Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 12th September, 2022 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:	**Councillors:**
Boland, Cathal	Manton, Brigid
Butler, Darragh	McCamley, Mary
Burtchaell, John	McDonagh, Brian
Carey, Ian	Mulligan, Dean
Dennehy, Brian	Mulville, Paul
Dennison, Kieran	Murphy, Tony
Donnelly, Angela	Newman, Joe
Doyle, Tania	O'Brien, Eoghan
Graves, Ann	O'Donoghue, Robert
Guerin, Jimmy	O'Leary, Tom
Healy, David	Onwumereh, JK
Henchy, Adrian	Ó Rodaigh, Seana
Hopkins, Joan	Power, Karen
Humphreys, James	Rane, Punam
Kitt, Tom	Shovlin, Siobhan
Lavin, Anthony	Tormey, Aoibhinn
Leddy, Ted	Treacy, Natalie
Maguire, Grainne	Walsh, John
Mahony, Howard	Whooley, Daniel

Apologies were received for Councillors Pamela Conroy and Breda Hanaphy.

The Mayor Cllr H. Mahony presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Emer O'Gorman (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); 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); Brian Buckley (Senior Executive Officer); Fionnuala May (County Architect); Pat Boyle (Senior Architect).

F/243/22 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr. H. Mahony, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

F/244/22 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 4th July 2022

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 4th July 2022 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 4th July 2022 be **ADOPTED."**

F/245/22 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 2 to 10, be **ADOPTED**."

F/246/22 (Agenda Item No 2)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Planting of Wild Flowers

F/247/22 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor P. Mulville - Regular Meetings with Directors of Estate Management Companies

F/248/22 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor A. Lavin - Sea Swimming Competitions at Fingal Blue Flag Beaches

F/249/22 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Recycling Dates for Halloween Amnesty and any Other Significant Dates

F/250/22 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Bike and Scooter Racks for Schools

F/251/22 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor A. Graves - On-line Portal - Access Council Housing List

F/252/22 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor T. O'Leary - Court Costs and Legal Fees - Planning Cases

F/253/22 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh - Communication Boards in Playgrounds in Fingal

F/254/22 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor A. Henchy - Fingal Hockey Development Officer

F/255/22 (Agenda Item No 11)
Report of Committees

a **Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2022**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor N. Treacy, seconded by Councillor T. Doyle and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 1st September be **ADOPTED.**"

F/256/22 (Agenda Item No 11b)

Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Meeting Services (B) held on Wednesday 7th September 2022

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Howth Malahide Area Committee Services B meeting held on 7th September 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

a **Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2022**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B meeting held on 8th September 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/257/22 (Agenda Item No 12)

Financial Matters

F/258/22 (Agenda Item No 12a)

Fixing of Date for Consideration of Capital Programme

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

It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor. B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 the Council hereby resolves to consider the Three Year Capital Programme at the October Meeting of the County Council."

a **Financial Assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme - Call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar living area**

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

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

b **Application for Loan Approval from the Housing Finance Agency for Housing Purposes 2022**

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

"That Fingal County Council hereby resolves to raise loans to a limit of €19million from the Housing Finance Agency for any purpose authorised under the Housing Acts during the period ending 31/12/2022**.**"

c **Application for Loan Approval from the Housing Finance Agency for Housing Purposes 2023**

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

"That Fingal County Council hereby resolves to raise loans to a limit of €30.5million from the Housing Finance Agency for any purpose authorised under the Housing Acts during the period ending 31/12/2023**.**"

F/259/22 (Agenda Item No 13)

Proposed Disposal of Properties/WayLeaves/Grant of Right of Way

a **Proposed disposal of lands at Godamendy, Dublin 15, to Channor Limited**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED**:

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

b **Proposed disposal of land and grant of Wayleave at Churchfields Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks**

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

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

F/260/22 (Agenda Item No 13c)

Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

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

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

F/261/22 (Agenda Item No 14)

Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

F/262/22 (Agenda Item No 14a)

Blackthorn Place, Kinsealy, Co Dublin

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

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

a **Chieftain's Way, Balbriggan, Co Dublin**

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

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

F/263/22 (Agenda Item No 14c)
Baymeadows, Phase 1, Co Dublin

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

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

F/264/22 (Agenda Item No 14d)
Hollywoodrath, Phase 1, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15

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

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

F/265/22 (Agenda Item No 14e)

Castleknock Lawn Tennis Club, Plaza Area, Castleknock, Dublin 15

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. Leddy, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh, and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/266/22 (Agenda Item No 15)

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 - Red Barn Skerries Mills

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor S. Ó'Rodaigh 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 Red Barn Skerries Mills Project be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/267/22 (Agenda Item No 16)

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2015 (as amended) for proposed Swords Cultural Quarter development incorporating a new County Library and Arts Venue, and public realm upgrades including the forecourt to County Hall in vicinity of Main Street Swords Castle, North Street and Seatown Road, Swords, Co Dublin

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor D. Butler, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys, 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 Swords Cultural Quarter development incorporating a new County Library and Arts Venue, and public realm upgrades including the forecourt to County Hall in vicinity of Main Street Swords Castle, North Street and Seatown Road, Swords, Co Dublin Project be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/268/22 (Agenda Item No 17)

Chief Executive's Report

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

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr A. Graves and seconded by Cllr N. Tracey –

"That this Council requests the Chief Executive of the DAA to meet with Councillors to discuss issues arising from westerly flights from the new runway diverging northwards upon reaching a height of 650ft; and furthermore that the FCC Executive seeks independent legal advice for Councillors to provide assurances that FCC is indemnified should any financial claims arise on foot of this."

Following discussion, an amendment to the motion was proposed by Cllr. A. Graves and seconded by Cllr. N. Tracey –

"To remove the words: "and furthermore that the FCC Executive seeks independent legal advice for Councillors to provide assurances that FCC is indemnified should any financial claims arise on foot of this."

To read

"That this Council requests the Chief Executive of the DAA to meet with Councillors to discuss issues arising from westerly flights from the new runway diverging northwards upon reaching a height of 650ft."

The amendment to the motion was agreed. Following discussion, the motion, as amended, was **PASSED**.

Following further discussion, the Chief Executive's Report was **NOTED.**

F/269/22 (Agenda Item No 18)

Mayor's Business

a **Councillor H. Mahony - Lighting in Public Parks**

The motion, in the name of Councillor H. Mahony was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony and seconded by Councillor D. Whooley.

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

b **Councillor H. Mahony - Section 254 Licence Applications**

The motion, in the name of Councillor H. Mahony was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony and seconded by Councillor A. Lavin.

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

F/270/22 (Agenda Item No 19)

Conference Report

F/271/22 (Agenda Item No 19a)

AILG - Autumn Training Conference - Celebrating Local Government 14th - 15th September, 2022 - Knightsbrook, Trim, Co. Meath

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

F/272/22 (Agenda Item No 19b)

A Practical Guide to Budget 2023 - Carlingford, Co Louth - 30th September - 2nd October 2022

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

F/273/22 (Agenda Item No 19c)

Irish State Retirement Pensions and Benefits - Clonakilty, Co Cork - 7th - 9th October 2022

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

a **National PPN Conference, Midlands Park Hotel Jessop Street, Portlaoise Co. Laois - 21st and 22nd October 2022**

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

F/274/22 (Agenda Item No 19e)

Innovation in Solar Energy Technology - Clonakilty, Co. Cork - 28th - 30th October 2022

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

F/275/22 (Agenda Item No 19f)

The role of Local Authorities in addressing the needs of Older People - Carlingford, Co. Louth - 11th - 13th November 2022

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

F/276/22 (Agenda Item No 20)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a **Reply received from Office of the Minister dated 6th July 2022 re Item 39 - Representation on the Citizens' Assembly 14th March 2022 Council Meeting**

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

F/277/22 (Agenda Item No 21)

Correspondence

a **Letter from Cork County Council dated 27th June 2022 - re Support Fishing Fleet**

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

b **Letter from Donegal County Council dated 22nd July 2022 re Review of the Rules on Inheritance Tax**

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

F/278/22 (Agenda Item No 21c)

Letter from Wexford County Council dated 26th July 2022 re Long Covid Clinics retained and expanded

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

F/279/22 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Local Post Office Viability

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor N. Tracey.

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

F/280/22 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor J. Walsh - Adoption of the European Circular Cities Declaration 2020

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Walsh, was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and the report was **NOTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 7.57pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER TO THE DUBLIN AND DÚN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION TRAINING BOARD (DDLETB)

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

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

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

The nomination process to this committee is subject to a gender balancing requirement under recently enacted Regulations and requires a minimum nomination of 2 female and 2 male Members.

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ITEM NO. 03

EVALUATING THE 2022 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Question: Councillor J.K. Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide statistics of the 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade across the county and what are the feedbacks, issues and lessons from the different communities and how were the route changes which were implemented received?"

Reply:

In 2022 there were six St. Patrick's Day parades held in Fingal.

Location	Groups	Participants	Spectators
Balbriggan	28	1,192	10,000
Blanchardstown	31	1675	18,000
Lusk	26*	350	4,000
Rush	27*	600	5,000
Skerries	40*	580	6,000
Swords	33	1,923	22,000
Total	**185**	**6,320**	**65,000**

**Including vehicles*

The groups involved have been invited to provide feedback by completing a survey, the results of which will be circulated to members ahead of the next council meeting in November.

Blanchardstown was the only route change, necessitated by roadworks on the N3.

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ITEM NO. 04

FINGAL BIODIVERSITY PLAN - CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive why during a biodiversity crisis the Council has not spent the €500,000 budgeted for land acquisition for Conservation Projects within the County?"

Reply:

The Council acquires land strategically in response to a range of needs and requirements and having regard to the market value and availability of suitable lands. Some lands identified for acquisition for biodiversity conservation were not deemed to be value for money based on market valuations. The Council will continue to pursue the acquisition of suitable and available sites for biodiversity conservation and climate action purposes.

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ITEM NO. 05

COUNCIL'S WEBSITE – COMPANIES IN WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS AN INTEREST

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if she will consider publishing on the Council's website the full list of companies in which the Council has an interest, as set out in Appendix 8 of the Annual Financial Statement, and if she will encourage all such companies to maintain their own simple websites to provide basic information about each company, for example the role and responsibility of each company, the directors of the company, the annual report/accounts, in the interests of public transparency and accountability?"

Reply:

As prescribed by the accounting code of practice the full list of companies in which the Council has an interest in is set out in Appendix 8 of the Annual Financial Statement, which is published annually on our website.

It is a matter for each individual company to decide what information they are going to publish on the web. From a transparency and public interest perspective, the specific information requested is available from the annual accounts, which is accessible on the Companies Registration Office Ireland website.

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ITEM NO. 06

ONLINE PLANNING INFORMATION – SECTION 5 OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to put all declarations made pursuant to Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act which are put on the public planning register by virtue of Section 5 (5) on the online planning register?"

Reply:

All Section 5 declarations of the Planning & Development Act are available to view on Fingal's online planning website:

https://planning.agileapplications.ie/fingal/search-applications/

By entering FS5 in the 'Quick search field' all Section 5 declarations will be returned.



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ITEM NO. 07

FINGAL COUNCIL LAND BANK FOR HOMES FORWARD LAND PURCHASE

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what land has been purchased by the Council in Fingal in the last 5 years for new housing, social and affordable, how many acres or hectares, when it was purchased, what amount of funding have we in the Capital Budget specifically to buy land, zoned or unzoned for new housing in Fingal, who is tasked with seeking out and buying land forward for housing, how is the Council actively doing this; seeking land for housing, what is the target and purchase quantum in hectare for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026?"

Reply:

The Council has in excess, of 115 hectares of residential zoned lands already in its ownership. These lands will support the delivery of both social and affordable housing over the next 5 to 6 years. Most of the landbank is currently at either the planning, procurement, or contractor on–site stage.

The Council has purchased a total of 7.47 hectares of land in the last five years for new social and affordable housing delivery.

A total of €21m is being proposed under the Capital Programme 2023 - 2025 to fund the purchase of lands to provide both social and affordable housing.

The Housing Department considers every opportunity to increase the provision of housing in the county through negotiations with developers and landowners in relation to land purchase and turnkey acquisitions. Good contacts have been built up with local estate agents and valuers who may be in a position, to bring

forward opportunities as they arise. The Housing Department collaborates with the Property Section of the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department with regard, to the purchase of land.

A call for expressions of interest is also on the Fingal County Council website.

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ITEM NO. 08

WARM ZONES

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if she will consider, due to the increase in energy costs if the Fingal County Council building could be set up as warm zones this winter?"

Reply:

The Councils buildings, including libraries, community centres and other public buildings, are available for the public to visit and to use during their respective opening hours throughout the week.

In addition, the Council is adhering to the requirement for internal space heating temperatures of all public buildings to be set to 19 degrees Celsius, and currently have no plans to set up warm zones in Council buildings. The Fingal County Council Energy team will continue to follow the guidance on the minimum recommended temperatures for heating, as set out in the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) and SEAI.

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ITEM NO. 09

UPDATE ON PART 8'S IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide an update summary on the current status of all Part 8 planning applications across the County and can a projected timeline be given for the commencement and completion of these Part 8's?"

Reply:

The Council has approximately 63 Part 8 projects across the organisation at various stages as outlined in the table below:

Stage/Current Status	Number
Project Scoping	24
In Preparation	5
Preplanning	0
Planning	2
Granted, project to commence onsite	29
Onsite	3
Total	63

There are approximately 24 projects which are at a Project Scoping Stage, and which have an anticipated commencement of the Part 8 process over a time horizon of 1 - 3 years, depending on the scope and scale of the project.

There are 5 projects being prepared to commence the Part 8 process and which have an anticipated commencement of the Part 8 process over the next 12 – 18 months.

There are no projects currently in the preplanning stage with the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

There are 2 projects currently in the Part 8 process which are anticipated to be brought before the Council Members in October for approval.

There are 29 projects which have Part 8 permission granted between 2017 and 2022, which have varying timeframes for commencement and completion of the project according to the availability of resources. It should be noted that there is no expiration of a Part 8 permission.

There are 3 projects currently onsite which have varying timeframes for completion according to the scope and scale of the project.

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ITEM NO. 10

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO BEAUMONT HOSPITAL

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive if a bus service exists from the major towns in Fingal to Beaumont Hospital, if not, then how can this problem be addressed?"

Reply:

As this is a matter for the National Transport Authority it would be more appropriate for the Councillor to contact them directly in this regard.

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ITEM NO. 11a

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2022

(A) Budget 2022 and Local Property Tax

Mr. Oliver Hunt made the following presentation to the Members:



CPG

"The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) acts as a forum where policy decisions affecting the entire council can be agreed for recommendation to the full council."

Key Decision dates

10 October – LPT decision

8 November – Budget meeting

LPT – Fingal

Provisional LPT allocation	2022 (Old LPT regime)	2023 (New LPT regime)	Movement
LPT 100%	38,153,333	40,533,514	2,380,181
20% Equalisation	7,630,667	0	(7,630,667)
Self funding			
Roads & Housing	19,192,725	27,714,199	8,521,474
Discretionary			
Baseline	3,699,275	3,699,275	0
Surplus discretionary	7,630,667	9,120,040	1,489,373
10% reduction	(3,815,333)	(4,053,350)	(238,017)
Net discretionary spend available	**7,514,609**	**8,765,965**	**1,251,356**

Local Property Tax – impact on liable person

LPT 2022 Valuation Bands	0-200,000	200,001-262,500	262,501-350,000	350,001 – 437,500	437,501 – 525,000	525,001 – 612,500	612,501 – 700,000	700,001+
Annual LPT payable € (no variation)	90	225	315	405	495	585	675	
No of properties (net)	14,688	17,517	27,418	19,278	11,322	6,380	3,768	8,411
% of properties	13.5%	16.1%	25.2%	17.7%	10.4%	5.9%	3.5%	7.7%
Implication of variations								
Cost at -10%	81.00	202.50	283.50	364.50	445.50	526.50	607.50	
Cost at -15%	76.50	191.25	267.75	344.25	420.75	497.25	573.75	
Difference (per year)	**4.50**	**11.25**	**15.75**	**20.25**	**24.75**	**29.25**	**33.75**	
Difference (per week)	**0.09**	**0.22**	**0.30**	**0.39**	**0.48**	**0.56**	**0.65**	

Cost of -10% variation for c.83% of LPT payers is less than €0.48 per week,

Note: Based on information supplied by Revenue Commissioners.

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2023 Budget Pressures

- Public Service Wage Deal c.€4.0m - €5.0m

Note: Public Service wage deal is subject to agreement with relevant unions. The estimate is based on applying agreement to 2022 payroll budget as a base. This does not include other increases, increments, additional staffing etc.

- Energy costs (OGP) c.€4.0m+

Note: OGP have advised that they have been only able to fix rates until end Q3 2022. Prices beyond that will be subject to market rates until fixed pricing can be agreed.

- General inflation CPI - 8.7%

Note: CPI August 2022.

- Pension & Retirement costs c.€2.5m
- Fire Service costs
- Continued pressure on service delivery
- Capital funding requirement
- Rates buoyancy

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Following discussion, the presentation was NOTED, and it was AGREED that an update on the Council's Energy Performance Contract and energy use would be circulated to all Members of the Council.

(B) County Development Plan

Mr. Matthew McAleese introduced this item and gave a verbal report on the issuing of the County Development Plan agenda and reports.

The meeting concluded at 6.40pm.

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ITEM NO. 11b

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULDUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR SERVICES B MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2022

The following reports, by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was CONSIDERED:

Applications for Funding

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

Name of Applicant Group	Eligible Funding 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
Muslim Women Together	€3,000	Room Hire €70.50 insurance estimate €260.00 Flyers 2023 €209.00 Flower Demo €360.00 Vikings €192,00 Room Hire Food festival 2023 €235.00	Y 2019 2021 2022	2019 - €905.56 2021 - €1,757.60 2022 - €752.00	€1,242

Fortlawn Flower Power	€3,000	6 garden hoes €89.94 6 Hand forces €8.99 each €53.94 6 Robin digging forks €149.94 2 Galvanised wheelbarrows €159.98 Petrol lawn mower €329.99 Flower seeds feed €300.00 Laptop 256 Gb SSD €529.00 Cannon wireless printer cp 130 €149.00 Ink and paper €200.00 Phone Galaxy a13 €200.00	N	N/A	€2,570
Mountview Family Resource Centre	€3,000	Cost of Tutor per session €70.00 Cost of Tutor for 36 weeks €2.520	Y 2015 2016 2017 2020 2022	2015 - €1,500 2016 - €2,265.60 2017 - €1,500 2020 - €2,000 2022 - €1,680	€2,520
Briarswood, Huntstown Lawn and Woodlands Residents Association	€3,000	Development of Website €996.30 Laptop €649.99 Mobile Phone €519.00 Gardening Equipment €847.95	Y 2020 2021	2020 - €1,552.98 2021 - €329.00	€3,000
Jesuit Refugee Service Ireland	€3,000	Translators for Inclusion Week Event x3 €774.90 speaker (equipment) for onsite events €259.99 Cricket Set X 3 €120.00 Event banner flag €80.00 Kids Disco for Midterm Party €320.00 Cabinet to Store speaker €199.00 Frozen Christmas Party €210.00 Reusable Halloween Decor €90.00 Reusable Christmas Decor €90.00 Tin whistle X 30 €195.00	N/A		€2,339.00

Erin Go Bragh GAA	€ 3,000	2 x 4.57m x 2.13m (15'x7') 48.3mm Aluminium Goal €1,783.50 1 Titan Line Spray Marker €1,273.05 Senior Gaelic Hurling Net 21'x8' with fittings €453.87 Delivery Cost €98.40	Y 2020	2020 - €1,458.50	€ 3,000.00

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 M. McCamley
Area Chairperson

Applications for Funding (Arts)

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

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Duo Chagall	€15,000	Classical Music Festival in three Fingal venues.	Y	2020 - €14,000 2019 - €11,000 2018 - €5,500 2017 - €4,500 2016 - €4,000 **€39,000**	€15,000

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 M. McCamley
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 11c

QUARTERLY REPORTS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Council Members	Cllr Tom. O Leary, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power	
Non Council Members		
Meeting Date 2022	Theme/Policy issue	Update
5th September 2022	Review of the Allocation Policy for Allotments	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was **Noted.**
5th September 2022	Coolmine and Estuary Recycling Centres- A review of Pricing and the Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was **Noted.**
5th September 2022	Active Travel Work Presentation	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was **Noted.**

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillors B. Mc Donagh (Chair), T. Doyle, D. Mulligan, P. Rane, T. Kitt, B. Dennehy.	
Non Council Members	Mr. Paul Arnold	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
6th September 2022	Guest Speaker – Ms Karina Fitzgerald – Planning Advisor/Marine Planning Policy of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	A presentation was given to the Members on Marine Planning Policy in relation to Fingal's Coastline. Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Fingal Development Plan 2023 -2029	An update on the Development Plan regarding the various stages of the Plan and the forth coming Meetings due to commence on 20th September was given. This was **NOTED.**
	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on all Local Area Plan's and Studies was given to the Committee and a discussion regarding the current projects out on public consultations in relation to the Draft Sustainable Swords Strategy and Draft Lissenhall East LAP. Following a discussion, the update 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.**
	Flood Risk Assessment	A presentation was given to the Members on Flood Risk Assessment. Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Derelict Site Register	A presentation was given to the Members on the Derelict Site Register. Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor Darragh Butler, Councillor Tony Murphy, Councillor Ian Carey, Councillor Ted Leddy, Councillor Breda Hanaphy, Councillor Howard Mahony, Councillor Anthony Lavin	
Non-Council Members	Mr Anthony Cooney, Ms Yetunde Joyce	
Meeting Date 2022	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
13th September 2022	Fingal Skills Strategy Update	Presentation by Ms Aoife Sheridan. **Noted** the Skills Strategy Group are progressing a Skills Event for 2023 which will focus on apprenticeships and further education.
13th September 2022	Sustainable Fingal Update	Presentation by Ms Aoife Sheridan. Ms Sheridan provided details

		on a proposed MoU between the Council, DCU and DAA to drive innovation on sustainable measures in aviation. Promotion of the SEAI Energy Audit Grant targeted at the business community in Fingal was **Noted**. The Council is to liaise with Fingal Chamber on the forthcoming business sentiment survey in Fingal to incorporate questions on energy costs for businesses. The Council's Sustainable Agriculture Pilot and how the pilot is to be monitored and evaluated was discussed. The importance of sustainable agricultural practices and the issues of run-off pollution and consequential impacts on tourism were noted. Councillor Carey encouraged the Council to engage with NGOs on the pilot.
13th September 2022	Councillor I. Carey - Fingal Food Policy - AI080071	Report circulated to Councillors. The Council will progress the Food Policy and engage with experts and stakeholders in the process and will keep the SPC apprised of progress.

MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor Eoghan O'Brien (chair), Councillor Adrian Henchy, Councillor Brian Dennehy, Councillor Robert O'Donoghue, Councillor Tom O'Leary, Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Cathal Boland, Councillor Karen Power, Councillor David Healy	
Non Council Members	Maire O'Brien PPN, Noel Bulger, National Parks & Wildlife Service	
Meeting Date 2022	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
15th September 2022	National Parks Wildlife Services	A presentation was given by the NPWS, followed by discussion/questions
	Motion - Rogerstown Outer Estuary Coastal Defence Project	Following discussion, the report on the motion was **Noted .**
	Motion - Year-Round Swimmers Lifeguard Training	Following discussion, the report on the motion was **Noted .**
	Motion - Encouragement to Clubs	Following discussion, the report on the motion was **Noted .**

HOUSING SPC

Council Members	Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Brigid Manton, Cllr. James Humphreys, Cllr. Natalie Treacy, Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Cllr. John Burtchaell, Cllr. Adrian Henchy.	
Non Council Members	Mr Finbarr Geaney, Mr Dayakar Reddy Komirelly	
Meeting Date 2022	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
27th September	Minutes of meeting of the Housing SPC held 27th June 2022	
	Housing for All	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date, targets, and planned developments.
	Draft Vacant Homes Plans 2022 -2027	Presentation on the current strategy, with key

		objectives and actions.
	Rent Assessment	Presentation on review of current rent assessments.
	Motion - Councillor N. Treacy - Housing Evictions - AI08248	Following discussion, the report was **NOTED.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURAL & CREATIVITY MANAGEMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor Joan Hopkins (Chair) Councillor John-Kingley Onwumereh Councillor John Walsh Councillor Grainne Maguire Councillor Cathal Boland Councillor Seana O Rodaigh
Non Council Members	Abbi Wise Liz Madden

Meeting Date 2022	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
28/09/2022	Heritage Office Update	Presentation **Noted**
28/09/2022	Creative Ireland Strategy	Presentation **Noted**
28/09/2022	Subgroup - Funding Scheme for Non Council Owned Community Facilities	Report discussed and revised scheme referred to the next available CPG.
28/09/2022	Subgroup - Childcare in Fingal	Work to continue Fingal Research Project with SPC subgroup to be formed post CDP meetings.

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ITEM NO. 12

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Capital Programme

2022 Outturn

Capital Programme 2023-2025

10th OCTOBER 2022

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2022

Report on Capital Programme
Outturn 2022 & Capital Programme 2023-2025

INTRODUCTION

The Three-Year Capital Programme 2023-2025 is attached for the Members' consideration. In addition, an up-to-date projected Outturn on the Capital Programme for 2022 is also attached. The original Programme for 2022 was presented to the Members at the Council Meeting of October 2021.

It is important to note that consideration of the Capital Programme by the Members does not confer Council approval on any individual project. This can only be done through the normal statutory processes and compliance with the Public Spending Code. Funding arrangements also need to be clearly identified and secured in advance of committing to any project.

The Capital Programme is a rolling programme which will be revised annually - time and other constraints may vary the progress of projects within a given period.

The original Capital Programme for 2022 provided for estimated expenditure of €236.79m and identified 225 projects. The projected Outturn expenditure for 2022 is €180.69m which represents significant progress and investment in the County.

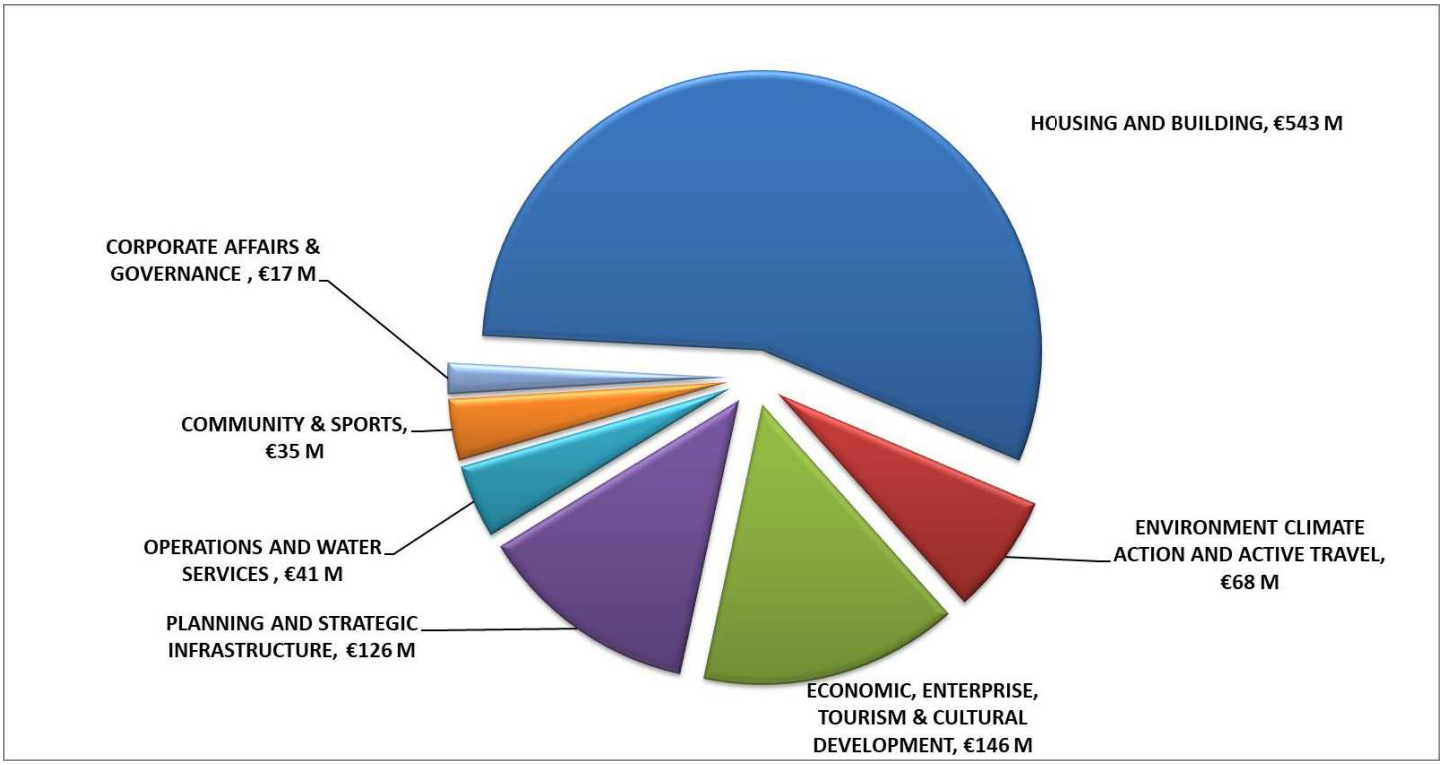
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023 - 2025

The Capital Programme 2023-2025 identifies 266 individual projects with an estimated spend of **€976.04m** over the 3 years.

