public	The service desk dealt with 13,346 tickets from staff in 2021 and 190 calls were logged by Councillors. Remote support was provided for Councillors including during online Council meetings and on-site support was provided for Councillors for socially-distanced Council meetings.
Encourage and support communities and businesses to reap the full rewards of a digitally enabled society	The rollout of the WiFi4EU scheme was completed, delivering free public WiFi to eighteen towns and villages across Fingal. There were 38,155 visits to public WiFi in Fingal during the year. Seven Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) received high-speed WiFi. Four Community Centre BCPs received DRCD Connected Hubs funding to develop remote working facilities. Smart Balbriggan launched the Balbriggan 3D Model showcasing the planned public realm developments under the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan. The CE Innovation Fund was launched to support workplace innovation, and four innovation projects were funded in Year 1.
Analysis, design and deployment of secure IT systems to support business processes	Maintenance and support continued for over 75 Applications that facilitate business processes. The Core HR & Payroll system was upgraded as was the OHMS Housing system was upgraded as a prerequisite to the implementation of the new NEC Housing system. The APAS planning system was migrated to new servers. Fingal Alerts functionality was extended to include Bathing Water Quality Alerts (EPA), Live Map, River Heights (OPW), TII Sensors Covid-19 and Property Price Register alerts.





Information Technology

Objective	Assessment
Deploy Enterprise Architecture to ensure that the Councils Corporate Strategy utilises proper technology systems architecture to achieve its goals	Data Protection Impact Assessments were carried out on new systems.
To meet the expectations of an increasingly digitised world and improve the experience of those interacting with the Council	The rollout of FinDocs (document management system on Sharepoint Online) continued with the successful migration of eight completed. Work also commenced on the design and development of Chief Executive Orders System. The project to migrate the Council's CRM system to Dynamics 365 was also initiated to bring about standardised approach across all departments in ways of working and doing business.
Successfully manage the Council's IT Programme and Project Lifecycle and related Resourcing	Nineteen projects were completed in 2021 and 36 new project requests were received. Phase 2 of the Development Plan was delivered on time including web casting, meeting solutions, reporting (RMAS) and GIS applications, modification to Modern Gov and automated workflows. The ePlanning and eHousing programmes progressed as planned.
Establish and maintain enterprise vision, strategy, and program to ensure information assets and technologies are adequately protected	IT Security was a priority due to the increased threat from cybercriminals seeking to take advantage of Covid restrictions. Security awareness training was provided to staff working remotely.

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





Libraries

Objective	Assessment
Implement the Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023	The objectives of Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 continued to be implemented in 2021 by way of 42 actions.
Provide high quality, welcoming, accessible spaces which meet the needs of library users	Blanchardstown Library was refurbished in 2021 and now offers 70 study spaces, 2 meeting /study booths, 2 collaboration /meeting pods, 26 public access pcs, an IT training room, a project room and a makerspace. The junior section has a new sensory pod and improved homework seating. The Libraries Dept worked with the Architect led integrated design team to develop detailed plans for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter. Preparations continued for the planned refurbishment and extension of Skerries Library. Due to COVID 19, at different stages throughout 2021, libraries had to offer a reduced level of service or were completely closed to the public. We continued to offer online services and events, and the Cocooning Library Service which delivered books to cocooners, the housebound, to residential services and to anyone with health issues.
Ensure that libraries are staffed with well trained, informed and customer focused staff	Throughout 2021 staff received appropriate training, engaged in continuing professional development, and received support to avail of relevant third level educational opportunities.
Recognise and meet the changing needs of library users, in accordance with our Collection Development Policy	New e-services introduced in 2021 to support home schooling and online learning included Tumble Books, Tumble Math, Lexia and Coding Clubs. Fingal Local Study and Archives acquired several items of interest at the auction of the contents of Howth Castle and its library in September 2021.
Reinforce the position of libraries in the community as key points of access to information technology and digital services	In Autumn 2021, Fingal Libraries appointed the Council's first Maker in Residence to develop the new makerspace at Blanchardstown Library and to encourage extensive community engagement in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) activities throughout our library network. Balbriggan, Baldoyle, Blanchardstown, Donabate, Howth, Malahide, Rush and Swords Libraries began to offer eduroam (education roaming) Wi-Fi. Students whose college/university participates in eduroam can simply open their laptop or mobile device in these libraries and have immediate internet connectivity.
Encourage the community to reach its full potential and engage all citizens through an innovative programme of events and activities in libraries	Highlights in our events calendar in 2021 included the Writers Festival, Fingal Festival of History, the Cruinniú na nÓg Story Trail and the Burning of Fingal Coast Guard Stations Exhibition. Our 2021 spring brochure was delivered to 90,000 homes in Fingal. The varied events programme encouraged people to stay active in mind and body over the coming months.





Libraries

Objective	Assessment
Market Libraries in Fingal as democratic, inclusive and dynamic spaces, open to all who live and work in the County	Throughout 2021, our social media strategy involved scheduling daily messages, posts and content across our various platforms, in order to promote our online activities and programmes.
Ensure that Fingal Libraries continue to remain visible and relevant in the community through collaboration and partnerships	With funding of €28,600 from the Dormant Accounts Fund and through partnerships with other depts and organisations we ran a literacy project aimed at migrant families and a sensory and well-being festival designed to be accessed by children with special needs.

Operations Department

Objective	Assessment
Management & Maintenance of Regional & Local Roads, Traffic Management, Road Safety	There are 65kms of National Roads including motorways in the County. The Council is responsible for managing 264Kms of regional and 1011kms of local roads in the County. Maintenance work including surface drainage, road and footpath repairs and replacement, traffic management and public lighting is delivered through the Programme of Works and the annual maintenance programmes delivered from the Depots in Coolmine, Fancourt and Swords. The Council continued to manage its stock 32,900 public lights with over 80% having been converted as part of the LED Energy Efficiency Programme The following applications were processed during 2021:

Item	2021
Wayleave/ Communications/ Road Opening Licences	2,750
Taking in Charge Certs	2,010
Abnormal Load Permits	548
Temporary Road Closures	42

*All licences are processed on the MRL Online System

Management & Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches & Recreational Facilities	The Council continues to manage and maintain over 5000 acres (2000 Ha) of public open spaces at our regional, local and neighbourhood parks and 4 allotment sites with over 800 allotment sites. Within the parks and open spaces, we provide: • 51 playgrounds • 171 grass playing pitches • 8 all-weather playing facilities • 6 cricket pitches • 14 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's) • 4 skateparks

Operations Department

Objective	Assessment
Management & maintenance of Harbours, Litter Management, Provision of Burial Grounds, Public Conveniences	In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is maintained by the Operations Department which includes the 11 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South and North, Portrane, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton Burrow Beach, Claremont and Howth. 35 lifeguards were employed from June to early September 2021. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year with works carried out on the marker buoys and navigational aids at all harbours and replacement of chains and fendering at Skerries Harbour. Litter and Cleansing crews continued with their cyclical and response programmes in the public realm across the County and supported the work of Tidy Towns Groups and other local volunteers.
To support the delivery of major commercial and community events as appropriate	Due to Covid 19 restriction the number of events held in our regional parks and open spaces and in the public realm were severely curtailed in 2021: The Operations Department saw a significant increase in applications for outdoor exercise / fitness classes as a result of Covid19 during 2021, across all three Operational Areas. Relevant applications were facilitated with reduced fees, and processing was fast-tracked as a supporting measure. While it was not possible to permit a number of regular events due to public health restrictions, a number were permitted with reduced numbers and without spectators in some instances; The Castle of Lights event was held in Malahide Demesne in December 2021 for the first time. Skerries Regatta, Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival, as well as a number of schools orienteering events took place within the regional parks. The Operations Department welcomed the return of the Cool Running Ice Skating Rink to Millennium Park from November 2021 to end of January 2022. Parkruns were welcomed back in our regional parks in 2021.St. Catherine's Park Eco Food & Craft Market also returned in 2021. The Operations Department coordinated a Community Tree Planting Event in 2021 in collaboration with our colleagues in Environmental Services. Management of commercial and sporting events and Event Licence applications, when permitted, involve the following: • Pre and post event meetings • Document validation and issuing of event permits • Temporary road Closure Application • Litter Management • Professional advice on Traffic Management • Advice on Crowd Safety Management





Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Objective	Assessment
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical & green) in the County	• Planning applications for R132 Connectivity Project and Racecourse Park Baldoyle park development project submitted to An Bord Pleanala • The Hole in Wall Road successfully completed and opened • Park Road, Rush upgrade opened • Snugborough Interchange is ongoing with major bridge construction works • Non-statutory consultations completed with respect to Royal Canal Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way, N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon Cross Project, N3 -M50 Clonee scheme, Sustainable Swords Project • Sutton to Malahide Greenway - design options advanced with view to commencing non-statutory public consultation in 2022 • Ongoing advancement of the following planning approved projects through CPO, procurement, contract stages - Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway, Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement, R126 Portrane Road Enhancement, New Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge Donabate, Hearse Road Bad Bend Re-Alignment, Churchfields Link Road and Cycle Network, Broadmeadow Way • Work commenced on River Valley All Weather Pitch facility • Skerries Town Park Playground and Rathmore Park Play trail opened • Shackleton Park restoration project completed and opened • 8km of path improvement completed on Howth head • Bells Lane\Bremore Park upgrade works advanced on site to near completion • Plans for the proposed upgrade of playground at Howth Harbour approved • Part VIII statutory public consultations held and Planning approval achieved for following Development Projects – Bremore Regional Park, Lanesborough Park , Naul Village Park,Garristown Public Space Project, Ballymastone Recreational Hub • Porterstown Park recreational hub procurement advanced • "Space for Play, A play policy for Fingal " and "Forest of Fingal" tree strategy both adopted
Promote & Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations	Policies, guidelines and standards are continually under review to ensure best practice.
Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development	On-going investigations and enforcement action. 309 warning letters and 28 enforcement notices issued. 15 new cases referred to the Law Department during 2021 bringing to 23 the number of enforcement cases with the Law Department or at varying stages in the legal system.
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. • 1,576 planning applications received • 1,409 decisions made • 12 SHD applications made to An Bord Pleanala • 8 of which were granted





Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Objective	Assessment
Manage the Taking in Charge Statutory Process	Standards continue to be met for developments for Taking in Charge and/ or bond release. A framework of service providers in place to facilitate site resolution plans and subsequent bond claims and drawdowns. Fingal Taking in Charge Standards and Policy document implemented. 14 estates were taken in charge during 2021 when completed to taking in charge standards.
Preparation/review of County Development Plan - set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County	First public consultation phase completed with respect to the review of the 2017-2023 County Development Plan and new 2023 -2029 County Development Plan. Chief Executive Draft Development Plan issued to members.
Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens	R132 Connectivity Project planning application submitted, The Hole in Wall Road successfully completed and opened. Park Road Rush upgrade completed and opened. Non statutory consultations completed re N2 – Rath Kilmoon, N3 -M50 Clonee projects. Ongoing advancement of planning approved projects through CPO, procurement, contract stages - Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway, Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement, R126 Portrane Road Enhancement, Hearse Road Bad Bend Re-alignment, New Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge Donabate, Churchfields Link Road and Cycle Network.
Promote and Protect Biodiversity	10 actions from the Fingal Biodiversity Plan were implemented including provision of a new 3 acre wetland in the Turvey Nature Reserve and the development of a new local nature reserve at Beaverstown, Donabate. Ongoing implementation of actions of the Howth SAAO Operational Plan and the Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy including wildfire management measures such as developing strategic wildfire breaks and commencing a goat grazing project with native Irish goats.
Support Rebuilding Ireland	There was continued residential development site activity. There were 73 active Residential Sites in December 2021 with 3,598 completed units and another 2,970 currently under construction. A further 2,861 units not yet commenced. In addition, 21 on-going sites have been finished and fully built out in 2021 and delivered a further 1,941 units. There are a further 56 inactive sites with live Planning Permissions with potential to deliver a further 7,092 units. Continued advancement of Project Talamh at Ballymastone and Churchfields and continued LIHAF project delivery assisted activate lands to increase housing supply.





Develop a Coastal Management Policy	There was ongoing collaboration with the OPW on Coastal Monitoring Programme for Fingal County Council and ongoing engagement with the Coastal Liaison Group. Work progressed on a coastal management plan for Rogerstown outer estuary.
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County	The Heritage Officer administers the Community Monuments Fund in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. 8 projects received a total of €270,000. Works were undertaken at the burial site in Ward River Valley, Swords, Castleknock College, Kilsallaghan graveyards and survey/studies at Malahide Demesne Church, Rush Tower House, St Catherine's Church Rush, Lanistown Castle Donabate, St Marnock's Church and Donabate-Portane Archaeological Audit. The Fingal Cultural Heritage & Climate Change Risk Assessment provided an evidential baseline for the effects of climate change on our heritage assets. The results have informed other projects including Fingal X Climate a citizen science project that is encouraging the community to take positive action and get involved in monitoring the effects of climate change on their local heritage assets. Community led projects supported to promote heritage tourism including a Matterport 3D Virtual Tour of St Doulagh's Church and baptistry and the Castleknock Tidy Town's Virtual heritage tour. The Snapshot's of Fingal's Past, an initiative with the Fingal Heritage Network was also published. • 3 Architectural Conservation Grant Schemes were operated: • Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) • Historic Structures Fund (HSF) • Fingal's Stitch in Time Grant €185,500 in funding was provided through these schemes for 24 projects to assist owners in repairing and safeguarding the architectural heritage of Fingal in their ownership and care.

Water

Objective	Assessment
Maintenance of the Surface Water Network	Management and maintenance of the Surface Water Networks are the responsibility of the Council. During 2021, the Council continued with ongoing works, including the jetting of County wide blackspots to assist with flooding prevention.
Provision of Water Services/ SLA/ ASP	Water production and distribution, waste water collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided in accordance with the Service Level Agreement between Irish Water and Fingal County Council.
Provision of Capital Works	The provision of Water Services capital works/projects for the Fingal area is managed and delivered directly by Irish Water's Asset Delivery team.



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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 Robert O'Donoghue was replaced by Councillor Tony Murphy July 2021

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar
Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor John Walsh was replaced by Councillor Pamela Conroy, July 2021

Howth-Malahide
Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area
Area Chairperson: Councillor Brian McDonagh was replaced by Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, July 2021

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor David Healy Jan - June 2021
Mayor: Councillor Seána ÓRodaigh - June 2021 – Dec 2021

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, CULTURE AND CREATIVITY SPC

Aaron O'Rourke (Chairperson) Freddie Cooper (up to June 2021), John Walsh, Grainne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Cathal Boland, JK Onwumereh (from Oct 2021)

Non-Elected Nominees: Abbi Wise, Liz Madden, Hiwa Wahab (up to Sept 2021)

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Ted Leddy (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Karen Power, Joan Hopkins, Jimmy Guerin, Eoghan O'Brien

Non-Elected Nominees: Sinead Kavanagh, Raymond Ryan, Doreen Keaney

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Tony Murphy (Chairperson), Darragh Butler, Tom O'Leary, Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin, Siobhan Shovlin, Pamela Conroy

Non-Elected Nominees: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, David Normoyle, Kesava Gollapalli

HOUSING SPC

Councillors Robert O' Donoghue (Chairperson), Brigid Manton, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley,

John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Adrian Henchy, James Humphreys

Non-Elected Nominees: Finbarr Geaney, Adeline O'Brien, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, John Uwhumiakpor

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors David Healy (Chairperson), Mary Mc Camley, Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ian Carey

Non-Elected Nominees: Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath, Sean Barry

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Brian Dennehy (Chairperson), Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Punam Rane, Tom Kitt, Brian McDonagh

Non-Elected Nominees: Kieran O'Neill, Greg Farrell (up to July 2021)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Punam Rane (from June 2021), Breda Hanaphy (from June 2021)

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Freddie Cooper (up to June 2021), John Walsh, Adrian Henchy, Daniel Whooley, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Ian Carey, Ann Graves, Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, James Humphreys, Pamela Conroy, Ted Leddy

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Breda Hanaphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Siobhan Shovlin

Appendix III
Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)
Councillor Freddie Cooper (up to June 2021), Councillors Cathal Boland, JK Onwumereh (from Oct 2021)

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD
Councillor Gráinne Maguire

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Kieran Dennison, Cathal Boland

BALLEALLY LIAISON COMMITTEE
Councillors Brian Dennehy, Robert O' Donoghue, Paul Mulville, Cathal Boland, Adrian Henchy

BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE
Councillors Mary McCamley, Punam Rane

BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM
Councillors Ted Leddy, John Walsh

BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE
Councillors Ted Leddy, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM
Councillors Ian Carey, Freddie Cooper (up to June 2021), Cathal Boland, Howard Mahony, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Pamela Conroy, JK Onwumereh (from Oct 2021)

DRAÍOCHT
Councillors Mary McCamley, Howard Mahony

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

DUBLIN & DUN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD
Councillors Joe Newman, Pamela Conroy, Brigid Manton, Cathal Boland, John Walsh

DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE
Councillor Brian Mc Donagh

EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Councillors Robert O' Donoghue, David Healy, Brigid Manton

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)
Councillors Mary McCamley, Cathal Boland, Joan Hopkins

FINGAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
Councillors Punam Rane, Adrian Henchy, Tom Kitt

FINGAL TOURISM LTD
Councillors David Healy, Robert O'Donoghue (up to June 2021), Councillors Séana Ó Rodaigh, Daniel Whooley (June – Dec 2021)

GOVERNANCE & OVERSIGHT BOARD OF THE DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR
Councillors David Healy, Tony Murphy and Howard Mahony

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU
Councillor Jimmy Guerin

HANSFIELD SDZ STEERING GROUP
Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD
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 – June 2021: Mayor David Healy
June – Dec 2021: Mayor Séana Ó Rodaigh

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION
Councillor Cathal Boland

MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LTD
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin, Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville

NAMING AND COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Councillors Cathal Boland, Pamela Conroy, Ann Graves, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Ted Leddy, Howard Mahony, Brigid Manton and Joe Newman

NORTH FRINGE AREA FORUM
Councillors Brian McDonagh, David Healy,

NORDUBCO
Councillor Brigid Manton

NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE
Councillors Grainne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Ann Graves, Brian McDonagh, Bridget Manton, Dean Mulligan, Tony Murphy

NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SECRETARIAT (NFLA)
Councillor David Healy

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST
Councillors Adrian Henchy, Eoghan O'Brien, Aoibhinn Tormey, Kieran Dennison, Brigid Manton, Howard Mahony

Appendix IV
Meetings Held in 2021

MEETING	NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD
Full Council	11
Balbriggan/Rush Lush/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	11
Balbriggan/Rush Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee	11
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	10
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	11
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	10
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	10
Special Meeting	4
Annual Meeting	1
Budget Meeting	1
Corporate Policy Group	8
Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee	7
Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee	5
Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee	4
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee	4
Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029	4
Housing Strategic Policy Committee	4
Howth SAAO Management Committee	4
Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee	4
Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee	4

Appendix V
Attendance at Meetings in 2021

COUNCILLOR	NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED IN 2021
Councillor Cathal Boland	49
Councillor John Burtchaell	33
Councillor Darragh Butler	50
Councillor Ian Carey	49
Councillor Pamela Conroy	41
Councillor Freddie Cooper	15
Councillor Brian Dennehy	57
Councillor Kieran Dennison	41
Councillor Tania Doyle	44
Councillor Ann Graves	51
Councillor Jimmy Guerin	42
Councillor Breda Hanaphy	44
Councillor David Healy	49
Councillor Adrian Henchy	48
Councillor Joan Hopkins	39
Councillor James Humphreys	44
Councillor Tom Kitt	46
Councillor Anthony Lavin	43
Councillor Ted Leddy	45
Councillor Grainne Maguire	47
Councillor Howard Mahony	44

Appendix V
Attendance at Meetings in 2021

COUNCILLOR	NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED IN 2021
Councillor Brigid Manton	52
Councillor Mary McCamley	45
Councillor Brian McDonagh	33
Councillor Dean Mulligan	44
Councillor Paul Mulville	51
Councillor Tony Murphy	55
Councillor Joe Newman	50
Councillor Eoghan O'Brien	44
Councillor Robert O'Donoghue	57
Councillor Tom O'Leary	50
Councillor JK Onwumereh	10
Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh	47
Councillor Aaron O'Rourke	49
Councillor Karen Power	48
Councillor Punam Rane	45
Councillor Siobhan Shovlin	46
Councillor AoibhinnTormey	40
Councillor Natalie Treacy	43
Councillor John Walsh	43
Councillor Daniel Whooley	43

Appendix VI
Local Elections Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure Act 1999

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed
Aaron O'Rourke	€0
Adrian Henchy	€0
Ann Graves	€0
Anthony Lavin	€0
Aoibhinn Tormey	€0
Breda Hanaphy	€0
Brian Dennehy	€0
Brian McDonagh	€0
Brigid Manton	€0
Cathal Boland	€0
Daniel Whooley	€0
Darragh Butler	€0
David Healy	€0
Dean Mulligan	€0
Eoghan O'Brien	€0
Grainne Maguire	€0
Howard Mahony	€0
Ian Carey	€0
James Humphreys	€0
Jimmy Guerin	€0
JK Onwumereh	€0
Joan Hopkins	€0
Joe Newman	€0
John Burtchaell	€0
John Walsh	€0
Karen Power	€0
Kieran Dennison	€0
Mary McCamley	€0
Natalie Treacy	€0
Pamela Conroy	€0
Paul Mulville	€0

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Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed
Punam Rane	€0
Robert O'Donoghue	€0
Seána Ó Rodaigh	€0
Siobhan Shovlin	€0
Tania Doyle	€0
Ted Leddy	€0
Tom Kitt	€0
Tom O'Leary	€0
Tony Murphy	€0

Appendix VII
Payments to Councillors in 2021

Councillor Payments under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amounts
Total Expenses paid to Members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	€303,831.70
Representational Payments Total	€976,931.00
Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance Total	€36,000.00
Mayor's Allowance (January – June 2021) Mayor's Allowance (July – Dec 2021)	€14,373.75 €16,673.55
Deputy Mayor's Allowance (January – June 2021) Deputy Mayor's Allowance (July – Dec 2021)	€2,874.74 €3,334.70

Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2021			
Expense Type	**Home**	**Abroad**	**Total**
Travel & Subsistence			
Fees	€ 1,270.00		€ 1,270.00

Appendix VIII
Conferences/Seminars/Training attended by Councillors in 2021

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillor in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expense	Conference Fee
Kennedy Summer School	New Ross, Co. Wexford	2nd/3rd/4th September 2021	Cathal Boland		
AILG - Renumeration and Allowances for Elected Members/ Update on Planning and Development Bill 2021	Tower Hotel, Waterford	18th September 2021	Cathal Boland, Tom O'Leary		
AILG - Renumeration and Allowances for Elected Members/ Update on Planning and Development Bill 2021	The Glendalough Hotel, Co. Wicklow	23rd September 2021	Joe Newman		
Policy Forum for Ireland	Online	7th October 2021	Daniel Whooley		
LAMA - Biodiversity and Sustainability	Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	17th/18th/19th October 2021	Ted Leddy, Kieran Dennison, Brigid Manton, Cathal Boland		
Celtic Conference - A practical guide to Budget 2022	O'Donovans Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	15/16/17th October 2021	Tom O'Leary		€100
LAMA - Planning & Mental Health	Sligo Park Hotel, Co. Sligo	3/4/5th November 2021	Tom O'Leary, Kieran Dennison, Cathal Boland		€150
Irish Planning Institute	Whites Hotel, Wexford	17/18/19th November 2021	Tom O'Leary, Cathal Boland		€360
					€1,270

Appendix IX
Part 15 Local Government Act 2001 - Contraventions

There were no contraventions of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2021.