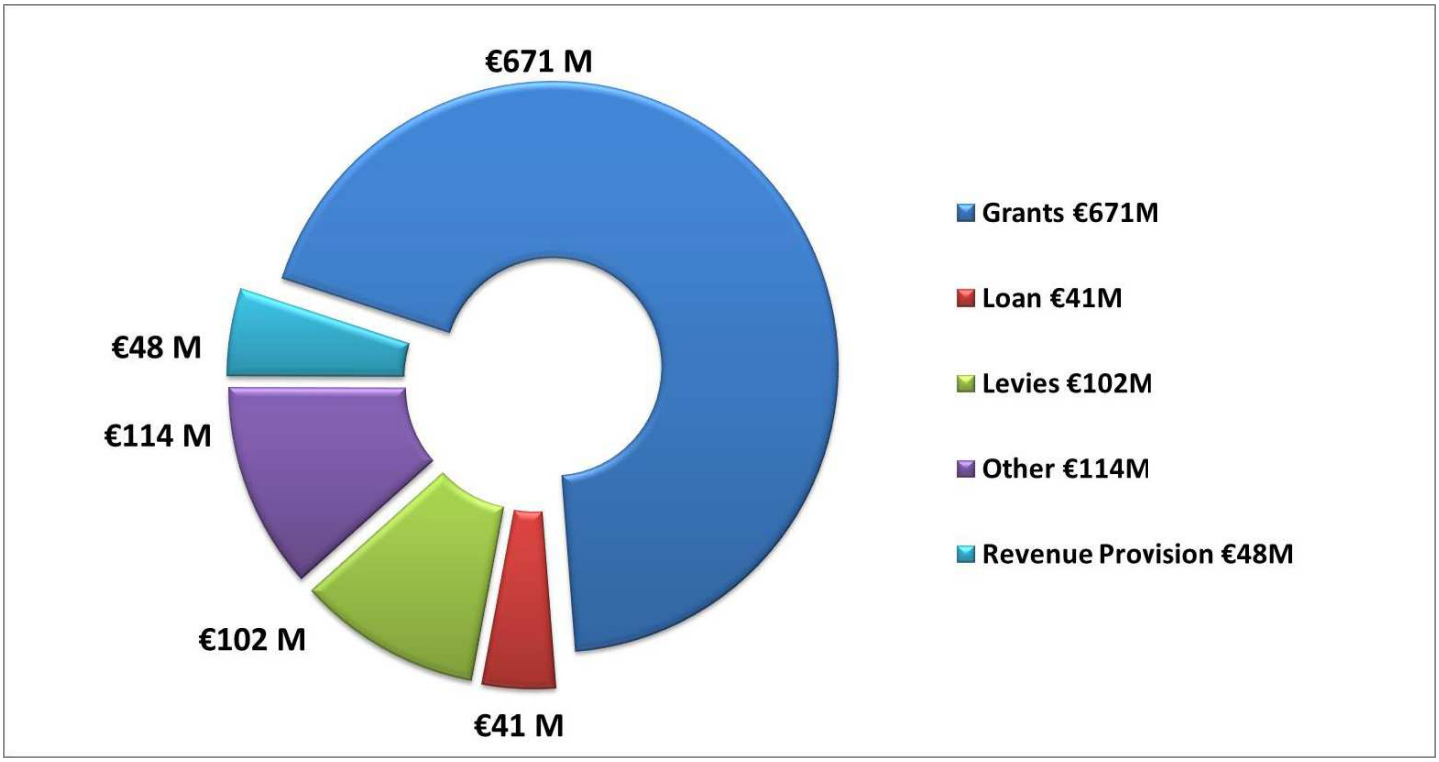
This expenditure can be summarised as follows:

EXPENDITURE					FUNDED BY					
	2023	2024	2025	Total Expenditure 2023-2025	Levies	Grants	Loan	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
HOUSING	132,840,000	197,050,000	212,710,000	542,600,000		525,585,000		8,850,000	8,165,000	542,600,000
COMMUNITY & SPORTS	12,420,003	16,528,020	5,635,140	34,583,163	3,976,817	40,888		10,109,810	20,455,649	34,583,163
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE	33,290,000	38,660,000	53,790,000	125,740,000	68,840,000	54,100,000			2,800,000	125,740,000
OPERATIONS AND WATER SERVICES	17,127,000	12,990,000	11,328,000	41,445,000	28,715,000	1,866,250		8,713,750	2,150,000	41,445,000
ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE ACTION AND ACTIVE TRAVEL	28,531,769	26,983,306	12,646,673	68,161,748		64,911,748		3,250,000		68,161,748
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	37,125,924	51,472,504	57,511,879	146,110,307	390,000	24,665,000	40,711,900	9,237,500	71,105,907	146,110,307
CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE	7,450,000	5,850,000	4,100,000	17,400,000				8,150,000	9,250,000	17,400,000
	268,784,696	349,533,830	357,721,692	976,040,218	101,921,817	671,168,886	40,711,900	48,311,060	113,926,556	976,040,218

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY DIVISION



SOURCES OF FUNDING – CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025



HOUSING

The total estimated expenditure for Housing capital works in this Division totals €542.6m for the period 2023-2025.

2023 € 132,840,000
2024-25 € 409,760,000

Introduction

This projected spend underpins this Council's commitment to delivering a significant housing programme in accordance with Government Housing policy and Housing for All, a new Housing Plan for Ireland.

The overall objective is to maximise the supply and availability of suitable accommodation for households unable to provide accommodation from their own resources and to provide good quality housing to purchase or rent at an affordable price. It is expected that over the 3 year period this funding will enable the Council to realise and deliver a significant number of social housing dwellings via all available housing support mechanisms.

Projects Include

- New Build Social Housing
- Mixed Tenure/Affordable Homes
- Capital Advance Leasing Facility – various projects
- Management of existing housing stock/ Asset Management.
- Traveller Accommodation Programme

New Build Social Housing.

A total of €230.3m has been provided in the Capital Programme for expenditure on Council own build construction, which includes funding to construct 2153 homes to be delivered between 2023 and 2025.

Mixed Tenure/Affordable Homes

A provision of €104m has been made for the development of the major land banks in the County including an amount of €49.5m for the Church Fields development and €19.0m for the Ballymastone development. A provision has also been made of €37.5m for Mayeston development. These land banks will deliver a mix of affordable purchase, cost rental and social homes with construction of 300 homes in Church Fields commencing in early 2023.
Funding has been provided for the delivery of 52 affordable purchase homes in Hayestown, Rush with construction due to commence in Q4 2022.

An amount of over €20.0m has been provided across the 3 year period for future land purchase.

Approved Housing Bodies

Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) play an important role in the delivery of social housing. The ability of AHB's to source non state funding under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme (CALF) assists the Council to achieve overall delivery of social housing in the county. Provision has been made for the delivery of units under CALF during the period 2023-2025 at an estimated cost of €87.7m.

A provision of €15m has been made under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) for the acquisition of social housing to cater for priority groups such as homeless persons, elderly persons, people with a disability with a particular emphasis, but not exclusively, on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting to community living.

Asset Management

This Capital Programme provides for significant investment in Council owned housing stock over the period 2023 – 2025. Effective asset management means that our homes will meet the needs and standards for the future, therefore sustainability is a key theme.

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is in the second of a ten-year programme which provides for the move to a 'deeper retrofit' programme, thus building on what has been completed in previous years. The revised programme focuses on ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded with approved properties to be retrofitted to a B2/Cost Optimal standard.

A provision of €29.1m has been made for asset management during the period 2023 – 2025.

A provision of €1.5m for works to council owned dwellings for people with a disability is also included.

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-24 was adopted by the Council at its meeting on 8th July 2019. A national provision of €18m has been provided by Government with respect to expenditure on Traveller specific projects for 2022. Work is ongoing in relation to a number of projects in accordance with the Council's Traveller Accommodation Plan and it is anticipated that an application for funding will be submitted to the Department of Housing in the current year for capital funding. The Council recently delivered a Group Housing Scheme comprising of 7 Traveller specific units at Stockhole.

Estate improvement works, not directly related to the provision or refurbishment of accommodation, are funded by the Councils own resources and funds are transferred from the Revenue Budget for this purpose.

COMMUNITY & SPORTS DIVISION

The projected expenditure in this area totals €34.6m for the period 2023-2025.

2023	**€12,420,003**
2024 – 2025	**€22,163,160**

The Community & Sports Development Department comprises the activities of the Community Development Office, Community Facilities Management, Integration, Social Inclusion, PPN, Fingal Age Friendly and Sports Development and Active Cities. All activities are supported by an Administration section.

Community & Sport Development empowers community members to create stronger more connected communities. All the activities and operational programmes led and supported by the Community & Sports Development Department are carried out with all department collaborative approach to ensure that communities across Fingal are supported to identify and take collective action on issues which are important to them.

With the support of the Community & Sports Development Department communities across Fingal develop stronger social bonds, are safer places, and have happier and healthier people living in them.

Community & Sports Development 2022 Outturn

- Funding was provided for improvement/maintenance works to older Community Centres. Conditioning Surveys were carried out on five identified Community Centres and work is being progressed on the design and tender packages for the refurbishment works.

- A design team was appointed to progress the Meakstown and Baldoyle Community Centres to contract tender stage.

- A contractor was appointed by Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility and is onsite to carry out the refurbishment works including an extension to the facility and new public realm area.

Community & Sports Development Key Capital Projects 2023 – 2025

New Community Facilities

- Works on the building of the new Meakstown Community Centre will commence in Q1, 2023 and the new Baldoyle Community Centre in Q3, 2023, subject to planning permission and funding.

Older Community Centre Improvement Works Programme

Funding is also being provided over the 2023-2025 programme for improvement works to older Community Centres.

- **Phase I** of the improvement works project, involving 5 community centres, will continue with works expected to commence in Q2, 2023.

- **Phase II** will commence with the carrying out of conditioning surveys on 5 identified community centres with works expected to commence in Q4, 2023 subject to funding.

Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility
The refurbishment works, including extension to the facility and new public realm area will be completed in 2023.

Feasibility Study – Mulhuddart Community Centre
A feasibility study to report on future for Mulhuddart Community Centre will be carried out in early 2023

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €125.74m over the period 2023 – 2025.

2023	**€33,290,000**
2024 – 2025	**€92,450,000**

Key Projects include:

LIHAF SCHEMES

The official opening of the Hole in the Wall / Mayne Road junction upgrade scheme took place in Dec 2021 by the Mayor of Fingal. This €12m scheme is now providing a strong connection between Fingal and Dublin City including the significant new residential developments in the Balgriffin, Portmarnock and Baldoyle areas.

SNUGBOROUGH INTERCHANGE

The Snugborough Interchange Upgrade project commenced construction in 2021 with the appointment of BAM Civil Engineering following a public procurement competition. Site works are ongoing at present with a number of significant milestones achieved to date including the placement of new bridge decks over the N3 dual-carriageway and the Tolka River. Traffic management and utilities works will continue for the next nine months and the project website is updated with current works programmes on an ongoing basis. This project has been designed to seamlessly integrate with the Blanchardstown BusConnects bus corridor that has recently been submitted to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission.

CHURCH FEILDS LINK ROAD AND CYCLE SCHEME

Fox Civil Engineering commenced work in 2022 on this key scheme that will be delivered as part of the wider Church Fields Masterplan. This scheme will underpin the development of significant housing and green infrastructure in Mulhuddart and provide a strong link between the existing community and the schools campus. It is expected that further parts of the cycle network will be developed in time, ultimately leading to the provision of a network of safe, comfortable, and high-quality walking and cycling links that all members of the community will be able to use.

DONABATE BRIDGE

This project will deliver a key piece of transport infrastructure and provide connectivity and integration of development lands with Donabate Train Station, Donabate Village and Newbridge Demesne. The bridge agreement is before the boards of CIE and IE for execution. This, along with the safety and technical agreement will be submitted to the Commission for Railway Regulation for approval. It is expected that, pending approval by the Commission for Railway Regulation, a Contractor will be appointed to commence works on site in early 2023.

DONABATE LOCAL TRANSPORT PROJECTS

The Compulsory Purchase Order for the Turvey Avenue footpath upgrade scheme became operative in November 2021. In parallel with this, the Council is also finalising CPO-related documents for required lands for the proposed footpath upgrade project on the Portrane Road. Land acquisition for both schemes is expected to be completed in early 2023, with a main works contractor to commence construction work on both projects shortly thereafter.

R132 CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

The R132 Connectivity Project was granted planning consent by An Bord Pleanála in February 2022. The Council are currently preparing a briefing document for a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the remaining stages of the project in conjunction with the project funder, the National Transport Authority. This project will improve connectivity for the town of Swords, and this includes a renewed focus on safe facilities for pedestrians and cyclists on the R132. The R132 Connectivity Project will improve the connectivity and safety of pedestrians and cyclists moving along, and across, the R132 and enhance facilities for all road users with benefits for those choosing sustainable modes of transportation such as bus users, cyclists, and pedestrians.

GREENWAYS

Design works continued the Broadmeadow Way Greenway, with various advance works elements taking place in 2022 including fencing, topographical surveys, utilities diversions, landowner consultation and land acquisition agreements, and ongoing detailed discussions regarding the statutory foreshore consent process.

The delivery of Fingal's other key strategic greenways projects continues with a significant public consultation successfully concluded for the Sutton-Malahide scheme, which received feedback from across the community and will inform the next stage. Planning applications for both this and the Royal Canal Greenway will be made in the coming months as further detailed design and landowner consultation continues. The Fingal Coastal Way from Donabate to Balbriggan also enters the next stage with the publication of the Emerging Preferred Route in 2022.

BREMORE CASTLE AND REGIONAL PARK

It is proposed to progress the development of the Regional Park including an active 'Recreational Hub' at Bremore in Balbriggan during the Programme period as indicated in the Green Infrastructure Strategy for the County. The estimated expenditure on this Scheme will be €3.3m over the duration of the Programme.

RACECOURSE PARK BALDOYLE

A major new Regional Park will be developed on the former Racecourse site in Baldoyle at an estimated cost of €3m.

WARD RIVER VALLEY RECREATIONAL HUB

The development of a new recreational hub including a full GAA sized All-weather pitch, which is on site, in the Ward River Valley Regional Park in Swords at a cost of €4.3m.

PORTERSTOWN PARK RECREATIONAL HUB

The approved Recreational Hub at Porterstown Park including an All-weather Pitch, Running Track associated ancillary works will be progressed Is onsite cost of €150,000.

BALLYMASTONE RECREATIONAL HUB

It is proposed to progress the development of the approved Recreational Hub at Ballymastone in Donabate during the Capital Programme. The planned expenditure in respect of this project is estimated at €10.1m.

LOCAL PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

It is planned to develop local parks at various locations in Fingal including:

- Lanesborough
- The Naul
- Garristown

The estimated cost of these projects is €4.99m.

A major playground will be developed on Howth Promenade at a cost of approximately €850,000.

Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 (LAP'S, MASTERPLANS AND STUDIES)

A number of Local Area Plans, Masterplans, Urban Framework Plans, Studies and Other Projects identified in the Fingal County Development Plan have been drafted and adopted since the Development Plan came into effect in March 2017.

The projects range in scale from strategic LAP's to more localised studies and plans. All projects require environmental assessment of varying complexity.

The process for a new Development Plan began in March 2021. This process will continue until March 2023 and will consider multifaceted issues. A number of specialist external reports are required to feed into this process and these are also ongoing.

OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €41.45m over the period 2023-2025.

2023	**€17,127,000**
2024 - 2025	**€24,318,000**

The Capital Programme provides for development works to be undertaken in the following areas:

- €2m provision for the design and refurbishment/replacement of the Public Conveniences at Rush South Beach, Portrane, Donabate, Skerries, Balbriggan, Howth East Pier, and Malahide.
- Completion of the LED public lighting programme with 95% of the programme completed to date.
- A budget of in excess of €2.5m will be invested into the Harbours including the replacement works of the sheet piles at Skerries Harbour with additional funding secured from the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine.
- Balbriggan Harbour works will include improvements to harbour decks, lighting, and new mooring areas. Dredging works at the harbour to be included in the next phase of works.
- Investment of €7.5m on a programme of works which will cover 20kms of the regional roads within the county.
- Works at Balgriffin and Mulhuddart Cemetery.
- Boundary improvements at the council owned allotments
- Increased provision for transfers from Revenue to Capital to cover future works on burial grounds, harbours, and allotments.

Upgrading and improvement works are planned to further develop the regional parks, county parklands and recreational areas including: -

- Ardgillan, Newbridge, Santry, St. Catherines and Malahide Demesne (including Talbot Gardens).
- Ward Rivervalley, Recreation Hub Lusk, Skerries Townpark, St. Catherines Open Space Rush, Glebe Park Balrothery.
- Tolka Valley, St. Catherines, Hartstown, Tyrellstown, Ladyswell, Corduff, Tir na N'Og Carpenterstown, Porterstown, Littleplace and St. Catherines Park, Ongar, Waterville, Cherryfield and Hazelbury Parks and Open Spaces.
- Development of Upper and Lower Courtyards and delivery of a new Softball Sports Area at St. Catherines Park,
- Refurbishment of works to the walled garden at Millenium Park.
- Works ongoing on the development of Shakleton Gardens.
- Countywide playground refurbishments.
- Installation of Outdoor Fitness Equipment including outdoor callinesthenics fitness areas.
- Racecourse Park Baldoyle, Red Rock and Robs Wall Parks.
- Sport Pitch improvements.
- Accessibility works to the Coastal Walks and improvement works to Car Parks.
- Digital Beach Signage at Blue Flag Beaches informing the public on Bathing Water Quality

Stormwater

To ensure the integrity and longevity of the stormwater network the Capital Programme provides for a focused approach on reactive works on the stormwater network; storm water being that "*run-off rainwater that enters any pipe",* based on the definitions in the Water Services Act 2007. This comprises the investigation of identified issues on the existing stormwater network and the development and delivery of upgrade or major repair solutions, where possible. As issues are further identified and investigated, the programme will be further refined, with a pipeline of works established and expanded. The provision of €3.63m includes for the upgrading and improvements to the stormwater network across the county with provision for specific projects including:

- Ongar Surface Water
- Howth Surface Water Culvert
- Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline
- The Bawn and Bath Avenue, Malahide
- Ballyboughal Stormwater Network Project
- Beaverstown Surface Water Network
- Surface Water Pumping Stations

Over the life of the programme, other planned works initially include the investigation of a number of stormwater outfalls along the coast and network issues with provision made in the programme for expansion to investigate further works in other areas across Fingal.

ENVIRONMENT & ACTIVE TRAVEL

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €68.16m over the period 2023-2025.

2023	**€28,531,769**
2024- 2025	**€39,629,979**

Environment

The environment programme covers the restoration of Baleally Landfill, the aftercare of Dunsink Landfill, a provision for the remediation of historic landfills. More specifically this includes specified engineering works to improve gas and leachate management infrastructure, capital asset maintenance, site access and safety infrastructure and landscaping of the closed licensed landfills and works and services related to the regularisation and remediation of historic and legacy landfills.

Active Travel

Active Travel is very simple, it is about getting more of us out of our cars and using more sustainable transport modes like cycling and walking as part of a purposeful journey. To achieve this, Fingal County Council, in partnership with the National Transport Authority plans to expand and improve our cycling and pedestrian infrastructure across the County.

It includes all journeys, with an emphasis on distances under 5km, including trips to work, education, shopping, visiting friends and for recreation. Active Travel considers the needs of those who use prams, pushchairs, scooters, wheelchairs and adapted cycles, as well as new mobility modes such as e-scooters and e-bikes. Along fast or busy roads, new cycling infrastructure will be physically separated from traffic. This can be achieved by reallocating road space using kerbs, verges, simple segregation measures such as bollards along existing cycle lanes, and junction changes.

The 3-year Capital Programme 2023 to 2025 includes an overall provision for expenditure of €63.94m. Some of the schemes included:

ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS

Safe Routes to Schools Programme

Following assessment by An Taisce 11 schools received approval for the provision of safe routes programme. Construction will commence in October at 3 locations. A further provision of €8.21m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

Design consultants for the project have been appointed. A provision of €4.45m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Rd to Dublin St)

Consultants options report has been issued for consideration. A provision of €2.55m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

Tender competition published 2nd September 2022 for the appointment of a design consultant. A provision of €1.27m has been allocated to this project over the three-year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

Tender competition to be run during September for the appointment of a design consultant for the project. A provision of €2.17m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

St. Cronans Ave & Brackenstown Rd

Contractor is currently on site at this location. The works include protected cycle lanes junction and footpath improvements and safer routes to school treatment at St Cronan's Junior and Senior Schools. It is expected that this project will be completed early in 2023

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

The phase 2B roundabout and junction designs for connectivity to Ongar Road and Shelerin Road are with the NTA and Cycle Design Office for approval. A provision of €2.1m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

R132 Ministers Rd. to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane

The statutory process for the Speed limit reduction for the scheme has commenced. A provision of €1m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd. (Swords to Malahide)

This project involves the delivery of active travel infrastructure between Seatown Roundabout and Estuary Road. Engineering consultants appointed in July to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently managing the procurement of topographical surveys and traffic data collections to commence the Design Options Report. A provision of €1.55m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Donabate to Portrane (R126) – Distributor Rd to Portrane Ave.

Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in July to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently managing the procurement of topographical surveys and traffic data collections to commence the Design Options Report. A provision of €1.68m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Balbriggan Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages

Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in July to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently managing the procurement of topographical surveys and traffic data collections to commence the Design Options Report. A provision of €1.18m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Skerries Harbour Road

Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in July to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently managing the procurement of topographical surveys and traffic data collections to commence the Design Options Report. A provision of €880k has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

Non-statutory Consultation for this project to commence mid-September 2022. A brief for the appointment a of multi-disciplinary Integrated Design consultant is currently out to tender. Allocation of €4.5m for the project over the three year 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street

The Active Travel Team will develop a brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this project. Allocation of €50,000 for the project over the three year 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Tender published on E-Tenders in July and the competition to close in September. A provision of €2.19m has been allocated to the project over the three year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

New Street Malahide

A provision of €5.71m has been included in the Capital Programme for public realm works at New Street Malahide.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

A brief for the appointment a of multi-disciplinary Integrated Design consultant is currently out to tender. An allocation of €1.5m has been included for project over the three year 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Balbriggan

A number of projects for Balbriggan are included in the capital plan. In 2023 works will commence on Cooney Hill and detailed design will also commence on the Drogheda to Dublin Street scheme subject to the appoint of consultants.

*****Footnote All funding including for Active Travel Schemes is subject to NTA approval*

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €146.11m over the period 2023-2025.

2023 €37,125,924
2024 -2025 €108,984,383

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge House & Farm
The redevelopment of Newbridge House & Farm will continue during 2023-2025. The estimated cost of €3.02m will allow for structural works to be carried out on the roof, conservation works on the windows & upgrading of mechanical and electrical services to the house and courtyard buildings.

Malahide Castle
The estimated cost of €2.30m over the three-year period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme relates to structural works to the roof, conservation works to the windows and an upgrade of both the emergency lighting and the boiler room in the Visitors Centre.

Bremore Castle
The estimated cost of this project over the three period of the 2023-2025 Capital Programme is €8.57m. First development phase will be compliance with Part M Building Regulations (ease of access to, and use, of building including facilities for disabled visitors, and the ability to move through a building easily including to toilets).

Ardgillan Castle
The estimated cost of €3.25m in 2023 relates to essential and substantive works to the roof and windows. A full electrical and mechanical upgrade to the castle and conservation plan works is also required within the three-year programme at a total cost of €3.45m over the period 2023-2025.

Skerries Mills
The estimated cost of €1.23m of 2023 relates to the redevelopment of the Red Barn as a publicly accessible space which will allow Skerries Mills to cater for coach tours and larger visitor groups.

Skerries Martello Tower
An integrated design team has been appointed for the restoration of the tower and works will commence in 2023 with completion in 2024 with an estimated cost of €1.34m for this project in the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

Guinness Bridge
The estimated cost of €1.48m relates to conservation works required to the Guinness Bridge and will be substantially completed in 2023.

Swords Castle
An estimated cost of €717,000 has been included in the Capital Programme for 2023 for works required in the castle which include a mechanical and electrical upgrade, wall consolidation and conservation works to the Knights and Squires Quarter.

Industrial Development Lands

An estimated cost of €6,000,000 is included in the Capital Budget for the servicing of, and significant improvement works to enhance the Council's existing industrial development land bank. The works will include:

1. Landscaping works to enhance and preserve industrial development lands
2. Improvement works to major roundabouts, footpaths & verges
3. Utility upgrades and new installations
4. Advance planning of suitably zoned industrial lands
5. Provision of road infrastructure to service industrial lands at Stephenstown Industrial Estate

Work to industrial lands will be on Council owned lands in Damastown & Cherryhound in the Dublin Enterprise Zone, College Business & Technology Park in Dublin 15 and Stephenstown Industrial Estate in Balbriggan. These works are the result of ongoing collaboration and consultation between the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department, the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department, the Operations Department and business stakeholders in these areas.

Future Land Purchase

An estimated cost of €30 million is included for the acquisition of future development lands, having regard to the strategic needs of the Council.

Enterprise Centres

An estimated cost of €150,000 has been included over the period 2023 – 2025 for the future re-development and upgrade of the Council's three Enterprise Centres.

Howth Martello Tower

An estimated cost of €90,000 has been included over the life of the programme to cover costs associated with essential repairs to the Martello Tower.

Sluagh Hall

An estimated cost of €300,000 has been included over the period 2023 – 2025 for essential repairs and structural works to the hall.

Morton Stadium

An estimated cost of €150,000 has been included over the life of the Programme to provide match-funding support for future upgrades to the Stadium which will be made in partnership with DCU.

Katie Hunt's Cottage

An estimated cost of €80,000 has been included for 2023 - 2025 for Lusk Community Council to support the ongoing development of Katie Hunt's Cottage.

56 Church Street (Temporary Skerries Library)

An estimated cost of €70,000 has been included over the life of the Programme to cover costs associated with repairs/upgrades to the property and the future re-purposing of the property.

Town & Village Schemes

An estimated cost of €3,150,000 has been included over the period 2023 – 2025 to provide match-funding for improvement and regeneration schemes in Fingal's Towns and Villages.

Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan

URDF funding of €25.43m was allocated by the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage in 2021 in respect of whole lifecycle project costs for the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan Public Realm Improvement Projects, with the Council making needing to make a match-funding provision of €8.9m over the period to 2027.

Three strategic acquisitions, including O'Shea's Nightclub, 10-14 Bridge Street and 2-4 Dublin Street in Balbriggan have been completed to facilitate the rejuvenation of the town. Consultants were appointed for masterplan and active travel & traffic plans, and Integrated Design Teams for Quay Street & Environs and 2-4 Dublin Street projects.

Over the period 2023 – 2025 a total cost of €30.43m has been included for the following projects:

- Quay Street & Harbour Environs
- 2 - 4 Dublin Street
- 10 – 14 Bridge Street (Green Corridor)
- Millpond Park (Green Corridor)
- Railway Street & Station Plaza
- Promenade & Coastal Improvements
- *Inc. Boathouse, Boathouse, Martello Tower, Tidal Pool / Swimming Platform, Promenade / Boardwalk / Coastal Way*
- Project Management

A provision of €300,000 has been provided for 2023-2025 to provide support for the development of youth recreation spaces in Balbriggan.

ARTS

Fingal County Council have entered into an 8-year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council of Ireland and the CCMA (City and County Managers Association) covering the period up to 2025, working together for the strategic development, of the arts in Fingal.

Under Pillar 3 of the national Creative Ireland Programme - "*Investing in our Creative & Cultural Infrastructure*" – the Government recognise that high quality infrastructure is critical for a vibrant arts and culture sector. The investment in cultural infrastructure, underpins social cohesion and supports strong and sustainable economic growth. These Initiatives under this pillar may emerge in Fingal over the lifetime of the Creative Ireland Fingal Programme.

Under the Infrastructure Public Arts Programme 2018 – 2025, thirteen individual public art commissions are currently in place, and active across the administrative area of Fingal.

LIBRARIES

KEY PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME:

A sum of €3.47m has been included in the 2023-2025 Capital Programme for the refurbishment and extension of Skerries Library. These works began in March 2022 and are expected to be completed towards the end of 2023, with a temporary library filling the gap in the interim.

Renovation work at Malahide, Balbriggan and Blanchardstown Libraries is now complete and a sum of just over a €1m has been included to purchase library shelving and furniture and to refurbish the children's sections of these branches.

Following the completion of a Part 8 planning public consultation process in 2022, the Swords Cultural Quarter project is expected to go to tender in 2023, with construction works scheduled to commence in Quarter 4 of 2023. The Civic and Cultural Centre comprising of a County Library and an Arts Venue will be the first part of the project to be constructed and is expected to take 24 months to complete. The Council has agreed to develop the Carnegie Library in Swords, which sits under the Swords Cultural Quarter project, as an arts focused building, with works expected to begin in early 2022, following public consultation. Provision of €40.7m has been made in the 2023-2025 Capital Programme for the Swords Cultural Quarter project which also includes the relocation of St. Michael's House.

An estimated cost of €962k is being included in the Capital Programme for improvement works at Baldoyle Library to enhance lay-out, access and visibility.

CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €17.4m over the period 2023-2025.

2023 €7,450,000
2024 - 2025 €9,950,000

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €17,400,000 over the period 2023-2025.

2023 - €7,450,000 2024 - €5,850,000 2025 - €4,100,000

Projects include:

- **County Hall** – Energy Performance Improvements, Office Consolidation and Improvements, Workplace Spatial Strategy, Courtyard project and glass wall
- **Grove Road** – Atrium Improvements, Energy Performance Improvements, Office Consolidation and Improvements, Workplace Spatial Strategy
- **Libraries & Community Centres**- Energy Performance Improvements, Health, and Safety upgrades

FUNDING OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The progress of the projects outlined in the Capital Programme 2023-2025 relies heavily on the availability of funding from the following sources:

i. Exchequer Funding

The Capital Programme 2023-2025 is predicated on exchequer funding of €671.17m being made available to Fingal County Council. As can be seen from the Programme, the majority of the grant funding relates to the housing area.

ii. Revenue Provisions

In some instances, provision is made in our operational budget to fund capital infrastructural projects. Approval of such funding is a reserved function of the Elected Members and is generally part of the annual budget process.

iii. Development Levies

Development levy funding in the three-year capital programme is estimated at €101.92m.

iv. 'Other' funding

In general, the other funding header reflects situations where the direct funding pathway is to be finalised. These projects are at the most risk of not proceeding due to no or inadequate financial provision being put in place through the budgetary process.

The Council is still subject to the restrictions in relation to expenditure as set out in DHPLG Circular Fin 03/09 – *control and monitoring of Local Authorities to General Government Balance* (GGB). This circular requires local authorities to keep their capital and revenue accounts in balance each year and as a result revenue and capital expenditure can only be incurred by local authorities in any financial year to the extent that corresponding income is received.

Conclusion

The programme being presented to the Members follows a significant amount of work and analysis by all Directors and their teams. It involves a substantial increase in the level of capital investment in Fingal over the years 2023 to 2025. Every effort will be made to maximise funding, particularly grant funding, from Central Government, to deliver on projects.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

EXPENDITURE		
	BUDGET 2022	Projected Outturn 2022
HOUSING	123,781,500	96,340,000
COMMUNITY & SPORTS	5,839,309	4,483,997
PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE	38,080,000	25,424,000
OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES	17,675,000	15,455,859
ENVIRON, CLIMATE, ACTIVE TRAVEL	11,960,000	12,855,222
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	36,858,200	23,529,000
CORPORATE AFFAIRS	2,600,000	2,600,000
	236,794,009	180,688,078

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
HOUSING		
Asset Management		
Fire Damaged Dwelling	120,000	180,000
Pre-let repairs	2,500,000	2,500,000
Central heating	400,000	400,000
Estate Improvement Works	100,000	80,000
Contract Painting	650,000	550,000
Upgrading Works - Window & Door Replacement	600,000	50,000
Minor Upgrade Works	200,000	200,000
Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme EERP	4,000,000	3,200,000
Remediation Schemes	100,000	20,000
SUB TOTAL	**8,670,000**	**7,180,000**
Travellers		
Fire Damaged Dwelling	120,000	120,000
Pre Let Repairs	100,000	200,000
Maintenance of Traveller Specific Accom	150,000	150,000
Upgrading Works	400,000	400,000
Emergency Accomodation Refurbishment	100,000	100,000
Refurbishment/Remediation Works	1,750,000	1,100,000
New Build	1,500,000	
Stockhole Phase 2	230,000	290,000
SUB TOTAL	**4,350,000**	**2,360,000**
Construction		
DPG's		
Works to Council owned dwellings for persons with a disability	500,000	500,000
Construction Programme		
Liscappagh Cappagh	11,000,000	12,000,000
Dublin 15 Infill Sites	250,000	40,000
Buy & Renew Acquisitions	1,320,000	
Construction Support Program	100,000	160,000
6 Units at Tuckett's Lane	2,000,000	500,000
Outlands	2,700,000	1,000,000
Wellview Wraparound	4,000,000	5,000,000
Dun Emer Lands (Affordable)	2,900,000	2,950,000
Hayestown Rush	700,000	300,000
Mayeston Site	150,000	400,000
Lusk Site - Site at Church Rd	1,401,500	500,000
Lusk Site - Site at Leonards Garage	2,670,000	700,000
Holywell	3,000,000	2,500,000

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
Various Infill Schemes	200,000	500,000
Seatown Swords		200,000
North Street Swords		250,000
Infill Unit at Sheepmore		50,000
St Ita's Portrane - 12 Units Refurbishment		100,000
New Road Donabate		200,000
Land Management Plans		
Church Fields Wider Land Bank	5,000,000	1,500,000
Church Fields 2 B - 70 units	15,000,000	15,000,000
Future Lands Purchase	8,000,000	5,000,000
25-29 Dublin Road, Swords		1,600,000
Acquisition of Site at Ballyboughal		1,800,000
	60,891,500	**52,750,000**
Acquisitions		
Private House Purchase	10,500,000	2,500,000
SUB TOTAL	**10,500,000**	**2,500,000**
Part V - Various Locations	10,000,000	10,000,000
SUB TOTAL	**10,000,000**	**10,000,000**
Voluntary		
AHB's-C.A.L.F. (Capital Advanced Leasing Facility)		
CALF - Construction		
CALF - Turnkey + Part V	20,000,000	15,000,000
SUB TOTAL	**20,000,000**	**15,000,000**
Capital Assistance Scheme - Construction		
Cluid- 22 College Street (Construction)	70,000	200,000
Capital Assistance Scheme - Acquisitions 2020-2022		
Various - to be confirmed	4,500,000	6,000,000
Older Person Housing		
Dun Emer, Lusk (Tuath)	4,000,000	250,000
Garristown N&E	800,000	100,000
SUB TOTAL	**9,370,000**	**6,550,000**
HOUSING TOTAL	**123,781,500**	**96,340,000**
COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS		
Meakstown Community Facility	1,721,017	495,797
Community Centre Improvement works	2,610,354	2,610,354
Rush Multi Purpose Youth Facility	461,315	781,295
The Marketing Suite Baldoyle	971,623	521,551
Mulhuddart CC	75,000	75,000
COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS TOTAL	**5,839,309**	**4,483,997**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE		
Donabate Road (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	200,000	200,000
Hole in the Wall Road, Baldoyle (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	1,000,000	2,687,000
SUB TOTAL LIHAF FUNDED SCHEMES	**1,200,000**	**2,887,000**
Broadmeadow Way	1,000,000	1,300,000
Sutton to Malahide Greenway	500,000	350,000
Fingal Coastal Way	500,000	250,000
Royal Canal Urban Greenway	300,000	300,000
Harry Reynolds Road Cyle route	4,000,000	300,000
Kinsealy-Portmarnock Cycle Route Design	40,000	40,000
Damastown-Clonsilla Cycle Network	200,000	50,000
5 Year NTA Implementation Plan	500,000	
Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park Cycle Route Design	150,000	
SUB TOTAL GREENWAYS	**7,190,000**	**2,590,000**
Snugborough Interchange (Cycle facilities included)	7,000,000	4,500,000
N3 Upgrade	300,000	300,000
Kellystown Road (Cycle facilities included)	200,000	
Ongar to Barnhill Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	2,000,000	200,000
Churchfields Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	4,000,000	1,300,000
Swords Transport Network (Cycle facilities included)	100,000	50,000
Park Road Upgrade, Rush (Cycle facilities included)	50,000	387,000
Donabate Green Routes	500,000	100,000
Donabate Pedestrian Bridge (Cycle facilities included)	600,000	100,000
Balscadden Beach Access, Howth	50,000	50,000
DDR Phase II Design (Cycle facilities included)	50,000	50,000
Kinsealy Lane Upgrade Design (Cycle facilities included)	50,000	50,000
Royal Canal Grand Canal Link Design (cycle facilities included)	100,000	
Airport Roundabout Design	50,000	50,000
Airport Western Access Design	50,000	50,000
Blakes Cross (Cycle facilities included)	50,000	50,000
Station Road, Portmarnock	150,000	50,000
R132 Junctions	200,000	100,000
SUB TOTAL OTHER TRANSPORTATION SCHEMES	**15,500,000**	**7,387,000**
TRANSPORTATION FORWARD PLANNING CAPITAL TOTAL	**23,890,000**	**12,864,000**
National Taking in Charge Incentive	30,000	800,000
BUILDING CONTROL INSPECTORATE CAPITAL TOTAL	**30,000**	**800,000**
Bremore Castle & Regional Park	400,000	1,500,000
Rogerstown Estuary Plan	250,000	
Baleally Landfill (Development of Rogerstown Park)	200,000	100,000
Beechpark Gardens (Shackleton Gardens)	10,000	650,000

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
Coastal Defence Works	400,000	700,000
Anna Liffey Mills Refurbishment (ETB Scheme)	100,000	40,000
General Biodiversity Work	850,000	850,000
Dublin Bay Biosphere	250,000	250,000
Pathway Upgrading Howth (SAAO Operational Plan)	150,000	150,000
Restoration of Historical Buildings	150,000	150,000
Drumanagh Conservation Capital	50,000	10,000
Corduff Sports Centre (All Weather Pitch)	100,000	10,000
Lanesborough Park, Meakstown	250,000	500,000
PARKS, PITCHES & OPEN SPACES CAPITAL TOTAL	**3,160,000**	**4,910,000**
Rivervalley Park (incl. All Weather Pitch & Recreational Hub)	2,700,000	2,500,000
Porterstown Park Recreational Hub	2,000,000	2,250,000
Ballymastone Recreational Hub & Corballis Nature Park	100,000	100,000
Rush Public Realm	300,000	50,000
Racecourse Park Baldoyle (cycle facilities included)	4,000,000	50,000
RECREATIONAL HUBS	**9,100,000**	**4,950,000**
Skerries Town Park Skatepark & Playground	500,000	550,000
The Naul Town Park	250,000	150,000
Garristown Playground	200,000	
Howth Playground	450,000	
RECREATIONAL HUBS	**1,400,000**	**700,000**
FDP 2017 - 2023 (LAP's, Masterplans & Studies)	500,000	1,200,000
MASTERPLANS AND STUDIES CAPITAL TOTAL	**500,000**	**1,200,000**
PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL	**38,080,000**	**25,424,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
OPERATIONS		
Roads Investment Programme	2,500,000	3,200,000
Pay & Display Meter Replacement Programme	100,000	20,000
Traffic Control Room / Infrastructure	350,000	75,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	500,000	210,000
SUB-TOTAL ROADS INVESTMENT & BRIDGES	**3,450,000**	**3,505,000**
LED Public Lighting Installations	1,500,000	1,200,000
FCC Fleet - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	150,000	227,000
SUB-TOTAL ENERGY EFFICIENCIES	**1,650,000**	**1,427,000**
Fishery Harbours & Coastal Infrast Dev Prog- Skerries	500,000	150,000
Balbriggan	400,000	400,000
Loughshinny	100,000	10,000
Rush	100,000	
SUB-TOTAL HARBOURS	**1,100,000**	**560,000**
Refurbishment of Public Conveniences - Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Portrane, Donabate, Howth	500,000	275,000
SUB-TOTAL PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	**500,000**	**275,000**
Mulhuddart Cemetery	225,000	
Balgriffin	300,000	300,000
Kellystown	1,500,000	100,000
SUB-TOTAL CEMETERIES	**2,025,000**	**400,000**
Ardgillan Demesne Development Works	2,050,000	2,200,000
Newbridge Demesne Playground	250,000	700,000
Santry Demesne Footpaths	100,000	200,000
Tolka Valley Park Improvements	250,000	50,000
St Catherines Park, Lucan	300,000	390,000
Malahide Demesne	450,000	400,000
Town Centre Millennium Park, Blanchardstown		235,000
Talbot Gardens and Butterfly House		350,000
SUB-TOTAL REGIONAL PARKS	**3,400,000**	**4,525,000**
Castleknock/Mulhuddart		
Dunsink - Former landfill	50,000	50,000
Hartstown Park Improvements	200,000	410,000
Tyrellstown Park	200,000	75,000
Ladyswell Park/Mick Walsh Park	100,000	70,000
Corduff Park	10,000	10,000
Tir Na N'Og Park, Carpenterstown	25,000	50,000

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
Porterstown Park	150,000	3,859
Ongar Open Space	150,000	100,000
Waterville Park	50,000	50,000
Cherryfield Park, Clonsilla	25,000	25,000
Hazelbury Park	20,000	50,000
Shackleton Gardens	50,000	50,000
Littlepace Park, Clonee, D15	25,000	100,000
Balbriggan/Swords		
Ward River Valley Park	300,000	1,300,000
The Glebe Park, Balrothery	50,000	230,000
Open Space Chapel Farm Drive Lusk	125,000	
Recreation Hub, Lusk	50,000	60,000
St Catherines Park, Rush	25,000	95,000
Kenure Woods, St Catherines Park, Rush	100,000	100,000
Skerries Townpark	50,000	250,000
Howth/Malahide		
Redrock Park, Howth - Improvements	10,000	10,000
Robswall Park Development	100,000	50,000
Racecourse Park, Baldoyle (Millennium)	50,000	10,000
SUB-TOTAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES	**1,915,000**	**3,148,859**
Howth Malahide Coastal Walks, Footpaths & Car Parks	30,000	110,000
Digital Beach Signage (Bathing Water quality etc.)	100,000	50,000
Parks Signage	100,000	100,000
Public Realm Works - Skerries Library	250,000	95,000
Coastal Walks - Greenways	150,000	150,000
SUB-TOTAL COASTAL WALKS, CARPARKS AND SIGNAGE	**630,000**	**505,000**
Balbriggan/Swords Playing Pitches	100,000	180,000
Barnageeragh Pitch	100,000	20,000
Padel Court Base, Portmarnock		40,000
SUB-TOTAL PLAYING PITCHES	**200,000**	**240,000**
Fancourt Depot	75,000	50,000
Coolmine Depot	300,000	200,000
SUB-TOTAL DEPOT WORKS	**375,000**	**250,000**
OPERATION TOTALS	**15,245,000**	**14,835,859**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
WATER SERVICES		
Portrane Canal Works (Surface Water)	350,000	160,000
Howth Surface Water Culvert	200,000	85,000
Beaverstown Surface Water Scheme	150,000	30,000
Burrow Beach Surface Outfall Pipeline	180,000	40,000
Assessment of the Storm Water Network in Portrane / Donabate	330,000	
Dublin 15 Area - Storm Water Network	200,000	
Swords / Lissenhall Surface Water Network	50,000	
Howth / Sutton Surface Water Network (excluding the Surface Water Culvert Project)	170,000	
Malahide / Portmarnock Surface Water Network	400,000	165,000
Ballyboughal Surface Water Network	150,000	140,000
Balbriggan / Rush / Lusk / Skerries Surface Water Network	150,000	
Surface Water Infrastructure Programme (non pipe network infrastructure)	100,000	
WATER SERVICES TOTALS	**2,430,000**	**620,000**
OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES	**17,675,000**	**15,455,859**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
ENVIRON, CLIMATE ACTIVE TRAVEL		
Balleally Landfill Restoration & Development	1,750,000	1,300,000
Nevitt Landfill	100,000	10,000
Dunsink Landfill Restoration & Development	200,000	220,000
Brooks End Unregulated Landfill	400,000	10,000
Barnageeragh Historic Landfill Remediation	500,000	55,000
ENVIRON & CLIMATE CHANGE	**2,950,000**	**1,595,000**
ACTIVE TRAVEL		
Public usage - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	100,000	50,000
Cycling Infrastructure Connectvity Schemes	500,000	
New Street, Malahide	500,000	450,000
Fingal Cycling Training Centre	100,000	
Broomfield to Paddys's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA	200,000	20,000
R108 Cycling Scheme Airport Road	100,000	
Park & Ride (Lissenhall)	100,000	
Schools Streets-Fingal Project	150,000	75,000
Bicycle Parking	125,000	150,000
Safe to Schools Programme (Infrastructure)	150,000	1,200,000
Baldoyle to Howth	1,000,000	1,700,000
Dublin Road to Dublin Street Baldoyle	1,000,000	50,000
Bus Related Infrastructure (Interchange Little Pace Road)	85,000	
R132 Phase 1 Blakes Cross to Ministers Road	100,000	100,000
Brackenstown Road/St Cronans Road Cycle Scheme	1,200,000	2,500,000
Harstown to Hunstown Cycle Scheme	1,500,000	1,500,000
Rathingle to Rivervalley Cycle Scheme	1,000,000	1,500,000
Balrothery Mobility Scheme	100,000	92,500
Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar		123,822
NTA Schemes 2023 - 2025	1,000,000	
Castleknock to Dunsink Lane		25,000
Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre		15,000
Phoenix Park to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh		15,000
Seatown Roundabout to Estuary (Swords to Malahide)		100,000
Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue		100,000
Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages		90,000
Skerries - Harbour Road (Footpath build-outs)		150,000
Rush - South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to S Shore Rd) New footpath & cycle path		50,000
Local connections to S2M and Broadmeadow		
Data collections traffic, air, noise		100,000

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
Permeability Links North County		350,000
Skerries Active Travel Plan		100,000
Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park		150,000
Chapel Road to An Teagasc Building		15,000
Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway		15,000
Balbriggan Dublin Road to Drogeda Street		65,000
Balheary Road/Swords Celtic Access		250,000
Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths & Cycleway		158,900
ACTIVE TRAVEL TOTALS	**9,010,000**	**11,260,222**
ENVIRON, CLIMATE CHANGE & ACTIVE TRAVEL TOTALS	**11,960,000**	**12,855,222**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
ECONOMIC,ENTERPRISE,TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT		
SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER		
Civic & Cultural Centre	1,489,800	1,300,400
Carnegie Library	1,186,100	309,800
St Michael's House	1,017,500	461,300
SUB TOTAL	**3,693,400**	**2,071,500**
OUR BALBRIGGAN PLAN		
Project No.1: Quay Street & Harbour	2,800,000	500,000
Project No.2: 2-4 Dublin Street	1,200,000	100,000
Project No.3: 10-16 Bridge Street (Main St, Green Corridor)	1,000,000	100,000
Project No.7: Castle to Castle Greenway (Balbriggan Section)	400,000	
Project Management (including general professional & technical assistance)	400,000	420,000
SUB TOTAL	**5,800,000**	**1,120,000**
HERITAGE PROPERTIES		
Development works to Malahide Castle	665,000	1,032,000
Bremore Castle	591,000	120,000
Development works to Ardgillan Castle	1,437,000	863,000
Development works to Newbridge House	1,985,000	488,000
Skerries Mills Red barn	857,000	151,000
Skerries Martello Tower	500,000	15,000
Guinness Bridge	1,392,000	676,600
Swords Castle	807,000	74,000
Shackleton Mills	100,000	36,900
Mtce of Heritage Properties	175,000	200,000
SUB TOTAL	**8,509,000**	**3,656,500**
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT		
Future Land Purchase	10,000,000	10,000,000
Enterprise Centres	50,000	50,000
Damastown Industrial Estate	200,000	150,000
Stephenstown Industrial Estate	300,000	200,000
College Business & Technology Park Buzzardstown	500,000	1,900,000
Cherryhound Lands	300,000	200,000
Town & Village Applications	75,000	50,000
SUB TOTAL	**11,425,000**	**12,550,000**
COUNCIL PROPERTIES		
Howth Martello Tower	130,000	40,000
Sluagh Hall, Swords	40,000	40,000

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2022
Morton Stadium	30,000	50,000
Lusk Community Council (Katie Hunt's Cottage)	60,000	60,000
56 CHURCH STREET SKERRIES (Skerries Library)	10,000	10,000
Destination Towns Skerries	398,000	250,000
Ballisk House		950,000
SUB TOTAL	**668,000**	**1,400,000**
LIBRARIES		
Baldoyle - General Works	974,500	50,400
Skerries - Refurbishment of Library	5,090,700	2,121,900
Howth - Refurbishment of Library		
Improvement works to Libraries	427,600	393,700
LIBRARIES TOTAL	**6,492,800**	**2,566,000**
ARTS		
Per Cent for Art Projects	45,000	70,000
Artists Studios	100,000	
Youth Education	90,000	60,000
Initiatives arising from Arts Plan 2018-2025	35,000	35,000
ARTS TOTALS	**270,000**	**165,000**
EETCD TOTALS	**36,858,200**	**23,529,000**
CORPORATE AFFAIRS		
Corporate Buildings Improvements	2,600,000	2,600,000
CORPORATE AFFAIRS TOTALS	**2,600,000**	**2,600,000**
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022 PROJECTED OUTTURN TOTAL	**236,794,009**	**180,688,078**

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Capital Programme 2023-2025

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025

EXPENDITURE					FUNDED BY					
	2023	2024	2025	Total Expenditure 2023-2025	Levies	Grants	Loan	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
HOUSING	132,840,000	197,050,000	212,710,000	542,600,000		525,585,000		8,850,000	8,165,000	542,600,000
COMMUNITY & SPORTS	12,420,003	16,528,020	5,635,140	34,583,163	3,976,817	40,888		10,109,810	20,455,649	34,583,163
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE	33,290,000	38,660,000	53,790,000	125,740,000	68,840,000	54,100,000			2,800,000	125,740,000
OPERATIONS AND WATER SERVICES	17,127,000	12,990,000	11,328,000	41,445,000	28,715,000	1,866,250		8,713,750	2,150,000	41,445,000
ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE ACTION AND ACTIVE TRAVEL	28,531,769	26,983,306	12,646,673	68,161,748		64,911,748		3,250,000		68,161,748
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	37,125,924	51,472,504	57,511,879	146,110,307	390,000	24,665,000	40,711,900	9,237,500	71,105,907	146,110,307
CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE	7,450,000	5,850,000	4,100,000	17,400,000				8,150,000	9,250,000	17,400,000
	268,784,696	349,533,830	357,721,692	976,040,218	101,921,817	671,168,886	40,711,900	48,311,060	113,926,556	976,040,218