Appendix X
Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

There were no Protected Disclosures in 2021

Appendix XI
Freedom of Information Requests/ Ombudsman's Queries/ Customer Complaints

FOI Applications Received/Processed	2021
Applications received	171
Decisions made	162
Applications on hand at 31st December	9
Nature of Information Sought	**2021**
Personal (to applicant)	59
Non-Personal	112
Granted	37
Part-Granted	78
Refused	24
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	23
Appeals	**2021**
Appeals to Information Commissioner	6
Ombudsman Complaints	**2021**
Complaints received	51
Complaints responded to	51
Subject of Complaints	**2021**
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	7
Operations	1
Housing	36
Finance	1
Environment & Water Services	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	5

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Citizen Charter Complaints	2021
Complaints received	46
Complaints responded	45
Subject of Complaints	**2021**
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	4
Operations	15
Housing	21
Environment & Water Services	6

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H1	A. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 1/1/2021	5,479	
	B. No. of dwellings added to the LA owned stock during 2021 (whether constructed or acquired)	37	
	C. No. of LA owned dwellings sold in 2021	5	
	D. No. of LA owned dwellings demolished in 2021	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 31/12/2021	5,511	
	F. No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHPLG approved scheme at 31/12/2021	0	
HOUSING: H2	A. The percentage of the total number of LA owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2021	1.77%	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2021	98	
HOUSING: H4	A. Expenditure during 2021 on the maintenance of LA housing compiled from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2021, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€1,071.26	Increase on last year due to the Energy Efficiency/ Retrofit Programme (EERP) - Please note this is a provisional figure and will be restated upon completion of the 2021 AFS
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, 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)	€5,903,701.86	Increase on last year due to the Energy Efficiency/ Retrofit Programme (EERP) - Please note this is a provisional figure and will be restated upon completion of the 2021 AFS

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HOUSING: H3	A. The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2021 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2021	36.842 weeks	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2021, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2021	€20,769.85	Please note this is a provisional figure and will be restated upon completion of the 2021 AFS
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2021 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	114	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	4,200	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€2,367,762.60	Please note this is a provisional figure and will be restated upon completion of the 2021 AFS
HOUSING: H5	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2021	20,824	
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2021	2,683	
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2021 which were found to be not compliant with Standards Regulations	78%	
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2021 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)	527	
	E. Number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by local authorities in 2021	2,798	
HOUSING: H6	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 2021		This information is provided by the DRHE
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31		This information is provided by the DRHE

TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H6	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2021, 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	The percentage of total Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI condition rating between 1/1/2020 and 31/12/2021	100%	
	The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI condition rating between 1/1/2020 and 31/12/2021	100%	
	The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2020 and 31/12/2021	100%	
	The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2020 and 31/12/2021	100%	

Road Type	1-4 PCSI Rating	5-6 PCSI Rating	7-8 PCSI Rating	9-10 PCSI Rating	
(a) Regional %	7	15	64	14	263km
(b) Local Primary %	8	21	60	11	258km
(c) Local Secondary %	19	18	48	15	230km
(d) Local Tertiary %	6	28	55	11	504km

ROADS R2	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2021	1.73 km
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2021	€271,000
	A3. The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€29
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2021	0
	B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2021	0
	B3. The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	0

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ROADS: R2	C1. Kilometres of local road (ie total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2021	12.1 km	
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2021	€1,811,972	
	C3. The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€26	
	D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2021	8.04 km	
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2021	€524,300	
	D3. The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€18	
MOTOR TAX: R3	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2021		
WATER: W1	Percentage of drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2021	100%	
WATER: W2	Number of local authority registered schemes monitored in 2021	6	6 existing schemes. No New schemes registered in 2021
	Total number of registered schemes in 2021	6	6 existing schemes. No New schemes registered in 2021

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
WASTE: E1	A. The number of households which are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2021		Data to be provided by NWCPO to LGMA early April
	B. The percentage of households within the local authority that the number at A represents		Data to be provided by NWCPO to LGMA early April
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: E2	Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2021	3,110	
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	3,105	
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2021	50	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2020	45	
LITTER POLLUTION: E3	A1. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2021 was unpolluted or litter free		To Be Completed by Tobins
	A2. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2021 was slightly polluted		To Be Completed by Tobins
	A3. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2021 was moderately polluted		To Be Completed by Tobins
	A4. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2021 was significantly polluted		To Be Completed by Tobins
	A5. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2021 was grossly polluted		To Be Completed by Tobins
GREEN FLAG: E4	A. The % of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2021	34	

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GREEN FLAG STATUS: E4	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2021	1	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2021	20	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2020 and therefore do not require renewal until 2021	26	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY: E5	A. The cumulative percentage of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2021 relative to baseline year (2009)	34.65%	
PUBLIC LIGHTING: E6	A. Total billable wattage of the public lighting system	8,296.67 KWH	
	B. Average billable wattage of the public lighting system	46.61KW	
	C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent	91.96	
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system	31,289	
	Number of SOX-SON lights in the public lighting system	2869	
PLANNING: P1	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	3.98%	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 by a builder or developer on the local authority, in accordance with section 6(2)(k) of the Building Control Act 1990 and Part II of the Building Control Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 496 of 1997) as amended by the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 85 of 2004) and the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 351 of 2009)	1,482	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
PLANNING: P1	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2020 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2020 undertaken by the local authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	59	
PLANNING: P2	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 2021	128	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the LA	70.31%	
	Number of An Bórd Pleanála determinations confirming the LA's decision (either with or without variation)	90	
PLANNING: P3	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 that were investigated	330	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2021	129	
	C. Percentage of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	44.19%	
	D. Percentage of the cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	E. Percentage of the Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act)	55.81%	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2021	1,138	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
PLANNING: P3	Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	57	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	72	
PLANNING: P4	A. The 2021 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census		Not available at this time, to be provided when AFS is completed and approved
	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 2021		Not available at this time, to be provided when AFS is completed and approved
PLANNING: P5	A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	38.01%	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	50.29%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	171	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	65	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	86	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FIRE SERVICE: F1	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2021 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		Set out in AFS
	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention (inclusive of the relevant Programme E proportion of the central management charge) for 2021		Set out in AFS
FIRE SERVICE: F2	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
FIRE SERVICE: F3	A. Percentage 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. Percentage 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. Percentage 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

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FIRE SERVICE: F3	D. Percentage 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. Percentage 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. Percentage 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 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021		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 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021		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	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2016 Census	0.61	
	B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	716,586	
	C.Library registered members per head of population	0.08	
	D.Number of registered members of the library in the year	32,395	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
LIBRARY SERVICE: L2	The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2021 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census		
	B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021		
	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 2021		
	The annual expenditure on new stock acquired by the library in the year		Will supply on completion of AFS
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Y1	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	40%	
	Total number of second level schools in the LA area at 31/12/2021	35	
	Number of second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2021	14	
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Y2	A. Number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2021 and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	545 90=17%	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area as at 31/12/2021	545	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2021	49	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	7	
CORPORATE: C1	A. The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2021	1369.49	

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CORPORATE: C2	A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2021	2.73%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2021	0.16%	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2021	9501.49	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2021	556.11	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2021	1342	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2021	3	
	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	94	
CORPORATE: C4	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021, divided by the WTE no.		The AFS isn't finalised and figures aren't available
	Total of ICT expenditure in 2021		The AFS isn't finalised and figures aren't available
CORPORATE: C5	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure		The AFS isn't finalised and figures aren't available
	Total of ICT expenditure in 2021		The AFS isn't finalised and figures aren't available
CORPORATE: C3	A.The per capita total page views of the local authority's websites in 2021	11.55	Using 2016 Census Fingal population figure of 296,214
	B. The per capita total number of followers at end 2021 of the local authority's social media accounts (if any)	1.13	Using 2016 Census Fingal population figure of 296,214
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the local authority for the period from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or	3,422,000	

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CORPORATE: C3	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2021, were following the local authority on any social media sites	333,452	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	79	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the local authority sites and the date this came into effect	No	
FINANCE: M1	A. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2017 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,976,478	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2018	€15,978,433	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2019	€15,979,356	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2020	€15,979,679	
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2021*	€15,981,094	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2021 as a percentage of Total Income in 2021 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*	4.4 %	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	G. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2021	€1,220	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised (Population 296,214 - Census 2016)
	H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2021 excluding significant out of County / shared service expenditure	€1,134	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised (Population 296,214 - Census 2016) use the 2020 revised budget figures

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TOPIC	INDICATOR		VALUE	COMMENT
FINANCE: M1	Cumulative surplus/deficit balance denoting which net of transfers to or from reserves at 31/12/2021 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*		€15,981,094	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	The 2021 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS from which the percentage will be derived		€361,380,209	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	The 2021 Total Expenditure figure on the Income and Expenditure Account Statement (ie excluding transfers) of the AFS from which the per capita expenditure will be derived		€361,378,794	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
FINANCE: M2	Collection Levels by Year	(a) % Rates	(b) % Rent & Annuities	(c) % Housing Loans
	Individual percentage figures in the final column of Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2017	96.10%	85.70%	101.20%
	Individual percentage figures for 2018	95.80%	86%	101.70%
	Individual percentage figures for 2019	97.90%	84%	97.70%
	Individual percentage figures for 2020	93%	79.60%	96.50%
	Individual percentage figures for 2021*(AFS not finalised, draft numbers)	93%	77.40%	100%
FINANCE: M3	A.1 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2021			
	Number of notified claims for 2021		153	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	Number of settled claims for 2021		N/A	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	Total cost of settled claims for 2021		N/A	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FINANCE: M4	A. Overall central management charge as a percentage (%) of total expenditure on revenue account	12.2%	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	B. Total payroll costs as a percentage (%) of revenue expenditure	20.2%	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget	€44,232,365	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2020 (including Salaries, Wages and Pensions)	€72,978,754	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J1	A. The per capita number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 per 100,000 of population		To be completed by Enterprise Ireland
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J2	A. The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2021 per 100,000 of population		To be completed by Enterprise Ireland
	B. The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2021 per 100,000 of population		To be completed by Enterprise Ireland
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J3	A. The per capita number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 per 100,000 of population		To be completed by Enterprise Ireland
	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	11	Net jobs
	The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2021	334	
	The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2021	206	
	The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	1,388	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J4	A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	Yes	Fingal Tourism Statement 2017-2022
		Yes	

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022

ITEM NO. 16

ARTISTS' SUPPORT SCHEME AWARDS

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S ARTISTS' SUPPORT SCHEME 2022 FOR PROFESSIONAL FINGAL ARTISTS

Applications have been received from professional artists under the bursary entitled the '*Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2022'*. This bursary scheme arose as a core recommendation from the Council's Arts Development Plan 2013-2017 and was adopted by the Council in 2014. Now in its ninth year, demand for the funding scheme has increased from 37 applications received in 2014 to 167 eligible applications received this year. The number of applications received this year has increased by over 60% compared to last 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 practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, film, 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 167 eligible applications were received and assessed by independent advisors in each category. The total amount applied for across all applications was €638,726. Having examined the applications, the advisors have recommended 122 awards amounting to a total sum of €200,000. A total of 74% of applicants were awarded.

This year the budget for the scheme was increased from €150,000 in 2021 to €200,000. The Arts Office is now seeking the Council's approval to issue the successful candidates with the awards.

The candidates are as follows:

MUSIC		
Aifric Beliere	1,725	Howth
Barra McAllister	1,825	Skerries
Bobby Aherne	2,425	Blanchardstown
Caitríona O'Leary	4,123	Malahide
Dónal Kearney	2,200	Skerries
Danny Carroll	1,000	Kinsealy
Eve Quigley	2,250	Lucan
Kevin Boushel	597	Carpenterstown
Michael Stone	3,713	Castleknock
Michelle O'Rourke	4,123	Oldtown
Neil O'Connor	2,269	Sutton
Niall O'Sullivan	2,500	Sutton
Rhona Clarke	2,350	Sutton
Ros McVeigh	2,000	Skerries
Tadhg Kinsella	2,500	Malahide
TOTAL 15	**35,600**	

30 applications received

DRAMA		
Anna Merritt	1,500	Skerries
Aonghus Óg McAnally	2,000	Portmarnock
Collette Cullen	2,000	Skerries
David O'Neill	1,500	Rush
David Gilna	2,000	Swords
Declan Gorman	2,300	Skerries
Elaine Murphy	2,000	Lusk
Ellen Kirk	1,800	Castleknock
Gary Keegan	2,500	Ballyboughal
Jagun929 Animashaun	1,600	Blanchardstown
Joe O'Byrne	2,800	Balbriggan
John King	1,700	Castleknock
Shezzi Coady	390	Skerries
Simona Roveda	1,710	Castleknock
Soirse Burns	1,300	Malahide
TOTAL 15	**27,100**	

21 applications received

DANCE		
Adam O'Reilly	2,000	Swords
Elinor Sherwood	1,300	Blanchardstown
Emily Aoibheann	2,700	Blanchardsto

LITERATURE		
Alexandra Gogan	950	Clonee
Barry Lennon	1,500	Bayside

McDonnell		wn
Polina Shapkina	2,400	Skerries
Sally-Anne Burke	1,700	Swords
TOTAL 5	**10,100**	

5 applications received

FILM

Derek Ugochukwu	2,000	Hartstown
Eric Fraad	1,500	Malahide
Helena Gouveia Monteiro	780	Baldoyle
Jijo Sebastian	2,000	Ongar
Leah Moore	1,800	Swords
Maria-Elena Doyle	1,770	Sutton
Patricia Kelly	1,700	Rush
Robbie Walsh	1,500	Swords
Rouzbeh Rashidi	1,800	Mulhuddart
Sarah Ahern	2,000	Balbriggan
Tania Notaro	1,750	Donabate
TOTAL 11	**18,600**	

13 applications received

Brian Gallagher	2,450	Castleknock
Damien Donnolly	1,350	Lusk
Jane Carroll	1,500	Balbriggan
Kevin Curran	2,500	Skerries
Lisa Walsh	1,500	Santry
Maria Hoey	1,200	Portmarnock
Maureen Petson	750	Skerries
Megan Wynne	1,800	Loughshinny
Philip Kenny	1,500	Malahide
Stephen Stacey	5,000	Baldoyle
TOTAL 12	**22,000**	

17 applications received

VISUAL ART

Aine Philips	1,000	Malahide
Aaron Smyth	833	Malahide
Agnieszka 'Uisce' Jakubczyk	1,250	Garristown
Aideen Farrell	1,500	Blanchardstown
Aisling Dunne	1,000	Rush
Alan Raggett	1,250	Kinsealy
Hazel Egan	1,950	Castleknock
Jackie Flanagan	500	Malahide
Jason Deans	1,500	Swords
Joanne Reid	3,000	Balbriggan
Joyce Garvey	1,250	Sutton
Katie O'Neill	1,250	Balbriggan

Alex De Roeck	1,000	Swords
Ann Ensor	1,250	Tyrrelstown
Antonio D'Souza	750	Skerries
Aoife Dunne	2,000	Blanchardstown
Basam Al-Sabbah	3,500	Bayside
Beata Piekarska Daly	1,000	Donabate
Brian Hegarty	1,250	Baldoyle
Brian Giles	1,000	Howth
Catherine Ward	419	Malahide
Ciara O'Connor	1,000	Kinsealy
Colm MacAthlaoich	1,500	Portmarnock
Deborah Hewson	600	Howth
Dee Barragry	750	Swords
Dermot Blighe	1,000	Clonsilla
Elaine Grainger	3,000	Howth
Eleanor McCaughey	1,250	Castleknock
Elizabeth Archbold	1,700	Lusk
Elizabeth Levey	750	Sutton
Elke Weston	1,500	Donabate
Ellen Duffy	2,000	Tyrellstown
Emma Ray	1,000	Malahide
Eoin O'Dowd	1,000	Swords
Fionnán Simpson	750	Skerries
Gary Farrelly	2,500	Malahide
Genevieve Howard	1,500	Howth
Glen Matthews	500	Balbriggan
Kerry Guinan	2,500	Balbriggan
Laura Skehan	1,848	Coolmine
Liing Heany	1,500	Howth
Marie Hanlon	1,500	Sutton
Michelle Hetherington	1,000	Swords
Naomi Sex	2,000	Portmarnock
Natalie Pullen	1,500	Portmarnock
Nina McGowan	1,000	Balrothery
Nuala Clarke	1,750	Malahide
Nunce McAuley	500	Skerries
Pat Walker	1,750	Balbriggan
Patricia Hennessy	750	Clonsilla
Peadar Jolliffe-Byrne	500	Portmarnock
Rachel Naughton	500	Swords
Rebecca jane-Dolan	500	Skerries
Renata Pekowska	1,000	Blanchardstown
Rhona Byrne	1,500	Portmarnock
Ruth Clinton	2,250	Sutton
Sara Muthi	2,250	Swords
Sean Molloy	3,250	Swords
Sophie Von Maltzan	750	Castleknock
Sorca O'Farrell	750	Howth
Steven Maybury	1,250	Swords
Susan Early	1,250	Sutton
Susan Buttner	1,500	Castleknock
Tracy Hannah	1,000	Swords
TOTAL 64	**86,600**	
81 applications received		

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ITEM NO. 17

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FUNDING SCHEME

Fingal County Council's Events Unit support events happening within the County and annually announce a Festival and Events Funding Scheme with the number of events being held and supported annually increasing year on year.

The programme is a combination of Fingal County Council's own events, events in partnership with other bodies that have similar objectives, and events run by external organisers who receive direct funding contributions from Fingal County Council through a financial assistance programme.

The scheme was open to groups or organisations that are organising Events and Festivals in 2022 in the Fingal administrative area. Some of the criteria to be eligible for funding include: -

- Have a general audience appeal and be socially inclusive
- Clearly demonstrate potential to generate economic, social and/or cultural benefits including tourism impacts where appropriate
- Complement the County's calendar of events
- Demonstrate financial sustainability and the capacity to develop the event
- Have a clear PR and marketing plan including a social media strategy to actively promote the event
- Ensure adherence to the Events Units "Green Guide at Events"

In 2022, 94 applications were received and evaluated under the terms of the scheme and 61 events met the criteria and have been deemed to be eligible for funding. Funding of €279,500 for 2022 has been approved and the fund has now been fully allocated. (The Council received 61 applications in 2021 with 50 applications approved totalling €243k.)

It is proposed to make funding available to the following organisations in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amounts set out here under and the approval of the Members is now sought: -

Event Name	Application Name	Funding Amount
Lusk St Patrick's Day Parade Festival	Lusk Community Council CLG	€5,000
Rush St Patrick's Day Parade	Rush Community Council	€5,000
Skerries St Patrick's Day Parade	Skerries Chamber of Commerce	€5,000
Bremore Castle Food and Craft Village	Bremore Castle Food and Craft Village	€3,000
St Patrick's Festival of Races	Metro St Brigid's Athletics Club	€4,000
Autumn Open International Cross-Country D. 15 National Sports Centre	Athletics Ireland	€8,000
Summer Festival	Balbriggan Summerfest	€15,000
Baldoyle Dark Stranger Festival	Baldoyle Forum Clg	€15,000
Christmas Craft Fair and Tree Lighting Ceremony	Baldoyle Forum Clg	€2,000
Ballyboughal Spooky Dracula Parade	Ballyboughal Community Council	€750
Ballyboughal Lights Up	Ballyboughal Community Council	€1,500
Our Christmas Carol Service	Ballyboughal Community Council	€250
Community Christmas Festival 2022	Castleknock Community Centre Laurel Lodge	€2,000
Festival in Castleknock Village	Castleknock Village Festival	€15,000
Spud Fest 2022	Country Crest & Keogh's Farm	€4,000
Ireland v India International Cricket T20 Series. Two international T20 cricket matches	Cricket Ireland	€5,000
Fingal International Open Ballroom & Latin American Dance Festival	Dance Sport Ireland CLG	€5,000
Christmas Lights Festival and Craft Fair	Donabate Christmas Lights Festival	€2,000
Summer Festival Portrane	Donabate Portrane Summer Festival	€15,000
Fingal Pride	Dublin LGBTQ Pride CLG	€12,000
Diversity and Inclusion Roadshow	Fingal Integration Forum	€10,000
Reflections of the 5th Battalion/Fingal Volunteers. A Festival of 12 rolling events staged across Fingal.	Fingal OLD IRA Commemorative Society 1916-1921	€12,000
Inaugural Balbriggan Regatta June 2022 & Lambay Rowing Challenge 2022 Rush September 2022	Fingal Rowing Club	€2,500
Gaelforce 10Km Howth Summit	Gaelforce Events	€1,000
The Windmill Run 2022	Garristown Flyers AC	€1,000
Open entry Sea Angling Competition / Open Boat Festival	Howth Sea Angling Club	€500
J/24 European Championships	Howth Yacht Club	€2,500
Sailing Regatta	Howth Yacht Club	€12,500
The Island Portrane	Leinster Open Sea	€1,000

Skerries 100 - Motorcycle Road Race	Loughshinny Motorcycle Supporters Club	€4,000
LSA Peninsula 4-Mile Run Donabate	Lambay Sports Academy	€1,000
Lusk Summer Festival	Lusk Action Group	€5,000
Santa Event	Malahide Chamber of Commerce CLG	€5,000
Marathonkids Ireland Final Mile Events	Marathonkids Ireland	€10,000
Naul St Patrick's Day Festival 2022, Naul Fairy Flower Festival 2022, Naul National Heritage Week Event 2022, Naul Village Christmas Lighting Event 2022.	Naul Community Council	€6,000
Annual Flower Show	Naul Gardening & Flower Club	€500
Easter Festival, Halloween & Christmas events	Oldtown community council	€500
Christmas Tree light event	Portrane Village Renewal Group & Tidy Towns	€1,500
Beach Race	Rockabill Off-road Racing Ltd	€1,000
Christmas at the Community Centre Plaza	Rush Community Council	€500
Rush Christmas Festival & Lights	Rush Community Council	€3,000
Multi-National Traditional Community Event	Rush Tidy Towns	€1,000
Christmas Music on the Streets	Rush Tourism	€500
Halloween Pumpkin Hunt and Family Day	Rush Tourism	€2,500
Mad Hatter's Easter Tea Party	Rush Tourism	€1,000
Rush Air Display 2022	Rush Tourism	€10,000
Rush Harbour Festival	Rush Tourism	€15,000
Safer Together Festival	Safer Blanchardstown	€10,000
Christmas Lights 2022	Skerries Chamber of Commerce	€3,000
Annual East Coast Rowing Regatta	Skerries Rowing Club	€2,500
Round Rockabill Rowing Race 2022	Skerries Rowing Club	€2,500
GP14 Sailing World Championship	Skerries Sailing Club	€2,500
IODAI Leinster Optimist Championship	Skerries Sailing Club	€2,500
Slí Dhála Summer School	Slí Dhála CCÉ - Dublin 15 Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann	€1,000
MiniEuro Tournament 2022	St. Ita's AFC	€2,500
Swim Fest Fingal / Irish Open	Swim Ireland	€4,500
Samhain Halloween Festival	Séamus Ennis Arts Centre	€2,500
Howth Hootenpaddy	Visit Howth Peninsula Ltd t/a Howth Tourism	€1,000
Howth Roots and Blues Fest 2022	Visit Howth Peninsula Ltd t/a Howth Tourism	€7,500
U20 Volleyball Championships National Sports Campus	Volleyball Ireland	€2,000

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Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

11th of April, 2022
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – APRIL 2022

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Chief Executive's Foreword

I hope you enjoyed the recent St. Patrick's Festival and the events that took place in your community. To have welcomed parades back to our towns and villages following a two-year absence was indeed a cause for great celebration. The spectacle of colour, music and entertainment from community and sporting groups who participated in 6 parades across Fingal made for a hugely successful day. Many of you will have also experienced the Remembrance and Recognition event held in Malahide on March 18. The evening was dedicated to paying tribute to all those who lost their lives through Covid-19 and those workers across many sectors whose dedication and selflessness helped us navigate the pandemic. A spectacular fireworks display and reflective time with music and light provided us with an opportunity to come together in the spirit of healing and moving forward and it was both and enjoyable and uplifting experience for all spectators.

As is the case across the country and further afield, Fingal has become a place of refuge for many Ukrainian families who have been displaced and left with no option but to seek shelter outside of their country because of the ongoing conflict. Last month, the Ukrainian national flag was raised at County Hall, Swords, by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána O Rodaigh, in the presence of the Ukrainian Ambassador to Ireland, Her Excellency Ms Larysa Gerasko. This solemn occasion was attended by members of the Ukrainian community, Oireachtas members, Councillors and members of the public all wishing to convey solidarity with the people of Ukraine at this time. As a local authority, Fingal County Council is engaged in assisting with practical arrangements to support those who have arrived to Ireland. Our collective hope for Ukrainian people who have made Fingal their temporary home is that they will settle into their new environs and experience welcome and support at this time.

The Fingal Draft Development Plan 2023 – 2029 has been published and public consultation on the document continues where a series of webinars and drop in events have taken place and with two further opportunities to meet members of the Development Plan team on April 20 at The Lecture Room, Malahide Library, Malahide and April 21 at the Martello Room, The Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan. Engagement and consultation are vital aspects of fine tuning the plan which sets out the strategic direction of the county over the next 6 years. The public consultation will run until May 12 and during that time the document is available for download from the fingal.ie/developmentplan website and can be inspected at Fingal County Council's offices in Swords and Blanchardstown or any Fingal Libraries branch. I would encourage all interested parties to participate in the consultation process as we endeavour to support the provision of housing, amenities and infrastructure to enhance the creation of sustainable and long lasting communities within the county.

As summer approaches, we will be exceptionally busy here in Fingal with the return of large-scale events such as Flavours of Fingal at Newbridge Demesne, the Malahide Castle Concert series and the highly anticipated Fingal 10k road race. Favourable weather is a huge incentive to enjoy our award-winning beaches, parks, heritage sites and open spaces which are so inviting. Just this month, the Village Green at Malahide has won first prize (Public Authority Category) in the Association of Landscape Contractors of Ireland (ALCI) annual awards. The design and attention to detail in creating an attractive and accessible public space was due to the collaboration between the Fingal County Council design team, Murray and Associates and Peter O'Brien & Sons Landscaping. I congratulate all involved on this accolade and can highly recommend a visit!

As we all endeavour to reduce our carbon footprint and to embrace more sustainable methods of transport, this month I was pleased to have taken part in a study trip to Copenhagen where I joined some Fingal County Council colleagues and councillors in exploring the forward-thinking initiatives that have been employed in Denmark in the areas of cycling infrastructure. It was a very informative exercise which demonstrated how the application of appropriate Active Travel solutions will benefit the user experience and contribute to changing our mindset in respect of walking and cycling. We look forward to utilising the solutions and ideas we witnessed to boost our existing Active Travel infrastructure across Fingal for the benefit of all.

I always welcome feedback from the Elected Members and appreciate that as Fingal staff work hard to deliver on our ambitious plans and projects this also significantly impacts the workload and Council meeting preparation of the Members. To this end we will make every effort, commencing in May, to provide meeting reports to Members on the Thursday before every Council meeting.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Major Emergency Management

Fingal County Council is providing assistance to national interagency efforts to support those fleeing the Ukrainian conflict by making emergency accommodation available at the Liam Rodgers Centre, Kinsealy. The Centre is being managed by the Dublin Civil Defence, Dublin Fire Service, Centre Management and ourselves and all of those accommodated have been successfully linked in with services, moved through the facility and onwards. The situation with regard to the incoming numbers remains very uncertain and the activation has been necessary to ensure that emergency accommodation is available for those that may need it. It is anticipated that the centre will remain activated and the ongoing need will be kept under review.

The Major Emergency Unit is working with colleagues in the East Region to ensure that alternative centres are available to minimise impact to any one community or on any one county. It is anticipated that facilities in Fingal, if the need continues, will only be called upon for a maximum period of a couple of weeks before centres in other counties are activated.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Department has a large scale recruitment campaign continuing in 2022 with staff promoting opportunities at Job Expos in March:



Job Expo Croke Park, 26th March 2022



RESTART Youth Careers Expo, Blanchardstown 24th March 2022

Recruitment Programme 2022	
Recruitment Campaigns	51
Applicants to date	500
Interviews Held to date	557
Number of Appointments	106*
Number of Leavers/Retirements	42
Number of Job Offers Year to date	241
Number of Offers Declined	60
Number of Current Job Offers	72

***increase of 37 on last month**

CURRENT LIVE CAMPAIGNS	CLOSING DATE
Executive Parks & Landscape Officer -Tree Officer	08/04/2022
Graduate Engineer	22/04/2022
Assistant Engineer	22/04/2022
Planning Inspector	29/04/2022
Energy Manager	29/04/2022
Senior Staff Officer	29/04/2022

The following courses are scheduled to take place in April 2022 –

Health and Safety

Site Dumper
Firewarden Practicals
Manual Handling Practicals
Evacuation Chair
Basic Road Opening and Reinstatement
Safe Pass
Driver CPC
Mobile Tower Scaffold
Playground Inspection
Mental Health First Aid

Other Training

Shortlisting
Managing Aggressive Behaviour
Dignity & Equality
Intercultural Diversity
Introduction to Excel
Data Protection
Smartphone Video
Personal Effectiveness Grade 3&4
The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19 in line with the Government's **COVID-19** guidelines and the phased return to the workplace.

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU continued to monitor incidences of staff self-isolations due to covid-19 during the month of March along with responding to staff queries following the lifting of most public health restrictions [self-isolation remained in force] and the replacement of same with guidance. Safety audits, site safety inspections and accident investigations continued during the month. Following a fatality in Wexford County Council the Unit reviewed risk assessments and standard operational procedures pertaining to working in adverse weather, working with chainsaws, oil spillages and tree clearance works, along with a general review on working at height protocols. HSU staff also supported the Training Section with manual handling practical training sessions for indoor staff.

Buildings Management

Energy Performance
As part of the ongoing Energy Performance Contract, we have recently installed Solar PV panels on the roof in County Hall, Swords.
The Solar PV panels are projected to produce 9,757 kWh/annum.
With current electricity price of €0.27 excl. VAT per kWh, the annual value of the electricity produced by the system should generate €2,634.40.
Planned installation of the Solar PV panels in Civic Offices, Grove Road is due to take place in the middle of April.



Customer Services

For the month of March the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with -

15,261 phone calls

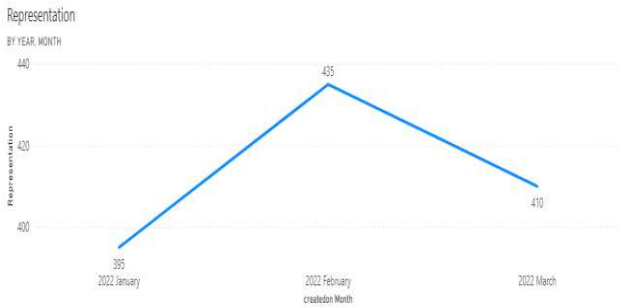
513 emails

2,201 in person visits

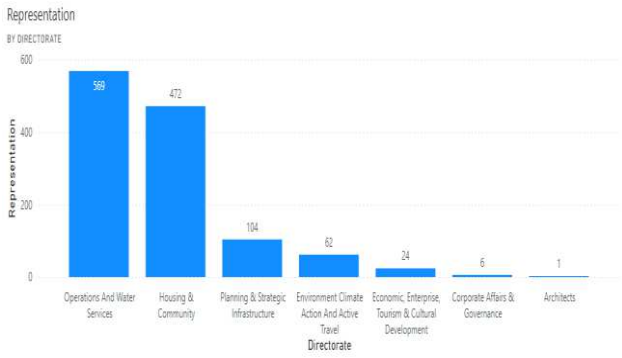
CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public.

The month of March had a total of 410 Councillor's representations.



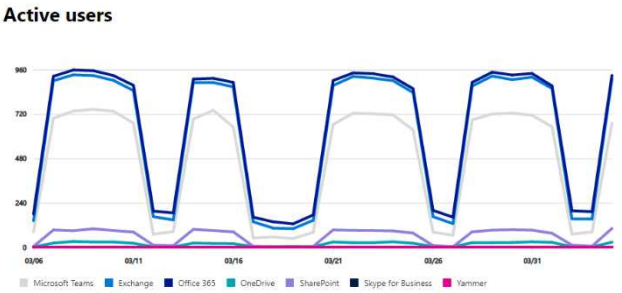
The table below shows the total number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department to date in 2022.



Information Technology

Digital Working

In March staff took part in 7,854 Teams meetings, 27,788 calls took place, and 761,858 emails were received or sent by the Council.



IT Infrastructure & Support

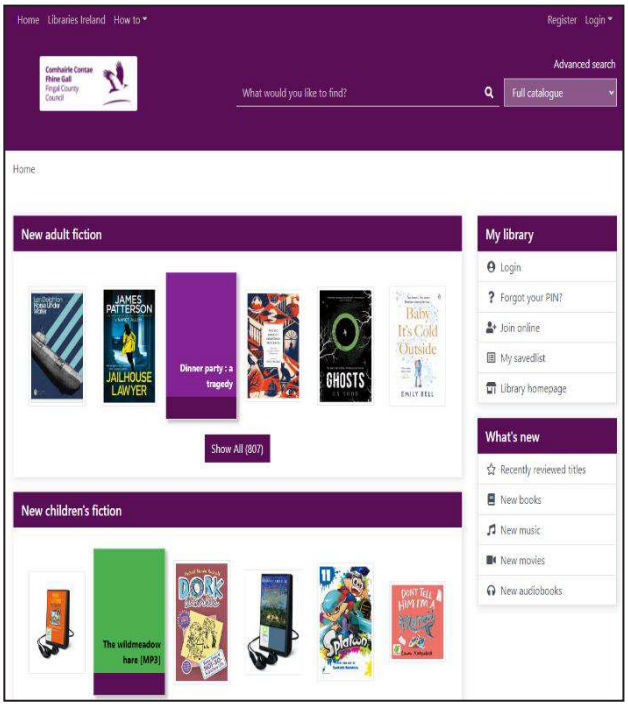
1,134 support calls were logged by Council staff with the IT Service Desk in the past month and 15 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.9% network availability were achieved in the month of March.

New Library Management System

Our new Library Management System went live on the 29th March.

Highlights of the new system include;

- Enhanced account management (Current Loans, Reservations, Alerts, Recommendations, Contact information, Renewal of membership etc.)
- Combined catalogue search (including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, physical books, DVDs, CDs)
- User friendly interface including previews, recommendations & themed bookshelves.
- National sharing of bibliographic records, loans and reservations.
- Digital asset management for Local Studies, Archives collection and Event management



Connected Hubs

The Digital Fingal team working with the Community Department have opened four new Connected Hubs across the county to help the community access facilities to remote work, study or undertake digital skills training.

Being able to use high-speed connectivity in easily accessible community locations is a key driver for the council to help improve the options available to people in Fingal and is essential for creating a digitally inclusive society. The Council received €40,000 from the Government's Connected Hubs Scheme and has used the funding to enhance and add capacity to remote working infrastructure in existing Community Centre – Broadband Connection Points (BCPs): Fingal Liam Rodgers, Applewood, Tyrrelstown and Luttrellstown Community Centres.

Connected Hubs provide a space for remote workers, students, start-ups and SMEs to study or conduct business. Facilities include meeting rooms, coworking and collaborative spaces and hot desks that can be booked for a day, week or a longer-term. Facilities also host online meeting technologies including Smart Screens and high-speed broadband. For more information visit - connectedhubs.ie





Climate Action Open Data Challenge

The Smart Dublin Open Data Climate Action Challenge was launched on 30th March 2022. The challenge is organised by Smart Dublin, the Climate Action Offices of the four Dublin Local Authorities, CARO (the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Office), Codema (Dublin's Energy Agency) and Derilinx (who manage open data publishing and open data websites for public bodies).

Public bodies manage a large amount of relevant climate data on flooding, energy production and consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity and land-use, air quality and weather modelling.

The Challenge asks participants to use publicly available data to develop models and visualisations which turn data into insight using maps, analyses, apps, tools and algorithms to support, gamify, raise awareness of and drive climate action in the Dublin Region. All data-based proposals with the potential to contribute to climate action are welcome. €20,000 in prize funding for the best projects has been provided from the Government's Open Data Engagement Fund.

More information and application form can be found at https://smartdublin.ie/dublin-region-climate-action-open-data-challenge-2022/



New Fingal Open Data website

Fingal County Council launched the first Open Data website in Ireland in November 2010. 12 years later, the Council is still spearheading Open Data in Ireland. The IT Department has recently been working on an upgrade to the Fingal Open Data Platform. The new Open Data Platform was launched on the 14th March 2022.

New features include user friendly search function to view data by categories, map visualizations to show the data in a geolocated viewpoint, and quick links to easily download files. There are currently 211 datasets on the Fingal Open Data Platform which can be viewed at https://data.fingal.ie/





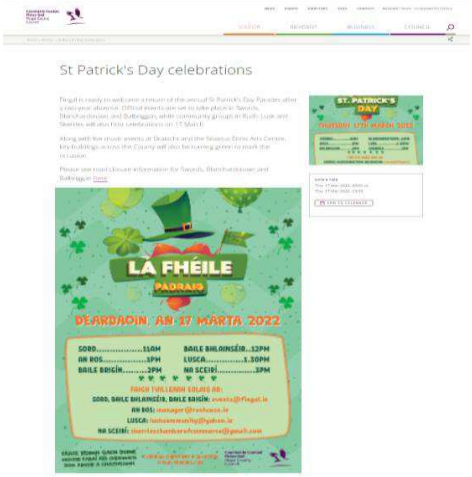
Communications

Website

The fingal.ie website attractted 114,500 visitors during March and recorded 302,700 page views. This represents an increase of 26,500 or 30% from March 2021. The number of page view was 302,700 which is an increase of 25% from the same month last year when 241,200 page views were recorded.

The average amount of time visitors are spending on the website continues to rise with March showing a 10 second per visit increase from February at 2 minutes 24 seconds.

One of the reasons for the increase in traffic during March was the return of major outdoor events with pages containing information on the St Patrick's Day parades, the fireworks display and the Rememberance events being three of the top ten most visted pages on the website.

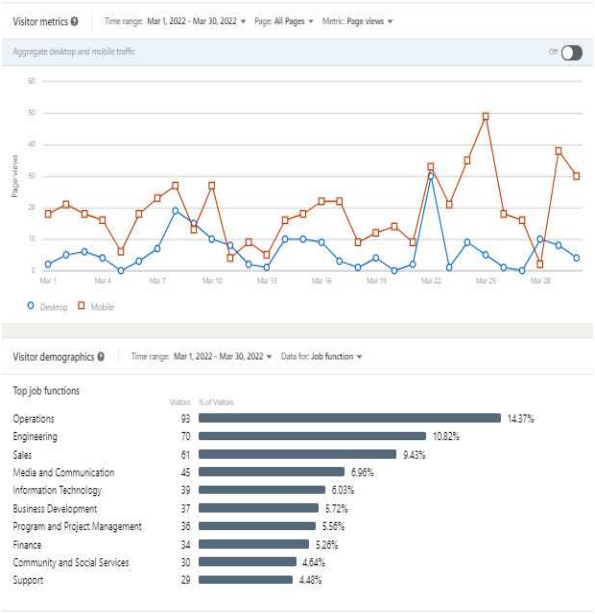


Social Media

Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 662,600 impressions during March and an average engagement rate of 2.2% from 368 tweets. The best performing tweet, with 44,905 impressions, 13,530 media views and 3,029 engagements was a post promoting the Sutton Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme.

On Facebook, there was 61,414 engagements to posts which reached 147,276 people. The number of followers on Facebook is now 27,271 which is a rise of 317 from March. The best performing post, about a fiddle handed in to the Estuary Recycling Centre which was given to a young girl in Emergency Accommodation, had 24,121 impressions and a 7% engagement rate.

The Council's Instagram account achieved a major milestone in March as the number of followers reached 5,000. It currently stands at 5,019, a rise of 139 from February, while LinkedIn saw an increase of 99 to 5,437 followers. People from Operations backgrounds made up the most number of visitors to our LinkedIn site at 14.37% with those working in Engineering accounting for 10.82% of the total.



The You Tube account increased its number of subscribers by 20 to 689. Ten videos were published on this platform during the month including the route visual for the Portmarnock to Malahide section of the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme which has generated 441 views and can be watched at https://youtu.be/UplOtM3U2Qs and the Sutton to Baldoyle section which has generated 626 views and can be viewed at https://youtu.be/F0LrkVMi14I

Projects and Campaigns

The Communications Unit continues to assist in creating awareness of the Draft Fingal Development Plan which is currently out to public consultation. It assisted in the production of a webinar on March 22 and promoted the drop-in events in Swords, Blanchardstown, Malahide and Balbriggan.

The Communication Unit is also working with the Active Travel and Sustainable Travel teams and assisted in the launch of the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme and the launch of the Active Travel Strategy.

The Communications Unit also assisted the HR Department at the Empower Careers Fair in Clonsilla on March 24 and the Jobs Expo in Croke Park on March 26 to encourage awareness of Fingal County Council and the career opportunities on offer. Traffic to the jobs page on the fingal.ie website increased by 136% on the day of the Jobs Expo compared to the previous Saturday.

Visits to fingal.ie jobs page			
	Saturday, March 19	**Saturday, March 26**	**Increase**
Entries	74	175	136%
Viewers	90	213	136%
Views	111	260	134%

The latest edition of Fingal News has been published and can be read at https://issuu.com/fingalnews/docs/fingal_news_-_issue_23_-march_2022

The Irish Officer worked with Coiste na Gaeilge to promote Seachtain na Gaeilge and held a musical evening in The Atrium at County Hall.

A Tenant Induction Video has just been completed for the Estate Management team within the Housing Department.

Press Releases and Media Queries

The Communications Unit dealt with 22 media queries during March and 38 press releases and media invites including one about the ceremony at County Hall before the monthly meeting of Council where the Ukrainian flag was raised in a gesture of solidarity with the people of Ukraine. A photo from the event featured on the front page of the Irish Times the following day.


THE IRISH TIMES

Sports Tuesday

Hundreds flee Mariupol as war's death toll mounts

Aircraft lessors face Russian write-offs

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EVENTS

FINGAL CELEBRATES ST PATRICK'S DAY



With an estimated attendance at the Swords, Blanchardstown, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan and Skerries parades of 100k, the citizens of Fingal really came out in numbers to celebrate our national holiday. Hundreds of community organisations and local businesses enjoyed the fantastic weather and atmosphere.

REMEMBRANCE & RECOGNITION EVENT



In what was Fingal's call to 'Remember and Recognise' those who sadly passed due to Covid 19 and show solidarity with all the essential workers, that continued to carry out their duties, over 30,000 people attended the Fireworks Display.

In addition to Malahide areas such as Donabate/ Portrane, Portmarnock were used as viewing points. The event began with the Mayor introducing musician Uilleann piper Sean Potts playing a piece of music while people held up a light.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



The Mayor hosted an event in Swords Castle for citizens to reflect on those lost during the pandemic. Candles were placed in the chapel by the public, with members of the emergency services also attending.

FUNDING FINGAL



EETCD are currently co ordinating an update to the 'Funding Fingal' document which sets out internal and external funding streams available to community groups event organisers, artist, sports clubs, cultural organisations tourism and local business. This document will be made available online.

TOURISM

DUBLIN COSTAL TRAIL



Fáilte Ireland in collaboration with Fingal County Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council and Irish Rail officially launched the Dublin Coastal Trail on 25th March. The trail, stretching from Skerries to Killiney, will entice visitors to include a visit to Dublin's beautiful coast as part of their city break. Fingal locations which are now part of this trail include Skerries, Malahide and Howth.

FINGAL TOURISM STRATEGY 2023 - 2030

As the Statement of Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2022 nears its end, it's is proposed to go to tender in April seeking to appoint a consultant to develop a new Tourism Strategy (2023 to 2029) for Fingal. The process will engage public, private and tourism industry stakeholders and networks in setting out a clearly articulated, refreshed vision for driving sustainable, innovative, resilient and inclusive tourism sector growth.

The proposals and update were presented to the SPC on the 29th of March.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTIES CONSERVATION WORKS:

ARDGILLAN CASTLE & NEWBRIDGE HOUSE





The works tenders for major roof repair and window conservation works at both Ardgillan Castle and Newbridge House will be issued this month.

MALAHIDE CASTLE



A tender has been awarded for significant lighting upgrades at Malahide Castle and Visitor centre. Survey works are scheduled to commence in April.

SKERRIES MARTELLO TOWER



The tender for the integrated design team for the restoration of Skerries Martello Tower was published on eTenders last month. Two submissions have been received and these will now be evaluated in April.

SWORDS CASTLE



Tenders will issue in April for Phase III of the conservation works at Swords Castle, which includes a full M&E upgrade, conservation works to the North Wall and improvement works to the Knights and Squires Quarter.

LIGHTING UP OF COUNCIL BUILDINGS



Swords Castle continues to be lit in the Ukrainian flag colours in support of Ukraine.

Swords Castle was also lit in yellow from 25th-27th March in support of the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day appeal.

AWARDS

Swords Castle has been nominated in the Best Heritage Project category at the All-Ireland Community & Council Awards; the ceremony will be held on 9th April.

ARTS

PUBLIC ART – FROM THE WORKSHOP – BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SPACES PANEL



Three new sculptural works are on their way to Fingal as part of Fingal County Council's requirement on private developments to commission new works of art for Fingal. The Arts Office advise and support the process through our Buildings and Public Spaces Panel of Professional artists who are given opportunities to make new work for a range of local sites. The selection here includes work by the Walker Brothers for North Dublin Logistics Park, Grace Weir's ***Coldwinter Tree*** for Vantage Business Park and Maggie Madden's ***The Gathering*** for Blackwood Square, Santry. All works are being produced in sculpture workshops and warehouses across the county and all will make their home in Fingal.





WISH YOU WERE HERE DAVE WEST- THE BANKS BALBRIGGAN



Fingal arts office in partnership with Irish Rail launched a public engagement project to assist artist Dave West in creating new work which will celebrate what everyone loves most about Balbriggan which will be situated at the Irish Rail owned "The Banks" site. It follows a successful commission at the site by another local artist Sean Molloy.

Local communities are invited to submit what they like most about the town on a bespoke postcard which has been distributed at the library, community centres, train station and the Our Balbriggan Hub.

COMMEMORATIONS PROGRAMME – REMEMBERING THE FRANK LAWLESS FUNERAL



Fingal arts office have programmed a film and music commission curated by broadcaster Donal Dineen and will feature a special performance by contemporary Sean Nós singer Inni K the work titled Peace to the Ashes weaves the significance of the funeral and the legacy of Lawless into a new story which will be released online as part of this year's centenary programme for Fingal.

CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG 2022 COMMISSION - CREATIVE IRELAND FINGAL

Open Call – Cruinniú na nÓg 2022 Commission Creative Ireland Fingal and Fingal County Council invites proposals from Artists and Creative Practitioners for the development and delivery of artistic projects for children and/or young people for Cruinniú na nÓg 2022.

Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. This year it will take place on Saturday 11th of June and is funded by Creative Ireland.

The Creative Ireland Fingal Commission is for the development of artistic and creative content that will engage children/young people (0-18 years) in unique experiences in any artform and in response to any theme - including but not limited to visual art, music, literature, theatre, performance, spoken word, fashion, photography, digital arts, installation art, street art, storytelling, architecture, biodiversity, heritage, archaeology, landscape.

It is intended to prioritise face-to face engagement, but will accept proposals for innovative radio, tv, or digital media content.

Proposals can aim to engage with early childhood/youth /community/arts settings, primary and post-primary schools, families and more.

LIBRARIES

Refurbishment of Skerries Library

On the 15th March, Fingal County Council turned the sod on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library. Skerries Carnegie Library is a detached early 20th century limestone building and a protected structure, sited in a prominent location on Strand Street between St. Patrick's Church and Floraville Park, with a large site extending to Chapel Lane at the rear.

The project will include the refurbishment of the existing library building, with the addition of a new large 2 and 3 storey extension at its rear. The proposed building totalling 884sqm with a contract sum of €3.5 million, will accommodate multifunctional library spaces on two and three levels. The project will also see a full upgrade of the public realm to the forecourt of Skerries Library and St. Patrick's Church.

The new library space will include, in addition to our book lending service, junior and young adult space, a link to Floraville Park, study space with up to 40 desks, public PCs, printing / photocopying services, a maker space and meeting and event space.

The library building at Skerries is viewed as a building of special character and an architectural focal point. The sympathetic and complementary development of this building and extension is seen as a major resource in terms of infrastructure demands of the area.



Howth Tram exhibition

As part of Fingal County Council's Commemorations programme 2018-2023, Fingal Libraries supported by Creative Ireland has produced an exhibition and video exploring the history of the Hill of Howth tram.

From 1901, this feat of engineering opened up the scenic views of the Howth peninsula to thousands of tourists and cemented Howth's place as a favoured seaside resort for generations of Dubliners. Closed in 1959, it is still affectionately remembered by many today.

The **exhibition,** curated by Karen de Lacey, Fingal County Archivist, explores transport in Dublin at the turn of the century, the race to construct the Hill of Howth tramline around the peninsula using new electric technology, the opening of the line and power station, tourism in Howth and finally, the closure by CIÉ of the tramline in 1959. The exhibition also showcases material from Fingal Local Studies & Archives such as postcards, photographs and ephemera.

The video, produced by Indiepics, comprises archival footage of the tram interspersed with interviews with Howth residents and relatives of tram workers, bringing to life how the tram was used by both local people in Howth and tourists alike. The exhibition and video can be viewed online in Irish here and in English here

The exhibition and video are currently on display at Malahide Library until 13th April 2022 with an additional smaller version of the exhibition on display at Howth Library.



Crowds queue to travel on the Hill of Howth Tramway on its last day, 31st May 1959.
Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland

New Library Management System (LMS)

Following a public tender the Spydus Library Management System, provided by Civica UK was selected as the new LMS for public libraries in Ireland. The date for Go Live is 29th March 2022.

The new LMS will enhance the library experience for both library patrons and staff. The Spydus system will manage core library functions, digital content from our Local Studies and Archives collection and event bookings, all from a single database.

The Spydus consortium model allows for the sharing of bibliographic records, loans and reservations across each of the 30 library authorities in the Republic of Ireland, thereby ensuring that Fingal library patrons will have easy and quick access to millions of items including books and DVDs.

Fingal Mobile Library services at Balseskin Reception Centre

This initiative began in December 2021 when Úna Caffrey of the Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee contacted us enquiring about the possibility of a Mobile Library visiting the Balseskin Reception Centre.
Due to COVID, it took a few months for the service to be up and running but it is now well established and one of our mobile library vans visits the Centre every second Wednesday from 2:30 – 4:00pm. Both adults and children use the service and there has been a number of requests for foreign language books particularly in Georgian, Farsi and most recently in Ukrainian. We have also had a lot of requests for English language resources and many of the residents have signed up to the Fingal eServices to make use of the many available online language resources.

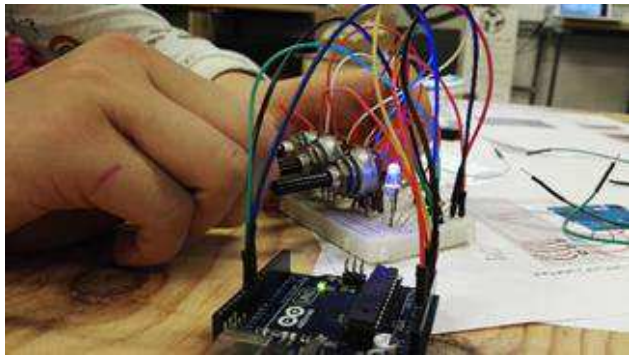
Mini-Maker Festival in Balbriggan library

A mini-maker festival is planned for Balbriggan Library on the 23rd of April to mark the start of the Balbriggan Loves Learning festival.

This event will include a showcase for makers and creators to be held in the Hamilton Hall and the Library will host a full day programme of activities along the theme of creativity. Workshops will include:

- T-shirt making using pre-cut vinyl and audio card making hosted by Fingalmaker, Kate Delaney
- Lego workshops
- Arts and crafts workshops for the very young
- Coding
- Gaming

This is a collaborative project between Smart Balbriggan and Fingal Libraries and is funded by Creative Ireland.