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Asset Management									
Fire Damaged Dwelling	120,000	120,000	120,000	**360,000**				360,000	**360,000**
Pre-let repairs	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	**7,500,000**		2,700,000	2,550,000	2,250,000	**7,500,000**
Central heating	400,000	400,000	400,000	**1,200,000**			1,200,000		**1,200,000**
Estate Improvement Works	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**			300,000		**300,000**
Contract Painting	550,000	550,000	550,000	**1,650,000**			1,650,000		**1,650,000**
Minor Upgrade Works	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**			600,000		**600,000**
Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme EERP	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	**12,000,000**		11,250,000	750,000		**12,000,000**
Remediation/Renovation Schemes	750,000	2,350,000	2,350,000	**5,450,000**			1,200,000	4,250,000	**5,450,000**
SUB TOTAL	**8,620,000**	**10,220,000**	**10,220,000**	**29,060,000**		**13,950,000**	**8,250,000**	**6,860,000**	**29,060,000**
Travellers									
Fire Damaged Dwellings	120,000	120,000	120,000	**360,000**				360,000	**360,000**
Pre Let Repairs	250,000	250,000	250,000	**750,000**		450,000	300,000		**750,000**
Maintenance of Traveller Specific Accom	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**			300,000	150,000	**450,000**
St Brigid's Lawn Refurbishment Works	800,000			**800,000**		800,000			**800,000**
Barnlodge Refurbishment Works	800,000			**800,000**		800,000			**800,000**
Meakstown Close Refurbishment Works	300,000	100,000		**400,000**		400,000			**400,000**
Upgrading Works	400,000	200,000	200,000	**800,000**		800,000			**800,000**
Emergency Accomodation	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**		300,000			**300,000**
Refurbishment/Remediation Works	2,000,000	2,600,000	300,000	**4,900,000**		4,900,000			**4,900,000**
New Build		1,000,000	2,500,000	**3,500,000**		3,500,000			**3,500,000**
SUB TOTAL	**4,920,000**	**4,520,000**	**3,620,000**	**13,060,000**		**11,950,000**	**600,000**	**510,000**	**13,060,000**
Construction									
DPG's									
Works to Council owned dwellings for persons with a disability	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**		1,350,000		150,000	**1,500,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Construction Programme									
Cappaghfinn Ph3	2,000,000	500,000		**2,500,000**		2,500,000			**2,500,000**
Dublin 15 Infill Site @ 169 Clonsilla Rd	400,000			**400,000**		400,000			**400,000**
Buy & Renew Acquisitions	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**6,000,000**		6,000,000			**6,000,000**
Construction Support Program	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**				300,000	**300,000**
6 Units at Tuckett's Lane	2,000,000	3,000,000	100,000	**5,100,000**		5,100,000			**5,100,000**
Outlands	2,500,000	1,000,000	100,000	**3,600,000**		3,600,000			**3,600,000**
Wellview Wraparound	1,000,000	50,000		**1,050,000**		1,050,000			**1,050,000**
Dun Emer Lands (Affordable)	50,000			**50,000**		50,000			**50,000**
Hayestown Rush	5,000,000	1,900,000		**6,900,000**		6,555,000		345,000	**6,900,000**
New Road, Donabate	500,000	8,700,000	8,700,000	**17,900,000**		17,900,000			**17,900,000**
Mayeston Site	1,500,000	18,500,000	17,500,000	**37,500,000**		37,500,000			**37,500,000**
Lusk Site at Church Rd, Lusk	1,200,000	70,000		**1,270,000**		1,270,000			**1,270,000**
Lusk Site - Site at Leonards Garage	2,700,000	200,000		**2,900,000**		2,900,000			**2,900,000**
Holywell	200,000	4,500,000	4,300,000	**9,000,000**		9,000,000			**9,000,000**
25-29 Dublin Rd Swords	200,000	5,000,000	2,000,000	**7,200,000**		7,200,000			**7,200,000**
North Street Swords	150,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**4,150,000**		4,150,000			**4,150,000**
Blanchardstown T.C.	250,000	1,000,000	10,000,000	**11,250,000**		11,250,000			**11,250,000**
Castlelands LDA		12,000,000	12,000,000	**24,000,000**		24,000,000			**24,000,000**
St Ita's Portrane - 12 Units Refurbishment	4,000,000	1,000,000		**5,000,000**		5,000,000			**5,000,000**
Seatown Swords	200,000	5,000,000	2,000,000	**7,200,000**		7,200,000			**7,200,000**
Infill at Sheepmoor	400,000	40,000		**440,000**		440,000			**440,000**
Various Infill schemes	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**		600,000			**600,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Land Management Plans									
Church Fields - 300 units	2,000,000	16,000,000	18,000,000	**36,000,000**		36,000,000			**36,000,000**
Church Fields Wider Land Bank	500,000	1,000,000	12,000,000	**13,500,000**		13,500,000			**13,500,000**
Church Fields 2 B - 70 units H1182	4,000,000	950,000		**4,950,000**		4,950,000			**4,950,000**
Hackettstown	1,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	**9,000,000**		9,000,000			**9,000,000**
Ballymastone	2,000,000	7,000,000	10,000,000	**19,000,000**		19,000,000			**19,000,000**
Future Lands Purchase	5,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	**21,000,000**		21,000,000			**21,000,000**
Site at Ballyboughal	250,000	3,000,000	5,000,000	**8,250,000**		8,250,000			**8,250,000**
SUB TOTAL	**41,800,000**	**107,210,000**	**118,500,000**	**267,510,000**		**266,715,000**		**795,000**	**267,510,000**
Acquisitions									
Private House Purchase	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	**15,000,000**		15,000,000			**15,000,000**
SUB TOTAL	**5,000,000**	**5,000,000**	**5,000,000**	**15,000,000**		**15,000,000**			**15,000,000**
Part V & New Build Turnkeys	25,500,000	34,000,000	45,700,000	**105,200,000**		105,200,000			**105,200,000**
SUB TOTAL	**25,500,000**	**34,000,000**	**45,700,000**	**105,200,000**		**105,200,000**			**105,200,000**
Voluntary									
AHB's-C.A.L.F. (*Capital Advanced Leasing Facility*)									
CALF - Construction			470,000	**470,000**		470,000			**470,000**
CALF - Turnkey + Part V	35,700,000	27,600,000	24,000,000	**87,300,000**		87,300,000			**87,300,000**
SUB TOTAL	**35,700,000**	**27,600,000**	**24,470,000**	**87,770,000**		**87,770,000**			**87,770,000**
Capital Assistance Scheme - Construction									
Cluid- 22 College Street (Construction)	50,000			**50,000**		50,000			**50,000**
Capital Assistance Scheme - Acquisitions 2021-2023									
Various - to be confirmed	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	**15,000,000**		15,000,000			**15,000,000**
Older Person Housing									
Dun Emer, Lusk (Tuath)	6,000,000	2,000,000	100,000	**8,100,000**		8,100,000			**8,100,000**
Garristown N&E	250,000	1,500,000	100,000	**1,850,000**		1,850,000			**1,850,000**
SUB TOTAL	**11,300,000**	**8,500,000**	**5,200,000**	**25,000,000**		**25,000,000**			**25,000,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**132,840,000**	**197,050,000**	**212,710,000**	**542,600,000**		**525,585,000**	**8,850,000**	**8,165,000**	**542,600,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
COMMUNITY

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		LEVIES	GRANT	REVENUE PROVISION	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Meakstown Community Facility	5,669,305	1,907,281	377,047	**7,953,633**		3,976,817		1,500,000	2,476,817	**7,953,633**
Phase I Works	4,740,201	3,867,001	471,245	**9,078,447**				6,740,201	2,338,246	**9,078,447**
Corduff Resource Centre										
Donabate Portrane Community Centre										
Baldoyle Community Hall										
Mulhuddart Community Centre										
Mourne Estate Community Centre										
Phase II Works (Community Centres TBC)	100,000	6,000,000	4,000,000	**10,100,000**					10,100,000	**10,100,000**
Rush Multi Purpose Youth Facility	40,888			**40,888**			40,888			**40,888**
Baldoyle Community Facility	1,794,609	4,753,738	786,848	**7,335,195**				1,794,609	5,540,586	**7,335,195**
Mulhuddart CC Feasibility Study	75,000			**75,000**				75,000		**75,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**12,420,003**	**16,528,020**	**5,635,140**	**34,583,163**		**3,976,817**	**40,888**	**10,109,810**	**20,455,649**	**34,583,163**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
Planning / Strategic Infrastructure

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025	Levies	Grants	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Donabate Road (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	270,000			**270,000**	270,000			**270,000**
Hole in the Wall Road, Baldoyle (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	200,000			**200,000**	200,000			**200,000**
SUB TOTAL LIHAF FUNDED SCHEMES	**470,000**			**470,000**	**470,000**			**470,000**
Broadmeadow Way	2,000,000	3,000,000	5,000,000	**10,000,000**		10,000,000		**10,000,000**
Sutton to Malahide Greenway	300,000	300,000	2,000,000	**2,600,000**		2,600,000		**2,600,000**
Fingal Coastal Way	300,000	300,000	3,000,000	**3,600,000**		3,600,000		**3,600,000**
Cycle Network Route 1 (Royal Canal 12th Lock to KC)	300,000	500,000	3,000,000	**3,800,000**		3,800,000		**3,800,000**
Harry Reynolds Road Cyle route	3,000,000	4,000,000	1,000,000	**8,000,000**		8,000,000		**8,000,000**
Blanchardstown-Phoenix Park Cycle Route Design	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**		450,000		**450,000**
Kinsealy-Portmarnock Cycle Route Design	50,000			**50,000**	50,000			**50,000**
Damastown-Clonsilla Cycle Network	100,000	200,000	1,000,000	**1,300,000**		1,300,000		**1,300,000**
SUB TOTAL GREENWAYS	**6,200,000**	**8,450,000**	**15,150,000**	**29,800,000**	**50,000**	**29,750,000**		**29,800,000**
Snugborough Interchange (Cycle facilities included)	4,000,000	1,000,000		**5,000,000**	5,000,000			**5,000,000**
N3 Upgrade	300,000			**300,000**		300,000		**300,000**
Ongar to Barnhill Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	3,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000	**11,000,000**	11,000,000			**11,000,000**
Churchfields Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	4,000,000	1,000,000	200,000	**5,200,000**	5,200,000			**5,200,000**
Swords Transport Network (Cycle facilities included)	100,000	500,000	500,000	**1,100,000**		1,100,000		**1,100,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
Planning / Strategic Infrastructure

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025	Levies	Grants	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Donabate Green Routes	200,000	300,000	500,000	**1,000,000**	1,000,000			**1,000,000**
Donabate Pedestrian Bridge (Cycle facilities included)	600,000	100,000		**700,000**		700,000		**700,000**
DDR Phase II Design (Cycle facilities included)	200,000	200,000	1,000,000	**1,400,000**	1,400,000			**1,400,000**
Kinsealy Lane Upgrade Design (Cycle facilities included)	50,000			**50,000**	50,000			**50,000**
Airport Roundabout Design	50,000			**50,000**	50,000			**50,000**
Airport Western Access Design	50,000			**50,000**	50,000			**50,000**
Blakes Cross (Cycle facilities included)	50,000	200,000	1,000,000	**1,250,000**	1,250,000			**1,250,000**
Station Road, Portmarnock			200,000	**200,000**	200,000			**200,000**
R132 Junctions	200,000	2,000,000	4,000,000	**6,200,000**	6,200,000			**6,200,000**
Swords Western Distributor Road	100,000	100,000	400,000	**600,000**	600,000			**600,000**
SUB TOTAL OTHER TRANSPORTATION SCHEMES	**12,900,000**	**10,400,000**	**10,800,000**	**34,100,000**	**32,000,000**	**2,100,000**		**34,100,000**
TRANSPORTATION FORWARD PLANNING CAPITAL TOTAL	**19,570,000**	**18,850,000**	**25,950,000**	**64,370,000**	**32,520,000**	**31,850,000**		**64,370,000**
National Taking in Charge Incentive	300,000	500,000	500,000	**1,300,000**			1,300,000	**1,300,000**
BUILDING CONTROL INSPECTORATE CAPITAL TOTAL	**300,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**1,300,000**			**1,300,000**	**1,300,000**
Bremore Castle & Car Park	50,000			**50,000**	50,000			**50,000**
Bremore Regional Park (approved part 8 works)	750,000	500,000	2,000,000	**3,250,000**	3,250,000			**3,250,000**
Rogerstown Estuary Plan	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**	600,000			**600,000**

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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025	Levies	Grants	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Baleally Landfill (Development of Rogerstown Park)	1,500,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	**4,500,000**	4,500,000			**4,500,000**
Beechpark Gardens (Shackleton Gardens)	20,000	20,000	20,000	**60,000**	60,000			**60,000**
Coastal Defence Works (l.a. for planned works at The Burrow & Rush)	2,000,000	5,000,000	9,000,000	**16,000,000**		16,000,000		**16,000,000**
Anna Liffey Mills Refurbishment (ETB Scheme)	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**	600,000			**600,000**
General Biodiversity Work	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**3,000,000**	3,000,000			**3,000,000**
Dublin Bay Biosphere	250,000	250,000	250,000	**750,000**	750,000			**750,000**
Pathway Upgrading Howth (SAAO Operational Plan)	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**	450,000			**450,000**
Restoration of Historical Buildings	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**	300,000	150,000		**450,000**
Drumanagh Conservation Capital	50,000	150,000	200,000	**400,000**	400,000			**400,000**
Corduff Sports Centre (All Weather Pitch)	500,000	500,000	20,000	**1,020,000**	1,020,000			**1,020,000**
Lanesborough Park, Meakstown	1,000,000	500,000	1,500,000	**3,000,000**	3,000,000			**3,000,000**
PARKS, PITCHES & OPEN SPACES CAPITAL TOTAL	**7,820,000**	**10,620,000**	**15,690,000**	**34,130,000**	**17,980,000**	**16,150,000**		**34,130,000**
Racecourse Park Baldoyle (cycle facilities included)	600,000	400,000	2,000,000	**3,000,000**	2,000,000	1,000,000		**3,000,000**
Rivervalley Park All Weather Pitch & Recreational Hub	150,000			**150,000**	150,000			**150,000**
Ward River Park Development Project	800,000	500,000	3,000,000	**4,300,000**	4,300,000			**4,300,000**
Porterstown Park Recreational Hub	150,000			**150,000**	150,000			**150,000**
Ballymastone Recreational Hub & Corballis Nature Park	1,100,000	4,000,000	5,000,000	**10,100,000**	5,000,000	5,100,000		**10,100,000**

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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025	Levies	Grants	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Rush Public Realm including Rush Recreational Hub	100,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	**3,100,000**	3,100,000			**3,100,000**
RECREATIONAL HUBS	**2,900,000**	**6,900,000**	**11,000,000**	**20,800,000**	**14,700,000**	**6,100,000**		**20,800,000**
Skerries Town Park Skatepark & Playground (upgrade)	500,000	200,000	100,000	**800,000**	800,000			**800,000**
Naul Village Park Development	500,000	1,000,000	50,000	**1,550,000**	1,550,000			**1,550,000**
Garristown Playground	400,000	40,000		**440,000**	440,000			**440,000**
Howth Playground (upgrade)	800,000	50,000		**850,000**	850,000			**850,000**
TOWN PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	**2,200,000**	**1,290,000**	**150,000**	**3,640,000**	**3,640,000**			**3,640,000**
FDP 2017 - 2023 (LAP's, Masterplans & Studies)	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**			1,500,000	**1,500,000**
MASTERPLANS AND STUDIES CAPITAL TOTAL	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**1,500,000**			**1,500,000**	**1,500,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**33,290,000**	**38,660,000**	**53,790,000**	**125,740,000**	**68,840,000**	**54,100,000**	**2,800,000**	**125,740,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
OPERATIONS WATER SERVICES

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Levies	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Roads Investment Programme	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	**7,500,000**		7,500,000				**7,500,000**
Pay & Display Meter Replacement Programme	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**		150,000				**150,000**
Traffic Control Room / Infrastructure	300,000	100,000		**400,000**		400,000				**400,000**
Bridge Rehabilitation	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**				1,500,000		**1,500,000**
SUB-TOTAL ROADS INVESTMENT & BRIDGES	**3,350,000**	**3,150,000**	**3,050,000**	**9,550,000**		**8,050,000**		**1,500,000**		**9,550,000**
LED Public Lighting Installations	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**				1,500,000		**1,500,000**
FCC Fleet - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	250,000	300,000	200,000	**750,000**					750,000	**750,000**
SUB-TOTAL ENERGY EFFICIENCIES	**750,000**	**800,000**	**700,000**	**2,250,000**				**1,500,000**	**750,000**	**2,250,000**
Skerries	750,000	150,000	100,000	**1,000,000**			570,000	430,000		**1,000,000**
Balbriggan	650,000	300,000	150,000	**1,100,000**			935,000	165,000		**1,100,000**
Loughshinny	100,000	100,000	75,000	**275,000**			233,750	41,250		**275,000**
Rush	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**			127,500	22,500		**150,000**
SUB-TOTAL HARBOURS	**1,550,000**	**600,000**	**375,000**	**2,525,000**			**1,866,250**	**658,750**		**2,525,000**
Refurbishment of Public Conveniences - Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush(South Beach), Portrane, Donabate, Howth, Malahide	750,000	750,000	500,000	**2,000,000**				750,000	1,250,000	**2,000,000**
SUB-TOTAL PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	**750,000**	**750,000**	**500,000**	**2,000,000**				**750,000**	**1,250,000**	**2,000,000**
Mulhuddart	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**				600,000		**600,000**
Balgriffin	380,000	300,000	100,000	**780,000**				780,000		**780,000**
Kellystown	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	**2,000,000**				2,000,000		**2,000,000**
SUB-TOTAL CEMETERIES	**1,580,000**	**1,000,000**	**800,000**	**3,380,000**				**3,380,000**		**3,380,000**

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OPERATIONS WATER SERVICES

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Levies	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Ardgillan Demesne	350,000	300,000	300,000	**950,000**		950,000				**950,000**
Newbridge Demesne	1,400,000	600,000	600,000	**2,600,000**		2,600,000				**2,600,000**
Santry Demesne	350,000	150,000	50,000	**550,000**		550,000				**550,000**
Tolka Valley Park Improvements	50,000	50,000	25,000	**125,000**		125,000				**125,000**
St Catherines Park, Lucan	1,300,000	700,000	500,000	**2,500,000**		2,500,000				**2,500,000**
Town Centre, Millennium Park, Blanchardstown	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**		300,000			150,000	**450,000**
Malahide Demesne	450,000	450,000	450,000	**1,350,000**		1,350,000				**1,350,000**
Talbot Gardens and Butterfly House	400,000	300,000	300,000	**1,000,000**		1,000,000				**1,000,000**
SUB-TOTAL REGIONAL PARKS	**4,450,000**	**2,700,000**	**2,375,000**	**9,525,000**		**9,375,000**			**150,000**	**9,525,000**
Castleknock/Mulhuddart										
Dunsink - Former landfill	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**				150,000		**150,000**
Hartstown Park Improvements	100,000	50,000	50,000	**200,000**		200,000				**200,000**
Tyrellstown Park	200,000	150,000	150,000	**500,000**		500,000				**500,000**
Ladyswell Park/Mick Walsh Park	100,000	100,000	50,000	**250,000**		250,000				**250,000**
Corduff Park	10,000	10,000	10,000	**30,000**		30,000				**30,000**
Tir Na N'Og Park, Carpenterstown	50,000	25,000	25,000	**100,000**		100,000				**100,000**
Porterstown Park	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**		150,000				**150,000**
Ongar Open Space	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**		450,000				**450,000**
Waterville Park	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**		150,000				**150,000**
Cherryfield Park, Clonsilla	25,000	25,000	25,000	**75,000**		75,000				**75,000**

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OPERATIONS WATER SERVICES

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Levies	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Hazelbury Park	20,000	50,000	20,000	**90,000**		90,000				**90,000**
Shackleton Gardens	200,000	200,000	100,000	**500,000**		500,000				**500,000**
Littlepace Park, Clonee, D15	50,000	25,000	25,000	**100,000**		100,000				**100,000**
Balbriggan/Swords										
Ward River Valley Park	300,000	300,000	600,000	**1,200,000**		1,200,000				**1,200,000**
The Glebe Park, Balrothery	300,000	100,000	100,000	**500,000**		500,000				**500,000**
Open Space Chapel Farm Drive Lusk	125,000	100,000	50,000	**275,000**		275,000				**275,000**
Recreation Hub, Lusk	150,000	100,000	100,000	**350,000**		350,000				**350,000**
St Catherines Park, Rush	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**		300,000				**300,000**
St Catherines Park, Rush (Kenure Woods)	150,000	50,000	50,000	**250,000**		250,000				**250,000**
Skerries Townpark	200,000	100,000	50,000	**350,000**		350,000				**350,000**
Howth/Malahide										
Redrock Park, Howth - Improvements	10,000	10,000	10,000	**30,000**		30,000				**30,000**
Robswall Park Development	70,000	50,000	50,000	**170,000**		170,000				**170,000**
Racecourse Park, Baldoyle (Millennium)	10,000	10,000	10,000	**30,000**		30,000				**30,000**
SUB-TOTAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES	**2,470,000**	**1,855,000**	**1,875,000**	**6,200,000**		**6,050,000**		**150,000**		**6,200,000**

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OPERATIONS WATER SERVICES

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Levies	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Coastal Walks and Car Parks Howth/Malaide Area	120,000	120,000	120,000	**360,000**		360,000				**360,000**
Digital Beach Signage (Bathing Water quality etc.)	50,000			**50,000**		50,000				**50,000**
Parks & Heritage Signage	75,000	75,000	75,000	**225,000**		225,000				**225,000**
Public Realm Works - Skerries Library	350,000			**350,000**		350,000				**350,000**
Donabate Beach Car-park		150,000		**150,000**		150,000				**150,000**
SUB-TOTAL COASTAL WALKS, CARPARKS AND SIGNAGE	**595,000**	**345,000**	**195,000**	**1,135,000**		**1,135,000**				**1,135,000**
Countywide Playing Pitches	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**		300,000				**300,000**
Barnageeragh Pitch	100,000	50,000	25,000	**175,000**		175,000				**175,000**
Upgrade Works at Allotments	50,000	50,000	25,000	**125,000**				125,000		**125,000**
SUB-TOTAL PLAYING PITCHES & ALLOMENTS	**250,000**	**200,000**	**150,000**	**600,000**		**475,000**		**125,000**		**600,000**
Fancourt Depot	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**				150,000		**150,000**
Coolmine Depot	250,000	250,000		**500,000**				500,000		**500,000**
SUB-TOTAL DEPOT WORKS	**300,000**	**300,000**	**50,000**	**650,000**				**650,000**		**650,000**
	16,045,000	**11,700,000**	**10,070,000**	**37,815,000**		**25,085,000**	**1,866,250**	**8,713,750**	**2,150,000**	**37,815,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
OPERATIONS WATER SERVICES

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Levies	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
WATER SERVICES										
Portrane Canal Works (Surface Water)	60,000			**60,000**		60,000				**60,000**
Howth Surface Water Culvert	72,000	290,000	28,000	**390,000**		390,000				**390,000**
Beaverstown Surface Water Scheme	150,000	50,000		**200,000**		200,000				**200,000**
Burrow Beach Surface Outfall Pipeline	50,000	250,000		**300,000**		300,000				**300,000**
Assessment of the Storm Water Network in Portrane / Donabate			180,000	**180,000**		180,000				**180,000**
Dublin 15 Area - Storm Water Network	150,000		150,000	**300,000**		300,000				**300,000**
Swords / Lissenhall Surface Water Network		150,000	350,000	**500,000**		500,000				**500,000**
The Bawn, Malahide	200,000	100,000		**300,000**		300,000				**300,000**
Bath Avenue, Malahide	250,000			**250,000**		250,000				**250,000**
Ballyboughal Surface Water Network	150,000			**150,000**		150,000				**150,000**
Balbriggan / Rush / Lusk / Skerries Surface Water Network		100,000	100,000	**200,000**		200,000				**200,000**
Fingal Surface Water Network Improvements (excluding specific areas above, including Fingal South, Central and North)		150,000	150,000	**300,000**		300,000				**300,000**
Surface Water Infrastructure Programme (non pipe network infrastructure)		100,000	100,000	**200,000**		200,000				**200,000**
Surface Water Pumping Stations Capital Improvements		100,000	200,000	**300,000**		300,000				**300,000**
SUB-TOTAL SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENTS	**1,082,000**	**1,290,000**	**1,258,000**	**3,630,000**		**3,630,000**				**3,630,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**17,127,000**	**12,990,000**	**11,328,000**	**41,445,000**		**28,715,000**	**1,866,250**	**8,713,750**	**2,150,000**	**41,445,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTIVE TRAVEL

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Grants	Revenue Provision	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
ENVIRONMENT								
Balleally Landfill Restoration & Development	1,200,000	800,000	400,000	**2,400,000**			2,400,000	**2,400,000**
Nevitt Landfill	100,000	100,000	50,000	**250,000**			250,000	**250,000**
Dunsink Landfill Restoration & Development	300,000	200,000	100,000	**600,000**			600,000	**600,000**
Brooks End Unregulated Landfill	400,000	20,000		**420,000**		420,000		**420,000**
Barnageeragh Historic Landfill Remediation	50,000	500,000	5,000	**555,000**		555,000		**555,000**
	2,050,000	**1,620,000**	**555,000**	**4,225,000**		**975,000**	**3,250,000**	**4,225,000**
ACTIVE TRAVEL								
Public usage - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**		1,500,000		**1,500,000**
New Street, Malahide	308,024	5,411,524		**5,719,548**		5,719,548		**5,719,548**
Fingal Cycling Training Centre	250,000			**250,000**		250,000		**250,000**
Broomfield to Paddy's Hill Cycling Scheme	500,000	1,670,000		**2,170,000**		2,170,000		**2,170,000**

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ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTIVE TRAVEL

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Grants	Revenue Provision	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Bicycle Parking	160,000	160,000		**320,000**		320,000		**320,000**
Safe to Schools Programme (Infrastructure)	2,215,313	3,000,000	3,000,000	**8,215,313**		8,215,313		**8,215,313**
Baldoyle to Howth	200,000			**200,000**		200,000		**200,000**
Baldoyle Circle	835,000	1,721,782		**2,556,782**		2,556,782		**2,556,782**
R132 Phase 1 Blakes Cross to Ministers Road	1,000,000			**1,000,000**		1,000,000		**1,000,000**
Brackenstown Road/St Cronans Road Cycle Scheme	909,414			**909,414**		909,414		**909,414**
Harstown to Hunstown Cycle Scheme	2,100,000			**2,100,000**		2,100,000		**2,100,000**
Rathingle to Rivervalley Cycle Scheme	600,000			**600,000**		600,000		**600,000**
Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar	1,419,018	3,000,000	31,673	**4,450,691**		4,450,691		**4,450,691**
Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	1,155,000			**1,155,000**		1,155,000		**1,155,000**
Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue	1,680,000			**1,680,000**		1,680,000		**1,680,000**

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ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTIVE TRAVEL

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Grants	Revenue Provision	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	1,180,000			**1,180,000**		1,180,000		**1,180,000**
Skerries - Harbour Road (Footpath build-outs)	880,000			**880,000**		880,000		**880,000**
Skerries Active Travel Plan	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	**4,500,000**		4,500,000		**4,500,000**
Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park	250,000			**250,000**		250,000		**250,000**
Castleknock to Dunsink Lane	360,000	1,800,000	30,000	**2,190,000**		2,190,000		**2,190,000**
Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	495,000	750,000	30,000	**1,275,000**		1,275,000		**1,275,000**
St Catherines Park Broadwalk	800,000			**800,000**		800,000		**800,000**
Balrothery Mobility Scheme	750,000	500,000	250,000	**1,500,000**		1,500,000		**1,500,000**
Rush - South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to S Shore Rd) New footpath & cycle path	450,000			**450,000**		450,000		**450,000**
Balbriggan - Dublin Road to Drogheda Street	50,000			**50,000**		50,000		**50,000**
Chapel Road to An Teagasc Building	100,000			**100,000**		100,000		**100,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTIVE TRAVEL

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Grants	Revenue Provision	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway	100,000			**100,000**		100,000		**100,000**
R108 Cycling Scheme Airport Road	10,000			**10,000**		10,000		**10,000**
Park & Ride (Lissenhall)	100,000			**100,000**		100,000		**100,000**
NTA Schemes 2023 - 2025	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	**15,000,000**		15,000,000		**15,000,000**
Data collections traffic, air, noise	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**		150,000		**150,000**
Permeability Links North County	400,000			**400,000**		400,000		**400,000**
Phoenix Park to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	175,000	300,000	1,700,000	**2,175,000**		2,175,000		**2,175,000**
	26,481,769	**25,363,306**	**12,091,673**	**63,936,748**		**63,936,748**		**63,936,748**
GRAND TOTAL	**28,531,769**	**26,983,306**	**12,646,673**	**68,161,748**		**64,911,748**	**3,250,000**	**68,161,748**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Levies	Loans	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER											
Civic & Cultural Centre	2,914,300	16,922,800	17,951,400	**37,788,500**			37,788,500				**37,788,500**
Carnegie Library	1,064,700	65,500		**1,130,200**			1,130,200				**1,130,200**
St Michael's House	1,694,500	98,700		**1,793,200**			1,793,200				**1,793,200**
	5,673,500	17,087,000	17,951,400	**40,711,900**			40,711,900				**40,711,900**
OUR BALBRIGGAN PLAN											
Project No.1: Quay Street & Harbour (to include RNLI Boathouse)	800,000	5,000,000	5,200,000	**11,000,000**				7,350,000	1,900,000	1,750,000	**11,000,000**
Project No.2: 2-4 Dublin Street	300,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	**3,500,000**				2,500,000	550,000	450,000	**3,500,000**
Project No.3: 10-11 Bridge Street (Main St, Green Corridor)	250,000	600,000	5,000,000	**5,850,000**				4,300,000	400,000	1,150,000	**5,850,000**
Project No.4: Railway Street & Station Plaza	800,000	800,000	1,000,000	**2,600,000**				1,950,000	400,000	250,000	**2,600,000**
Project No.5: Millpond Park (Linking Main Street - Green Corridor)	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	**2,000,000**				1,425,000	325,000	250,000	**2,000,000**
Project No.6: Promenade Coastal Improvement & Restorations (Beach/Banks/Martello Tower/Boathouse/Public Baths)	250,000	1,700,000	1,500,000	**3,450,000**				2,550,000	525,000	375,000	**3,450,000**
Project No.7: Castle to Castle Greenway (Balbriggan Section)	200,000	400,000	1,000,000	**1,600,000**				1,100,000	250,000	250,000	**1,600,000**
Project Management (including general professional & technical assistance)	130,000	150,000	150,000	**430,000**				305,000	87,500	37,500	**430,000**
Youth Recreation Space	150,000	150,000		**300,000**				150,000		150,000	**300,000**
	3,380,000	10,900,000	16,450,000	**30,730,000**				21,630,000	4,437,500	4,662,500	**30,730,000**