Fun with families from afar - Migrant family literacy project

This project aimed to deliver high quality family literacy sessions to an identified group of migrants. A collaborative approach was taken between Fingal Libraries, Fingal Community Section and Integration Office and members of the DCU Write to Read research team. The Write to Read project is a longitudinal research project which aims to work with schools to create powerful literacy environments. The literacy element of the programme was designed by the research team.

In tandem with the Community Department in Fingal, the Flemington area of Balbriggan was chosen as the location for the initial pilot project. Flemington is designated a high priority area under the actions identified in the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy and scores highly on the deprivation scale.

Five families were chosen to take part in the pilot and this was based on the expertise of teachers in the Educate Together National School. Lessons on

vocabulary, reading to your child and phonics took place over 5 weeks in the Aster Family Centre and Balbriggan Library. All participants were given a tour and membership of Fingal libraries. The participating children and their siblings were entertained each week with a variety of events including wellness, art and storytelling and each child received a book bag containing 6 books

A second successful 5-week course has been completed in Balbriggan Library and it is intended to roll out 2 further courses in Blanchardstown Library.

An evening with Eilish O'Carroll

On 16th March, Blanchardstown Library welcomed actress Eilish O'Carroll for an evening of storytelling and laughter. This event was part of the Fingal Libraries series of events to mark International Women's Day. Eilish discussed her T.D. mother and experiences as a gay woman in Ireland. She also spoke about her career as an actress in Mrs Brown's Boys and her own stage show Live Love Laugh. A very enjoyable evening ended with questions from the audience.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



The Council continues to support business under the Fingal In It Together Charter and development work is in progress on a Fingal In It Together App to offer businesses an additional digital platform to engage with customers.

Fingal Skills Strategy



The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group continues to work with sub-groups for Transport & Logistics and Construction on sectoral skills requirements. A Fingal Skills webpage is in development to signpost skills and training opportunities and will be launched on the 29th of April 2022.

Urbact Playful Towns

URBACT
Driving change for better cities

Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) meets monthly as part of the Let's Play Rush initiative to develop objectives and plans for 2022 to incorporate play in the town and to identify potential funding streams to support projects and events. The ULG has a number of playful events being planned over the coming months. The Council is developing a section on its website to highlight the work of its Urbact projects which will go live in April 2022. Representatives of the Playful Towns Irish Network met in Portlaoise on the 15th and 16th March to review progress on the projects and share best practice to inform town plans for playful actions.

Let's Play! RUSH

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group, which met on 31st March 2022 and its five pillars, who meet regularly, to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety.

The Education, Skills & Employment Pillar Group met on 8th March and plans are progressing for the Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival due to take place between 23rd and 29th April 2022. The Community Integration, Health & Well-being Pillar met on 22nd March 2022, Eilish Harrington, Chief Executive, Fingal Leader is the new and work is continuing to progress on all pillar actions.

The demolition of the former O'Shea's Night Club building (Harbour) is nearing final completion, April 2022, archaeology monitoring of site is ongoing. The site and layout will be levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space' to allow for temporary planters and seating, pedestrian route with low level picket fence surround.





Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for the re-imagined Quay Street & Harbour Area, continue to progress design work. Updated Stage 2 design review consultations with internal and external stakeholders are taking place in late March and early April.



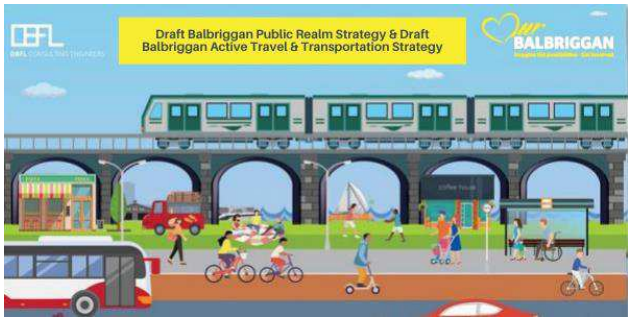
Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for 2-4 Dublin Street are progressing work on renovation and designs to facilitate artistic studios and creative maker space, public courtyard and gallery. Site visits have taken place to Artistic Studios and Maker Spaces to inform Initial concept sketches.



DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing preliminary work on the town's draft transportation and active travel plan.

DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) and internal Council departments to ensure coherent, effective, sustainable transformative development. Following on from a well-attended webinar on the 1st March, drop in sessions took place on March 2nd and 3rd at the Our Balbriggan Hub on Georges Square, over 320+ people took part in an online survey on the Draft Public Realm Strategy and Draft Active Travel and Transportation Strategy.

This follows over 1000+ initial responses to the first Public Realm survey in July 2021. Internal consultations on a draft Public Realm Design Guide which will accompany the Public Realm Strategy will take place in April.





Harbour Project tender submissions are due to be evaluated by the Council in April for the minor works package which will assist in developing, upgrading and enhancing the facilities and amenities of the harbour which will make the harbour a more attractive asset for a tourism and leisure amenity in addition to providing growth potential for the indigenous fishing industry. The Harbour Project will link in with other Public Realm Projects upgrades within the town.



As part of the URBACT/iPlace initiative, colleagues from 9 other European large town took part in a two day visit to Balbriggan to learn about rejuvenation plans and local economic development opportunities for the town. Delegates were hosted in the Irish Institute of Music and Song on Day 1 & BEaT Centre in Day 2. The itinerary included, workshops on Town Centre Rejuvenation, local economic development planning & Smart Balbriggan. The visit culminated in a walking tour and peer review by delegates, the outcomes and observations of which will inform town work plans.

Local & Rural Development

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

LCDC
Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Fhine Gall
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 also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative, the Community Resilience Fund and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme.

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FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-27

The Guidelines for preparing new LECPs have been published by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The new Fingal LECP will be a 'Whole-of-Council Plan' and will involve extensive consultation and engagement with internal and external stakeholders. The process of devising the new Fingal LECP will begin in the first half of 2022.

An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and Community Development

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND

Details of the new Community Activities Fund were launched in early January. Fingal LCDC has been allocated €301,042 to distribute to qualifying community and voluntary groups. The Community Activities Fund supports groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with running costs and small capital items and facilities improvements. This funding is about giving a helping hand to communities, local groups and clubs. This new fund is being administered by the Fingal LCDC and closed for applications on February 18th 2022.
Over 220 applications with a combined value in excess of €1 million were received. The Fingal LCDC is now in the process of evaluating all eligible applications.

SICAP

The 2022 Fingal SICAP Plan was approved by the Fingal LCDC at its most recent meeting in February. The 2022 Fingal SICAP Plan has seen a considerable increase in budget to €1.39 million for the coming year.

LEADER PROGRAMME

The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group and the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme continues to deliver funding and support to eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme has the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved for €1,882,175 to cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Of this amount, €1,411,631 is available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects approved, roughly corresponding to Fingal's share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

The LEADER Programme reverted on the 1st April 2021 to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be prepared and put in place for 2023 onwards. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules as before. LEADER continues to approve and fund new projects as usual.

During 2021, Dublin Rural LEADER approved 19 Projects with a total value of €766,899.48. Of these, 16 Projects were in Fingal with a total value of €685,658.83.

Going forward there is currently over €3 million in the new LEADER projects pipeline of which over €1 million is for Rural Enterprise.

The next LAG Project Approvals meeting will be held in March.

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie . ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.

All three Enterprise Centres have space available to businesses who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fit-outs can be considered.



Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of February were Drinan 86%, BASE 94% and Beat 92%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 66 businesses and over 322 direct jobs.



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

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LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for March 2022 are as follows:

Local Enterprise Week 2022



Fingal's business community booked over 1,000 places at this year's Local Enterprise Week, run by Fingal Local Enterprise Office (LEO). A series of 20 exciting business events were run both online and in-person between the 7th and 11th of March 2022 as part of Local Enterprise Week (LEW) this year.

The packed week of events featured the following:

Monday the 7th of March "Start-Up Bootcamp"

Dynamic in person event in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy,

Tuesday's 8th "Preparing Your Business for Growth"

Business breakfast hosted by Balbriggan Chamber,

Fingal Enterprise Awards took place on Thursday March 10th with six finalists battling it out for the coveted prize of winner of the 2022 competition. On Friday, The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) welcomed guest speaker, Broadcaster and Businesswoman Lorraine Keane, for an event entitled "Dare to Change". Local Enterprise Week concluded with "Show Me the Money" on Friday 11th March. The hybrid event, hosted by Newstalk presenter Shane Coleman, took place in Sonica, Skerries and was also livestreamed on the Local Enterprise Office YouTube channel.

Other events run during Local Enterprise Week included a Business Briefing with Fingal Chamber on focusing on key topics including staff retention and recruitment, the lack of skills and talent, the availability of housing and transport issues. An online event to help Ethnic entrepreneurs was also held with a panel of successful ethnic entrepreneurs who shared their journey and detailed how they accessed financial support. Cyber Security was highlighted at a "Protecting Your Business Online" webinar with The LINC at TU Dublin, while over 120 businesses attended an online webinar featuring the Trading Online Voucher (TOV) Scheme on the last day of Fingal's Local Enterprise Week.

Fingal Enterprise Awards



Fingal Enterprise Awards took place on Thursday the 10th of March with six finalists battling it out for the coveted prize of winner of the 2022 competition. Hosted in Sonica, Skerries, the evening was also streamed online, highlighting the success of the six finalists from across Fingal:

- Dimension 88 (Nigel & Catriona O'Leary)
- Love the Mug (Pamela & Suzanne Hughes)
- Farmony (Dan O'Brien & John Paul Prior)
- Nufields Ltd (Denis Manzke)
- EcoFriendly Cups (Elaine O'Farrell)
- Rubberduck EHJC Ltd (Ben Colwell)

Dimension88, a Digital Twinning / Metaverse / Digital Innovation company were announced as the winner of the Highly Commended award at this year's awards ceremony. Life Ahead Ltd. T/A Farmony who provide vertical farming solutions were announced as overall winners, scooping the top prize of €5,000 and will now represent Fingal Local Enterprise Office at the 22nd National Enterprise Awards at the Mansion House in Dublin on the June 2nd.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme continues to support small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar hosted by Fingal Local Enterprise Office will take place at the Riasc Centre, Drinan, Swords on Friday 13th May 2022. Following very successful webinars over the past two years this is our first in-person event and we look forward to seeing everyone there. 23 applications have been approved in 2022, in the amount of €49,999.

Fingal Enterprising Women's Network



One of the highlights of Local Enterprise Week was a networking lunch hosted by Fingal Enterprising Women's Network at the Clayton Hotel, Dublin Airport. The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) welcomed guest speaker, Broadcaster and Businesswoman Lorraine Keane, who discussed a range of topics including new beginnings and "Dare to Change." Deputy Mayor of Fingal Daniel Whooley also joined over 150 women entrepreneurs who participated in a networking lunch, the first in-person event the women's network had hosted in two years!

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The March Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 30th of March. Five applications were approved for €170,000 worth of funding. Year to date, 9 applications have been approved for €218,625 worth of funding. The next Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting will take place on Wednesday the 27th of April.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online. In March 2022, eleven Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 99 clients in Fingal. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors and 118 Fingal clients have received this mentoring to date in 2022.

Management Development & Training

LEO Fingal will continue to provide a series of management development initiatives and workshops to assist the growth of small businesses throughout 2022. Some of the courses and programmes on offer during April include Lean for Micro,Food Starter Programme Spring 2022, Social Media and Digital Marketing for Small Businesses, Start Your Own Business and Creating Video Content for Social Media.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with "soft" loans of up to €25,000. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Two applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI in 2022.

Student Enterprise Programme



Local Enterprise Office Fingal have announced that winning teenager entrepreneurs from Loreto Balbriggan and Colaiste Pobail Setanta will represent Fingal at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Finals. The winning local students will now compete against approximately 80 student enterprises from all over the country for a place in the Top 15 shortlisted teams to make it to a live event on Wednesday 18th May at The Helix in Dublin. This year's live event will not only be a special one as it's the first in-person event since 2019, but also as this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Student Enterprise Programme. The students all took part in the Fingal Final on the 21st of March, which was held in County Hall, Swords. An estimated 1000 students from 24 schools all over the region took part in the annual programme locally.

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National Tree Week – Free Tree Giveaway 2022

As part of National Tree Week 2022 Fingal County Council gifted 16,000 free trees to the residents of the county. During the week designated pick up locations and times were set up in 5 locations across the county. Ardgillan Demesne, Newbridge Demesne, Malahide Demesne, Ward River Valley Park, Millennium Park & St Catherine's Park.

There was a fantastic turn out and all the trees have now been distributed. This was a cross departmental initiative with Fingal Operations, Environment and Community Departments. Other events included community planting as part of the launch of the Tree Strategy at Skerries Mills Park and other community planting events in Ward River Valley Park and Santry Demesne.





Constructed Tree Pits – Church Street Skerries

Contract commenced during March to install four additional constructed tree pits on Church Street Skerries. These new plantings replace trees removed during 2019 & 2020. This recent contract will bring to a total of seven newly installed constructed tree pits on Church Street Skerries.



Ballyboughal Graveyard

As part of Urban & Village Renewal Funding projects – Landscaping works completed during March 2022 at Ballyboughal Graveyard including new entrance landscaping, seating, and ornamental taps for watering plants in the graveyard.





Lusk Recreational Hub

Recently installed pedestrian access gate within the Recreational Hub lands to access a number of adjacent schools. This installation should assist in removing parking along the Rathmore Link Road during busy school times as parents can now use the car park at the recreational hub and allow children to walk safely within the park paths to school. The connecting paths in the recreational hub will also be upgraded during 2022.



Boules Court Launch – Newbridge Demesne

An official launch for Newbridge Demesne Boules courts on 14th March 2022. The group is a combination of Donabate/Portrane Active Age Group and Men's Shed group. An extremely popular new addition to the Active Age area at Newbridge Demesne. A number of other new Boules courts are planned for the Balbriggan Swords Area during 2022 in Skerries, Santry and Ward River Valley Park.



New Aviary under construction at Newbridge Demesne



New Seating installed at Tower Bay Portrane



Howth/Malahide Area

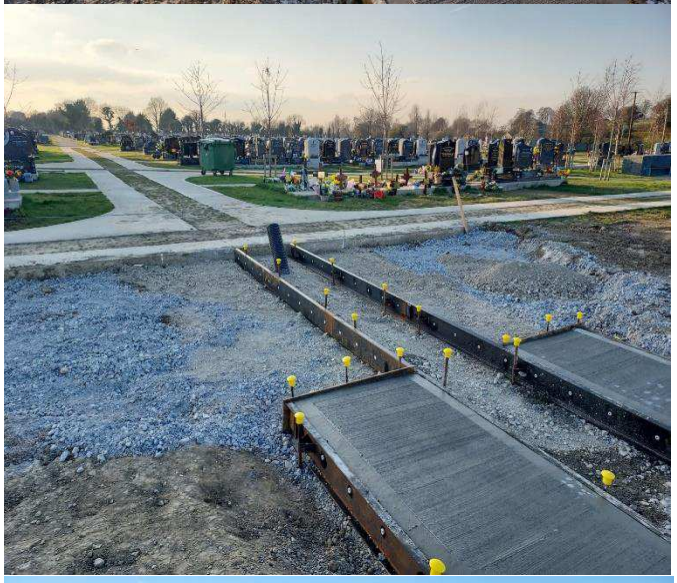
Balgriffin Burial Grounds New Development

With grave spaces running out at Balgriffin, an extension is being constructed to pre-empt this. Below are some of the works including ground works and construction of the grave's footpath infrastructure.











Portmarnock Beach Board Walk



A feasibility study is currently being carried out to improve the access to the beach for all users. 170m of the boardwalk is to be repaired/upgraded and widened. Works are ongoing to progress the procurement for the works.

Portmarnock Beach Wheelchair Accessible Toilet

Works to replace the vandalized toilet have been ongoing with the replacement toilet scheduled for installation in early April.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Shackleton Gardens

New opening hours in Shackletons gardens Commencing from 11th April 2022	
Monday	10am ----- 4 pm
Tuesday	10am ----- 4 pm
Wednesday	10am ----- 4 pm
Thursday	10am ----- 4 pm
Friday	9 am ----- 1 pm
Saturday	10 am ---- 5 pm
Sunday	10 am ---- 5 pm
Bank Holidays	10 am ---- 5 pm

Spring is here and very evident in Shackleton Gardens, which is home to a wide range of rare and exotic plants including an important collection of herbaceous perennials.

As our craft gardener and the willing volunteers continue to work tirelessly to prepare the perennial beds for the summer display, colour is currently provided within walled garden through various plant groups. Aside from the colour it is important to note the value of these plants to bees and other pollinators as they adapt to the move from winter to spring.

This seasonal planting design is key to any successful garden and was no doubt a key component to the initial composition of Shackleton's Gardens. The heathers, snowdrops & other pollinator bulbs, Willow & other early flowering trees, along with shrubs such as Mahonia are currently on display and provide easy access to pollen and nectar, prior to the abundance of herbaceous perennials which will bloom over the coming summer months and into autumn as we continue to restore these beautiful gardens.









National Tree Week – Dublin 15 Area

To help celebrate this year's National Tree Week and the launch of our Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy, members of the public have been collecting trees from Millennium and St. Catherine's parks.





Tree planting

Substantial tree and whip planting was undertaken throughout Dublin 15 by our dedicated crews. Over 500 trees alone were planted within green spaces. Locations included Coolmine Road, Dunsoghly Estate, Hazelbury Park, Meakstown, Castleknock and Dromheath Park to name but a few.





A second Urban orchard created on the Beechpark lawn Open space of Auburn Avenue in collaboration with Castleknock tidy towns. The planting event was arranged in line with National tree week with a mixture of suitable fruit trees along with some native Malus sylvestris.



Bulb Planting

The daffodils which are now in full bloom around the Dublin 15 area and will then be replaced by Tulips, Muscari & Chionodoxa, leading to Camassia, and ending with Allium's, which can flower until mid-August. Locations include the open spaces of Delwood road, Oaktree Drive, Santry avenue and the R121 in Tyrrelstown, where the verges were replanted along with two additional green areas adjacent to the verges.



R121 Tyrrellstown



Castleknock Road



Park Boulevard Tyrrelstown



Santry Avenue – R108 junction

Events

Shine a light - To Celebrate International Women's Day on the March 8th, a park walk, and tree planting ceremony took place in Millennium Park. The event was arranged in collaboration with our colleagues in the community department.



Programme of Works 2022

A new compacted gravel pathway installed around the renovated raised planters at Fortlawn community centre. This will facilitate ease of accessibility for all participants taking part in the new garden course being run by the community centre.



Collaboration with Volunteer groups

In anticipation of the 40-year anniversary of the Whitestown estate, the Whitestown Estate Management Group in conjunction with the Operations Department organised a planting event which was attended by a large number of residents of all ages in November 2021. The final product can now be seen on a sloped area of the large open space.

The Group have also been shortlisted for a 2021 LAMA award in the 'Best Environmental or Ecological Project or Initiative' category based on their continued efforts to enhance their community, which is a huge achievement for all involved.





Castleknock Tidy Towns

Tree and whip planting projects including an Urban orchard on Park avenue.

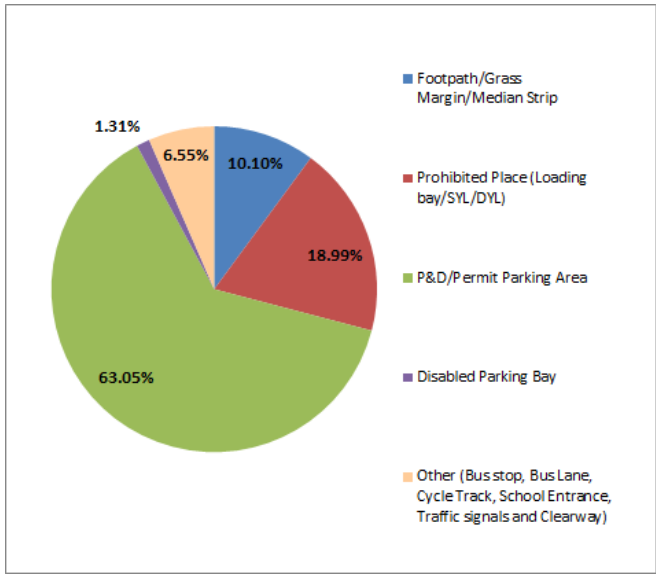




Car Parking Services

There was a total of 1,069 parking tickets issued during February 2022.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

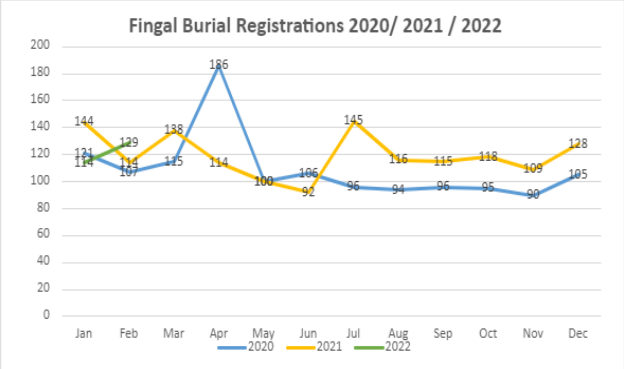


Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	108	10.10%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	203	18.99%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	674	63.05%
Disabled Parking Bay	14	1.31%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	70	6.55%
Total	**1069**	**100%**



Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 129 Internments in February 2022.



Traffic Operations County-wide

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Forest Dale, Swords – 2 No. Ramp Replacements and school relining





Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

The pedestrian crossings at Mary, Mother of Hope National School in Littlepace, have been repainted.





Vehicle Activated Sign operational on Cappagh Road



The sign on Beechpark Avenue/Auburn Avenue required replacing



New sign installed in March 2022, to replace old sign at Beechpark Avenue/Auburn Avenue



Howth Malahide Area

The Programme of Works for 2022 continues with the following civil works underway and or completed at various signalised pedestrian crossings in the Howth Malahide Area.

Revised and upgraded tactile layout by the Greenery restaurant, Coast Road Malahide and the similar works to the pedestrian crossing by the Hill Top Stores– Drumnigh Road , Malahide.





Additional new tactiles installed at the junction of Oak Hall/Drumnigh Road



Road lining nearly complete by the entrance to Pobscoil Neasain – Baldoyle and larger speed limit signs being installed by Red Arches Roundabout





Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

94 hires were put in place from 1st March 2022 – 30th March 2022, engaging 22 suppliers.

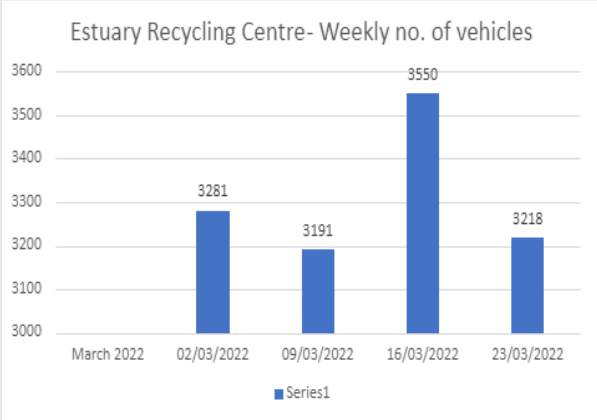
Hires include: Hire of electric vehicle (EV) for tourist development- events management

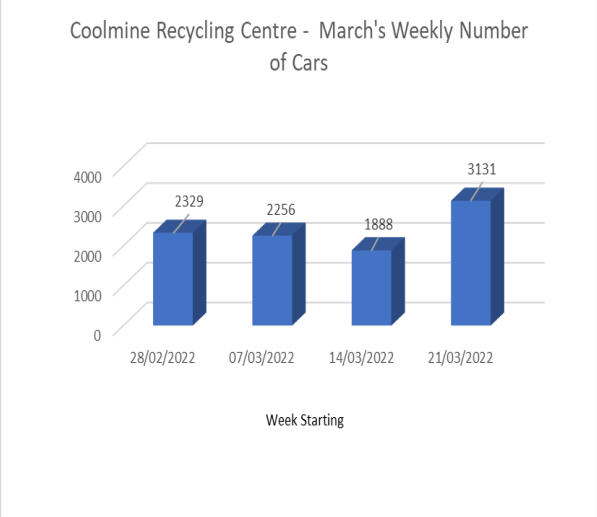


Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022 with 92.8% of all lights switched to LEDS.

Recycling Centre's Update

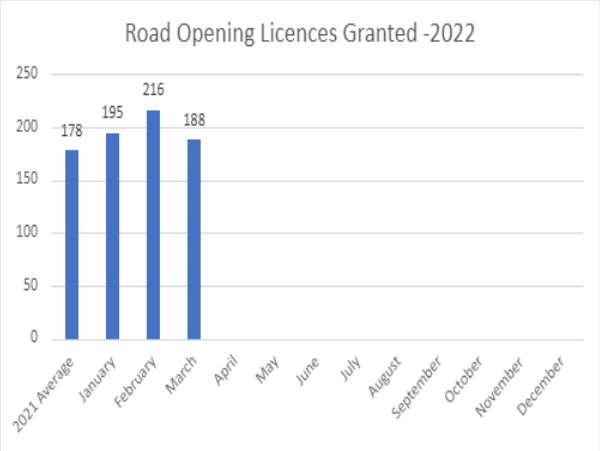


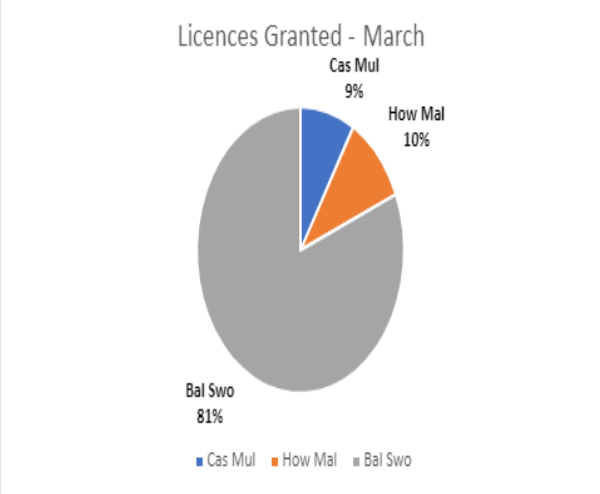


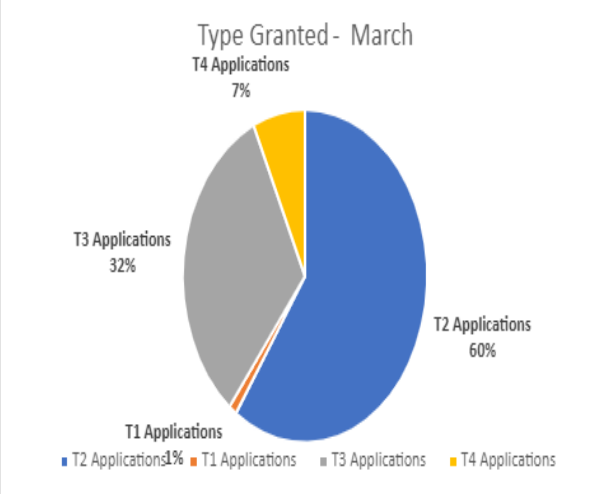
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Road Opening Licences:
The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County, applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain. Road Opening Licences are a cross functional process for the department and are essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

188 licences were granted in March 2022







T1 Application: The T1 is not a licence. It is notification of intent to perform works of high impact due to extent or complexity.
T2 Applications: An application to carry out works of moderate impact due to the location, extent, amount, or duration of the work.
T3 Applications: An application to carry out works of low impact due to the location, extent, amount, or duration of the work. A T3 licence requires a short application period and does not require a works programme notification.
T4 Applications: A notification of emergency works (as defined under legislation). Notification must occur at the time or as soon as possible after commencement and works must be carried out during a limited time period.

Ongoing Projects

There are currently a number of significant road opening licence projects ongoing including under the supervision of the Operations Engineering Team.

Casual Trading Licences:

Casual Trading Update as of 29/03/2022:

Casual Trading Licences	Total Designated Areas	Total Pitches	Pitches Assigned by Lottery	Rejected by Applicant	Granted	Pending
Cas/Mul	8	16*	5	2	3	0
Bal/Swo	13	23*	13	2	9	3
How/Mal	11	19*	15	0	5	10
Countywide	32	62*	33	4	13	16

* Total Pitches Figure may change on the basis of site inspections with Technical Outdoor staff if it is decided certain areas can support more or less Casual Trading Pitches. Areas that received no expression of interest prior to the Lottery were not assessed with site visits to determine an exact suitable number of pitches.

Tower Bay Portrane:



St. Catherine's Park:





Water Services

Water production and distribution, wastewater collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

The Council continue to have responsibility for the Storm Water Network

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations

Operation and maintenance of the stormwater network is ongoing, in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

Works summary:

- Phase 2 works to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in Ballyboughal are still on hold pending the agreement of wayleaves.
- The Storm water manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced at various locations in Skerries, Baldoyle and Portmarnock areas.
- Funding is being sought and a tender is being completed for a detailed design for an upgrade to the Storm water network within and around The Bawn and the Old Bawn. It is hoped that construction works on this new network will take place in late 2022.
- CCTV surveys are complete in the St Benedicts estate in Malahide and La Verna in Baldoyle to ascertain the location of misconnections to the Stormwater network from the foul system. Misconnections were identified and passed to the Management company responsible for La Verna who are now procuring a contractor to commence repairs.
- CCTV surveys were carried out in the Seabury estate in Malahide and a number of misconnections were identified. The locations of these have been passed to the property owners who are now procuring contractors to remove and connect to the foul sewer.
- Other maintenance and minor works programmes are ongoing. Works to CCTV, drag and clean the Storm Water network in Inbhir Ide, Texas Lane and Yellow Walls road in Malahide are nearing completion. FCC are awaiting the removal of a gas service by Gas Networks once removed this programme will be complete. Completion by Gas Networks has been scheduled for Mid Term break as not to interfere with school traffic at this location.
- Works are complete at No: 18 Dublin Rd, Bayside to fit a stainless steel grate on an overflow culvert to stop material being washed up the from the coast. Works to seal and path a section of the line have also been complete to resolve a rodent issue.
- Tenders have been finalised for contractors to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road

operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding. Works will be commencing in early January 2022.

- Works were carried out at Millview Lawns to resolve and issue with strong odours (Kerosene) emanating from the network and into private property. A home heating oil leak was discovered and since repaired. A number of misconnections were also discovered and reported to the householders to repair.
- Work has begun with formalising a 2022 Storm Water preventative maintenance cycle, recording and mapping programme. A contractor has been procured with a jet vac recycler truck and CCTV camera van. Hire has been arranged to commence from the 1st of February initially on a 4 week hire which may be extended. The objective of this work is to undertake maintenance in jetting the network, and to identify any deficiencies with cctv and to record the stormwater networks.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects

A number of Storm water projects are currently being progressed:

- Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair
  Scope: This project is to replace the damaged anchor system for the pipeline
  Status: Design stage
- Beaverstown Storm Water Pumping Station Upgrade
  Scope: Review options for the existing pumping station
  Status: Project planning / scoping
- Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement
  Scope: Prepare a design to replace the existing surface water culvert
  Status: Procurement

Irish Water – Towards a National Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility

The Government's Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation, entitled *Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility* was published on Tuesday 23rd February 2021. The paper and accompanying press release are available at www.gov.ie/housing. All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

The paper sets out the Government's approach to water sector transformation including addressing Irish Water as the Single Public Utility.
The Council will continue to work to implement Government policy in regard to water.

Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

1) Make contact at **localrepsupport@water.ie** or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.
2) Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.
3) Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278.**
4) Irish Water Planned Works - Irish Water Regional Communications team provide regular updates concerning upcoming projects in the area and planned works which may cause disruption to customers. Regularly updates on the website at https://www.water.ie/water-supply-and-service-update/#

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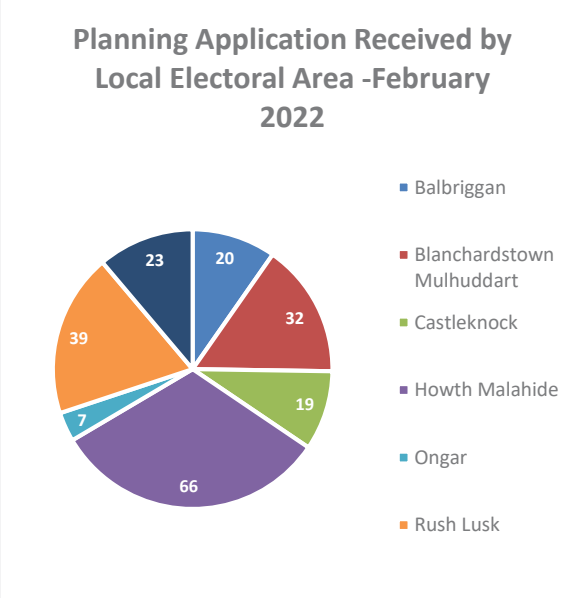
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Planning Applications

There have been 206 planning applications received to the end of February 2022, 20 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 186 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

No decisions were made by An Bord Pleanála up to end of February 2022. There are a total of 5 SHD's (2,623 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 202 planning decisions have been made to the end of February 2022. There have been 167 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 35 refusals of permission (17%). There have been 13 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 104 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 39 commercial/retail grants of permission and 5 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 3 relate to development of 2 - 20, 1 relates to 20 – 50 and 1 relates to 50 -100.

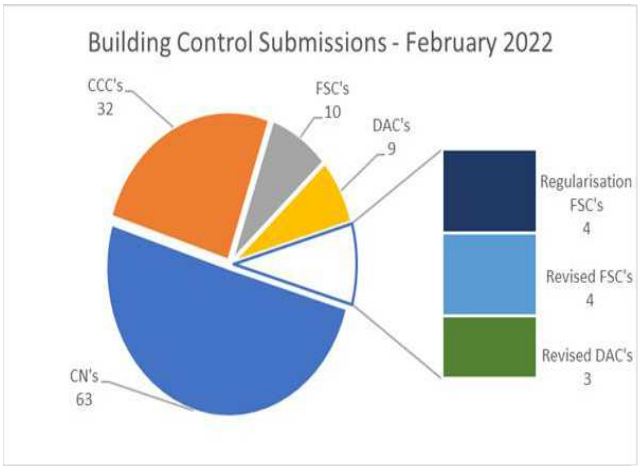
Building Control Admin

In February 2022, there were 125 Building Control submissions made via the BCMS. This was made up of 63 Commencement Notices, 32 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 18 Fire Safety related Certificates and 12 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement Notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates can only be submitted through the Projects module on BCMS.

Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and we are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

In February 2022 the Building Control Admin team processed 109 decisions relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates.



Strategic Policy Unit

Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029



The Draft Fingal Development Plan was published on 24th February. The public consultation will run until 12th May and during that time the document is available for download from the https://www.fingal.ie/development-plan website and can be inspected at Fingal County Council's offices in Swords and Blanchardstown or any Fingal Libraries branch.

The Council is seeking to encourage public debate among citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties on the Draft Development Plan and online submissions can made by citizens and organisations between now and May 12th on Fingal County Council's Consultation Portal, www.consult.fingal.ie
A webinar was held online on 22nd March, followed by four drop-in events in different locations across the County.

At each event staff from the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department will be available to brief the public and answer questions on the Draft Development Plan. The Drop-In events will take place between 4pm and 8pm on the following dates:

- March 31 - The Atrium, County Hall, Swords.
- April 5 - The Lecture Room, Blanchardstown Library, Blanchardstown.
- April 20 - The Lecture Room, Malahide Library, Malahide.
- April 21 - Martello Room, The Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan.

Queries can be also forwarded to Fingal.DevelopmentPlan@fingal.ie

The Development Plan process has been running for almost a year and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by Councillors in February 2023. Last year Council officials, set out the strategic direction for the Plan with the publication of an Issues Paper which attracted 551 submissions. This then formed the framework into which objectives and policies for the Chief Executive's Draft Plan were created.

Sustainable Swords

Work continues on the Sustainable Swords project. The ambition of Sustainable Swords is to create a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of the town, in order to achieve better quality places as the physical setting for life in Swords. Sustainable Swords plans to consolidate and strengthen the historic town centre of Swords. The project will also set specific objectives for the town centre with the goal of increasing the resilience of the local economy and fostering an enhanced, accessible, inclusive, child friendly and healthy urban environment.

A second stage of consultation took place in October 2021. This follows the 'Your Swords, Your Say' survey which was carried out in May and the briefing session with Elected Members in July.

The publication of the draft Strategy and the third round of consultation is expected to take place in Q2 of this year.



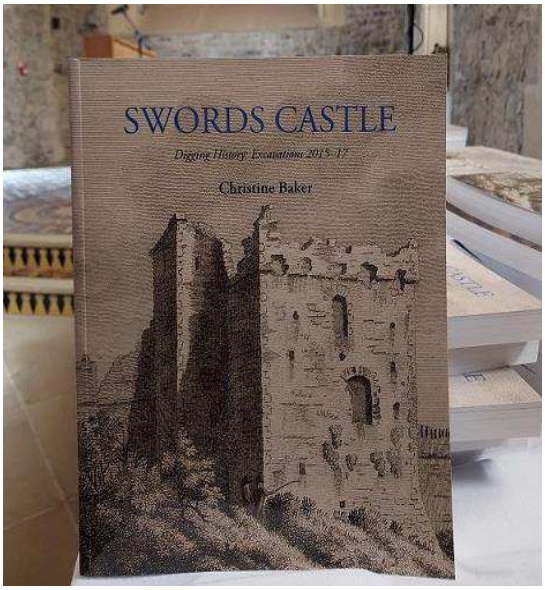
Vacant Site Register

There are currently 11 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR). These include 3 residential sites and 8 regeneration sites.

Heritage Office



The Swords Castle Digging History Excavations 2015-17 publication was launched on the 29 March by Fingal Mayor, Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh. The publication is an outcome of the award-winning community archaeology excavations project directed by Christine Baker, that took place within Swords Castle over three seasons. Placed in their historical and archaeological context, the evidence from burials dating to the 10th century to toy guns of the 20th century uncovered by community participants working with archaeologist is an important addition to the research for this period. Supported by the Heritage Council this project and publication is an example value of the community directly engaging with their past. Copies of the book are available in Fingal Libraries.



Local Authority Heritage Plan Grant 2022

The Heritage Officer applied for and was successful in receiving grants for two projects for a total amount of €36,000 (the maximum available) from the Heritage Council.

1. Fingal Thatch Project 2022 will survey and present the thatch structures of Fingal. There is a significant community element and photographs, memories and histories of the thatch tradition in Fingal will be sought. This project fulfils objectives of the Heritage Plan 2018-2023 and the County Development Plan.

2. Digging Drumanagh-Season 3 will undertake the much-delayed Season 3 of the community excavation at Drumanagh Promontory Fort. The Heritage Officer will be working with local primary and secondary teachers to develop an educational pack on the site for local schools. This project fulfils objectives of the Heritage Plan 2018-2023 and the Drumanagh Conservation Study & Management Plan 2018-2023.

Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub

Following approval through a Part 8 Planning application for Bremore Regional Park, a contractor has been appointed and works have commenced on the first phase of the Bremore Regional Park Active Recreational Hub. This involves the construction of a new full-size grass GAA pitch which is due for completion later in the year. Future sports facilities planned for the remainder of the hub include provision for athletics, basketball, tennis and soccer.



Porterstown Park Recreational Hub



Works are to Commence on the state-of-the-art All-Weather Running Track and Sports Pitch Facility at Porterstown Park Recreational Hub, Dublin 15

In response to extensive engagements with local sports clubs and in line with Fingal County Development Plan objectives to upgrade existing active recreational hubs throughout the County, the construction of the new all-weather running track and 3rd generation synthetic sports pitch are due to commence at Porterstown Park on Monday 4th April 2022.

Following a statutory Part 8 planning approval and the conclusion of a competitive tender process, the contract for the design and construction of the facility has been awarded to a specialist Sports Facilities Construction company. The new floodlit facility will consist of a 6-lane synthetic running track built to approved international athletics standards and perimeter spectator path surrounding a 3rd Generation all-weather pitch built to FIFA approved standards providing for soccer and other sporting codes. Other works to complement the facility include additional connecting paths, blue badge and bicycle parking spaces located for convenient access to the track and pitch.

The project is led by the Council's Parks and Green Infrastructure Division and it is anticipated that the facility will be completed by Q1 of next year, becoming a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and the wider area.

The Forest of Fingal – A Tree Strategy for Fingal

The Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh launched the new ambitious "Forest of Fingal – A Tree Strategy for Fingal" on Saturday the 26th of March during National Tree Week 2022 at a Skerries Tree Planting workshop. The strategy was led by the Council's Parks and Green Infrastructure Division with support from colleagues in the Operations Department.

Link to the Fingal press release - https://www.fingal.ie/news/fingal-sets-out-ambitions-increase-tree-cover-across-county

Link to the new Tree Strategy - https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2022-03/forest-of-fingal_-a-tree-strategy-for-fingal_2022-2032.pdf



Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 25/03/2022

Building Control

- BCMS –128 CNs were submitted over the course of January and February 2022 and there were 57 Completion Certificates processed.

Taking in Charge

- Weavers Wood Clonsilla, foul sewer & watermains in St. Marys, Baldoyle, and a hammerhead extension at Old Golf Links, Malahide were Taken in Charge in January 2022. There are currently 2 estates up for Taking in Charge at the next Council meeting in April. These are "The Hawthorns" in Castleknock and Cnoc Dubh in Ballyboughal.
- There are 47 Developments with formal TIC requests and a further 303 developments on our system, of which 62 are private.
- Phase 1 TIC works on the following estates - Chieftain's way, Martello, New Haven Bay are currently underway and nearing completion.
- Phase 2 TIC works – Drynam, are still under construction. There is also works almost complete in Thornleigh Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman.
- The competition for the appointment of consulting engineers for managing the Taking in Charge works in Ongar closed on 8th March 2022. The winning tender was evaluated with in accordance with the evaluation criteria and a letter to the successful tenderer is due to be issued next week commencing 28th March 2022.
- A yearly review of the Taking in Charge Policy and Specifications is underway and meetings between Building Control and other Sections responsible for producing the Policy and Specifications have been carried out. The final documents are currently being reviewed and the updated Policy and Specification will be published in the site in April 2022.

Dangerous Structures

- There are currently 55 active dangerous structures. There were 3 new notifications in January, 3 new notifications in February and 1 new notification so far in March 2022.

References

- The number of reference requests received in February and March (so far) are 309 and 237 respectively.

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Development Management February 2022

- 116 no. new planning files have been received.

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC staff continue liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the upcoming County Development Plan. The SFRA DRAFT flood mapping and DRAFT report has been completed. This mapping and report will be updated over the coming months subject to new information (Tolka flood study) and submissions received from Councillors/public.



- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through "water sensitive urban design".



- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the Draft SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Transportation Planning

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project



Bridge Central Piers and Columns were constructed in March, preparing them for the landing of bridge beams at the end of April, a most significant phase of this project. Walls and parapet railings have been completed for the N3 off ramp. Construction of walls are commenced to support the bridge crossing of the Tolka. The underpass to link the Old Corduff Road to Blanchardstown is commencing in the coming weeks with alterations to the existing roundabout to be carried out as part of this. The website www.snugboroughinterchange.ie containing information on the project is now live and will continue to be updated with information relating to the project over its life term. Traffic management will continue including reduced speed limits and overnight road closures in late April.



Church Fields Link Road

Fox Building and Civil Engineering have established the site offices and compound for the project, heras fencing has been installed to the perimeter of the lands made available and earthworks for the link road phase of the project is underway.





Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

A 6-week public consultation for the preferred route was published on Fingal County Council's Online Consultation Portal on the 24th of March 2022 with online and in person events planned.

The proposed pedestrian and cycle amenity will offer a safe and attractive route to walk and cycle between Sutton, Baldoyle, Portmarnock and Malahide connecting local people to schools, shops, businesses and public transport. The proposed scheme is supported and funded by the National Transport Authority.

The route will form a key part of the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network and will link into existing walking and cycling facilities at the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway and onwards to the S2S and the Clontarf-City Centre Cycle Routes.

The scheme design will allow people of all ages and mobility levels to travel safely between these coastal towns while enjoying the scenic coastline along the route.

Following the closure of this public consultation on the 9th of May 2022, the project team will consider all submissions as they finalise the preliminary design for the scheme. A planning application is expected to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in 2023.



HOUSING

Housing
Supply
Asset Management
Support
Tenancy Services

Hayestown, Rush,

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage recently approved funding of €3.9m under the Affordable Housing Fund for 52 affordable purchase homes at Hayestown, Rush, Co Dublin. The €3.9m will be used to fund infrastructure and services on the site and this funding reduces the unit cost and allows homes to be discounted below market prices. The remaining 10 homes in the project are social homes. The tender for construction will issue in the coming weeks.





Church Fields, Dublin 15

The proposed 300 dwellings and the Eastern Linear Park were approved by Council at the March Council meeting. Work is now underway to enable delivery of these social and affordable homes in a timely manner.

Construction is already underway of 67 social homes at Church Fields Phase 2B. Construction of a further 20 homes at Wellview is also underway with delivery scheduled for later this year.

A contractor is onsite constructing the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network which will facilitate the development of the entire Church Fields landbank with potential to deliver 1,000 mixed tenure homes.







Construction of Affordable Homes in Lusk

Construction of the 39 affordable and 12 social homes continues at Dun Emer in Lusk alongside the upgrade works to the road infrastructure which is funded by the Affordable Housing Fund.

Current construction work on the site at Dun Emer, Lusk.

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)



The Mayor Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh and Minister Darragh O'Brien officially opened the new Ballustree Lodge property in Rush, Co Dublin on Wednesday 30th March, 2022. The Ballustree property is owned and managed by the Approved Housing Body Prosper Fingal, and this residential community house provides fully-supported accommodation for five residents. The project is supported under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) process in partnership with Fingal County Council, Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and Prosper Fingal.

The Capital Assistance Scheme enables Prosper to provide residential solutions to adults with an intellectual disability who are on the Housing List. It allows the residents to have a greater level of independence in an environment suited to their support needs, whilst reducing the demand on parents and carers. While Capital Assistance Scheme provides the capital funding, the HSE then provides the revenue to deliver the necessary residential support.

Housing Delivery

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	207
Tender Stage	129
Planning and Design	1,114
Part V	225
TOTAL	**1,675**

Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Dun Emer, Lusk	51	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20	On site	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69	On Site	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	67	On Site	Q4 2021	Q4 2022

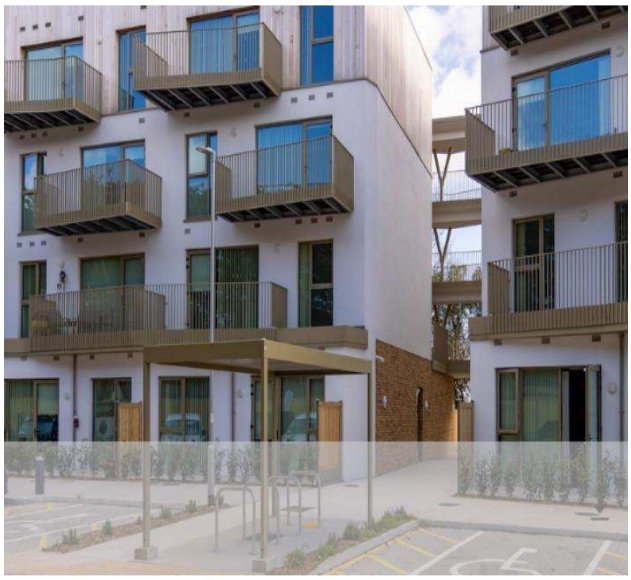
Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Tucketts Lane, Howth	8	Tender process concluded. Stage 4 application for funding submitted to DHLGH.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Outlands, Swords	11	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Church Road, Lusk	5	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Hayestown, Rush	62	Stage 2 procurement process underway.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Infill Sites in Dublin 15	2	Detail design in progress.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - Tuath Housing	31	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Church Fields	300	Procurement process underway.	Q4 2022	Q1 2024

Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Garristown – North and East Housing Association	6	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 being prepared.	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Church Fields, D15	700	Pre-Planning stage	Q2 2024	Q4 2025
Mayeston, Dublin 11	100	Feasibility being prepared	Q1 2023	Q2 2024
North Street, Swords	8	Feasibility being prepared	Q2 2023	Q2 2024

Recent opening of a new social housing scheme of 59 homes. The project was delivered in partnership with Respond at Carr's Lane, Malahide road.





Fingal County Council construction scheme at Cappagh, Dublin11 - 69 units being built





Fingal County Council construction scheme at Wellview, D15 – 20 units being built





Fingal County Council construction scheme at Church Fields - 67 units being built





Fingal County Council construction scheme at Church Road, Lusk – 5 units





Fingal County Council construction scheme Leonards Garage Site, Lusk – 10 units













College Street, Baldoyle, CAS Construction





Local Authority Home Loan

The Local Authority Home Loan became available nationwide from all local authorities from 4th January 2022. There is a significant interest in this new lending product with hundreds of inquiries and loan processing is underway on the first wave of applications. The Loans team continue to issue and facilitate drawdowns of Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans that were received before the 3rd January 2022.

For more information please see: https://localauthorityhomeloan.ie/

Rent Payments – Council Tenants

The Rents Team continue to engage with tenants who may have experienced a change in circumstances to their tenancy (e.g. change of income or family composition) or who may have fallen into arrears. It is vitally important that tenants notify the Council as soon as possible should a change in circumstances occur. Should tenants have any queries regarding their rent charge or arrears they should contact the Council immediately at email: rents.assessments@fingal.ie or rents.arrears@fingal.ie Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

The 2022 proposed works programme is currently under review with the DHLGH but it is expected that approval will be granted for circa 100 properties and works are underway to assess properties for inclusion on the 2022 programme.

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within social housing stock which are currently in the re-let process set out below:-

Voids for Re-letting	**at 30th March 2022**
In letting process	50
Undergoing re-let repairs	21
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	17
TOTAL	**88**

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 tenants. The Council releases batches of work to dedicated Contractors throughout the course of the year. Contractors are in the process of completing the works programme for 2021. Work on the 2022 programme has begun and contractors are progressing work on the initial 4 batches totalling 792 properties.

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The new Cycling Maintenance – Scheme Painting Programme (Batches H & J) has commenced, painting works are underway in Dun Saithne Estate, Balbriggan, Co Dublin and will commence in Skerries in the coming weeks. This Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle.





Recently painted dwellings

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Over 300 applicant submissions have been made for HAP through the online portal since it went live in October 2021 with 179 of those accepted as being fully complete (both applicant and landlord). The remainder are awaiting landlord submissions or did not progress for various reasons (over income limit, unaffordable property etc). 120 HAP Tenancies have been set up in 2022 to date.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up almost 3,300 tenancies.