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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Levies	Loans	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
HERITAGE PROPERTIES											
Development works to Malahide Castle	472,988	1,184,116	648,009	**2,305,113**					300,000	2,005,113	**2,305,113**
Bremore Castle	591,000	2,772,000	5,207,000	**8,570,000**						8,570,000	**8,570,000**
Development works to Ardgillan Castle	3,251,047	197,640		**3,448,687**					900,000	2,548,687	**3,448,687**
Development works to Newbridge House	2,448,989	270,305	302,500	**3,021,794**					1,150,000	1,871,794	**3,021,794**
Skerries Mills Red barn	1,229,401	58,736		**1,288,137**					250,000	1,038,137	**1,288,137**
Skerries Martello Tower	75,030	1,064,540	204,775	**1,344,345**						1,344,345	**1,344,345**
Guinness Bridge	1,335,864	152,487		**1,488,351**					1,000,000	488,351	**1,488,351**
Swords Castle	716,805	526,950	138,195	**1,381,950**						1,381,950	**1,381,950**
Shackleton Mills	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**					150,000	450,000	**600,000**
Mtce of Heritage Properties	175,000	175,000	175,000	**525,000**					300,000	225,000	**525,000**
	10,496,124	6,601,774	6,875,479	**23,973,377**					4,050,000	19,923,377	**23,973,377**
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT											
Future Land Purchase	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	**30,000,000**						30,000,000	**30,000,000**
Enterprise Centres	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**						150,000	**150,000**
Damastown Industrial Estate	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**						600,000	**600,000**
Stephenstown Industrial Estate	500,000	3,000,000	1,500,000	**5,000,000**						5,000,000	**5,000,000**
College Business & Technology Park Buzzardstown	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**						300,000	**300,000**
Cherryhound Lands	100,000			**100,000**						100,000	**100,000**
Town & Village Applications	150,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	**3,150,000**				2,835,000	300,000	15,000	**3,150,000**
	11,100,000	14,850,000	13,350,000	**39,300,000**				2,835,000	300,000	36,165,000	**39,300,000**
COUNCIL PROPERTIES											
Howth Martello Tower	30,000	30,000	30,000	**90,000**		90,000					**90,000**
Sluagh Hall, Swords	250,000	25,000	25,000	**300,000**		300,000					**300,000**
Morton Stadium	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**					150,000		**150,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		Levies	Loans	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Lusk Community Council (Katie Hunt's Cottage)	20,000	30,000	30,000	**80,000**						80,000	**80,000**
56 Church Street Skerries (Skerries Library)	10,000	10,000	50,000	**70,000**						70,000	**70,000**
Destination Towns Skerries	50,000			**50,000**						50,000	**50,000**
Donabate Credit Union	500,000	1,000,000	500,000	**2,000,000**						2,000,000	**2,000,000**
	910,000	1,145,000	685,000	**2,740,000**		390,000			150,000	2,200,000	**2,740,000**
LIBRARIES											
Skerries - Refurbishment of Library	3,231,600	239,100		**3,470,700**						3,470,700	**3,470,700**
Improvement works to Libraries (Malahide/Balbriggan/Blanch)	1,017,300			**1,017,300**						1,017,300	**1,017,300**
Baldoyle - General Works	888,400	73,700		**962,100**						962,100	**962,100**
Howth - Refurbishment of Library	129,000	275,930	2,000,000	**2,404,930**						2,404,930	**2,404,930**
	5,266,300	588,730	2,000,000	**7,855,030**						7,855,030	**7,855,030**
ARTS											
Per Cent for Art Projects	75,000	75,000	75,000	**225,000**						225,000	**225,000**
Artists Studios	100,000	100,000		**200,000**				200,000			**200,000**
Youth Education	90,000	90,000	90,000	**270,000**					195,000	75,000	**270,000**
Initiatives arising from Arts Plan 2018-2025	35,000	35,000	35,000	**105,000**					105,000		**105,000**
	300,000	300,000	200,000	**800,000**				200,000	300,000	300,000	**800,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**37,125,924**	**51,472,504**	**57,511,879**	**146,110,307**		**390,000**	**40,711,900**	**24,665,000**	**9,237,500**	**71,105,907**	**146,110,307**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2025
CORPORATE AFFAIRS

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2023	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	TOTAL EXP 2023-2025		REVENUE PROVISION	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2023-2025
Corporate Buildings Improvements	4,000,000	2,600,000	2,100,000	**8,700,000**		4,700,000	4,000,000	8,700,000
Workplace Spatial Strategy	3,450,000	3,250,000	2,000,000	**8,700,000**		3,450,000	5,250,000	8,700,000
GRAND TOTAL	**7,450,000**	**5,850,000**	**4,100,000**	**17,400,000**		**8,150,000**	**9,250,000**	**17,400,000**

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MEETING OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

10TH OCTOBER 2022

ITEM NO 12 B

REPORT ON SETTING OF LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR 2023

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REPORT ON SETTING OF LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

The Local Property Tax (LPT) is an annual self-assessed tax charged on the value of residential properties effective from 1 July 2013 and is administered by the Revenue Commissioners.

The LPT process is governed by the provisions of the following which are included in the appendices to the report:

- Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 SI 358 of 2022
- Circular Fin 08/2014 – Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014.
- Circular Fin 06/2022 – Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022.
- Circular Fin 8/2022 (Revised) – Provisional Local Property Tax Allocation 2023

The Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2021 introduced a number of changes to LPT which are outlined in the accompanying circulars. The key points are summarised below:

- The revaluation of LPT properties took place in November 2021 with changes to the individual yield in each local authority area.
- 100% of the estimated yield will be retained locally within the local authority area where it is collected.
- The move to 100% local retention will lead to an increased surplus for those authorities with LPT income above their baseline. These authorities shall now retain a greater proportion of that surplus for their own use, equivalent to a maximum of 22.5% of the pre-variation yield (20% in 2022).
- The remainder of the increased surplus will be used to self-fund housing and/or roads services expenditure in the local area. Accordingly, all LPT collected locally will be spent on the provision of services in the local authority's area.
- Members can now pass an LPT resolution which can be in effect for a multi annual period of their choosing.

Per the table below the effect of the new valuations and the increased number of residential properties liable for LPT has resulted on average **decrease** across Fingal of **c.4%** if the -10% variation is maintained for 2023.

Even with a change in variation from -10% to -7.5% would still mean LPT on average would decrease across Fingal of **c.1.3%**.

	2022 (@ -10% variation)	2023 (@ -10% variation)	% increase / (% decrease)	2023 (@ -7.5% variation)	% increase / (% decrease)
Fingal LPT Yield	34,338,000	36,480,163	**6.2%**	37,493,500	**9.2%**
LPT properties	98,300	108,800	**10.7%**	108,800	**10.7%**
Average LPT (€)	**349**	**335**	**(4.0%)**	**345**	**(1.3%)**

The report that follows provides a significant amount of financial information and data which must be considered by the Members before they make a decision in relation to the variation of the local adjustment factor.

It is important in this context to note this headed item for discussion at the Council meeting on 10th October will not be determining the Budget for 2023. The figures provided in Schedule 1 are a high-level indication of the budgetary pressures pressures that are likely to have to be considered in forming the 2023 Budget. The draft budget continues to be under review.

Over the past number of years, the Members have voted to maintain the LPT variation at -10% which has facilitated increased resources in areas such as housing, operations, community, and libraries.

2. ROLE OF ELECTED MEMBERS IN RELATION TO SETTING OF LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR.

Under Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended by Section 5 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013, a Local Authority may, as a reserved function, resolve to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its functional area by a maximum of plus or minus 15% of the basic rate.

DHLGH have advised that the decision by a Local Authority to vary the basic rate of LPT must be taken by the 15th October this year in order that it can be advised to the Revenue Commissioners who are responsible for the administration of LPT.

The 10% reduction to the basic rate of LPT, passed by the Members on 12th July 2021, applied for the period 1st November 2021 (liability date) to 31st October 2022. The rate reverts to the basic rate at the 1st November 2022, i.e. the pre-adjusted rate, and the Elected Members must now consider whether to reduce the basic rate, leave it unaltered or increase it for 2023 or a period as specified in the resolution.

3. PROVISIONAL LOCAL PROPERTY ALLOCATION 2023

Appendix A to circular FIN 08/2022 (Revised) outlines the basis for the allocation of the Local Property Tax to Fingal County Council for 2023. (Ref: Appendix 1)

2023 Baseline

Every Local Authority is entitled to receive a minimum amount of funding under the LPT allocation process, known as the Baseline. 2023 Baselines are unchanged from 2022 and are linked to funding previously received as a General Purposes Grant in 2014 with a further adjustment in 2017 to deal with an administrative change to the treatment of the Pension Related Deductions (PRD) in the Local Government sector.

Equalisation

Under the previous LPT model 80% of the estimated LPT yield before variation, was retained locally with 20% used to provide equalisation funding to those local authorities with lower property tax bases. Under the new model all LPT will be retained locally with any equalisation funding being met by the Exchequer, to ensure that all authorities receive, at a minimum, an amount equivalent to their Baseline.

The table below shows the comparison of the 2023 LPT Allocation to the 2022 allocation.

	2022	2023	Movement
Provisional LPT allocation			
LPT 100%	38,153,333	40,533,514	2,380,181
20% Equalisation	7,630,667	0	(7,630,667)
Retained locally	**30,522,666**	**40,533,514**	**10,010,848**
Utilisation:			
Self funding			
Roads & Housing	19,192,725	27,714,199	8,521,474
Discretionary @ - 10% variation			
Baseline	3,699,275	3,699,275	0
Surplus discretionary	7,630,667	9,120,040	1,489,373
10% reduction	(3,815,333)	(4,053,351)	(238,018)
Net discretionary spend available	**7,514,609**	**8,765,964**	**1,251,355**
Discretionary @ - 7.5% variation			
7.5% reduction in 2023	(3,815,333)	(3,040,014)	775,319
Net discretionary spend available	**7,514,609**	**9,779,301**	**2,264,692**

The maintenance of the -10% adjustment will yield FCC an additional **c.€1.25m.** If the variation is changed to -7.5% in 2023 this would yield **c.€2.26m** in additional discretionary income while at the same time LPT payers would still on average see a reduction in their LPT bills.

As outlined in Circular Fin 08/2022 (Revised) it is indicated that cost of funding each 1% reduction in the basic rate is €405,335.

4. KEY DATES

The Revenue Commissioners and the DHLGH must be notified by **15th October 2022** of the Council's decision to vary, or not, the basic rate of the LPT for 2023.

Consultation with the CPG about the parameters and content of the 2023 Budget will continue as will the group's input into the budget strategy in the coming weeks.

The Fingal County Council budget meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 8th November 2022** so the budget must be adopted by Monday 21st November 2022 at the latest.

5. MATTERS TO WHICH A LOCAL AUTHORITY MUST HAVE REGARD

The Local Property Tax (local adjustment factor) Regulations 2022 (SI 358/2022) prescribe certain matters to which the Local Authority must have regard in order to determine whether or not to pass a resolution to vary the basic rate of local property tax. These include:

- Estimation of income and expenditure.
- The financial position of the Local Authority.
- Estimation of financial effect including:
    - Potential impact on a liable person
    - Potential impact on the LPT revenue
    - The potential impact on the service delivery plans of the Local Authority,
    - Any other information the Chief Executive considers relevant.
- Public consultation.

6. ESTIMATION OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2023

SI 358/2022 (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 lays out a prescribed format for outlining an estimation of income and expenditure for the purposes of this report.

The LPT decision is made on the basis of the projection for 2023 which are still **preliminary** as the annual budget process is not complete. As outlined to all Members at the OP&F meeting on September 12th 2022, there are significant financial uncertainties with regards to the formation of the 2023 budget including:

- Significant global economic uncertainty.
- Very significant increases in energy costs.
- Large increase in inflation.
- Increased pension and retirement costs.
- Rates revaluation appeals uncertainty.
- Funding of capital projects.
- Continued pressure and demand on services.

The executive will continue to engage with the CPG as we proceed through the finalisation of the 2023 budget.

SCHEDULE 1

ESTIMATION OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

	Current local financial year Budget 2022	Next local financial year Draft 2023	
INCOME			
Commercial Rates	151,702,426	155,093,249	**1**
Local Property Tax	12,729,000	13,980,000	**2**
Grants & Subsidies	82,052,930	78,340,517	**3**
Other Income	85,393,944	82,685,934	**4**
Total Income	**331,878,300**	**330,099,700**	
EXPENDITURE			
Payroll expenses	98,032,191	105,831,802	**5**
Loan Interest and principal repaid	14,816,900	15,307,600	**6**
Social benefits (transfer payments to households)	48,904,200	54,783,200	**7**
Capital grants paid	3,580,000	3,980,000	**8**
Other expenditure	166,545,009	152,036,198	**9**
Total Expenditure	**331,878,300**	**331,938,800**	

Notes (2022 estimate outturn)

1. Reflects annualised rates collatable
2. LPT income reflects -10% reduction in the basic rate for 2022
3. Grant allocations based on departmental estimates and includes rates waiver for Q1 2022.
4. This reflects all other income including Rents, Loans, Irish Water, Planning Fees, etc.
5. This reflects payroll, pension and retirement costs (including public service wage deal).
6. This reflects loan principle and interest payments.
7. This reflects RAS, Long Term Leasing, Payment & Availability, Affordable Leases, HAP, contribution to DRHE etc.
8. This reflects grants paid.
9. This reflects all other expenditure including Fire Service, Contract Payments, Materials, Energy, Repairs & Maintenance, etc.

Notes (2023 estimate)

1. Refelects estimate of annualised rates for 2023 refletcing possibly bouyancy.
2. LPT reflects on a -10% reduction in the basic rate.
3. Grant allocations estimates.
4. This reflects all other income including Rents, Loans, Irish Water, Planning Fees, etc.
5. This reflects payroll, pension and retirement costs (including public service wage deal).
6. This reflects loan principle and interest payments.
7. This reflects RAS, Long Term Leasing, Payment & Availability, Affordable Leases, HAP, contribution to DRHE etc.
8. This reflects grants paid.
9. This reflects all other expenditure including Fire Service, Contract Payments, Materials, Energy, Repairs & Maintenance, etc.

7. FINANCIAL POSITION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY: -

The following table sets out the financial position of the Council and is based on the financial position of the Council as at the 30th June 2022.

SCHEDULE 2

ASSETS	**€**	**Notes**
Current Assets (Including cash and investmen	499,598,096	1
General Revenue reserve	15,979,812	2
Loans receivable	304,084,759	3
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities (including overdraft)	**220,732,755**	4
General Revenue reserve (if deficit)		
Loans Payable		
Voluntary housing/mortgage loans	206,353,867	5
Non Mortgage Loans	88,942,362	6
INDICATORS		
Ratio of loans payable to revenue income	.99:1	7
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	2.26:1	8

Notes

1 Includes stock, trade debtors and prepayment, bank investments, cash at bank.
2 Reflects cumulative revenue account surplus. DHPLG requirement to ensure that it does not deplete.
3 Loans receivable from mortgage loans issued, including voluntary loans and Irish Water loans recoupable.
4 Creditors and accruals and finance leases.
5 Voluntary Housing, Irish Water loans and Mortgage Loans payable to the Housing Finance Agency.
6 Includes Loans for Assets, Affordable Housing and Shared Ownership Rented Equity.
7 Ratio of loans payable to revenue income is 0.99:1 as total loans payable as outlined above are €295.3m with revenue income budget 2022 at €299.7m.
If voluntary & water loans of €73.2m are excluded the ratio improves from a risk perspective to 0.82 : 1.
8 A desirable ratio from a financial management perspective is 2:1. At 2.26:1 our liquidity position is strong.

Comment on financial position

Included in current assets are cash investments and cash on hand of €375.7m, net debtors of €100m and prepayments of €23.3m. The current assets need to be viewed in terms of the current liabilities of €220.7m which gives Fingal County Council a current ratio of 2.26:1.

It also needs to be borne in mind that c.€160m of cash relates to development levies which are required for the delivery of capital projects. Members are also be aware c. €65m of cash is currently held in reserve to deal with possible outcomes under the rates revaluation appeals process.

The main issue in relation to loans concerns is our bridging finance of €46.8m in respect of affordable housing. Currently, these loans are being serviced mainly on an interest only basis.

As Members are aware, and has been pointed out in previous audit reports FCC has a significant issue with unfunded capital balances relating primarily to land acquisition, which will need to be addressed going forward.

8. POTENTIAL IMPACT ON A LIABLE PERSON

Based on the statistical information provided by DHLHG the table below illustrates how a variation of -10% and -7.5% on LPT would affect liable properties in Fingal.

LPT 2022 Valuation Bands		0-200,000	200,001-262,500	262,501-350,000	350,001 – 437,500	437,501 – 525,000	525,001 – 612,500	612,501 – 700,000	700,001+
Annual LPT payable € (no variation)		90	225	315	405	495	585	675	
No of properties (net)		14,688	17,517	27,418	19,278	11,322	6,380	3,768	8,411
% of properties		13.5%	16.1%	25.2%	17.7%	10.4%	5.9%	3.5%	7.7%
Implication of variations									
	-7.5%	-6.75	-16.88	-23.63	-30.38	-37.13	-43.88	-50.63	
	-10%	-9.00	-22.50	-31.50	-40.50	-49.50	-58.50	-67.50	
	-15%	-13.50	-33.75	-47.25	-60.75	-74.25	-87.75	-101.25	
Difference per week vs -15% variation									
Difference (per week) @ -10.0%		**0.09**	**0.22**	**0.30**	**0.39**	**0.48**	**0.56**	**0.65**	
Difference (per week) @ -7.5%		**0.13**	**0.32**	**0.45**	**0.58**	**0.71**	**0.84**	**0.97**	

Cost of -10% variation for c.83% of LPT payers is less than €0.50 per week,
Cost of -7.5% variation for c.83% of LPT payers is less than €0.71 per week,

As outlined in Circular Fin 08/2022 (Revised) it is indicated that cost of funding each 1% reduction in the basic rate is €405,335.

9. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - VARIATION OF THE BASIC RATE OF THE LOCAL PROPERTY TAX (LPT)

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 (SI 358/2022) requires a 30 day consultation period by the Local Authority with the public in its administrative area. The consultation period facilitates members of the public to make known their views in respect of the potential impacts of varying the Local Property Tax (LPT) rates on businesses, individuals and the Local Authority Services.

Fingal County Council commenced the public consultation process on the Thursday 26th July 2022 by the placing of a notice in the national press and on our website, inviting submissions from the public. The closing date for receipt of submissions was Friday 26th August 2022.

The notice as prescribed in S.7 (2) of the Local Property (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations was published as follows:

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR 2023

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), makes specific provision that elected members of a local authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor. At the meeting set by Fingal County Council to consider this matter, the members may set a local adjustment factor within the range of +/- 15% of the basic rate, or, may decide not to adjust the basic rate.

Fingal County Council will meet to consider the setting of a local adjustment factor for 2023.

Fingal County Council welcomes submissions from the public on this matter specifically covering the potential effects of varying the basic rate of the Local Property Tax on businesses, individuals and on local authority services.

The period for submissions is from **26th July 2022 to 12 noon 26th August 2022.**

Submissions must be received by **12 noon 26th August 2022** and can be made by completing an on-line survey at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/surveys.

AnnMarie Farrelly

Chief Executive

26th July 2022

All comments, including the names and addresses of those making comments, submitted to the Council in regard to this consultation process will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented to a meeting of Fingal County Council. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and consequently will appear on the Council's Website.

Submissions

A total of 40 submissions were received by the closing date. A summary of the submissions is as follows:

LPT Public Consultation –26th July to 26th August 2022.

Brief summary of submission	Number of Submissions
Decrease 0% - 5%	1
Decrease 6% - 10%	4
Decrease 11% - 15%	20
Do not vary	10
Increase 0% - 5%	2
Increase 6% - 10%	2
Increase 11% - 15%	1
Total	**40**

Synopsis of observations from submissions:

- LPT payers are currently having to deal with increased cost of living in the economy.
- Some LPT payers pay management fees in addition to LPT.
- Public services must be properly funded.
- Local representatives must have mature conversation about LPT without resorting to populism.
- LPT is too low at the moment with any increase being used to fund public services.
- Any increase in LPT could be used for the improvement of public services.

10. CONCLUSION

This report is submitted for consideration of the Members to alter the LPT in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations.

FCC has held its LPT variation percentage at -10% since 2018 and has yielded c.€9.6m in an additional discretionary spend over that time. This has allowed us to expand service delivery in key service areas including:

- Increased investment in libraries, community and the arts programme.
- Increased investment in parks, open spaces and playgrounds.
- Enhanced operational expenditure.
- Increased investment in tourism and events throughout the County.

This increased investment has contributed significantly to our ability to keep pace with the ever-increasing demands on services delivered by FCC with a minimal cost to LPT payers in Fingal.

The budget preparation for 2023 is particularly challenging due to the significant increases in inflation, particularly energy costs, increased pension and retirement costs in addition to the ongoing pressure on services. The revenue raised from the LPT variation will be an important building block in finalising the budget for 2023.

If the LPT variation is maintained at **-10%** the recent changes to LPT will see a reduction, on average, of **c.4%** to LPT payers across Fingal while at the same time FCC will get an increased discretionary income from LPT of **€1.25m**.

If the LPT variation is adjusted to **-7.5%** the recent changes to LPT will see a reduction, on average, of **c.1.3%** to LPT payers across Fingal while at the same time FCC will get an increased discretionary income from LPT of **€2.26m**.

It should be noted that each 5% variation in LPT yields c.€2.0m in discretionary income to FCC and as such the LPT variation decision gives significant revenue raising powers to the Member's. With this in mind I would ask consideration be given to a variation beyond the current -10% level with a view to sustaining quality services and to assist the delivery of the required infrastructure projects in the County.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive
10th October 2022

APPENDIX 1 - CIRCULAR FIN 08/2022 (REVISED)

An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

16 August 2022

Circular Fin 08/2022 (Revised)

Chief Executive

cc. Head of Finance

Provisional Local Property Tax Allocations 2023 – Fingal County Council

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to inform you that the provisional Local Property Tax (LPT) allocations from the Local Government Fund for 2023 have been agreed and Fingal County Council's allocation is set out below and in **Appendix A** to this document. LPT allocations have been calculated using the Revenue Commissioners' data on the estimated yield of €490m for the 2022 LPT liability year, post-variation (as set out in **Appendix B** to this document). On a pre-variation basis, the full 2022 estimated yield amounts to €499m and this is the estimate applied to the provisional LPT allocations process for 2023.

The LPT allocation model for 2023 will change from previous years in the following key areas:

- The revaluation of LPT that took place in November 2021 has led to changes to the individual yield in each local authority area; however the overall yield has only marginally increased.
- From 2023, 100% of the estimated yield will be retained locally within the local authority area where it is collected.
- Equalisation funding will now be met by the Exchequer, to ensure that all authorities receive, at a minimum, an amount equivalent to their Baseline. Previously, all local authorities contributed 20% of their yield towards equalisation funding.
- The move to 100% local retention will lead to an increased surplus for those authorities with LPT income above their baseline. These authorities shall now retain a greater proportion of that surplus for their own use, equivalent to a maximum of 22.5% of the pre-variation yield (20% in 2022). The remainder of the increased surplus will be used to self-fund housing and/or roads services expenditure in the local area. Accordingly, all LPT collected locally will be spent on the provision of services in the local authority's area.

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2023 Baseline

Every local authority is entitled to receive a minimum amount of funding under the LPT allocation process, known as the Baseline. Fingal County Council's Baseline for 2023 is €3,699,275.

Equalisation

In line with the commitment in the Programme for Government – *Our Shared Future*; the allocation mechanism for LPT will change in 2023 to allow for 100% of the estimated yield to be retained locally within the local authority area where it is collected. Up to now, 80% of the estimated LPT yield before variation, is retained locally and 20% is used to provide equalisation funding to those local authorities with lower property tax bases. Under the new model, all equalisation funding will be met by the Exchequer, to ensure that all authorities receive, at a minimum, an amount equivalent to their Baseline. The equalisation funding requirement will be based on the total expected level of LPT in each local authority area and will not be adjusted if the basic rate of LPT is varied.

Based on its surplus position when expected 2023 LPT receipts are compared to the 2023 Baseline, Fingal County Council will not be in receipt of equalisation funding in 2023.

Self-Funding

As outlined above, those local authorities with a surplus LPT yield above their baseline, will have that surplus allocated in two ways:

- Part of the surplus, up to the equivalent of 22.5% of total expected LPT income (or the full amount of the surplus if that is less than 22.5%), can be used as additional income by local authorities for the authority's own use as part of their normal budgetary process; and
- The remainder of the surplus, if any, will then be available to the local authority to fund services in the housing and/or roads areas thereby replacing Central Government funding for some of these services. Authorities are expected to continue providing such services regardless of the changed approach to funding.
- The self-funding requirement will be based on the total expected level of LPT in each local authority area before any application of a local variation decision and will not be adjusted if the basic rate of LPT is varied.

Based on its surplus position when expected 2023 LPT receipts are compared to the 2023 Baseline, Fingal County Council will be required to self-fund services in the Housing and Roads areas.

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The specific detail of the level of Central Government Voted grants funding to be provided to local authorities is a matter that will be considered, as normal, as part of the Estimates process.

Provisional LPT allocation to Fingal County Council in 2023

The LPT allocation for Fingal County Council for 2023 **(pending any decision to locally vary the basic rate)** is **€40,533,514.** As a local authority that will be in receipt of 2023 LPT income in excess of the Baseline, Fingal County Council will be entitled to retain an amount of this surplus funding equivalent to 22.5% of the total expected LPT yield or **€9,120,040** for its own use. Fingal County Council will be required to use the remainder of the surplus to self-fund some specified services in the Housing and Roads areas to the value of **€27,714,199.** Details of the self-funding breakdown between Housing and Roads, capital and revenue will issue in a separate circular.

Please refer to the table in **Appendix A**, which sets out the basis for the allocation.

Variation

Every local authority has the power to vary the basic rate of LPT by up to 15%. It should be noted that if Fingal County Council decides to vary the LPT basic rate upwards in 2023; 100% of the resultant additional income will be available for the authorities' own use. Similarly, if Fingal County Council decides to vary the LPT basic rate downwards (by up to 15%) in 2023, the resultant loss in LPT income will be reflected in reduced LPT funding to the authority.

Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022

Local authorities are further reminded of their statutory obligations as set out in the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 358 of 2022) which take account of relevant provisions in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Acts. These regulations provide the updated requirements for local authorities who may wish to vary their local property tax rates for a specified period, in accordance with section 20 of the Act.

Previous guidance circular Fin 08/2014 and Fin 06/2022 also refers.

2022 LPT Statistics and Property Valuation Bands

2022 LPT Preliminary Statistics and Property Valuation Bands were provided to this Department by the Revenue Commissioners. This information is being provided for statistical purposes only to assist in the consideration of the local adjustment factor.

LPT statistics set out in **Appendix B** to this document outline the following:

- 2022 LPT Exempt
- 2022 LPT Amounts Deferred
- 2022 Net estimated LPT Yield (after local variation)

The projected amounts for 2022 LPT reflect any local decision to lower/increase the basic rate by the local adjustment factor in 2022, i.e. data provided is post-variation.

This is of course subject to normal fluctuations that may be caused by transfers in property ownership and the on-going compliance campaign in operation by the Revenue Commissioners.