Housing Support

The Housing Support Team have finalised the list position and files have been sent to the printers. Applicants should be in receipt of their up-to-date list position by mid-April. Additional information has been communicated on the letter to applicants about CBL encouraging applicants to seek their username and password.

Contact Details for Tenancy Services Division

Set out below are the **Housing Support Team** Contact details and the **Tenancy Services Division** details-

The Housing Support Team Contact Details	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	**Housing.allocations@fingal.ie**
Website	www.fingal.ie

Tenancy Services Contact Details	
Homeless Services	01 890 5090 homeless@fingal.ie
Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB)	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

Choice Based Lettings

The new online portal to facilitate the Choice Based Letting (CBL) scheme has proven efficient with staff and applicants. CBL is an approach used for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units. It allows housing applicants to express an interest in

being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units.

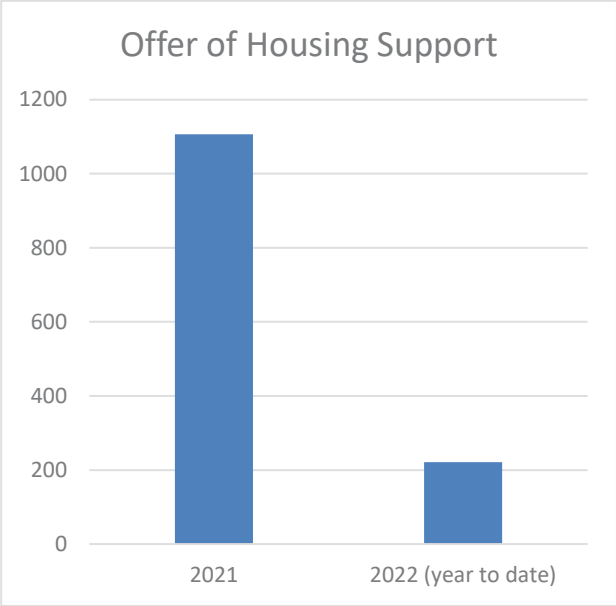
Applicants with active applications can access Choice Based Letting by logging onto https://cbl.fingal.ie using their unique username and password. To access their unique username and password applicants must contact choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie with their housing reference number and phone number. The housing team has issued over 1,200 secure passwords and usernames to date. Applicants are actively encouraged to obtain their passwords and usernames to express interest in any properties advertised.

Approved Social Housing applicants log in each week to check the dwellings that are available using their username and password.

During March, CBL advertised several properties including, a 3-bed property in Wellview which received 39 expressions of interest. There was a strong expression of interest in the Cluid Housing apartments in Norseman which included both 2 & 3 bed apartments 113 & 106 respectively. The 3-bed property in Rivermeade, St. Margarets had 650 views with a strong interest of 53 expressions.

Offers of Housing Support

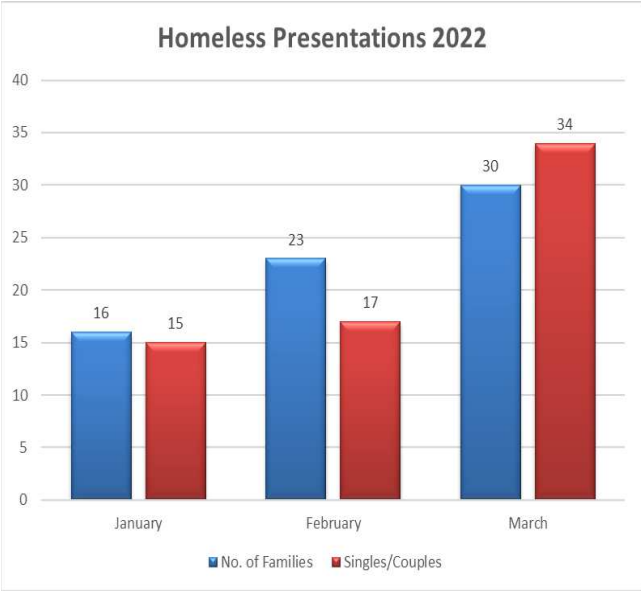
The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout all levels of **COVID-19 restrictions** and this is demonstrated in the chart below. In 2022 to date 221 offers of Housing Support were made to approved applicants.



Homeless Services

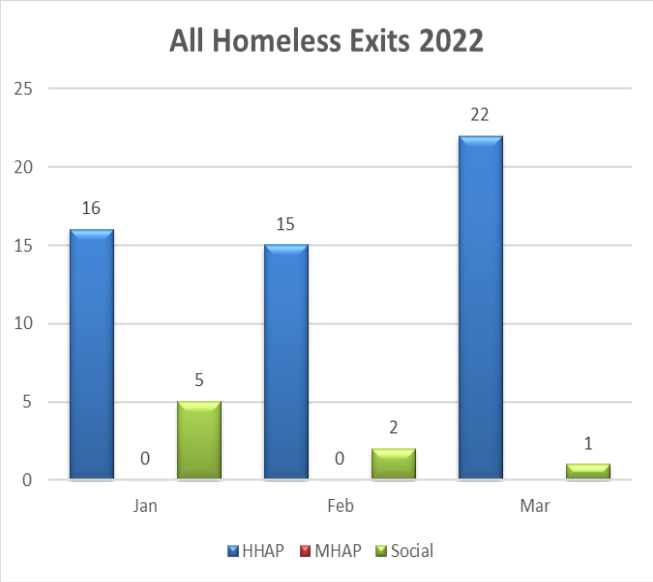
The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out over the phone.

In March 2022 there were 64 new homeless presentations, comprising 30 families and 34 singles/couples.



During March 2022, 23 households, comprising 16 families and 7 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 22 of these tenancies.



Cold Weather Strategy 2021/ 2022

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has activated its Cold Weather Strategy 2021/ 2022 which runs from November 2021 to the end of March 2022. This is in order to meet a likely increase in demand for homeless services and to have the appropriate contingency plan in place for cold weather conditions.

Should there be a cold weather or any emergency event, the DRHE will co-ordinate the response to homelessness on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. Whilst services continue to operate throughout the year to support people experiencing homelessness, during the winter period, services are increased and enhanced to mitigate against the health risks that the bad weather poses.

Draft Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE is currently preparing the Draft Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024.

Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

The Government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response to welcome people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland.

A web page is available at www.gov.ie/ukraine

Fingal County Council is committed to supporting the humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine.

Where Households & individuals present to the Council's Homeless Services and identify as seeking refuge from the conflict, the advice to date is that they should be directed to the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) ipasinbox@equality.gov.ie

Please note that if a situation arises where an immediate humanitarian response is required, Local Authorities are asked to use discretion and provide Emergency Accommodation (EA) in this instance FCC will refer the case to IPAS.

Traveller Accommodation Plan

Traveller Accommodation

A programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on specific sites is currently in development with the County Architect for further progression in 2022. Refurbishment work is planned for a number of sites in accordance with the provision of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-

2024 which is pending a review and will be presented to the Council in the near future.

Daily site visits by Housing Inspectors continue on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Senior Officials are engaged on an ongoing basis with residents and liaise with various external agencies and traveller advocacy groups.



Group Housing Scheme Estate Improvement Works



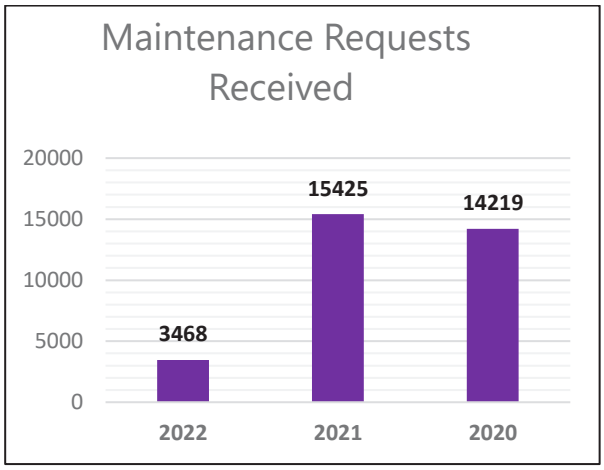
Group Housing Scheme Refurbishment Works

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.

The Estate Management Section continues to work with the most vulnerable and complex of our Tenants in collaboration with our Social Workers, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable of our tenancies.

Maintenance Requests





Recent installation of new kitchen in Pinewood Green

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

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 however when the vulnerabilities, complexities and heath related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment and welfare intervention and supports. Ongoing case management and review with a variety of external agencies, including Approved Housing Bodies, An Garda Síochána, TUSLA and the HSE may be required to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes for our Communities.

Stock Management

Active Caseload

Breach of Ten.	34
Miscellaneous	26
Regularisation	09
Rightsizing	21

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2022

– 0 (Jan), 2 (Feb), 2 (Mar)

ASB Caseload Management

March 2022	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	**34**	**17**	**8**
North County	**28**	**17**	**25**
Total	**62**	**34**	**33**

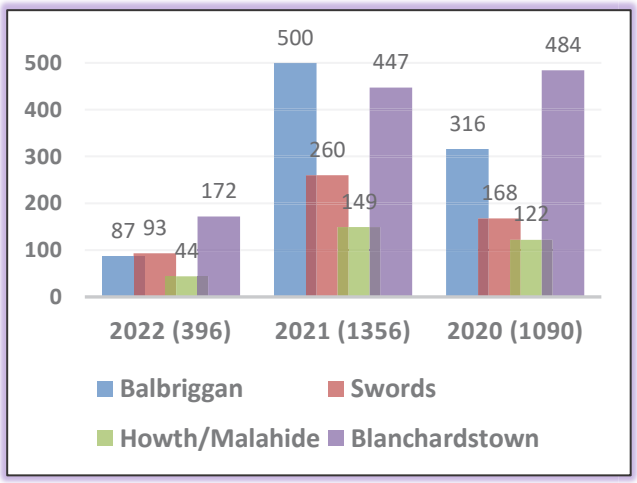
All ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated by a designated team within with ASB Unit and allegations of breaches of Tenancy are pursued accordingly. All complaints are received in confidence.

Estate Management in collaboration with the Communications Unit have finalised an online Tenant Induction video which will be part of the Housing Department's communication suite to induct new Tenants to their homes and provide them with useful and necessary information pertaining to their Tenancy.

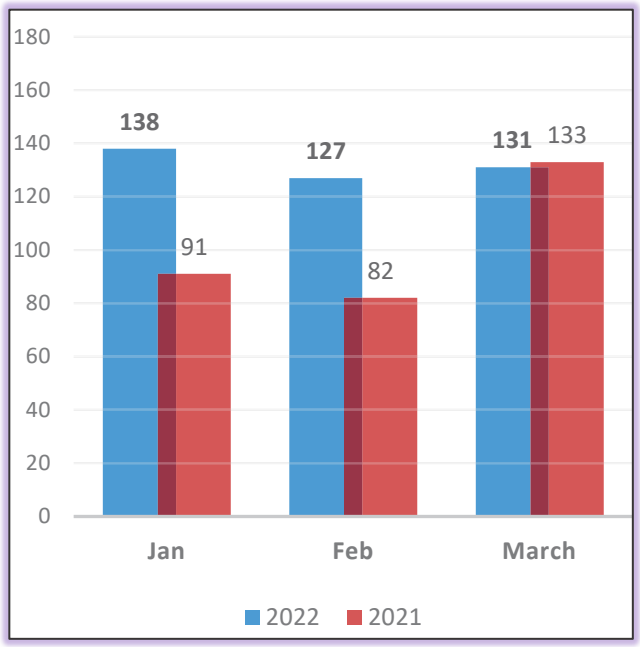




Area Breakdown 2020-2022



Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2021-2022



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2022 **Interviews Held 2021**	**18** 47
Tenancy Alerts 2022 **Tenancy Alerts 2021**	**11** 31
Tenancy Warnings 2022 **Tenancy Warnings 2021**	**0** 2

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2022 Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	**405** 1746
Estate Inspections 2022 Estate Inspections 2021	**354** 1202
EM/ASB Inspections 2022 EM/ASB Inspections 2021	**463** 3117

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Office

Thrive Balbriggan – Clonard Brooke Murals
International Womens Day 2022 – The Community Office North County
Let Play Rush, Urbact Playful Town Initiative – Mid Term Review
Baldoyle Forum
Community and Sports Hub Flemington – Ukrainian Group Capacity Building

Facilities

Fingal Community Facilities Network

Interagency /Strategic

Fingal PPN Rep Induction and Forum
Fingal Draft Development Plan PPN Supports

Integration

Irish Traveller Movement – Yellow Flag Awards 3rd March 2022.
Ukrainian Refugee Crisis – Meeting Delegation / Raising Flag 14th March 2022.

Age Friendly

The Mayor welcomes the OPC back to County Hall
Celebrating Intergenerational Global Week
Intergenerational Masterclass.
Intergenerational Environmental Project, Baldoyle
Cricket4All: Intergenerational Multi-ability Cricket Initiative
Information Event for Older People, Corduff, Dublin 15.
Older Persons Council (OPC) Annual Conference.

Funding

Sports

Active PALs Workshops
Communities Get Moving Fund 2022
Men On the Move

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Thrive Balbriggan – Clonard Brooke Murals

Balbriggan Community Murals at Clonard Brooke have joined the conversation by painting a mural in support of Thrive Balbriggan 'Hello, how are you' Day set for April 7th 2022. Thrive Balbriggan is a mental health movement which involves communities, services and agencies working together collaboratively and in a co-productive way to generate ideas. It aims to build understanding and awareness of mental health and well-being in order to create a mental health friendly community for all.

The Community office in association with Thrive Balbriggan and Mental Health Ireland are supporting the local community in Balbriggan to come together for 'Hello, how are you' day on the 7th of April 2022. Flemington Community Centre will be hosting an information forum with tea and conversations as we ask each other in a meaningful way 'Hello, how are you?' Empower will be leading a 'Hello, how are you' walk and talk with community and there will be a gathering in the square where the Mayor of Fingal will offer a few words of inspiration. There will be presence in Balbriggan of the Thrive Group promoting the campaign throughout the day including a showcase from Men's Shed and Ardgillan College Choir performing for the community in the

square. The day will close with Balbriggan Gospel Choir performing in the Millfield Shopping centre.









International Womens Day 2022 – The Community Office North County

The Community Department supported several groups in the North County to deliver events for International Womens Day 2022. Fingal Community Office and Aster Family Recourse centre hosted guest speakers on various topics from Human rights & equality, gender discrimination, Unconscious Bias, and Person Development. Cairde Balbriggan celebrated International Womens Day with a grand reopening and an event focused on Domestic Violence, women's safety and the menopause. Rush Community Council hosted a self-defence demonstration with the TY students from St. Josephs Community College and gave out key chain whistles, torches and self-defence top tips. Lusk Community Council in association with Ellie Dennis, Irish Judo's Ambassador for Women in Sport held a showcase to demonstrate how Judo can empower women and girls. All events were very successful with large attendances throughout.















Let's Play Rush, Urbact Playful Town Initiative – Mid Term Review

Members from the Urbact Local Group for Let's Play Rush, Playful Towns Initiative attended the mid- term project review with the collective partners towns of Sligo, Donegal, Portlaoise, Rathdrum. The meeting was kindly hosted by Laois County Council who are proud owners of the first plane ever built and briefly flown in 1912. It was a great opportunity to see what Portlaoise are doing, including the lovely mural provided by Foroige. Another great initiative involved a Nature Based Landscape Artist engaging with the residents in an older housing estate to allow residents voice their wishes on how they would like to develop the estate and green spaces using a series of postcards to capture their ideas.

Training on Place Making was delivered by Wessel Badenhorst. Great initiatives and experiences were collectively shared. The FCC Community Department are excited to explore how some of these initiatives can be incorporated into our everyday work across the county.



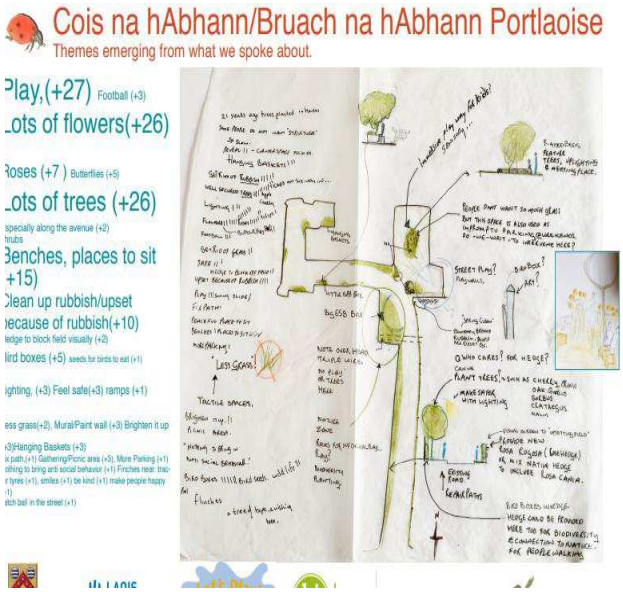












Baldoyle forum

Baldoyle Forum has had a busy 2022 to date with the support of the FCC Community Office. International Womens Day (IWD) was celebrated in partnership with SisterShed Baldoyle on March 8th. A demonstration of self -defence tactics for women, followed by inspirational talks by writer Joanne Faulkner on women's health and by CEO of Environmental Organisation VOICE, Mindy O' Brien, took place in the centre. Individual contributions were invited from the various women present with many moving testimonies given. The forum is co-hosting an inter-generational project with Baldoyle Men's Shed and a local school in the coming weeks. Finally, Baldoyle forum will commence a drop-in service for the newly arrived Ukrainian community on Friday mornings this month. All these initiatives are supported by the FCC Community Development Office.











Community and Sports Hub Flemington – Ukrainian Group Capacity Building

On the 27th of March 2022, a Ukrainian Group in Balbriggan came together with the support of the Community Office to join the Flemington Community and Sports Hub. The group has been meeting in the square in Balbriggan over the last couple of weeks and are now looking to build group capacity and decide on actions for supporting the Ukrainian community.

Flemington Community and Sports Hub is a dedicated space to encourage and support the development of our local groups and services in Balbriggan. The Hub develops and increases awareness of activities in our Community Centres and offers free meeting space for new and re-emerging Community groups. This space supports group development through training and funding opportunities and develops relationships between stakeholder's, community services and agencies.



FACILITIES

Fingal Community Facilities Network

The first meeting in 2022 of the Fingal Community Facilities Network members was held in the Hilton Hotel Dublin Airport on March 10. The agenda included a presentation from FCRS General Manager David McNally on Business Planning for the facility managers and administrative staff in attendance. Other speakers included Senior Community Development Officer Janet Ivers who updated the members on the upcoming plans for new facility operational guidelines. Senior Community Officer Sinead Wiley presented an overview of the Community Development Office work and there was also an additional guide to upcoming funding available to Community groups presented by Senior Sports Officer Niall McGuirk. Community Centre Area Manager Emma Donegan presented a comprehensive overview of the work carried out by the Community Facility Remobilisation group over the past two years of the COVID 19 pandemic.



Each member in attendance also received a pack of newly designed eco-friendly promotional items from the Community Development Office. All items were designed from biodegradable or recycled materials and ranged from bamboo pens and USB flash drives to cotton shopping bags and re-usable water bottle made from Bio-Shiva sugar cane, making them 100% biodegradable.



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Fingal Public Participation Network

Fingal PPN Rep Induction and Forum

In March Fingal PPN reintroduced the Rep Forum as a support for reps engaged in the various committees and boards within Fingal County Council. This session also acted as an induction for new reps who have joined the PPN since the last induction session held in October 2021. The Rep Forum gave the reps the opportunity to engage with the Secretariat members to give them feedback on the challenges and opportunities that they face in their roles. An additional networking element provided further peer to peer support for the reps. We hope that this support will build and strengthen the capacity of the reps in their roles going forward.

Fingal Draft Development Plan PPN Supports

In response to the recent release of the Draft Development Plan, Fingal PPN have a series of events and workshops planned throughout April. Workshops include 'Making Effective Submissions' and a session on how to incorporate the UN Sustainable Development Goals into the Local Development Plan. PPN members will also be able to access a drop-in session with Fingal County Council planners to ask their own questions in relation to the draft development plan ahead of the submission deadline of 12th May.

Integration:
Irish Traveller Movement – Yellow Flag Awards 2022:

The Yellow Flag awards took place online on the 3rd of March. There was input from many schools involved in this Anti-Racism Programme which showcased the projects undertaken by the students. The Community Development Office – Integration Team, work with and provide funding to the Irish Traveller Movement for schools in Fingal to participate and each year we build on this. The schools currently involved in the programme are: Blakestown Community School Blanchardstown, Broadmeadow Swords, Pobalscoil Neasán Baldoyle and Loreto College Balbriggan. Sharyn Ward sang an Irish Traveller song to encourage the groups to continue their very important work both in school and in their communities.



Ukrainian Refugee Crisis – Meeting Delegation / Raising Flag County Hall:

Mayor of Fingal, Ministers and Chief Executive, members of Fingal Staff along with the Integration Team met with members of the Ukrainian community to listen to their voice on issues facing them as a result of the war in their county. The Ukrainian Ambassador Larysa Gerasko spoke about the situation they are facing and commended the response in Fingal. The Mayor and Ambassador then raised the Ukrainian Flag.





AGE FRIENDLY

Welcome back to County Hall



On the 16th Of March 2022 the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Seaná ÓRodaigh welcomed Fingal's Age Friendly Older Persons Council (OPC) back to County Hall after a long two-year absence due to the Covid 19 restrictions. Although the OPC continued to meet over zoom throughout the pandemic they are delighted to be able to meet again in person not only for the social aspect but also for "getting business done". Mayor ÓRodaigh, thanked the member of the OPC for their continued commitment to their roles on the Council and spoke about the importance of Fingal County Council hearing, understanding and considering the needs of the older aged citizens so that we deliver appropriate services that are accessible and inclusive for all.

Celebrating Intergenerational Global Week:

As we emerge from the pandemic now more than ever it's vital that we develop and celebrate relationships between generations to rebuild our communities, reduce isolation and loneliness, improve health and mental wellbeing, help young people to catch up with their learning and to reduce ageism.

Intergenerational Global Week will take place on the week commencing 25th April and will be led by Generations Working Together from Scotland in partnership with Linking Generations Northern Ireland, Bridging the Generations, (Wales) and The Beth Johnson Foundation (England). Fingal County

Council are leading the way in raising awareness of intergenerational practice in the community during April and Vicki Tittering, Manager, Linking Generations Northern Ireland will present at our Intergenerational Masterclass.

Intergenerational Masterclass.

A masterclass on Intergenerational Practice will take place on Thursday 7th April 2022 in the Hilton Hotel. The masterclass is organised by the Community Office and hosted by the Facilities Management Network. Due to the interest in intergenerational practice in the community and the expertise of the presenters, the Facilities Network has increased capacity, to allow participants from other organizations and agencies whom we collaborate with. The experts consist of Ms. Vicki Titterington, Manager, Linking Generations Northern Ireland and Dr. Carmel Gallagher and Dr. Anne Fitzpatrick, who collaborated on the EU TOY (The old and young together) Programme.

Intergenerational Environmental Project, Baldoyle.

A survey of Baldoyle Bay will be undertaken by 5th Class Students in St. Laurence National School, Baldoyle and Baldoyle Men's Shed. The project will take place over four weeks with sea temperatures recorded and samples including different seaweed in two designed areas of the bay will be collected, catalogued, and the information input into a national database. Nine older men from Baldoyle's Men's Shed have volunteered to participate in the project which will commence as soon as Garda Vetting has been obtained by the school.

Cricket4All: Intergenerational Multi-ability Cricket Initiative.

Funding from the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 2021 was awarded in December 2021 for a collaboration between the Community Department and Cricket Leinster.



Cricket4All, a year-long project in Skerries and Balbriggan, commenced in March 2022 with the appointment by Cricket Leinster of a project coordinator. Coaching in table cricket as well as adapted cricket skills and small-sided games will be provided to groups of active older people in the wider community and groups of young people with disabilities to develop intergenerational teams for competition A taster session, to encourage participants from St. Michael's House, the Irish Wheelchair Association and Prosper Fingal, as well as volunteers from Skerries and Balbriggan Cricket clubs took place in Flemington Community Centre. A further session for members of The Ripple Effect in their venue in Balbriggan took place on 30th March with a further taster session planned for St. Michael's Primary School in Skerries. Recruitment of older participants is ongoing.



A table cricket Leaders Course took place on 3rd March in Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan to develop a pool of trained coaches to assist in the delivery of this project.

Information Event for Older People, Corduff, Dublin 15.

An Information Event for Older People will take place on Tuesday 10th May in Corduff Community Centre to provide advice and information for older people on services and activities. A number of organisations such as the HSE, An Garda Siochana, Citizens Information, Alone, Empower and Age Friendly Ireland have been invited to attend the event.

Older Persons Council (OPC) Annual Conference.
A Steering Group was established with the assistance of the Community Officer to organise the Annual Conference which will take place on Tuesday 24th May 2022 in the Marine Hotel, Sutton. A number of speakers have been invited to attend to present a range of topics including the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act and the Decision Support Services. An element of fun is included in the event, with music and dance in the afternoon.

Funding
Sports Office
Active PALs Workshops
Fingal Sports Office with the support of the Community Development team have engaged the services of Age & Opportunity to provide eight four-hour Active Physical Active Leader (PALs) Workshops in Blakestown Community Resource Centre starting on 25th March 2022 and running until the end of May. The objective of this training is to enable members of Older Adult groups or those working with Older Adults to carry out a leadership role in the planning and managing of physical activities within a group or community centre as Active PALs. Eighteen have registered to attend the training with a cross-section of participants Community Centre Staff, Care Staff, members of Men's Sheds, Walking Football Groups, ICA's, Active Retired Groups and Book Clubs.



Communities Get Moving Fund 2022

The Sports Office through Sport Ireland's COVID-Support Fund is administering the Communities Get Moving Fund (Max €1,200 per org) to community groups and organisations to encourage them to engage in physical activity. The groups whose primary focus is not physical activity will be encouraged to link in with their local community centre or Sports Club to avail of physical activity services. Applications will open on April 1st.


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Community, Culture & Sports Division
Communities Get Moving Funding Application Form 2022

The Fingal County Council Sports Office in conjunction with the Sport Ireland invite applications for funding under the Communities Get Moving Fund 2022.

This scheme is open to Voluntary Sporting Organisations who have registered with the Fingal Community County Register(PPN) and whose main focus is NOT sport or physical activity and are working with people in the Fingal administrative area.

Men On the Move

The Sports Office is looking for men in the Mulhuddart area to participate in the Men on the Move programme starting on March 28th. Men on the Move is a free, twelve-week community-based beginners physical activity programme for inactive adult men. The programme will take place twice a week and is delivered by the Sports Office in partnership with the HSE and the support of the Community Office. Men on the Move supports men to begin their journey to (re)connect with themselves via a safe and non-judgemental environment.



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Active Travel

Strategic Planning

The Active Travel team has engaged consultants to prepare an Active Travel Strategy. Strategy update was presented to councillors on the Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC in March 2022. Feedback recorded and worked with consultant prior to update the draft document. A non-statutory public consultation will be carried out for the draft strategy for seven weeks. This will run from the 4th of April to the 23rd of May 2022. Two webinars will also be run over the consultation period.

Interviews with strategic external stakeholders e.g., Fingal Chamber of Commerce will also be conducted to gain feedback on the draft strategy. In addition, a briefing call to councillors will be carried out prior to the commencement of the non-statutory consultation.

Cycle Protected Lanes

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Works ongoing for Phase 1 of the scheme. Bollards installed on Dublin Road between St. Fintan's High School to Sutton Cross. Snag works completed on Howth Road for civil works. Epoxy resin works have re-commenced on Warrenhouse Road for red coloured epoxy sections and on Dublin Road. Works will continue for the epoxy resin scope once weather conditions improve over the next two months.





Junction upgrade works have commenced on Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road. Civil works are on-going on all arms of the junction. New footpaths and buildouts are being installed. Works will progress over April 2022.





Towns & Village

Works are ongoing in the development of a brief for some of our Towns & Villages. A brief is being developed by our Active Travel Team for Balrothery Village to look at the scope of works required to be delivered under our Active Travel pillars.

Work is also ongoing to develop a Brief for Skerries Active Travel Plan in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultant to carry out this study. We have engaged with the ESRI in order to get their input regarding Behavioural Change, Commercial and Socio-economic factors. They are currently reviewing the draft brief to provide feedback and comment in advance of going out to procurement of a consultant.

Connectivity/Permeability

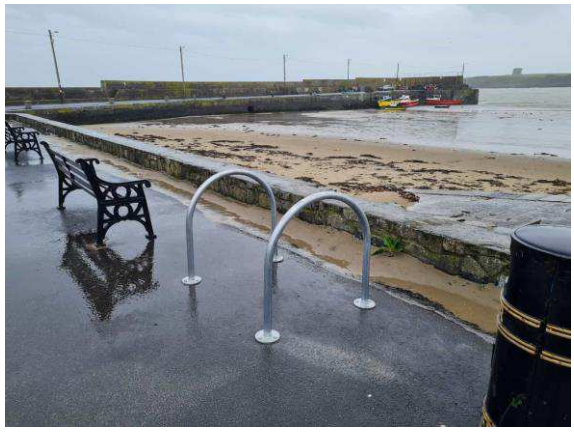
We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation and if appropriate identification of a means of delivery on the ground.

Where there are other project being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within those projects.

Some of the requests that have been received, evaluated and are included in a brief that has been prepared and is going out to the market to engage a consultant to develop these projects through Options report and concept design initially. This will allow the projects to be developed to detailed design for implementation. Once these are further developed, we will make available to the members.

Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design, and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between the proposed strategic greenways and residential, educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

Secure bicycle stand infrastructure





Loughshinny Beach



Kettle Park, Drynam, Swords

Road Safety

School Warden Recruitment Update

The position of temporary reserve school warden was advertised on 01/03/22 until 22/03/22. Unfortunately, only 8 candidates have applied across the 7 LEA's. It has been decided to extend the advertisement for a further two weeks and to resend the application forms to all schools, community centres and through the PPN to encourage applications.

National Slow Down Day Road Safety Authority

The first National Slow Down Day of 2022 took place from 07:00 hours on Tuesday, 1st of March to Wednesday, 2nd of March 07:00 hours. An Garda Síochána conducted a national speed enforcement operation supported by the RSA and Local Authorities during this time.

The aim of 'Slow Down Day' is to remind drivers of the dangers of speeding, to increase compliance with speed limits and act as a deterrent to driving at excessive or inappropriate speed. The overall objective is to reduce the number of speed related collisions, save lives and reduce injuries on our roads.

Excessive and inappropriate speed is a major contributory factor in road traffic collisions, confirmed by an RSA report on fatal collisions between 2008 and 2012 which found that excessive speed was a contributory factor in almost one third of fatal collisions during that time. The higher the speed, the greater the likelihood is of a collision happening and the more severe the outcome of that collision.



Mobility

Marchathon

Marchathon is an annual Smarter Travel Workplaces and Campus Step Challenge that runs during March. It is open to all staff and students of partners of the Smarter Travel Workplace and Campus Programmes. The aim of the Challenge is to encourage and support staff to walk more throughout their day, particularly on the commute, and to support and facilitate long term physical activity where possible.

This year, it was fantastic to see a number of Teams across Fingal participating in the Challenge with one Team in particular, leading the way from the Environment Section. Well done to Team 'Footloose in Fingal' who rose to the challenge and held the top position for the 4 weeks. Thank you for supporting #ActiveTravel in the workplace.



Scoil Olibhéir Fun Run

Well done to Scoil Olibhéir in Blanchardstown who recently held a fun run in aid of St Francis' Hospice. Great to see the kids and teachers using #ActiveTravel and getting out for some fresh air and exercise all for a great cause. The Active Travel Sectrion were delighted ot be able to assist by providing participants with Hi-Viz vests for the vent.





St Patricks Day Parade

Active Travel were delighted to provide support to the Events Team for this year's Swords and Blanchardstown Parades with both the Mayor Seána O' Rodaigh and Deputy Mayor Daniel Whooley being chauffeured in the parades on our brand new Cycling without Age trishaws. It was a great opportunity to promote this initiative which we hope to launch in Summer 2022 and excellent to see people gather again at an event after a long two years.

Staff Lunchtime Cycles

Staff were invited to join the Active Travel Team and members from the Smart Mobility Hub for a lunchtime cycle on Wednesday 24th March and what a beautiful day we picked. The sky was blue and we were delighted heading off into the sunshine for a cycle along the canal. We even managed to entice staff from County Hall to join us. Our colleagues said they felt refreshed and motivated heading back to the office for the afternoon. We are already looking forward to the next one.



Refresher Cycle Training

Active Travel were delighted to host refresher cycle training in Malahide Demesne on Thursday 31st March for councillors in advance of the upcoming cycle study tour to Copenhagen. Well done to everyone who attended. I think everyone found the training beneficial and rewarding and we look forward to holding similar sessions in the future.







Climate Action

The Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) was launched in Sept 2019, and actions are ongoing.

The CCAP Second Annual Progress Report was presented to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee SPC in December 2021 and to the Corporate Policy Group in January 2022 and was well received. The Report outlines progress in summary against all actions and presents an overview of progress against each theme in the Plan. Council energy efficiency targets have been met and the Plan is progressing well. The Report can be viewed at https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024

Lights-out for Earth Hour 26th March 2022

At 8:30pm on Saturday 26th March 2022, Fingal County Council will be supporting Earth Hour 2022 by switching off all lights in County Hall, Swords and Civic Offices Blanchardstown. We will join supporters in over 190 countries uniting to raise awareness of the issues facing our planet and to take action on climate change. Earth Hour is a symbol of solidarity and a catalyst for change to bring about a brighter future for people and our planet.

Smart Dublin Open Data Climate Action Challenge

The Smart Dublin Open Data Climate Action Challenge will launch on 30th March 2022 organised by Smart Dublin, Climate Action Offices of the four Dublin local authorities, the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Office CARO, Codema Dublin's Energy Agency and Derlinx who manage open data publishing and open data for public bodies. Data which is publicly available as open data on National open data portals can be used. Individuals and groups with an idea for a project are invited to apply and entries can be under five climate action themes of Energy and Buildings, Nature Based Solutions and Biodiversity, Flood Resilience, Transport and Resource Management and the Circular Economy. €20,000 in prize funding has been provided by DPER's Open Data Engagement Fund as rewards for the best projects. The Challenge looks for analysis, models and visualisations which use data to produce maps, apps, algorithms to support, gamify, raise awareness of and drive Climate Action in the Dublin Region. Further details can be found at https://smartdublin.ie/dublin-region-climate-action-open-data-challenge-2022/

Environmental Awareness

On 15th March the Environmental Awareness Department in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre delivered 14 childrens and adult bikes and scooters to the Migrant Reception Centre at Balseskin. The children using the service will share the bikes and the adults bikes were allocated by the staff.



Fifteen Musical instruments were also delivered during March to the Centre. This fiddle was handed in at the Estuary Recycling Center and given to a girl in emergency accommodation in Fingal.



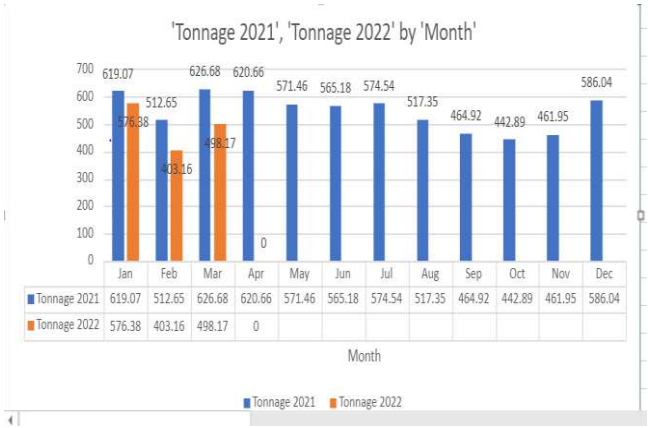
Green Schools Assessments are ongoing. Several schools have eliminated single-use plastic bottles and carry out regular litter picks around the school and are linked in with local Tidy Towns Groups. Pictured here St Patricks School in Corduff Dublin 15 who were assessed for their 6th Green Flag – Global Citizenship Litter and Waste.



Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

The total tonnage of glass collected for recycling in Fingal in March 2022 was 498.17 tons. Details of the tonnages collected for 2021 and year to date are shown below.



The Environment Department continues to look for new opportunities to expand our network.

Risk Assessments have been carried out on two existing Bring Bank sites including Selskar, Barnageeragh Road, Skerries, and at three potential sites and the results will be available shortly.

Painting and power washing of botte banks will continue in April 2022.



Wheelie Bin Site

Above is an example of a Fingal County Council Wheelie Bin Site which are placed at fourteen locations across the County. They provide a recycling service for sites that are not accessible to the large Glassco trucks that has a lifting crane this is often due to large trees and overhead electricity cables.

Textile Banks

The total tonnage of textiles collected for recycling in Fingal in February 2022 was 16.5 tons. March 2022 figures are not yet available. Details of the tonnages collected for 2021 and year to date are shown below.



Month 2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2021	0	19.12	20.97	21.45	21.84	19.61	21.85	22.66	18.61	20.46	20.07	17.72	14.32
2022	0	17.79	16.5										



Howth Harbour Textile Banks



Littlepace Textile Banks Dublin 15

Dog Warden, Dog Shelter Services & Horses

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to patrol the County and issue 10 Day Notices to dog owners who do not have licences for their dogs. This is followed up with a fine if the licence has not been purchased and produced within 10 days of the notice being issued. House calls to check for dog licences in March took place in Paddy's Hill, Portmarnock, Baskin in Kinsealy and Mount Rochford, Balbriggan.

In March, 48 notices were issued which resulted in the issuing of 5 fines. To date, 3 of these fines have been paid.

Month	10 day notices issued	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Payment Received
February	**36**	**17**	**0**	**€0**
March	**48**	**5**	**3**	**€300**

The total amount of receipted dog fines for the first 3 months of the year is €1,200.

Dog Licences

Income from dog licence fees have increased by €920 from February.

	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
February	496	35	€14,820
March	458	47	€15,740

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.



The Dog Shelter Service

The dog shelter holds "Meet & Greet" visits for those looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged, by appointment only, from Monday – Friday, 10am until 4pm and on Saturday from 11am and 1pm



The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners. At the beginning of the month there were 5 dogs in the shelter. During March, 6 dogs were found straying and 7 dogs were surrendered.

Of these 18 dogs, 9 have been rehomed through rescue centres or to members of the public. 9 dogs remain in the shelter at the end of March.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of March	5
Stray dogs brought to Shelter	6
Surrendered by owners	7
Reclaimed	0
Rehomed to Rescue	3
Rehomed to Public	6
Dogs in Shelter at the end of March	9



Chase and Hannah - Two of the dogs who have been rehomed by the shelter in March

Horse Seizures

No horses were found straying in public spaces during March.

Litter Management

A total of 315 planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in March 2022.

Details of fines and warning notices for March 2022 are shown in the table below.

Month	Fines issued 2021	Warnings Issued 2021	Fines Issued 2022	Warnings Issued 2022
March	**36**	**35**	**34**	**39**

There were no Court dates listed for litter fines in March 2022.

Dog Fouling

There were three fines in March relating to dog fouling. The issue of dog fouling continues to be an issue in Fingal. Comms have scheduled anti dog fouling posts on social media platforms to highlight the issue and remind dog owners to be responsible and clean up after their dogs.



Abandoned Cars

The Abandoned Cars Pilot scheme is continuing with the removal of 3 abandoned cars in March. Final notices have been issued to a further 4 registered owners with a removal date in April if unclaimed.



Details on how to report an Abandoned car can be found on https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandonedvehicles

Water Quality Protection

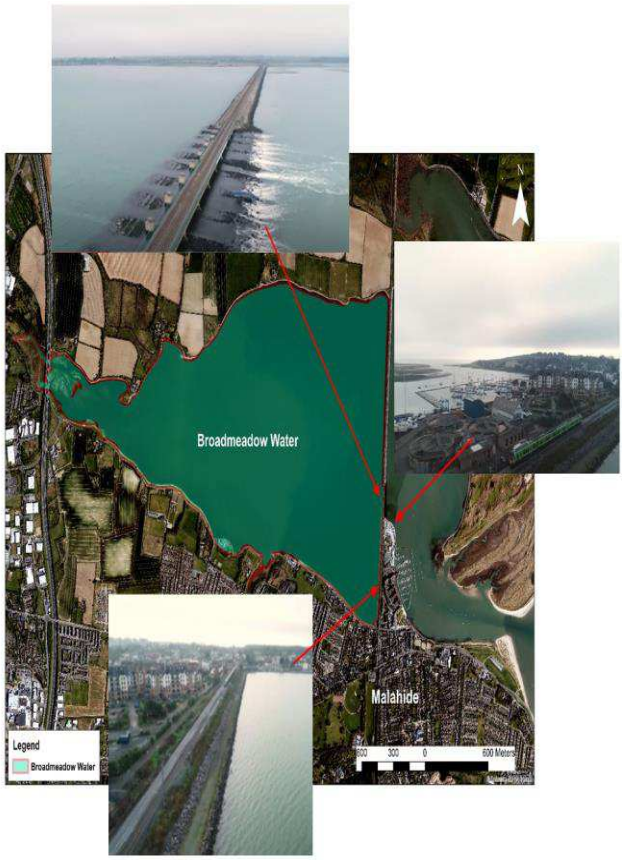
A public consultation is now open on the candidate **Heavily Modified Waterbodies** (HMWBs) as part of the River Basin Management Plan. The closing date for submissions is **30 April 2022**.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on the designation of heavily modified waterbodies, and the review process that has been conducted to feed into the final river basin management plan for 2022-2027. Please forward any comments you may have to catchments@epa.ie

Broadmeadow Water is named as one of the 13 National TraC (Transitional and Costal) water bodies identified as HMWBs, the sole water body identified in Fingal County Council.

A high level summary of the designation review can be found at https://www.catchments.ie/public-consultation-on-the-designation-of-heavily-modified-waterbodies-for-the-third-cycle-river-basin-management-plan/

A technical review document and the list of HMWB candidates can be found here: https://www.epa.ie/publications/corporate/consultations/-consultations/Technical-review-of-HMWB-designation_March-2022.pdf Broadmeadow Water case study can be found in section 5.3.2 of this document.



Map of Broadmeadow Water and some of the modifications present

Circular Economy

Cabinet approves landmark Bill that will introduce world-leading moves to reduce waste and influence behaviour

From Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

Published on 30 March 2022

The Circular Economy Bill, which has been published by the government, will underpin Ireland's shift from a "take-make-waste" linear model to a more sustainable pattern of production and consumption that will instead minimise waste to help significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

In a circular economy, waste and resource use are minimised. The use and value of products and materials is maintained for as long as possible. When a product has reached the end of its life its parts are used again and again – to create further useful products, instead of being discarded which is an all too familiar pattern now. Issues dealt with are GDPR compliant CCTV to detect and prevent unsightly and illegal dumping and littering, among other measures. This will help to discourage "fly-tipping" which is a blight across the country.

With this Bill, over time, a range of single-use disposable products will also be phased out. Among its targets is to make Ireland the first country in the world to eliminate the use of disposable coffee cups, nearly half a million of which are currently sent to landfill or incineration every day, amounting to 200 million cups a year.

This process will begin with a ban over the coming months on the use of disposable coffee cups for sit-in customers in cafés and restaurants, followed by the introduction of a small charge on disposable cups for takeaway coffees that can be avoided completely by using a keep cup. This will operate in the same way as the existing Plastic Bag Levy, which has been so successful in reducing plastic bag litter across the country.

https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/e24d9-cabinet-approves-landmark-bill-that-will-introduce-world-leading-moves-to-reduce-waste-and-influence-behaviour/#:~:text=A%20significant%20action,that%20they%20caused

Waste Enforcement

An awareness campaign is underway to highlight the issue of illegal waste collectors and illegal dumping. Beware of adverts online & leaflets dropped to your door, advertising cheap rubbish removal. If you give your waste to an illegal collector you risk prosecution and a fine in the District court if your waste is found dumped.

Unlicensed waste collectors are collectors that **DO NOT** hold a waste collection permit which can lead to dumping of waste and pollution of our environment. Always ask if a collector has a waste collection permit and if they don't, do not hand over your waste. You can find registered waste collectors through the National Waste Collection Permit Office at: http://www.nwcpo.ie/permitsearch.aspx

Report illegal dumping and waste collectors without a permit to **environment@fingal.ie. #StopIllegalDumping**

Recycle responsibly at our Coolmine and Estuary recycling centres: **https://fingal.ie/.../civic-amenity-sites-provision...**

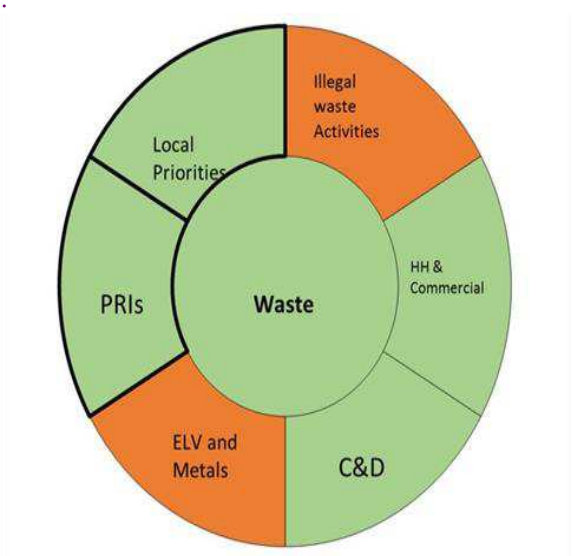




Waste Enforcement - Inspection Plan 2022

For the 5 National Waste Priorities a total of 1101 inspections are planned involving 57 different tasks. The key work areas are:







A breakdown of environmental inspection completed in Q1 2022 across the 4 keys areas - total of 1,324 inspections undertaken so far.

National + Local Enforcement Priorities – Environmental Inspections 2022

Category	No. of Planned Inspections 2022	Inspections Undertaken Q1 2022
Waste Enforcement	1101	152
Water Pollution	999	204
Litter Management	3,216	903
Air & Noise Pollution	248	88

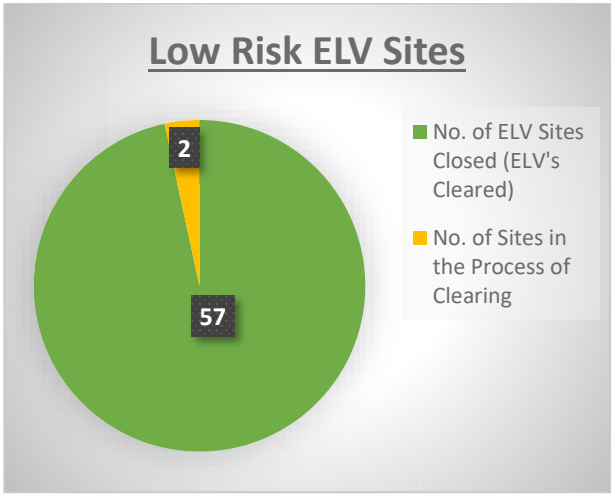
ELV Project

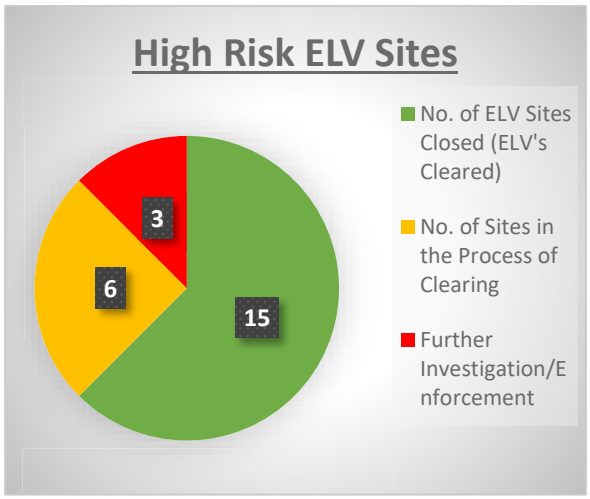
Tackling unauthorised End of Life Vehicle (ELV) sites is a National Waste Enforcement Priority and has been a key Local Fingal Activity for the past 2 years. A total of 82 illegal ELV sites were identified in Fingal comprising low and high-risk sites. Significant progress has been made to date with 72 illegal sites closed and hundreds of ELV's brought to

authorised treatment facilities for recovery. Work will continue during 2022 to deal with the remaining sites with legal action proposed for the more difficult sites. Repeat inspections are also planned to ensure sites already cleared don't revert back to illegal car breaking activities.





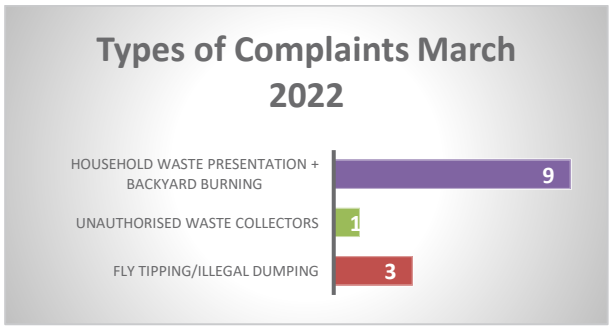




Total No. of ELV Sites	**82**
No. of ELV Sites Closed	**72**
No. of Sites Currently Clearing ELV's	**7**
Further Enforcement	**3**
No. of Inspections	**305**
No. of ELV's Removed	**975**
Directions and Notices Issues	**52**

Waste Complaints

A total of 13 waste complaints were received during March. Complaints consist mainly of backyard storage/burning of waste, illegal dumping/fly tipping issues and reports of unauthorised waste collectors. Information in relation to unauthorised sites/collectors can be forwarded to environment@fingal.ie.