In accordance with section 152 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, the Department also requested information in relation to property valuation bands for each local authority area from the Revenue Commissioners as set out in **Appendix C** to this document.

Local Authorities will be advised of any further information once it becomes available.

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Sinéad O'Gorman
Principal,
Local Government Finance

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Appendix A

Fingal County Council - 2023 LPT Allocation (Pending any decision to vary the basic rate)

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LPT Retained Locally 100%	40,533,514
2023 Baseline	3,699,275
2023 Surplus (LPT Retained Locally – 2023 Baseline)	36,834,239
Amount of Surplus to be retained for authority's own use (22.5% of basic rate of LPT income)	9,120,040
Balance of Surplus to Self-Fund Housing and Roads Services	27,714,199
	36,834,239
Total LPT Funding to be provided in 2023	40,533,514
Value of potential increase or decrease in 2023 LPT Allocation for every 1% of variation implemented	+/- 405,335

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Appendix B – Estimate of LPT yield in respect of the 2022 Liability Year, post application of the 2022 Local Adjustment Factor as provided by the Revenue Commissioners

Local Authority	LPT 2022 Exempt	LPT 2022 Deferred	Net Estimated LPT Yield 2022 (excludes Exempt and Deferred) Post Variation
Carlow County Council	€33,149	€22,436	€3,867,915
Cavan County Council	€61,028	€21,704	€4,312,884
Clare County Council	€123,470	€51,619	€10,508,177
Cork City Council	€196,414	€120,273	€23,063,872
Cork County Council	€289,812	€145,217	€33,534,369
Donegal County Council	€196,157	€40,899	€9,659,972
Dublin City Council	€1,005,300	€469,312	€80,373,318
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CC	€236,842	€272,647	€48,685,005
Fingal County Council	€321,154	€215,897	€36,480,163
Galway City Council	€69,004	€43,322	€8,527,592
Galway County Council	€93,105	€61,043	€14,362,329
Kerry County Council	€100,674	€45,238	€13,601,125
Kildare County Council	€172,838	€124,792	€25,477,803
Kilkenny County Council	€141,281	€36,978	€8,210,891
Laois County Council	€34,028	€22,599	€5,223,089
Leitrim County Council	€13,051	€9,666	€2,043,722
Limerick City and Co. Council	€237,549	€74,324	€16,380,720
Longford County Council	€33,015	€13,119	€2,295,422
Louth County Council	€87,452	€66,218	€9,276,293
Mayo County Council	€123,348	€39,270	€9,493,020
Meath County Council	€206,003	€108,631	€18,651,237
Monaghan County Council	€56,227	€15,415	€3,481,433
Offaly County Council	€111,611	€28,350	€5,071,538
Roscommon County Council	€41,294	€19,358	€4,143,081
Sligo County Council	€41,783	€22,488	€5,161,214
South Dublin County Council	€48,192	€209,877	€27,423,886
Tipperary County Council	€136,377	€50,619	€11,381,769
Waterford City and Co. Council	€118,666	€51,770	€10,875,229
Westmeath County Council	€72,015	€26,775	€6,168,243
Wexford County Council	€82,980	€75,616	€12,647,908
Wicklow County Council	€134,334	€126,553	€19,616,783
Totals	€4,618,153	€2,632,017	€490,000,000

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Appendix C – LPT 2022 Valuation Bands provided by the Revenue Commissioners

LPT 2022 Valuation Bands	0-200,000	200,001-262,500	262,501-350,000	Over 350,000
Carlow County Council	55.3%	26.1%	13.3%	5.3%
Cavan County Council	75.3%	15.4%	7.1%	2.1%
Clare County Council	51.2%	26.9%	14.8%	7.2%
Cork City Council	33.1%	20.6%	24.3%	22.1%
Cork County Council	36.8%	23.2%	24.2%	15.8%
Donegal County Council	79.7%	12.4%	5.6%	2.3%
Dublin City Council	22.8%	13.9%	21.3%	41.9%
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CC	7.5%	2.3%	10.4%	79.9%
Fingal County Council	13.5%	16.1%	25.2%	45.3%
Galway City Council	28.1%	23.9%	26.8%	21.3%
Galway County Council	42.6%	29.0%	18.0%	10.4%
Kerry County Council	49.3%	27.0%	16.2%	7.5%
Kildare County Council	23.7%	17.7%	28.9%	29.8%
Kilkenny County Council	42.8%	29.3%	17.7%	10.3%
Laois County Council	55.7%	28.3%	11.5%	4.4%
Leitrim County Council	83.0%	11.8%	4.3%	1.0%
Limerick City & County Council	49.3%	25.9%	15.7%	9.2%
Longford County Council	77.8%	17.0%	4.1%	1.2%
Louth County Council	47.9%	24.0%	18.0%	10.1%
Mayo County Council	65.3%	21.4%	9.5%	3.8%
Meath County Council	24.1%	22.9%	28.9%	24.0%
Monaghan County Council	70.6%	17.4%	9.3%	2.7%
Offaly County Council	61.3%	24.1%	10.3%	4.2%
Roscommon County Council	73.2%	18.4%	6.2%	2.2%
Sligo County Council	67.1%	14.7%	11.1%	7.2%
South Dublin County Council	9.9%	16.5%	29.7%	44.0%
Tipperary County Council	61.4%	22.7%	11.0%	4.9%
Waterford City & County Council	52.2%	23.4%	14.7%	9.7%
Westmeath County Council	49.3%	28.9%	14.5%	7.2%
Wexford County Council	49.3%	27.4%	16.3%	7.1%
Wicklow County Council	22.0%	14.1%	22.8%	41.1%

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APPENDIX 2 - CIRCULAR FIN08/2014

Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Community and Local Government

Circular Fin 08/2014

1 July 2014

Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014

I am directed by the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government to refer to the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations (S.I. 296 of 2014), which come into effect from 1 July 2014. Details in relation to these and related matters follow.

Summary

Under section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended by section 5 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2013, a local authority may as a reserved function resolve to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its functional area by a maximum of +/- 15%. This power will be available to local authorities effective from 2015, as the relevant sections of the Act will come into operation on 1 July 2014.

Any decision by a local authority to vary the basic rate of LPT must be taken by 30 September each year in order that it can have effect from 1 November (the liability date) and therefore determine the LPT liability for taxpayers in that local authority area the following year.

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 take account of relevant provisions in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Acts. The Regulations are set out in four Parts:

Part 1 - General Interpretations

Part 2 – Matters to which a local authority must have regard – These provisions provide that, in varying the rate, a local authority must take account of its financial position, and have regard to a number of factors:

- The local authority's estimation of the income it will receive and the expenditure it will incur in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect,
- The financial position of the local authority,
- The financial effect of the varied rate, and
- Feedback from any consultation held.

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This financial information is to be made available to the members of the local authority in preparation for the meeting at which the local adjustment factor will be considered (September at the latest).

Part 3 – Consultation – These provisions relate to the public consultation process that must be followed by a local authority before the setting of the local adjustment factor for the Local Property Tax.

Part 4 – Meeting to consider the local adjustment factor –These provisions set out the requirements for a meeting to consider setting a local adjustment factor.

Part 5 – Notification of local adjustment factor –These provisions set out the notification process for a local authority that passes a resolution to vary the basic rate of LPT.

Appendix to this circular

Appendix 1 - Indicative timelines for setting the local adjustment factor

Detailed Guidance – Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Regulations

Part 2 – Matters to which a local authority must have regard

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act provides that, in taking a decision as to whether or not to pass a resolution to vary the basic rate of the local property tax, there are certain matters that the local authority must have regard to. To provide sufficient information to members on which to base their decision, the Regulations give further effect to the Act's requirements and set out the following matters to which the members of a local authority must have regard:

- Estimation of income and expenditure for the period for which the varied rate is to have effect
- Financial position of the local authority
- Financial effect of the varied rate
- Feedback from public consultation

Information in relation to each of these issues must be provided to the elected members at least 3 days before the day on which they will meet to consider setting a local adjustment factor for the period 1 November in the current year to 30 October in the following year.

2.1 Estimation of income and expenditure for the period for which the varied rate is to have effect

Section 20 (2A)(a) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the local authority's estimation of the income it will receive and the expenditure it will incur in the period for which the varied rate will have effect."

In proposing to increase or decrease the income of the authority, the members must be cognisant of the current levels and types of income, and the level of expenditure that is currently being met, including those elements of expenditure which are strategic, non-discretionary and cannot be reduced in the short term.

2.1.1 Basis for the estimation of income and expenditure

The timing of the requirement to prepare an estimate of income and expenditure falls in advance of the budget meeting. Therefore the local authority should prepare an estimation based on the current year, adjusting for the impact of any information or policies known. Financial assumptions should be noted.

2.1.2 Form of the presentation of the estimation of income and expenditure

The estimation of income and expenditure shall be given in a table that is prescribed in Schedule 1 to the Regulations.

	Current local financial year budget OR estimated outturn	***Next local financial year***
INCOME		
Commercial rates		
Local Property Tax		
Grants and subsidies		
Other income		
Total Income		
EXPENDITURE		
Payroll expenses		
Loan interest and principal repaid		
Social benefits (transfer payments to households)		
Capital grants paid		
Other expenditure		
Total Expenditure		

The report, while similar in layout to the Report required by the Department by 30 September (Preliminary Estimate of Income and Expenditure), is different in a number of important ways:

LPT variation – estimation of income and expenditure	**Report to Department – preliminary estimation of income and expenditure**
Format prescribed in Regulations	Format set out in Fin 05/14
Revenue income and expenditure only	Revenue and capital income and expenditure
Current financial year and next financial year	Next financial year only
To inform the members of the local authority	For compilation into general government budget information
Detailed information on preparation provided in this Circular	Detailed information on preparation will be provided in Budget Circular

2.1.3 Basis of the preparation of the estimation of income and expenditure

As noted above, the basis of preparation is particular to this report, and is set out below.

Current local financial year budget OR estimated outturn

The information presented for the current local financial year, should be the local authority budget, or the estimated outturn, if anticipated to be significantly different than the budget position. In the case of 2014, the current year information should be the combined budget for the merged local authority, with eliminations if required to take account of budgetary provisions between county councils and town councils in the 2014 adopted budgets.

INCOME

Commercial rates

Commercial rates should be presented gross, as is currently the requirement for the Annual Financial Statement and Statutory Budget.

Local Property Tax

The total amount anticipated to be received by the local authority in respect of LPT. To account for the portion retained locally in addition to any portion provided for equalisation (if appropriate and as notified by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government).

Grants and subsidies

To include all other grants and subsidies, including the pension related deductions retained.

Other income

The balance of revenue income of the local authority in the relevant year.

EXPENDITURE

Payroll expenses

To include the total of payroll costs (as is normally set out in Appendix 1 of the Annual Financial Statement).

Loan interest and principal repaid

The total expected to be paid by the local authority in loan servicing and repayments.

Social benefits (transfer payments to households)

The expenditure to be included should comprise homeless services, community employment scheme, RAS, mortgage allowance, and shared ownership/affordable housing subsidy.

Capital grants paid

This comprises grants paid through the revenue account to enterprises and individuals including where appropriate grants for voluntary housing, capital loan and subsidy scheme, community facilities voluntary housing, improvement works in lieu (grant aided portion),

affordable housing, sale of private sites scheme, new house grants, thatching grants, disabled persons and essential repairs grants.

Other expenditure
The balance of revenue expenditure of the local authority in the relevant year.

2.2 Financial position of the local authority

Section 20 (2A)(b) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the financial position of the local authority, including the amounts standing as its accumulated assets and liabilities not less than one month before the date on which it is proposed to pass the resolution".

The statement of financial position relates to the current year. In considering the capacity of the local authority to balance its budget, to collect the income due to it, and to meet the costs of servicing its borrowings, the members must consider the overall financial position. For example, the members may note in particular where a combination of factors exist, such as where: a significant general revenue deficit exists, particularly where it has been disimproving further from losses incurred in recent years; the loan book of the authority is very high in comparison to annual revenue income (e.g. in excess of 150%); and the ratio of current assets to current liabilities is concerning (e.g. a ratio of 2:1 would be considered positive). Members should consider if any reduction in LPT income combined with such matters as set out above or any other relevant factors may therefore result in unmanageable pressure on the cash flow of the local authority.

2.2.1 Basis for preparation

The legislation requires that this report should provide financial information to members as at a date at least one month before the meeting. As the financial position is to be provided at a point during the financial year, the Quarterly Report on Income and Expenditure, and the GGB returns may be used as the basis for this report. The most recently completed quarter end information should be used, provided it is at least one month before the meeting. For example, if the meeting is to be held in September, the financial position should be prepared as at the end June, using the Quarter 2 year to date information.

2.2.2 Form of presentation of financial position

The financial position of the local authority shall be given in a table that is prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Regulations. The financial information presented is a sub-set of the Balance sheet, and the individual lines should not be added together.

	As at Year To Date .....
ASSETS	€
Current assets (including cash and investments)	
General revenue reserve (if surplus)	
Loans receivable	
LIABILITIES	€
Current liabilities (including overdraft)	
General revenue reserve (if deficit)	
Loans payable	
Voluntary housing/mortgage loans	
Non mortgage loans	
INDICATORS	%
Ratio of loans payable to revenue income	
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	

2.3 Estimation of financial effect

Section 20 (2A)(c) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the local authority's estimation of the financial effect of the varied rate on the economy of its functional area, including on those persons who will be liable to pay local property tax."

Any variation in the Local Property Tax rate will have an impact including on the local authority, on those paying LPT, and on those receiving council services. The effect of a variation on all stakeholders must be considered.

2.3.1 Financial effect

The estimation of financial effect shall be set out in a report prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive. The report must, at a minimum, contain the sections set out below. The latest available statistics on Local Property Tax will be published on www.revenue.ie

(a) Potential impact on a liable person

(b) Potential impact on the LPT revenue in the forthcoming financial year

(c) Potential impact on the service delivery plans of the local authority

(d) Any other information the Chief Executive considers necessary

2.4 Feedback from consultation

Sections 20(6)(b) and (c) of the Act provide that the Minister may make regulations on the nature and extent of consultations that a local authority must undertake with other persons before setting a local adjustment factor. See Part 3 below for further details in respect of the public consultation process that should be undertaken.

Consultation with the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

In accordance with the general guidance in the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and CPG Guidelines, the CPG will need to be involved from the preliminary phases of preparation of the budget, and should assist in the setting of overall parameters, identification of issues to be addressed and approaches to be taken.

The Local Government Act 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014) (subsection 133(1)) made provision for early presentation of proposals to the local authority connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy, and this includes the annual budget. The Chief Executive is required to discuss, in outline form, or on the basis of very preliminary papers if available, the development of the budget with the CPG.

The consultation with the CPG should focus on the overall financial position of the local authority and, in a pre-budget context, should discuss a number of key items of budget policy and strategy including the financial consequences of any variation in basic rate of Local Property Tax (LPT) (See Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014 and Circular Fin 05/14 for further details in respect of broader budgetary issues).

2.5 Decision making process

The local authority must consider all of the elements as set out above and reach a decision on that basis.

Appendix 1 of the guidance circular sets out a suggested indicative timeline for the necessary actions required to pass a resolution to set a local adjustment factor to vary the basic rate of local property tax. This is not a prescribed timeframe and local authorities are free to adapt it as necessary.

Part 3 – Consultation

3.1 Public Consultation Process

The requirements in respect of a public consultation process are set out in Part 3 of the Regulations. The local authority should invite the views of the public in respect of the potential impacts of any variation in LPT rates on businesses, individuals and on local authority services. Notice of the public consultation must be published on the local authority's website and in one or more newspapers circulated in the local authority's administrative area and it must provide at least 30 days for the public to provide written submissions. Written is understood to include submissions provided by email, to a website, or delivered to the office. Submissions received should generally be published on the website of the local authority, subject to the normal data protection and freedom of information requirements.

The members of the local authority must consider the feedback received from the public consultation as part of the decision-making process and a report must be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive, to provide them with a summary of the written submissions received, for this purpose.

3.2. Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment Factor

The local authority shall publish a statutory Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment Factor in at least one newspaper circulating in the area for which the local adjustment factor is to be made and on their website. The form of the Notice is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

Part 4 – Setting of a local adjustment factor

4.1 Local authority meeting

The Chief Executive must provide the documents set out in Regulations 4 to 7, to a meeting of the local authority.

The meeting

Not less than 3 days' notice must be given of the date of the meeting, and the documents referred to above must be provided to members 3 days before the date of the meeting.

At that meeting, the members may decide to set a local adjustment factor by resolution, not to vary the basic rate, or to consider the matter further at a later meeting. It should be noted that the statutory deadline for passing a resolution to set a local adjustment factor is 30 September.

A local authority may not set a local adjustment factor unless it has considered all of the relevant documents as set out in Regulations 4 to 7.

Part 5 – Notification of a local adjustment factor

5.1 Persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set

Section 20(6)(d) of the Act provides that the Minister can specify the persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set.

The Revenue Commissioners

Section 21 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, sets out the requirement whereby the local authority must notify the Revenue Commissioners of the local adjustment factor in the form and manner specified by them on or before 30 September in the year in which the resolution is passed.

The Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government

Section 20(4) of the Act requires the local authority to notify the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government in writing that it has passed a resolution to set a local adjustment factor and of the local adjustment factor itself. The Regulations state that notification must be received by the Minister on or before 30 September in the year in which the resolution is passed using the prescribed format as set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations.

Public Notification

Regulation 9 provides that, within 14 days of a local authority passing a resolution to vary the rate of local property tax in their functional area, the local authority shall publish a Statutory Notice of Variation of the Local Adjustment Factor for the inspection of the public;

(a) in at least one newspaper circulating in the area for which the local adjustment factor is to be made;

and

(b) Published on the website of the local authority.

The notice shall at a minimum specify the following-

(a) Name of the local authority,

(b) Address of the local authority,

(c) Notice that the local authority has passed a resolution that the basic rate of local property tax stands varied in respect of residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area for the period specified in the resolution (the next local financial year) and with effect from the relevant liability date (1 November), and

(d) The local adjustment factor.

The Statutory notice shall be signed by the Chief Executive

Any queries in relation to this Circular should be made to Emma Reeves at 053 911 7417.

Yours sincerely,



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Fiona Quinn

Principal Officer

Local Government Finance

To: Chief Executives and CC Heads of Finance

Appendix 1

Suggested indicative timelines for Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)

Mid July	Notices of public consultation of LPT to be published, advising that the local authority will be considering whether to vary the basic rate of LPT in September 30 day period of consultation to commence during which written submissions will be accepted from the public
Mid August	Report of feedback on public consultation to be prepared
Late August	Chief Executive to meet with CPG to discuss the overall budget strategy including LPT and feedback from public consultation
5 - 18 September	The members must receive information for the council meeting setting out the matters to which they must have regard in making a decision on LPT
8 -21 September	Council meeting to make decision on variation of Local Property Tax.
30 September **(at latest)**	Revenue commissioners to be notified of any resolution passed Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government to be notified of any resolution passed
(At latest) 14 days after Resolution passed	Public notice of decision to be published

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APPENDIX 3 - STATUTORY INSTRUMENT S.I. NO 358



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

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S.I. No. 358 of 2022

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX (LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR) REGULATIONS 2022

I, Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 20(6) of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (No. 52 of 2012) hereby make the following regulations:

PART 1
GENERAL INTERPRETATION

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022.

Commencement

2. These Regulations shall come into operation on 18 July 2022.

Interpretation

3. (1) In these Regulations -

"Act" means the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended by the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013 (No. 4 of 2013) and by the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2021 (No. 31 of 2021));

"local authority" has the meaning given to it by section 2(1) (as amended by section 5 (1) and Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014) of the Local Government Act 2001;

"local financial year" has the meaning given to it by section 96 of the Local Government Act 2001;

"Minister" means the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage;

"Chief Executive" means a chief executive for the purposes of section 144 (as amended by section 54 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014) of the Local Government Act 2001.

Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in "Iris Oifigiúil" of 19th July, 2022.

PART 2

MATTERS TO WHICH A LOCAL AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE REGARD

Estimation of income and expenditure

4. (1) An estimation of income and expenditure as specified in Section 20(2A)(a) of the Act shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

(2) The estimation of income and expenditure referred to in paragraph (1) shall be given in the format specified in Schedule 1.

Financial position of the local authority

5. (1) A summary of the financial position of the local authority, as specified in Section 20(2A)(b) of the Act, shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

(2) The summary of the financial position referred to in paragraph (1) shall be given in the format specified in Schedule 2.

Estimation of financial effect

6. (1) A report estimating the financial effect of implementing a local adjustment factor in the local authority area as specified in Section 20(2A)(c) of the Act shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

(2) The report referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain the following information in respect of the local authority area -

(a) the potential impact on a liable person,

(b) the potential impact on the local property tax revenue,

(c) the potential impact on the service delivery plans of the local authority, and

(d) any other information the Chief Executive considers relevant.

PART 3
CONSULTATION

Public consultation

7. (1) The local authority shall consult with the public in its administrative area in relation to its consideration of the setting of a local adjustment factor and, for that purpose, shall publish on its website and in one or more newspapers circulating in the administrative area in which the local adjustment factor would apply, a statutory Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment Factor providing a period of at least 30 days during which written submissions will be accepted.

(2) The form set out in Schedule 3 is prescribed as the form to be used for the purposes of the notice referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) A report summarising the written submissions received from the public consultation shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

PART 4
MEETING TO CONSIDER THE LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

Local authority meeting

8. (1) The documents referred to in regulations 4 to 7 shall be considered by the local authority at a meeting of which not less than 3 days' notice has been given to every member of the local authority.

(2) Not less than 3 days before the day on which the meeting referred to in paragraph (1) is held, the Chief Executive shall send a copy of the documents referred to in regulations 4 to 7 to every member of the local authority.

(3) At the meeting referred to in paragraph (1) the local authority may -

(a) by resolution set a local adjustment factor that will apply for a period as specified in the resolution and with effect from the next local property tax liability date, or

(b) not vary the basic rate, or

(c) decide, subject to section 21(1) of the Act, to consider the matter further at a subsequent meeting of the local authority in accordance with paragraphs (1), (3) and (4).

(4) Except in accordance with this regulation, a local authority shall not set a local adjustment factor.

PART 5

NOTIFICATION OF LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

Persons who must be informed

9. (1) Notice of the passing of a resolution, under Section 20(2) of the Act must be received by the Minister on or before the date on which the Revenue Commissioners are to be notified as specified in Section 21(1)(b) of the Act.

(2) The form set out in Schedule 4 is prescribed as the form to be used for the purpose referred to in paragraph (1).

Statutory notice of variation

10. (1) Within 14 days of the passing of a resolution, under Section 20(2) of the Act, the local authority shall publish on its website and in one or more newspapers circulating in the administrative area in which the local adjustment factor will apply, a Public Notice, signed by the Chief Executive.

(2) The Notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall include the following information:

(a) Name of local authority,

(b) Address of local authority,

(c) Notice that the local authority has passed, a resolution, under Section 20(2) of the Act in respect of residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area, for the period specified in the resolution and with effect from the relevant liability date,

(d) The local adjustment factor, and

(e) any other information the Chief Executive considers to be relevant.

Revocations

11. The following are revoked:

(a) the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 296/2014), and

(b) the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 439/2014), and

(c) the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 285/2021).

SCHEDULE 1

ESTIMATION OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF (1).....

	Current local financial year budget OR estimated outturn	(2)..... local financial year
INCOME		
Commercial rates		
Local Property Tax		
Grants and subsidies		
Other income		
Total Income		
EXPENDITURE		
Payroll expenses		
Loan interest and principal repaid		
Social benefits (transfer payments to households)		
Capital grants paid		
Other expenditure		
Total Expenditure		

(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert year(s) in additional columns for each relevant local financial year, in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect

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SCHEDULE 2

FINANCIAL POSITION OF (1) .....

	As at Year To Date (2).....
ASSETS	€
Current assets (including cash and investments)	
General revenue reserve (if surplus)	
Loans receivable	
LIABILITIES	€
Current liabilities (including overdraft)	
General revenue reserve (if deficit)	
Loans payable	
Voluntary housing/mortgage loans	
Non mortgage loans	
INDICATORS	%
Ratio of loans payable to revenue income	
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	

(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert the month as at which the year to date information is prepared

SCHEDULE 3

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), makes specific provision that elected members of a local authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor. At the meeting set by (1) .....to consider this matter, the members may set a local adjustment factor within the range of +/- 15% of the basic rate, or, may decide not to adjust the basic rate.

(1)..... will meet in (2)..... to consider the setting of a local adjustment factor.

(1)..... welcomes written submissions from the public on this matter specifically covering the potential effects of varying the basic rate of the Local Property Tax on businesses, individuals and on local authority services.

Submissions must be received by (3)..... and be sent to:

(4).....

or

(5).....

Signed_____

Chief Executive

Dated:

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(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert the date (month/year) on which it is proposed to consider the resolution

(3) Insert the date being a minimum of 30 days from the publication of the notice

(4) Insert the postal address to which submissions may be sent

(5) Insert the email address and /or website address to which submissions may be sent

SCHEDULE 4

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 20(2) OF THE FINANCE (LOCAL PROPERTY TAX) ACT 2012 (as amended)

(1).....

In pursuance of the provisions of section 20 of the FINANCE (LOCAL PROPERTY TAX) ACT 2012 (as amended), I the undersigned, hereby notify the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of the passing, of a resolution at a meeting of the above mentioned local authority on (2)..... to the effect that the basic rate of local property tax should stand varied (3)..... by (4).....per cent for the year(s) (5)..... in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area.

Signed

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Chief Executive

Dated:

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(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert the date on which the resolution was passed

(3) Insert upwards OR downwards.

(4) Insert the local adjustment factor (number)

(5) Insert year(s) to which the local adjustment factor applies (Notifications received by the Revenue Commissioners in the current year are implemented in the following year)

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GIVEN under my Official Seal,
12 July, 2022.

DARRAGH O'BRIEN,
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

These Regulations provide the requirements for local authorities who may wish to vary their local property tax rates for a specified period, in accordance with Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), including the factors that they must consider and the type of public consultation that they should undertake as part of the process. These Regulations revoke and replace the previous regulations; the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 296/2014), the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 439/2014), and the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 285/2021).

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APPENDIX 4 - CIRCULAR FIN 06/2022 & FAQ FOR LPT LOCAL VARIATION DECISIONS

An Roinn Tithíochta,
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Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

18 July 2022

Circular Fin 06/2022

Chief Executive

cc. Head of Finance

Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to refer to the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 358 of 2022), which come into effect from 18 July 2022. Details in relation to these and related matters follow.

Summary

Under section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, a local authority may, as a reserved function, resolve to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its functional area by a maximum of +/- 15%.

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 provide the updated requirements for local authorities who may wish to vary their local property tax rates for a specified period, in accordance with section 20 of the Act.

These Regulations revoke and replace the previous regulations; the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 296/2014), the Local Property Tax

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(Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 439/2014), and the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 285/2021).

Regulations in 2021 changed the public consultation period from 30 days to 14 days and adjusted the issues that local authorities had to formally consider as part of the local adjustment factor. Under the 2022 Regulations the public consultation period will revert to 30 days and the report estimating the financial impact of the local adjustment factor should once again include information in respect of the potential impact on a liable person. The regulations also include the factors that local authorities must consider and the type of public consultation that they should undertake as part of the process.

The 2022 regulations do not refer to yearly decisions but instead to "a period as specified in the resolution", meaning elected members can now set a local adjustment factor for a period of their choosing. As with all resolutions, the resolution to set a multi-annual local adjustment factor can be revoked in accordance with the provisions included in the Standing Orders of the local authority, as required by Part 6, schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The Finance (Local Property Tax)(Amendment) Act 2021 amended the dates on which Revenue must be notified of the local adjustment factor to 31st August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15th October in any other year (previously this was 30th September). The later notification date in a year in which revaluation does not take place, will allow the meeting to consider the local adjustment factor to happen nearer to the local authority budget period specified by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage every year (usually the month of November).

The new regulations will require that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is informed of the local adjustment factor decision by the same dates as those specified for notification to the Revenue Commissioners in the Act.

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The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 take account of relevant provisions in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Acts.

The substantive changes to existing provisions in the regulations are as follows:

Part 2 – Matters to which a local authority shall have regard

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act provides that, in taking a decision as to whether or not to pass a resolution to vary the basic rate of the local property tax, there are certain matters that the local authority must have regard to.

Section 20 (2A)(c) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the local authority's estimation of the financial effect of the varied rate on the economy of its functional area, including on those persons who will be liable to pay local property tax." The report to estimate the financial effect of implementing a local adjustment factor must now contain information in respect of the potential impact on a liable person, in accordance with Regulation 6 as amended.

The estimation of income and expenditure shall be given in a table that is prescribed in Schedule 1 to the Regulations. This form now includes additional columns provided for each relevant local financial year in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect, in the case where a multi-annual decision is being made. Financial assumptions should be noted.

Other than outlined above, the 2022 regulations make no substantive changes to the existing provisions outlining the matters to which a local authority must have regard.

Part 3 – Consultation

3.1 Public Consultation Process

The requirements in respect of a public consultation process are set out in Part 3 of the Regulations. Notice of the public consultation must be published on the local authority's website and in one or more newspapers circulated in the local authority's administrative area and it must provide at least 30 days for the public to provide written submissions.

Other than outlined above, the 2022 regulations make no substantive changes to the existing provisions regarding the public consultation period.

Part 4 – Meeting to Consider the Local Adjustment Factor

4.1 Local authority meeting

The 2022 Regulations do not refer to yearly decisions but instead to "a period as specified in the resolution". This means that under the 2022 Regulations elected members can now set a local adjustment factor for a period of their choosing. In deciding the period to which a local adjustment factor will apply, elected members are asked to have regard to lifetime of the Council, or in other words to the number of years remaining before the next local elections are due and a new Council will be in place.

It is only possible to make a resolution for a period of more than one local financial year in circumstances where a local adjustment factor is being set. It is not possible to make a decision to not vary the basic rate or to not set a local adjustment factor for a period of more than one local financial year. Likewise, if no resolution at all is passed in respect of the basic rate or local adjustment factor, where by default the basic rate will apply, then that applies only for a period of one local financial year.

As with all resolutions, the resolution to set a local adjustment factor can be revoked in accordance with the provisions included in the Standing Orders of the local authority, as required by Part 6, schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

A decision to revoke a resolution which previously set a local adjustment factor for a period of more than one financial year, and to subsequently set a different local adjustment factor, or revert to the basic rate, is permissible, once it complies with the following:

- Existing provisions regarding the revocation of resolutions;
- The relevant requirements regarding the preparation of the financial reports outlined in regulations 4-6;
- The relevant requirements regarding the public consultation outlined in regulation 7;
- The relevant requirements regarding provision of reports for the meeting, and notice of the meeting outlined in regulation 8; and
- The statutory timelines regarding notification of local adjustment factor decisions to the Revenue Commissioners and the Minister, provided for in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, and in the 2022 Regulations.

The attached FAQ document outlines a number of scenarios regarding the possible decisions taken at the meeting, and associated decision timeframes and revocation options.

It should be noted that the statutory deadline for passing a resolution to set a local adjustment factor is 31 August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15 October in any other year.

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A local authority may not set a local adjustment factor unless it has considered all of the relevant documents as set out in Regulations 4 to 7.

Part 5 – Notification of local adjustment factor

5.1 Persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set

Section 20(6)(d) of the Act provides that the Minister can specify the persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set.

The Revenue Commissioners

Section 21(1)(b) of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, sets out the requirement whereby the local authority must notify the Revenue Commissioners of the local adjustment factor in the form and manner specified by them on or before 31 August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15 October in any other year. (This date was previously 30 September).

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Section 20(4) of the Act requires the local authority to notify the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing that it has passed a resolution to set a local adjustment factor and of the local adjustment factor itself. The Regulations state that notification must be received by the Minister on or before 31 August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15 October in any other year, using the prescribed format as set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations.

Apart from the formal notification to the Minister of the passing of a resolution as referred in the paragraph above, local authorities will be requested, as a procedural matter, to confirm with the Department on an annual basis, the local adjustment factor (or the basic rate, as the case may be) that should apply for the following financial year. The Department will circulate the relevant forms each year for return on or before the relevant deadlines.

Public Notification

Regulation 10 provides that, within 14 days of a local authority passing a resolution to vary the rate of local property tax in their functional area, the local authority shall publish a Public Notice. The Public Notice shall give notice that the local authority has passed a resolution under Section 20(2) of the Act in respect of residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area for the period specified in the resolution and with effect from the relevant liability date.

Other than outlined above, the 2022 regulations make no substantive changes to the existing provisions outlining the requirements in relation to the Public Notice.

Any queries in relation to this Circular should be made to Deirdre McCarthy or Joe Sinnott at lgfinance@housing.gov.ie .

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Sinéad O'Gorman

Principal Officer

Local Government Finance

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Frequently Asked Questions for LPT local variation decisions

Q.1 – What primary legislation gives local authorities the power to vary LPT rates in their local area?

Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Act) 2012, as amended, outlines the power of elected members to vary the basic rates of LPT in their local area. Extract below:

> **Power of elected members of local authority to vary basic rates.** ***Section 20(2)***
>
> Where the passing of such a resolution is a reserved function (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014) of a local authority, a local authority may pass a resolution that the basic rate should, for a period specified in the resolution and with effect from the date specified in *section 21(2)* (inserted by the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013), stand varied (either upwards or downwards) by a specified percentage in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the local authority's functional area.

Q.2 – Can local authorities make a local variation decision for more than one year?

Yes, the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022, allow for a local variation decision to apply for a period beyond one year.

The LA follows the process as outlined in Regulations and Guidance i.e. full consultation with public, report prepared for elected members, resolution passed and relevant parties notified. For example, the LA may decide to apply an upward variation decision of 10% for three years without having to revisit the matter again until the three years have passed. Each year, as a procedural matter, the LA is requested to confirm the applicable local variation rate with the Revenue Commissioners and the Department.

Q.3 – What happens if the local authority decides to change the local adjustment factor in year two of a decision that originally spanned three years? For example, LA decides to discontinue with the 10% upward variation after one year and to apply a different varied rate for the following two years, say 15% upward variation?

In order to apply a different varied rate other than that set out in the original resolution; the LA must repeat the process as outlined in Regulations and Guidance i.e. full consultation with public, report prepared for elected members, new resolution passed in accordance with the standing orders of the local authority to supersede any previous decision and relevant parties notified of the outcome. It is important to note that the local authority must allow sufficient time for all of the consultation, reports, and for the required notification to the Revenue Commissioners and Minister HLGH etc., prior to revisiting any previous decision. Revenue & Minister HLGH continue to be notified by LA on an annual basis to confirm the position.

Q.4 – What if a local authority, with a 10% upward variation decision for a three year period, wants to revert back to the basic rate after the first year has passed?

In order to revert back to the basic rate, the LA must repeat the process as outlined in Regulations and Guidance i.e. full consultation with public, report prepared for elected members, revoke the resolution in accordance with the standing orders of the local authorities and notify the relevant

parties of the outcome. It is important to note that the local authority must allow sufficient time for all of the consultation, reports and for the required notification to the Revenue Commissioners and Minister HLGH etc., prior to revisiting any previous decision. Revenue & Minister HLGH continue to be notified by LA on an annual basis to confirm position.

Q.5 – Can a local authority pass a resolution to not vary the Basic Rate for 3 Years?

No; in order to pass a resolution for a specific period e.g. 3 years, it must be varied either upwards or downwards. If the authority decides not to apply any varied rate for 3 years, that is their entitlement, but in order to do so, the authority has to consider the matter and go through the full process as outlined previously, each year. If, at the end of that process, the LA decides not to vary the Local Adjustment Factor, that decision can only apply for the following financial year and must be considered afresh each subsequent year.

Q.6 -- What if a local authority decides to discontinue with a Basic Rate after one year and to apply a different varied rate for the following two years, say 5% upward variation?

As any decision not to vary the Basic Rate can only apply for one year, the matter has to be considered afresh the following year. Having completed the full consultation and financial report process in the following year, the LA may decide to pass a resolution to apply a 5% upward variation for a subsequent two year period.

Q.7-- What happens if a local authority does not pass any resolution in respect of variation of the local rate?

If, having considered the matter, the local authority does not pass any resolution to apply a local adjustment factor, then the basic rate applies by default. Revenue & Minister HLGH continue to be notified by LA on an annual basis to confirm the 'no variation 'position. The matter must then be considered afresh the following year.

Q.8-- What are the final dates for notifying the Revenue Commissioners and the Department of a local variation decision?

Any local variation decision in a specific year can only take effect from the following liability year onwards e.g. a decision taken in September 2022 will have an effect from the 2023 LPT liability year. The period, or the number of years that the variation decision is to apply for must be stated in the resolution.

The specific resolution notification dates to the Revenue Commissioners and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage are as follows; 15 October for any year other than a LPT revaluation year and 31 August in a LPT revaluation year.

As a matter of course, the local authority will continue to notify the Revenue Commissioners and the Department (DHLGH) each year of the applicable local adjustment factor, if any, in place for the following liability year.

APPENDIX 5 - LOCAL PROPERTY TAX (LPT) STATISTICS 2022 PRELIMINARY (**1 JULY 2022**).

Local Property Tax (LPT) for 2022

Statistics Update

(Data as at 01 July 2022)

These statistics are provisional and will be revised

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Local Property Tax (LPT) Statistics

The Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2021 introduced a new structure for LPT from 2022 onwards. LPT for the years 2022 to 2025 is based on property values on 1 November 2021. Residential properties are valued for LPT purposes, by their owners under self-assessment, into one of 20 valuation bands.

In September and October 2021, Revenue contacted over 1.4 million property owners (in respect of nearly 2 million properties) setting out the requirements for the "valuation period" (2022-2025). As part of this engagement, Revenue explained what property owners needed to do to meet their LPT obligations for 2022:

1. determine the market value of their property as at 1 November 2021;
2. submit this valuation in their LPT return by 7 November 2021 (extended to 5pm on 10 November);
3. pay or make arrangements to pay their LPT charge for 2022.

Returns and payments are filed and up to date in respect of 1,620,939 properties

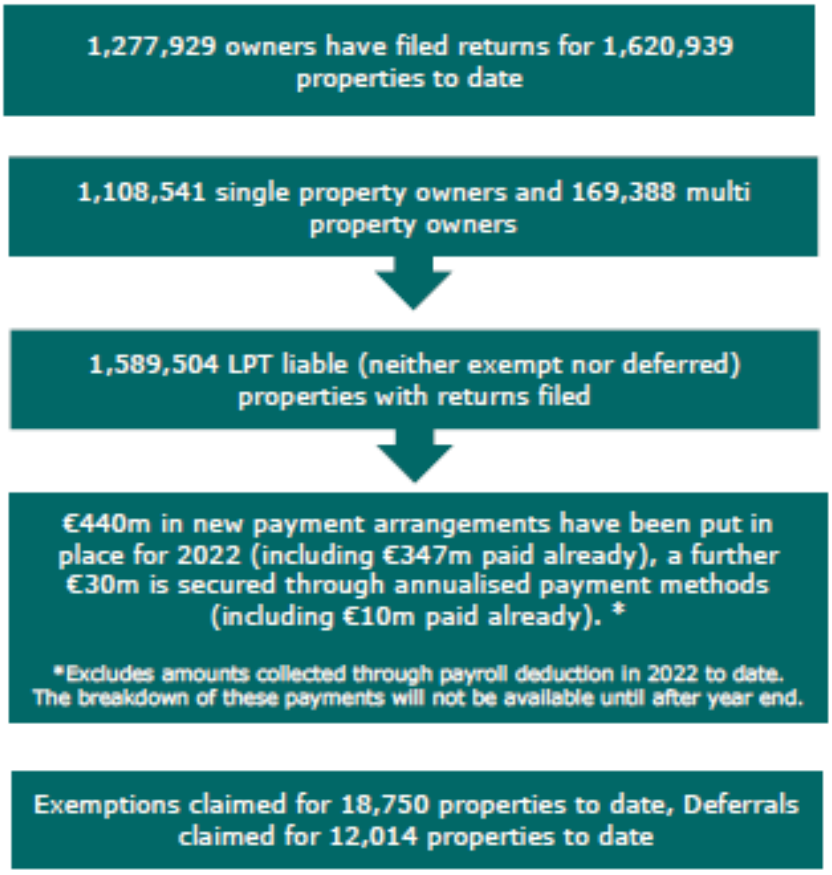
91% Return Compliance

Filing arrangements have been finalised in respect of a further 175,900 Local Authority and Approved Housing Body properties and there are open correspondence queries on hand with Revenue in respect of approximately 10,000 properties delaying filing but which are considered compliant

95% Payment Compliance

Payment arrangements are in place for an additional 84,434 properties where returns are not yet filed

LPT Table 1: Revenue's Engagement with Property Owners for 2022



LPT Table 2: Analysis of Returns Filed to Date for 2022

The tables below provide analysis of the properties for which returns have been filed to date.

Local Authority of Property	Properties Returned (000s)	Compliance Rate (%)	LPT Collected for 2022** (€ Million)
Carlow	21.3	89.3	3.1
Cavan	27.9	87.8	3.5
Clare	48.9	90.2	8.6
Cork City	80.1	93.1	17.8
Cork County	129.1	91.1	27.0
Donegal	65.9	85.6	8.0
Dublin City	224.2	93.1	63.6
Dun L/Rathdown	85.3	96.1	37.5
Fingal	102.1	92.2	27.3
Galway City	31.0	94.2	7.0
Galway Co	67.5	89.6	11.6
Kerry	65.7	91.4	11.5
Kildare	77.2	91.4	19.5
Kilkenny	33.9	90.0	6.4
Laois	27.6	87.9	4.0
Leitrim	14.9	87.0	1.8
Limerick	72.5	90.1	12.7
Longford	15.9	88.1	2.0
Louth	46.3	88.5	7.2
Mayo	55.5	89.2	8.1
Meath	66.1	89.8	13.8
Monaghan	21.1	87.8	2.9
Offaly	25.9	88.3	4.1
Roscommon	25.9	88.2	3.5
Sligo	28.6	90.3	4.2
South Dublin	94.6	92.6	20.1
Tipperary	60.0	89.7	9.4
Waterford	47.6	90.8	8.2
Westmeath	32.4	89.4	4.8
Wexford	60.4	90.4	10.2
Wicklow	51.5	91.9	14.7
	1,806	**91**	**384**

Exemptions Claimed to date	
Charitable recreational activities	1.3%
Charity/Public Body owned for special needs	52.9%
Defective concrete blocks grant scheme	4.4%
Fully subject to commercial rates	6.9%
Long term illness	13.4%
Pyrite damaged	6.9%
Registered nursing home	2.7%
Residence of a severely incapacitated individual	11.3%
North-South implementation bodies	0.2%
All Exemptions Claimed	**100%**
Number of Properties	**18,750**

Deferrals Claimed to date	
Deceased liable person	0.1%
Financial hardship	0.0%
Gross income*	90.8%
Insolvent liable person	0.0%
Mortgage*	9.1%
All Deferrals Claimed	**100%**
Number of Properties	**12,014**

**Includes partial and full deferrals.*

Deferral and exemption categories are explained on the Revenue website.

Owner's Choice of Payment Method	
Annual or Monthly Direct Debit	45.7%
Credit or Debit Card	32.1%
Deduction at Source	10.5%
Service Provider	10.0%
Cheque or Cash	1.7%
All Payment Methods	**100%**
Number of Properties	**1,620,939**

Number of Properties Owned	
1	86.7%
2	9.3%
3-5	3.3%
6-10	0.5%
Over 10	0.2%
All Ranges	**100%**
Number of Owners	**1,277,929**

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**LPT collected for 2022 includes €124m in prepayments received in 2021 and €260m received in 2022. This includes payments collected where a return has not yet been filed for 2022, an estimated breakdown of payments collected through payroll deduction in 2022 to date and amounts paid by Local Authorities in respect of properties they own. Approximately €0.5m in Household Charge received during 2022 is not included in the €384m figure. Local Government Fund receipts collected in 2022 also include €24.7m for LPT in previous years.

LPT Table 3: Analysis of Valuations Filed to Date for 2022

The tables below provide an analysis of the properties for which valuations have been fully filed to date. Properties owned by Local Authorities or Approved Housing Bodies have been excluded.

Owner's Self -Assessment Valuation Band	
1: €0-€200,000	33.3%
2: €200,001-€262,500	21.7%
3: €262,501-€350,000	20.2%
4: €350,001-€437,500	10.4%
5: €437,501-€525,000	5.5%
6: €525,501-€612,500	2.8%
7: €612,501-€700,000	1.9%
8: €700,001-€787,500	1.2%
9: €787,501-€875,000	0.9%
10: €875,001-€962,500	0.6%
11: €962,501-€1,050,000	0.4%
12: €1,050,001-€1,137,500	0.2%
13: €1,137,501-€1,225,000	0.2%
14: €1,225,001-€1,312,500	0.1%
15: €1,312,501-€1,400,000	0.1%
16: €1,400,001-€1,487,500	0.1%
17: €1,487,501-€1,575,000	0.1%
18: €1,575,001-€1,662,500	0.1%
19: €1,662,501-€1,750,000	0.1%
20: Over €1.75 million	0.2%
All Bands	**100%**
Number of Properties	**1,620,939**

Revenue has published preliminary analysis of valuations compared to sales prices here

Local Authority of Property	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5+	All Bands
Carlow	49%	30%	15%	4%	2%	100%
Cavan	73%	17%	8%	2%	1%	100%
Clare	48%	29%	16%	5%	3%	100%
Cork City	21%	24%	29%	14%	12%	100%
Cork County	32%	25%	26%	10%	7%	100%
Donegal	78%	13%	6%	2%	1%	100%
Dublin City	10%	16%	25%	19%	30%	100%
Dun L/Rathdown	1%	2%	11%	15%	71%	100%
Fingal	6%	17%	27%	19%	30%	100%
Galway City	20%	26%	30%	11%	12%	100%
Galway County	40%	30%	19%	6%	5%	100%
Kerry	45%	29%	18%	5%	3%	100%
Kildare	17%	19%	31%	18%	14%	100%
Kilkenny	37%	32%	20%	6%	5%	100%
Laois	50%	32%	13%	3%	2%	100%
Leitrim	82%	13%	5%	1%	0%	100%
Limerick	45%	28%	17%	6%	4%	100%
Longford	74%	20%	5%	1%	0%	100%
Louth	41%	27%	20%	7%	4%	100%
Mayo	64%	22%	10%	2%	2%	100%
Meath	18%	24%	31%	14%	12%	100%
Monaghan	68%	19%	10%	2%	1%	100%
Offaly	51%	30%	13%	3%	2%	100%
Roscommon	71%	20%	7%	1%	1%	100%
Sligo	65%	15%	12%	5%	3%	100%
South Dublin	7%	17%	30%	19%	26%	100%
Tipperary	53%	28%	13%	4%	2%	100%
Waterford	45%	27%	17%	6%	5%	100%
Westmeath	45%	31%	16%	5%	3%	100%
Wexford	44%	30%	18%	5%	3%	100%
Wicklow	13%	16%	25%	19%	27%	100%
All Councils	**33%**	**22%**	**20%**	**10%**	**15%**	**100%**

For 65% of properties, the owner valuation band is the same as the Revenue guidance

22% returned a lower band (17% reduced by 1 band, 3% by 2 and 2% by 3 or more)

13% returned a higher band (10% increased by 1 band, 2% by 2 and 1% by 3 or more)

Therefore, 92% of owners' valuations are the same or one band higher or lower than the Revenue guidance

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Further Information

Information on the operation of LPT is available on www.revenue.ie.

Revenue's online LPT valuation guidance map is available here and information on how to value a property is provided here.

Statistics updates on LPT are available here.

A technical paper describing Revenue's analysis of property valuations is available at here.

Queries of a statistical nature in relation to LPT can be sent to statistics@revenue.ie. Media queries should be directed to revpress@revenue.ie in the first instance.

APPENDIX 6 - GENERAL SCHEME OF FINANCE (LOCAL PROPERTY TAX) (AMENDMENT) ACT 2021 NEW BANDS.

LPT Valuation Band €	LPT Charge €
0-200,000	90
200,001-262,500	225
262,501-350,000	315
350,001-437,500	405
437,501-525,000	495
525,501-612,500	585
612,501-700,000	675
700,001-787,500	765
787,501-875,000	855
875,001-962,500	945
962,501-1,050,000	1,035
1,050,001-1,137,500	1,190
1,137,501-1,225,000	1,409
1,225,001-1,312,500	1,627
1,312,501-1,400,000	1,846
1,400,001-1,487,500	2,065
1,487,501-1,575,000	2,284
1,575,001-1,662,500	2,502
1,662,501-1,750,000	2,721
Over 1.75 million	2,830+
Total	

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1419

29th September 2022

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed disposal of land and Grant of Wayleave at Ballough Place, Lusk Co. Dublin to the Electricity Supply Board Networks (ESB Networks)

An application was made by Fingal County Council to ESB Networks for the construction of a substation and associated ancillary works to facilitate housing construction which requires the disposal of land and the grant of a permanent wayleave at Ballough Place, Lusk, Co. Dublin to the Electricity Supply Board Networks (ESB).

It is proposed subject to the necessary statutory approvals to dispose of land to ESB Networks, totalling 4.4 meters squared approximately as outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-263-22 for the construction of a substation and to grant a wayleave totalling 14 meters squared approximately (5m x 3m) as hatched yellow on Drawing No. LA-263-22, dated 22nd July 2022 and contained within Folio DN240633F to ESB Networks, 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. That the Council shall dispose of land totalling 4.4 meters squared approximately, as shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA-263-22.

2. That the Council shall grant a permanent wayleave over the land hatched yellow on attached Drawing No. LA-263-22, totalling 14 meters squared approximately (5m x 3m).

3. Any and all terms and conditions as set out in the ESB Networks Connection Agreement signed 10th January 2022.

4. That the Council shall dispose of the subject land for a consideration of €1.00 (one euro) plus VAT and Stamp Duty (if applicable).

5. That each party shall be responsible for their own VAT, Stamp Duty or other costs arising.

6. ESB Networks shall discharge the Council's Legal Fees up to €750.00 (seven hundred and fifty euro) plus VAT and reasonable outlay.

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

8. That this proposal is subject to the necessary statutory consents and approvals.

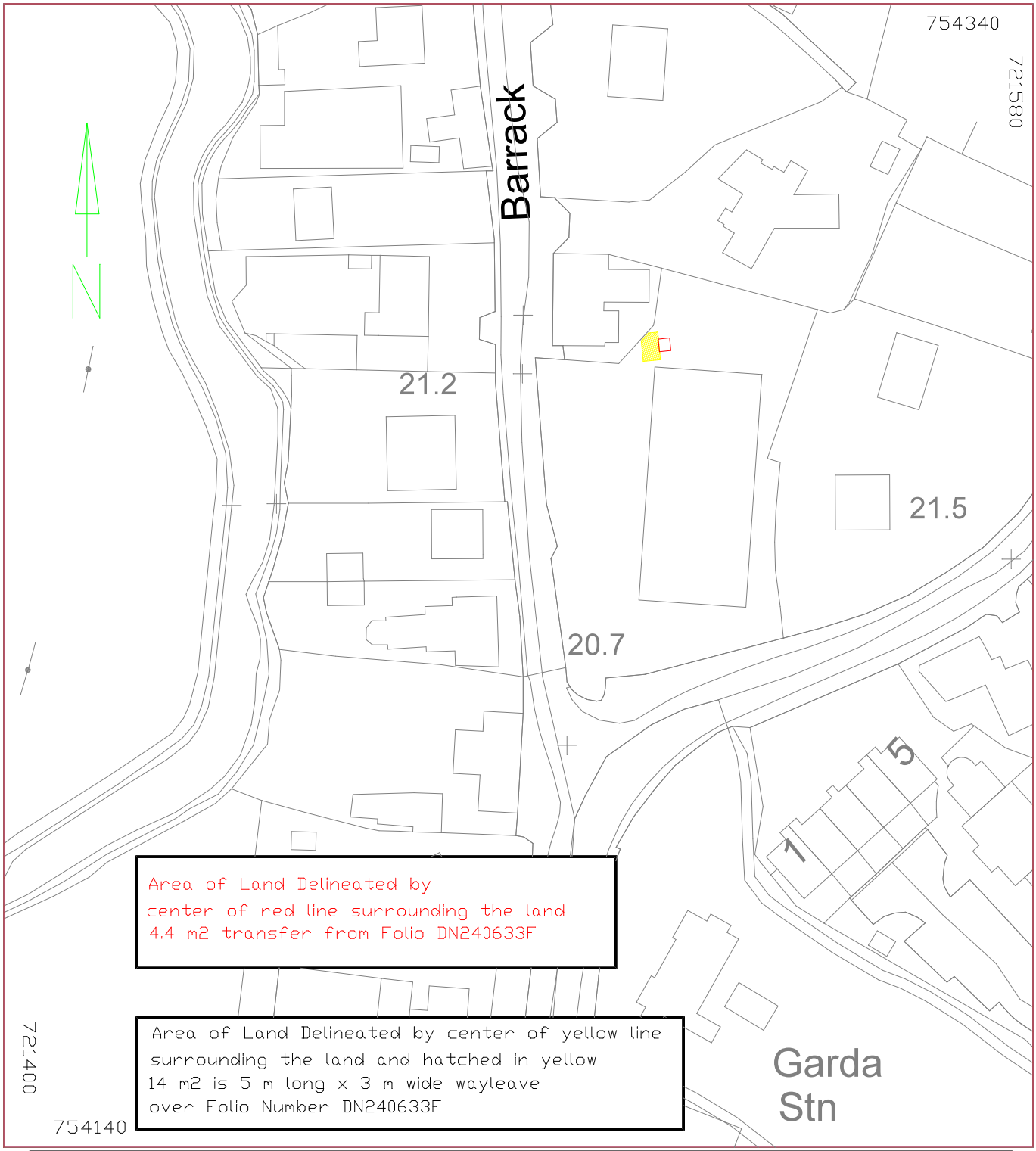
I concur with the above and recommend payment of the Council's costs in this matter together with any additional approved costs that may arise.

The lands to be disposed of were acquired in 2019 from Eric & Mary Leonard for housing purposes.

A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on 8th September 2022.

Roise Brandon

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise,
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Dwg No:	LA-263-22	O.S.Ref:	
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Gross Area :			
Road Area :			
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Project:
Ballough Place, Lusk

Wayleave to be granted to
ESB

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County Hall,
Swords, Fingal,
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File Ref: LD 1415

29th September 2022

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed disposal of land and Grant of Wayleave at Bowden Court, Outlands, Rathbeale Road, Swords, Co. Dublin to the Electricity Supply Board Networks (ESB Networks)

An application was made by Fingal County Council to ESB Networks for the construction of a substation and associated ancillary works to facilitate housing construction which requires the disposal of land and the granting of a permanent wayleave at Bowden Court, Outlands, Rathbeale Road, Swords, Co. Dublin to the Electricity Supply Board Networks (ESB).

It is proposed subject to the necessary statutory approvals to dispose of land to ESB Networks, totalling 8.2 meters squared approximately as outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-264-22 for the construction of a substation and to grant a wayleave totalling 19 meters squared approximately (4m x 5m) hatched yellow on Drawing No. LA-264-22 and contained within Folio DN8419 to ESB Networks, 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. That the lands the subject of the disposal, totalling 8.2 meters squared approximately, are shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA-264-22 (copy attached).

2. That the Council shall grant a permanent wayleave over the land hatched yellow on attached Drawing No. LA-264-22, totalling 19 meters squared approximately (4m x 5m).