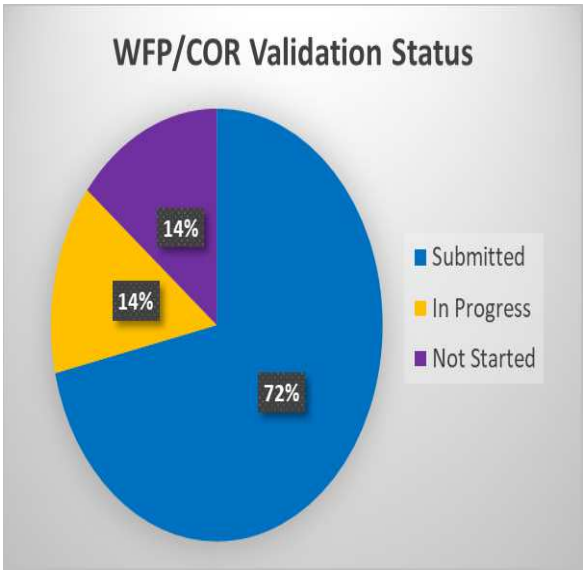


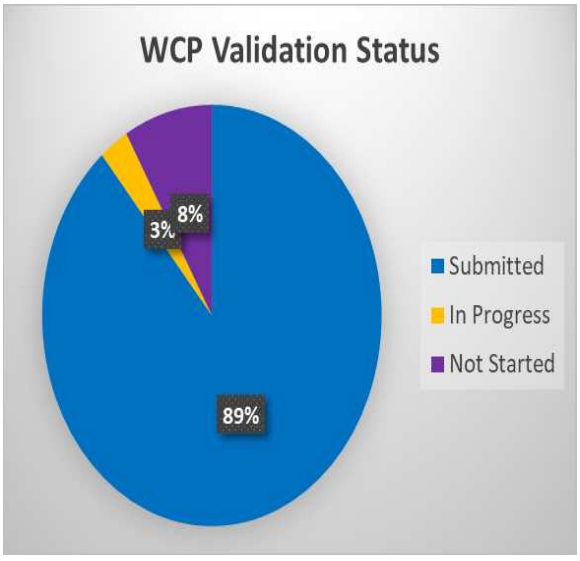


Annual Return Validations

All Waste Collection Permit (WCP), Waste Facility Permit (WFP) and Certificate of Registration (CoR) holders are required to submit an Annual Environment Report (AER) or Annual Return (AR) where they collected /processed waste in any given year. The data gathered during the AR process is used for regional waste planning, waste data reporting and waste enforcement purposes, at local, regional and national level. It is very important that the accuracy of the data submitted is validated. The National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) Eden Portal opens to Local Authorities from 1st April 2022. Waste Enforcement Officers have started work on AR Validations throughout March involving issuing reminder correspondence to all Permit Holders who have not submitted data by deadline of 28th of February 2022. For any outstanding ARs after 1st April 2022, Local Authorities will follow-up with enforcement action e.g. €500 Fixed Payment Notices. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identifies a list of waste facilities which must be prioritised for validation by Local Authorities.

There is a total of **108 WCP Holders** and **21 WFP Holders** in Fingal that require validation in 2022.





C&D Waste

Waste Enforcement Officers continue to ensure the proper management of Construction and Demolition waste which entails both desktop and site-based inspections. In March, and throughout Q1 of 2022, Waste Enforcement Officers carried out desk-based assessments of Construction and Waste Demolition Plans and Article 27 By-product Notifications to ensure compliance with the relevant Regulations including enforcement actions where necessary. Officers work with operators in the construction industry to ensure processes are in place to maximise the recycling of materials but also to ensure waste is disposed of in a safe and authorised manner, including the handling of hazardous wastes arising at sites.





During Q1 Waste Enforcement Officers identified a number of Strategic Housing Development Projects for site-based inspections. Additional sites will be identified in Q2 when WERLA provide a list of Major Public Project priority sites and as building works commence. As part of site inspections, Waste Enforcement Officers ensure that waste is being managed appropriately and that any exports/imports of wastes are carried out by authorised waste carriers and destined to authorised sites.





Waste Enforcement Officers also tackle the unauthorised disposal of C&D waste within the Fingal area. In March, three sites were identified were C&D waste has been dumped illegally. These sites undercut legitimate operators in the industry and frequently lead to environmental pollution incidents. Officers have followed-up with enforcement action including issuing of direction letters and fixed payment notices. For the more difficult sites legal action will be taken to prevent or remedy environmental pollution.

Dunsink Landfill – Repurposing of Excavated Stone

Repurposing natural stone rocks excavated from the Landfill area proved to be an effective cost saving measure to relay some of the internal road network of the landfill. Crushing the large rocks into reduced the need to import stone for this purpose saving on additional materials and transport costs



Photograph 1: Excavator feeding the Crusher with large rocks sourced from the landfill



Photograph 2: Crushed stone coming from the Crusher



Photograph 3: The crushed stone used as a base for the internal road network.

Dunsink Landfill – Tree Planting Programme Commences

Fingal County Council has started planting 14,000 trees across a 4-acre plot (approx. 400 m length x 50 m width) in the former landfill at Dunsink as part of the ongoing restoration of the site and as part. The proposed planting area is located to the north-west of the site, adjacent to the boundary with the M50 motorway. 14,000 trees, of Cherry, Whitebeam, Birch and Crab Apple



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Appendix 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31st MARCH 2022

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	17,914,216	79,782,200	22%	20,163,270	84,923,500	24%	-2,249,054
Road Transport & Safety	6,869,768	27,382,500	25%	2,033,450	7,864,900	26%	4,836,318
Water Services	4,349,456	13,762,800	32%	4,264,975	17,450,600	24%	84,482
Development Management	3,587,769	16,534,600	22%	941,784	5,081,600	19%	2,645,985
Environmental Services	10,739,415	44,689,200	24%	1,338,510	6,821,800	20%	9,400,905
Recreation & Amenity	9,934,182	40,855,700	24%	508,066	1,680,300	30%	9,426,116
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	241,788	1,307,200	18%	55,440	296,600	19%	186,348
Miscellaneous Services	17,654,858	28,343,100	62%	13,498,376	12,395,000	109%	4,156,483
Central Management Charge	10,291,194	47,129,600	22%	743,050	3,518,900	21%	9,548,144
Local Property Tax / GPG				1,878,650	7,514,600	25%	-1,878,650
Rates				38,059,775	152,239,100	25%	-38,059,775
	81,582,646	**299,786,900**	**27%**	**83,485,345**	**299,786,900**	**28%**	**-1,902,699**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2022

		Balance at 01/01/2022 €		Expenditure YTD €		Income YTD €		Balance at 31/03/2022 €
A	Housing & Building	-43,437,957		18,609,024		-7,118,661		-31,947,594
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,743,232		13,166,448		-179,833		30,729,847
C	Water Services	-12,702,629		320,827		-211,123		-12,592,925
D	Development Management	-133,792,824		5,311,231		-10,638,124		-139,119,717
E	Environmental Services	-21,282,804		1,444,079		-367,794		-20,206,519
F	Recreation & Amenity	-12,695,789		7,093,430		-165,112		-5,767,471
H	Miscellaneous Services	-55,983,832		1,414,481		-5,516,066		-60,085,417
	Total	**-262,152,603**		**47,359,520**		**-24,196,713**		**-238,989,796**
	NB***							
	The Opening Balance for 2022 is subject to change as the AFS 2021 is not finalised							

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/03/2022

	Balance at 01/01/2022* €	Balance at 31/03/2022 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	3,445,254	108,160,328	103,093,952	5,066,376
LOANS	1,972,344	1,982,037	249,577	1,732,460
RENTS	8,567,636	8,954,235	4,354,978	4,599,257

* Rates value of debit at 31/12/2021 was 7.636m with a credit of 4.191m which has substantially been offset against demands 2022 leaving an aged debt greater than the opening balance

**Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

**Note: Balances at 1/1/2022 are only provisional and will be finalised on completion 2021 AFS.

Appendix 2

Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2022 Allocations		
Project Code:	**Project Name & Funding Allocation 2022**	**Comments**
FCC/19/005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	
FCC/20/000	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Works are ongoing installing secure bicycle parking facilities across the county. Over 35 locations received new bicycle parking infrastructure in public areas. Since September 2021, Active Travel have Increased bike locking capacity by approx. 300 spaces.
FCC/20/0006	Safe Routes to Schools Programme – Infrastructure (with NTA) €1,500,000	Detailed design works for the first lot of 3 schools is now underway with the design works for the remaining schools to follow in sequence.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €400,000	Design brief and contract documents finalised and feedback received from CPU. Tender competition for the appointment of a consultant to be run in the next two weeks.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €1,700,000	Bollards installed on all sections for Phase 1. Epoxy resin works have recommenced, and works have been carried out on Warrenhouse Road and Dublin Road. Junction upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road has commenced and works are ongoing.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street) €1,250,000	Options report reviewed and returned to consultant to update after internal review. Update given to councillors at Howth-Malahide ACM. Once updated options report is

		completed AT to engage with councillors on report and next steps for the scheme.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €250,000	Design brief and contract documents being drafted for the appointment of an engineering consultant for Q2' 2022.
FCC/21/XXX	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Cycle of route being organised internally of proposed route. Once completed a design brief will be finalised for a feasibility and options report on scheme.
FCC/22/0001	St.Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,750,000	A non-statutory public consultation is now underway between the 25th of March – 22nd April 2022. The public can find project details and plans through the online consultation portal at https://consult.fingal.ie Briefing provided to Cllrs on the 16th March with presentation to follow at Aprils ACM with regard to progress and updates.
FCC/22/XXX	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €1,100,000	All heavy civil and concrete works are now all complete at St Philips school. Planting of rain gardens is to be carried out in the last week of March / first week of April. Epoxy surfacing and pencil bollards will be placed in early April. Further works to follow on 2 junctions and 2 roundabouts to provide a safe route for vulnerable road users, these works are expected to begin in mid April.
FCC/22/XXX	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €1,200,000	Phase 2b works on the junction build outs and uncontrolled crossing locations are now complete with works currently on going on the controlled crossing locations along the route. Upgrade works on the roundabout at Forrest Blvd will be carried out in early Q2 of 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane	Discussions ongoing with Operations/Traffic department in relation to speed limit reduction for section of scheme between Kilhedge Lane

	€550,000	and Ministers Road junction. Active Travel is collaborating with Operations in relation to their works programme to investigate if cycle paths can be introduced on the section north of Minister Road junction to Murtaghs Pub.
FCC/22/XXX	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €1,225,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €1,225,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €925,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €925,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	New Street Permanent Scheme €500,000	Fingal County Council have assembled a multi-disciplinary, cross departmental team who are

		preparing a detailed scope with a view to going to tender for a design consultant in Q2 of 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Local connections to S2M and Broadmeadow €200,000	
FCC/22/XXX	Data collections traffic air, noise. €500,000	
FCC/22/XXX	Permeability Links North County €500,000	A number of projects are identified through our Permeability & Connectivity Tracker. We are also in discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works. Active Travel are currently out to tender for a small works contractor which will be utilised to execute some of these works.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries Active Travel Plan	Work is ongoing to develop a Brief for this project in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultant to carry out this study. We have also engaged with the ESRI in order to get their input regarding Behavioural Change, Commercial and Socio-economic factors.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €100,000	Active Travel have been working closely with the Our Balbriggan Project Team. On completion of the Concept Design piece relating to the overall Our Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy we will develop a Brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project.
FCC/22/XXX	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	Route has been cycled internally. Design brief and contract documents being drafted for appointment of a consultant for the scheme in Q2' 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Strawberry Beds Active Travel Study	Further internal study required on assessing next steps for the study. Once completed a

	€150,000	consultant will be appointed to carry out an active travel study for the area.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal Active Travel Strategy €40,000	Presentation of draft strategy to councillors carried out a SPC meeting. Non-Statutory public consultation for the strategy to commence on 4th April and run for seven weeks. Two public webinars on the strategy will be carried out during the consultation period. A briefing call to councillors will be carried out prior to the start of the non–statutory public consultation phase.
FCC/22/XXX	Balrothery Active Travel Review €185,000	A detailed scope of work is currently being prepared for this scheme with a view to going to tender for a design consultant in early Q2 of 2022
FCC/22/XXX	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	A detailed scope has been prepared for the works and the works are currently out to tender for a design consultant.
FCC/22/XXX	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Chapel Road to An Teagasc Building €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Royal Canal Greenway Connectivity €50,000	Draft for design brief to appoint consultant due to commence in Q2'2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022

ITEM NO. 19

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

Athletics Ireland European Cross-Country Event

Councillor S. Ó'Rodaigh

"That this Council agree to congratulate Athletics Ireland on the very successful hosting of the European Cross-Country Event in Abbottstown last December."

No Report

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022

ITEM NO. 20

CONFERENCE REPORT

Mental Health Policy in Ireland Conference

Next steps for mental health policy in Ireland

All-day, Thursday, 28th April 2022

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with
Mary Butler TD, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People
and
Nicola Byrne, *Shine*; **Fiona Coyle**, *Mental Health Reform*; **Professor Mary Cannon**, *Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland*; **Dr William Flannery**, *College of Psychiatrists of Ireland*; **Paul Gilligan**, *St Patricks Mental Health Services*; **Dominic Layden**, *Aware Ireland*; **Professor Sinead McGilloway**, *Maynooth University*; **Martin Rogan**, *Mental Health Ireland*; and **Dr Margo Wrigley**, *Health Service Executive*

Chaired by:
Senator Annie Hoey, Member, Sub-Committee on Mental Health
Mark Ward TD, Sinn Fein Spokesperson on Health
[full chair and speaker details]

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I hope you will be able to join us on Thursday, 28th April 2022.

This conference will examine priorities and next steps for mental health policy in Ireland.

We're pleased to be able to include a keynote contribution from **Mary Butler TD**, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People.

Issues for discussion include how to tackle the effects of the pandemic; staff recruitment, retention, and support; and next steps for both child mental health services and acute psychiatric services in Ireland.

The conference will be a timely opportunity to consider what change is needed to deliver the greatest benefit, and the implications for mental health services and those that deliver and receive them. It follows the call from the Department for Health for updated legislation on mental health with reform of the Mental Health Act.

We also expect discussion on the application and impact of the €1.149bn allocated to mental health services in the 2022 Budget to help tackle the effects of the pandemic - targeted towards extra out-of-hours support services, child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS), and the national clinical mental health programmes.

Overall, sessions in the agenda look at:

- mental health policy in Ireland - including key priorities following COVID-19
- quality, standards and safety - priorities for provision and improvement
- the mental health and social care workforce - recruitment, retention, and support for physical and mental wellbeing
- delivering mental health policy ambitions - funding, value for money, and organisation
- provision across child and adult mental health services - tackling the effects of the pandemic, meeting increased demand, and ensuring high standards in individual care
- severe mental illness - tackling stigma, delivering quality of patient care focusing on personal autonomy and dignity, and priorities for policy

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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Ward TD, Sinn Fein Spokesperson on Health

9.05 **Key priorities for mental health policy in Ireland following COVID-19**
Mary Butler TD, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 Break

9.35 **Next steps for adult mental health services - tackling the effects of the pandemic, meeting the increased demand for mental health services, and improving the quality of care**
Paul Gilligan, Chief Executive Officer, St Patricks Mental Health Services
Martin Rogan, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Ireland
Nicola Byrne, Chief Executive Officer, Shine
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mark Ward TD, Sinn Fein Spokesperson on Health

10.25 Break

10.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senator Annie Hoey, Member, Sub-Committee on Mental Health

10.35 **The mental health and social care workforce - recruitment, retention, and support for the physical and mental wellbeing of staff**
Dr William Flannery, President, College of Psychiatrists of Ireland
Senior representative, trade union
Senior representative, primary care
Senior representative, healthcare workforce
Questions and comments from the floor

11.20 **Improving the standards of mental health provision**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 Break

11.45 **The delivery of mental health policy - priorities for funding, achieving value for money, and the coherent organisation of services**
Professor Mary Cannon, Professor of Psychiatry, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Dr Margo Wrigley, National Clinical Lead for the Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Programme, Health Service Executive
Dominic Layden, Chief Executive Officer, Aware Ireland
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senator Annie Hoey, Member, Sub-Committee on Mental Health

12.35 Break

13.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas

13.35 **Addressing the mental health needs of children in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic**
Senior representative, social work

13.45 **Next steps for mental health provision for children - addressing the increased demand for children's services and ensuring high standards in individual care**
Professor Sinead McGilloway, Founder Director, Centre for Mental Health and Community Research, Maynooth University
Senior representative, healthcare workforce children
Senior representative, charity
Senior representative, inspectorate

14.05 Questions and comments from the floor

14.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas

14.40 Break

14.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas

14.50 **Priorities for mental health policy in more severe cases - tackling stigma and delivering quality of patient care focusing on personal autonomy and dignity**
Fiona Coyle, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Reform
Senior representative, psychiatric workforce
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor

15.40 Break

15.45 **What is needed to improve the quality of mental health care and patient safety**
Senior representative, health service
Questions and comments from the floor

16.10 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Ireland

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Key areas for discussion: *[back to the agenda]*

Priorities for updating mental health policy in Ireland following COVID-19

- *Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone* - assessing how the strategy is progressing and how mental health funding, outlined in the Sláintecare Strategy, has been utilised
- overcoming challenges - discussing the key issues facing the Mental Health sector, particularly in the context of COVID-19, and what is needed from updates to policy in Ireland
- wider progression - assessing the progression of other healthy mind incentives implemented so far this year and how they can be taken forward into the future

Next steps for adult Mental Health services, the impact of the pandemic, and meeting increased demand

- demand:
    - priorities for tackling the increased need for mental health services post-COVID
    - funding, availability of services, and quality of delivery
- supporting progress:
    - how different incentives and approaches can support improvements, looking at the *Healthy Ireland* incentives and what else may be needed for adults
    - ensuring that new incentives do not overwhelm current services
- stigma - looking at strategies for tackling issues around mental health and gender bias, such as what can be done for men in particular seeking help and the role of specialist services
- quality of care - next steps for service delivery that focuses on the individual, and considering what support is needed to meet supply and demand for services

Supporting the mental health and social care workforce and priorities for recruitment and retention

- workforce shortages - addressing the current deficit of permanent consultants in mental health services in Ireland and how best to support more professionals into these roles
- wellbeing - priorities for ensuring the well-being of the workforce, tackling staff burnout, and issues around retention after the effects of COVID on the workforce
- working environments - how can the working environment be improved, and strategies to enhance the profession's work-life balance and allow sufficient time for education and training
- training - what is needed for the development of additional training posts for psychiatry

Delivering mental health policy - funding, ensuring value for money, and reorganising services

- funding - assessing the level of funding and best practice for allocating to mental health services, and identifying priority areas and what further support may be needed
- service provision - next steps for restarting and redesigning core services to deliver efficient and quality care, and identifying where funding is needed most

Provision for children - addressing the increased demand and providing quality care

- meeting demand - what is needed to enable access to the highest standard of health services for every child
- autonomy - latest thinking on service provision that:
    - respects the self-determination of children in conjunction with parents and carers

    - is able to consult with children and adolescents at each stage of diagnosis and treatment and give due weight to their views, consistent with their age
- treatment - exploring strategies for making sure that clinical interventions minimise intrusion and restrictive environments as much as possible
- individual treatment - looking at what is needed to provide an individual care plan and all necessary information relating to admission, detention, and treatment for each child
- funding - evaluating the funding allocated in the 2022 budget and how this will impact child mental health services, as well as considering where money will be allocated

Mental Health policy and more severe cases

- key issues - definitions of mental illness, priorities surrounding detention, and other care options both in hospitals and at home
- stigma and discrimination - tackling stigma and discrimination around sectioning and severe mental health issues and how to increase awareness among the general population
- delivery of care in psychiatric wards - priorities for improving delivery of care and how to ensure personal bodily autonomy and human rights and retain patient dignity as far as possible
- funding - looking at how funding will be allocated into more severe cases which involve detention or hospitalisation and how best to deliver improvements

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Relevant developments: *[back to the agenda]*

- *Draft Heads of a bill to amend the Mental Health Act 2001*:
    - based on *Public consultation on draft legislation to update the Mental Health Act, 2001* and *report of the Expert Group Review of the Mental Health Act, 2001*
    - with the main areas of focus including: discrimination and stigmatisation; the definition of mental illness and its treatment; criteria for detention; a human rights based approach and a focus on individual autonomy
    - provisions relating to children are spread out across different sections of the Act
- *Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone* - Ireland's mental health policy, published in 2020, focused on developing a broad-based, whole system mental health policy for the population
- *Sláintecare Implementation and Action Plan 2021 to 2023* - outlining additional funding allocated to progress *Sharing the Vision*
- *National approaches to regulating health and social care professions* - the Health Research Board report on the regulation of health and social care professions internationally to help inform future policy decisions on their regulation in Ireland
- *Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025* **-** outlining how the Irish Government can bring about good health, access to services, healthy environments, and the promotion of resilience and ensure that everyone can enjoy physical and mental health and wellbeing to their full potential

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Yours sincerely,

Sean

Sean Cudmore
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Overall, we expect speakers and attendees to be a senior and informed group including Members of the Oireachtas, and senior government officials involved in this area of public policy, as well as from stakeholders affected by the national approach to mental health provision, as well as health and social care professionals, representatives from local authorities, schools and social housing, drugs and alcohol specialists, trade unions, representatives of healthcare and pharmaceutical industries, academics, charities, and law firms, together with reporters from the national and specialist media.

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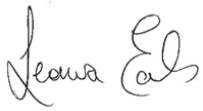
Dear Minister,

I wish to advise you that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at their meeting held on 14th February 2022 adopted the following resolution:

"In the interests of good planning and upholding the integrity of the County Development Plan in the minds of Citizens, this Council agrees to write to the Minister for Housing and Local Government to withdraw the Specific Planning Policy Requirements provisions that enables Ministerial Guidelines to override such plans and lead to the probability of An Bord Pleanála continuing to ignore democratically agreed County Development Plans. The Council further agrees to circulate this Motion to all Councillors to encourage a united approach on this issue."

I would appreciate your comments in this regard.

Yours sincerely



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ITEM NO. 23

USE OF PROMOTIONAL SIGNS AT LAUNCH EVENTS

Motion: Councillor K. Power

"That the Council, in the interest of sustainability, cease the use of single use signs and promotional items at launch events and in photo calls."

Report:

Climate Action and Environmental Management objectives mean that the use of single use plastics is minimised with a view to eradication across the Council 's activities.

Signs and props used for promoting the work of the Council are extremely important communications tools. They allow the Council to highlight specific messages using visual images which are then republished online, in print and via social media.

Every effort is made to use promotional material on multiple occasions. For example, signs used in pre-event photo-shoots are also used again at the event itself, while props such as maps or plans are reused at various milestones throughout a project. Where items are only going to be used on one occasion, we will endeavour to source items that are made from sustainable materials.

The use of such plastics is kept under ongoing review and where alternatives are or can be identified they will be used into the future.

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ITEM NO. 24

WALKING AND CYCLING AT THE HEART OF ACTIVE TRAVEL IN LOCAL TOWNS AND VILLAGES ACROSS FINGAL

Motion: Councillor A. Henchy

"That the Chief Executive in collaboration with both the National Transport Authority and Transport Infrastructure Ireland, as part of the brief for our new Environment, Climate Action, Biodiversity and Active Travel Department, look at carrying out a comprehensive traffic assessment/study that looks at putting walking and cycling at the heart of all our local towns and villages across Fingal. As part of this study, pilot schemes could be looked at as a trial period in the initial stages of the comprehensive study."

Report:

Active Travel in collaboration with the NTA & TII have secured funding this year for a study on Balrothery Village and Skerries to look at all aspects of Active Travel. This includes comprehensive traffic assessment as well as other relevant data collection to evaluate what is required and identify projects that can be delivered to promote walking and cycling at the heart of our towns and villages. These studies will inform our approach to further studies on our other towns and villages across Fingal.

Our Active Travel Strategy which is currently being drafted outlines how Active Travel walking and cycling infrastructure can be introduced across the County.

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ITEM NO. 26

PUBLIC REALM STREET LIGHTING

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

"That the Chief Executive examine the feasibility of enhancing the public realm street lighting strategy to include areas of open space with clearly identifiable pathways which currently are without lighting, as public safety measure."

Report:

Given the shared responsibility of An Garda Síochána and the Council for public safety in the public realm, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee is currently developing the Fingal Joint Policing Strategy for 2022 – 2024 and public safety of all citizens in the public realm will form part of that strategy. The Motion proposed by the Mayor of Fingal Councillor S. O' Rodaigh and agreed by the Council at the February Council meeting of 14th February 2022, with regards to the study of Women and Children's safety in the public realm is on the agenda for discussion with the JPC at its meeting in June 2022.

Public Parks and Open Spaces

The total size of the Fingal County Council's Regional Parks and Open Spaces is **2,035Ha.**

There is no specific written policy on public lighting in parks and open spaces. Public lighting is in place on limited open space locations across the county where the request is merited. The professional technical team in the

Department decide on whether lighting is required and the location and level of lighting necessary for people to travel safely about the County, at night and in some specific locations. Lighting is provided for this purpose or in a case where the public are crossing open spaces on route to bus services etc. where no other lit nearby route is available. Apart from very defined arrangements such as all-weather floodlit pitch use or managed occasional events there is no justification or indeed significant demand for making general provision for people to use the parks during the hours of darkness.

We encourage the public to use the full amenities and resources of the parks and open spaces from opening to closing. It is not our policy to encourage people to visit our parks at night-time and the park opening hours reflect this.

When considering public lighting in the parks or in open spaces we must consider a range of matters including but not limited to the following: -

- Safety of persons using the space
- Prevention of light pollution
- Disturbance to animals
- Installation disturbance to existing trees and wildlife habitat
- Residents' concerns living near the park/open space
- The potential for anti-social behavior
- Costs (both capital and ongoing)

All our parks and open spaces are areas of great importance for wildlife habitat including many mammal and bird species. Artificial lighting has a very negative impact on nocturnal species such as bats. Public lighting in Parks and Open Spaces is examined on a case-by-case basis based on a professional/technical assessment and it is recommended that this approach continues.