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

4. Any and all terms and conditions as set out in the ESB Networks Connection Agreement signed 3rd February 2022.

5. That each party shall be responsible for their own VAT, Stamp Duty or other costs arising.

6. ESB Networks shall discharge the Council's Legal Fees up to €750.00 (seven hundred and fifty euro) plus VAT and reasonable outlay.

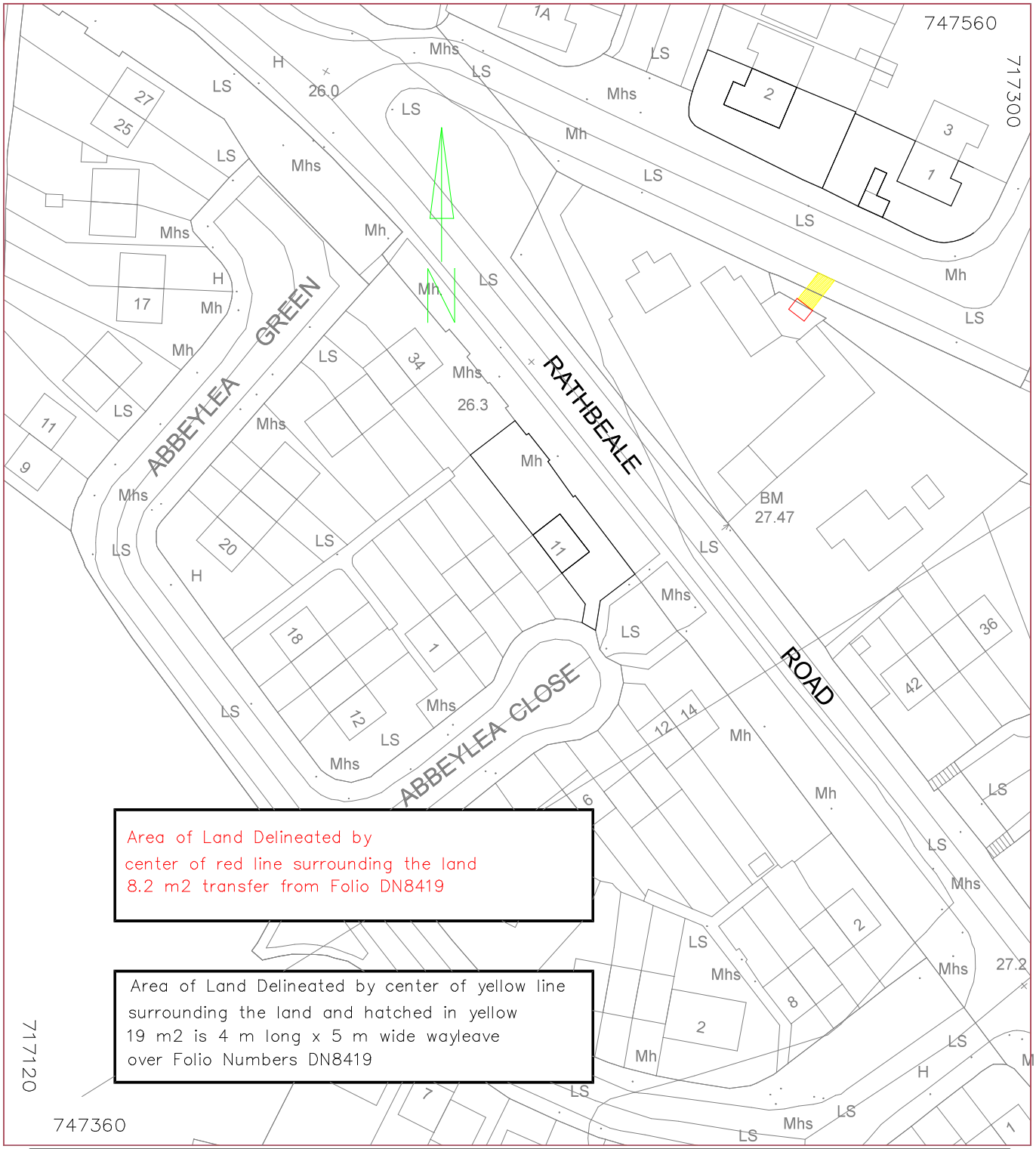
7. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The lands to be disposed of were acquired in 1976 from James Garrigan for housing purposes.

A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on 8th September 2022.

Aoife Sheridan

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise,
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Road Area :	
Nett Area :	

Project:
Bowden Court, Rathbeale Road, Swords

Wayleave to be granted to
ESB

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File Ref: LD 1048

29th September 2022

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed disposal of land at 58 Sheephill Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 to Ms. Michelle McCrann

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A request has been received from Ms. Michelle McCrann, 58 Sheephill Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin to acquire 22 meters squared approximately of land outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-279-22 dated 5th September 2022. The land is occupied by Ms. Michelle McCrann and fully within the physical boundaries of the property No. 58 Sheephill Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

The purpose of this disposal is to rectify the mapping in the Property Registration Authority (PRA) to reflect the physical boundaries of the property on the ground.

It is proposed to dispose of land at 58 Sheephill Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 to Ms. Michelle McCrann 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. The land to be disposed of comprises an area of 22 square meters approximately and is shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-279-22, dated 5th September 2022 (copy attached).

2. The consideration in full and final settlement, under all heads of claim, shall be the sum of €1.00 euro (one Euro) plus VAT and stamp duty, if applicable.

3. The Applicant shall be responsible for discharging their own legal fees.

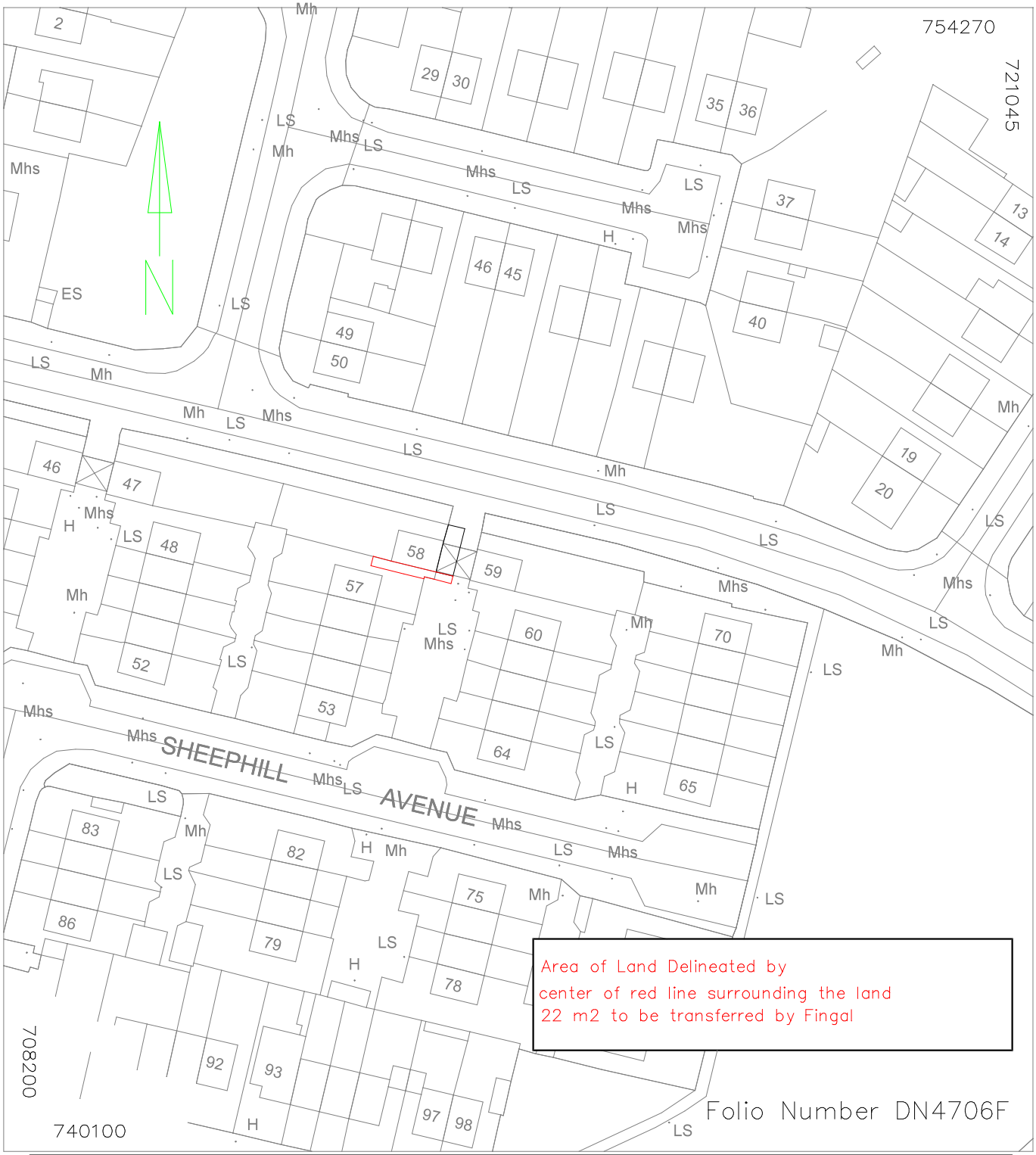
4. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County Council from the County Council of the County of Dublin by virtue of the Local Government (Dublin) Act, 1993 in 1996.

A report on this matter will be included on the agenda for the meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) scheduled to be held on Thursday 6th October 2022.

Aoife Scanlon

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM &
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		Date: 05 Sept 2022	Drawn By: LJM
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Project: Land at No 58 Sheephill Avenue		Gross Area :	
Land to be transferred by : Fingal Co Co from Folio DN4706F		Road Area :	
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File Ref: LD 1412

29th September 2022

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed disposal of land adjacent to 69 Brookhaven Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 to Ms. Rosemary Gouldsbury

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A request has been received from Ms. Rosemary Gouldsbury, 69 Brookhaven Drive, Blanchardstown Dublin 15 to acquire 0.07 acres approximately of land outlined in red on Drawing No. 6021_01 dated 2nd June 2022. The land is occupied by Ms. Rosemary Gouldsbury and fully within the physical boundaries of the property No. 69 Brookhaven Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

The purpose of this disposal is to rectify the mapping in the Property Registration Authority (PRA) to reflect the physical boundaries of the property on the ground.

It is proposed to dispose of land at 69 Brookhaven Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 to Ms. Rosemary Gouldsbury 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. The land to be disposed of comprises an area of 0.07 acres approximately and is shown outlined in red on Drawing No. 6021_01 dated 2nd June 2022 (copy attached).

2. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €8,000 (eight thousand euro) plus VAT and stamp duty, if applicable.

3. That the land is disposed of with full freehold title.

4. That the Purchaser shall be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

5. That the Purchaser shall be responsible for Councils Valuer's fee of €1,200 (one thousand two hundred euro) plus VAT and the Council's legal fees plus VAT in respect of this agreement.

6. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County Council from the County Council of the County of Dublin by virtue of the Local Government (Dublin) Act 1993 on 1st January 1994.

A report on this matter has been included on the agenda for the meeting of the Blanchardstown, Mulhuddart Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Meeting (Services B) scheduled to be held on 6thOctober 2022.

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Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism
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Chartered Surveyor

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

10th October 2022

Wellview Park & Public Realm,

Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

Item no. 14 Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended)

INTRODUCTION

Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the proposed development by Fingal County Council of the rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing Wellview Park, situated at Church Road, Dublin 15 including two areas of public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, totaling approximately 5.5ha.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Notice: In accordance with the procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Local Government Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Public Notice of the Council's intention to upgrade this park was published in the Independent and Herald Newspapers on 25th July 2022. Four copies of the Site Notice were erected, on the same date, located on or near the site entrances and a number were visible from the public road.

Prescribed Bodies: The following Prescribed Bodies were notified of and provided with the plans and particulars of the proposal:

- Arts Council,
- Failte Ireland,
- An Taisce,
- Heritage Council,
- Department of Housing, Local Gov & Heritage (archaeology & built heritage).

Public Display and Submissions and Observations Period: Plans and particulars of the proposal were made available for inspection from Monday 25th July up to and including Tuesday 23rd August online through the website: *http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse* and at the following locations:

- Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2
- Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.
- Mulhuddart Community Centre, Church Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, D15 R2VF

Submissions were accepted from Monday 25th July 2022 to Tuesday 6th September 2022, either online through the website: http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or in writing to: Director of Housing

and Community, Housing Department, Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.

The notice, plans and particulars describing the nature and extent of the proposed development which were made available for inspection, are included in Table A. The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired. A total of 5 submissions and observations were received during the statutory timeframe (as per Appendix B). All submissions received have been considered in the preparation of this report. The Council wishes to express its appreciation to those who made submissions.

This report is being submitted to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) which states that a report shall:

(i) ***Provide a description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area.***

(ii) ***"evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".***

(iii) ***"List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2"***

(iv) ***"Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the Manager thereto"***

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(i) Provide a description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area.

Site location and access:

The subject site is the existing Wellview Park and public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, Dublin 15. The existing Wellview Park is located west of Church Road, north of Parslickstown Drive, east of Wellview estate and south of recently permitted linear park which is part of a larger application (Part XI/012/21 Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park). Wellview Park is also bounded to the East by a section of the proposed and permitted Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (PartXI/011/19).

The topography of Wellview Park falls significantly across the site from North to South. The site has a history of demesne landscape and farmland and the northern boundary is formed by a dense and spreading hedgerow. Oak, willow, sycamore, holly, blackthorn and hawthorn have established throughout the northern hedgerow and eastern boundary along Church Road. There is a significant alignment of mature beech trees running parallel to Church Road and along the eastern boundary.

The southern boundary is formed by an existing berm and fence with a lawn verge adjoining Parslickstown Drive. The western boundary is open with a high concrete kerb to deter vehicles from entering the park.

The site boundaries of the two existing areas at Avondale Place and Wellview Place are generally open and overlooked by residential properties on Wellview Green and Wellview Crescent with the western boundaries formed by knee rails aligned with Avondale Place Road.

Site Zoning:

Wellview Park is zoned ‘OS’ with the objective to “Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities” where the vision is to “Provide recreational and amenity resources for urban and rural populations subject to strict development controls. Only community facilities and other recreational uses will be considered and encouraged by the Planning Authority.”

The two areas of public realm included as part of this application are zoned OS and RS. The area at Wellivew Crescent is zoned OS and the small area at Wellview Green is zoned RS.

The ‘RS’ zoning has the objective to “Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity” where the vision is to “Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity”.

As per the Fingal Development Plan the following site-specific objectives pertaining to the site are relevant:

- Provision of a cycle route along Church Road
- Objective to Protect & Preserve Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows. This is located on the north and north-eastern area of the site
- Mulhuddart Holy Well - which is both a Protected Structure (RPS No. 671) and Recorded Monument (DU013-009).

Objectives pertaining to the wider site context;

- Local Objective 89: Protect the woodland along Church Road in tandem with the retention of scenic views to County Meath.

The development proposal:

The proposed development consists of the rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing Wellview Park, situated at Church Road, Dublin 15 including two areas of public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, totaling approximately 5.5ha. The proposed development includes:

- landscape and external works;
- pedestrian access points to existing footpath on West side of Church Road;
- paving and associated drainage works;
- regrading of existing grassland areas;
- planting;
- public lighting;
- play area;
- signage;
- street furniture and associated fixtures and fittings; including all ancillary site development.

The site area is crossed by a North-South cycle and pedestrian route as part of the wider proposed Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (planning register reference Part XI/011/19).

Surface Water and Services:

Public lighting to pavements adjacent to and within the site will be designed and installed to the standards of the Public Lighting Section in Fingal County Council Operations department.

A drainage/suds strategy has been prepared by Punch Consulting Engineers, on behalf of the applicant. Several sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) have been incorporated into the proposal. These include filter drains and raingardens to manage runoff from the proposed development and overflow to existing public drainage network to the South and West of the park.

There is no foul drainage within the proposed development.

Landscape design:

It is intended that the proposed upgrade of the park will provide a lively, innovative and resilient landscape with high ecological metrics which integrate with the proposed development into the surrounding context and generate a recognisable open space for the existing and future residents and visitors to the area.

Sub spaces and looping circulation has been created as part of this proposal to provide greater accessibility and usability of the park given its sloping nature in parts. Improved permeability and accessibility for all is part of the overall strategy for same. The park benefits from passive surveillance given its location. The proposed rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing park involves both retention of existing trees but significant new tree planning which will also replace any existing trees that are proposed to be removed. A variety of new planting and a mix of hard landscape materials are proposed depending on the location and function of the area/route with sustainable drainage or level change imperative. Play for all age groups is proposed including a dedicated teenage play experience, integrated natural play, a series of flat lawns and a local area for play.

Access:

Wellview Park can be accessed from a number of points around the boundary and will be further enhanced with the proposed north-south cycle and pedestrian route running along the eastern boundary of the site. All pathways are designed to the standards as set out in Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS 2013). Bicycle parking facilities shall be provided to accommodate the increasing diversity of bicycles.

Built Heritage:

Archaeological Assessment Reports were completed and included as part of the Part 8 submission. It is recommended that a programme of archaeological monitoring should be carried out during all sub-surface groundworks.

The holy well of Lady's Well, Church Road, Mulhuddart, which is both a Protected Structure (RPS No. 671) and a Recorded Monument (DU013-009), is sited along the eastern boundary of the park but works are not proposed to the well within the proposed development. Directional and interpretive signage for the holy well shall be incorporated into the detailed design of the scheme.

Ecology, AA and EIA:

An Ecological Impact Assessment Report and a Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Report have been prepared in order to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on the local ecology and environment.

The Ecological Impact Assessment Report and the AA screening concluded that the proposal will not adversely impact the integrity of any European site or sensitive habitats either on its own or in combination with other projects. Detailed mitigation measures to reduce impacts on biodiversity within the lands and species of European and national conservation interest using these lands have been presented and shall be incorporated. Therefore, the overall conclusion of the AA Screening Report is that it is not deemed necessary to undertake any further stage Appropriate Assessment process.

There is no class set out in the Planning and Development Regulations in relation to provision of this type of development. On that basis, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report is not mandatory for the proposed development. Furthermore, it is concluded that the nature of the proposed development is not considered to have likely significant effects on the environment (direct or indirect) and therefore we consider that an EIA Screening Report is not required.

Details relating to the plans and particulars which were made available for inspection during the Public Consultation Period, are included in **Appendix A.**

(ii) "evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".

An assessment of the proposed development was undertaken in accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and reviewed in light of the submissions and observations received, to determine if the proposal would be consistent with proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates.

It is considered the proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023, and the objectives of the Development Plan as they relate to place making, green infrastructure and sustainable drainage and development management standards in respect of public open space, parks and the management and retention of trees and hedgerows. The proposed development would deliver a significant upgrade and rejuvenation to an existing underutilised park and small public realm areas. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through the provision of an upgraded park and outdoor space with play areas etc and improving the range of outdoor facilities in the area in combination with the proposed linear park and associated play facilities within same which is proposed immediately North of Wellview Park. The proposed development is generally considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

(iii) "List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2:

A total of 5 submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development were received during the statutory consultation period. The persons or bodies who made submissions or observations include:

A. David O'Rourke
B. Louise Waters
C. Loveth
D. Cllr Mary McCamley
E. Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage

(iv) "Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the Manager thereto"

The issues raised in submissions and observations and the responses by the Chief Executive to same are summarised in **Appendix B**.

(v) "Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be"

No additional recommendations or alterations to the proposal design arise from the representations received as outlined in Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act.

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the proposed development as described in the plans and particulars contained and listed in Appendix A and the undertakings detailed in this report.

It was agreed by the Blanchardstown - (Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) Area Committee at their meeting on Thursday 6th October that the Council proceeds with this proposal.

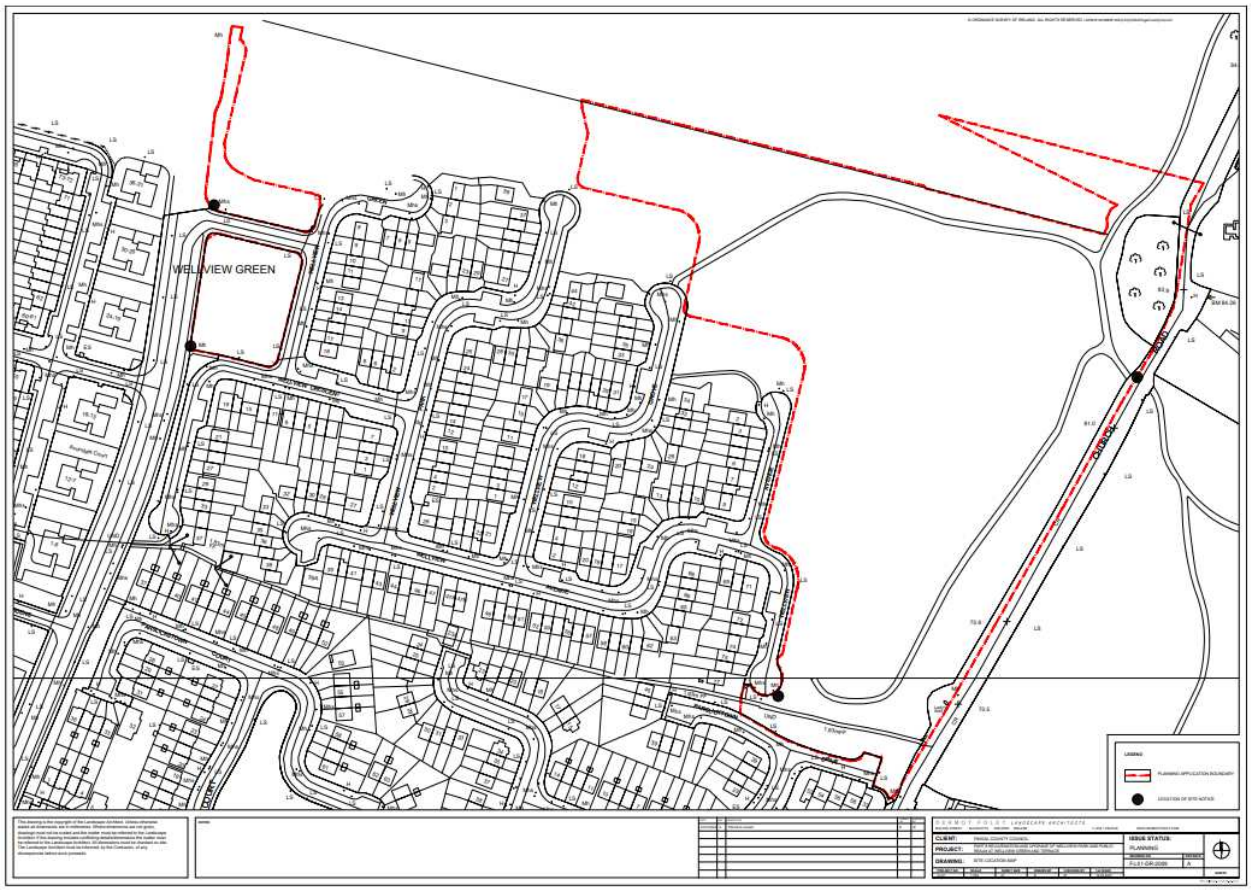
APPENDIX A:

The Notice of the Proposed Development and the Plans and Particulars describing the nature, extent and principal features thereof, was made available for inspection during Public Consultation. This included:

TABLE A:

1.	Fc.01 Issue Sheet_7
2.	Fc.01_Wellview Park Design Rationale Rev B
3.	Fc.01 2006_Landscape Layout Plan East Rev B
4.	Fc.01 2007 Landscape Layout Plan West Rev A
5.	Fc.01 2008_Proposed Boundary Treatment Plan Rev A
6.	Fc.01 2009 Site Location Map Rev A (1)
7.	Fc.01 2102 Landscape Detail Area 1 Rev B
8.	Fc.01 2402 Landscape Sections AA BB CC Rev B
9.	Fc.01 2402 Landscape Sections DD EE FF Rev A
10.	Fc.01 2402 Landscape Sections GG HH Rev A
11.	Fc.01 2500 Typical Landscape Details
12.	202203-PUNCH-01-XX-DR-C-0100
13.	202203-PUNCH-01-XX-DR-C-0101
14.	202203-PUNCH-01-XX-DR-C-0150
15.	202203-PUNCH-01-XX-DR-C-0151
16.	202203-PUNCH-01-XX-DR-C-0500
17.	202203-PUNCH-01-XX-RG-RP-001
18.	202203-PUNCH-01-XX-RP-C-001 Engineering Planning Report
19.	2037-SS50-04
20.	2037 Wellview Park & Public Realm at Wellview Green & Terrace – Public Lighting Part 8 Rev C-23.03.22
21.	Church Fields Wellview Park Development Ecological Impact Assessment Final Report 22.03.2022 (1)
22.	Report for AA Screening for Wellview 22.03.2022
23.	220711 Wellview Park EIAR Screening Note
24.	Mulhuddart Arboricultural Report-03-22
25.	Mulhuddart Tree Constraints Plan EAST
26.	Mulhuddart Tree Constraints Plan WEST
27.	Mulhuddart Tree Impacts and Protection Plan EAST
28.	Mulhuddart Tree Impacts and Protection Plan WEST
29.	Wellview Park Archaeological Assessment

Site Location Plan *(as displayed)*



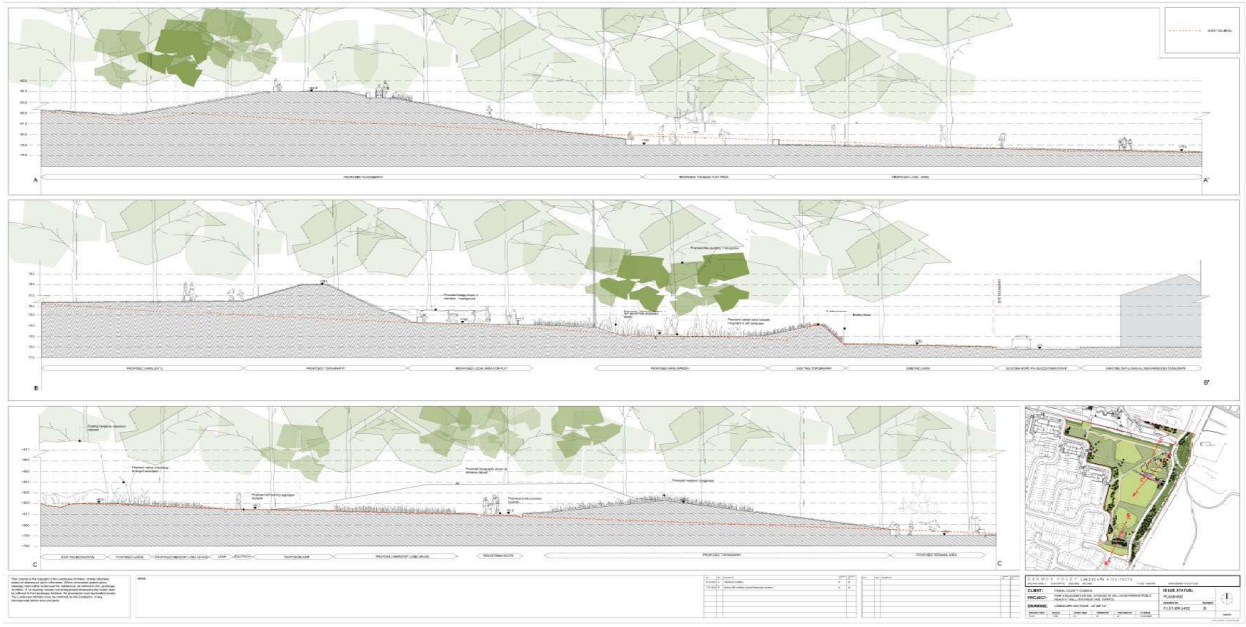
Landscape Layout Plan - West *(as displayed)*

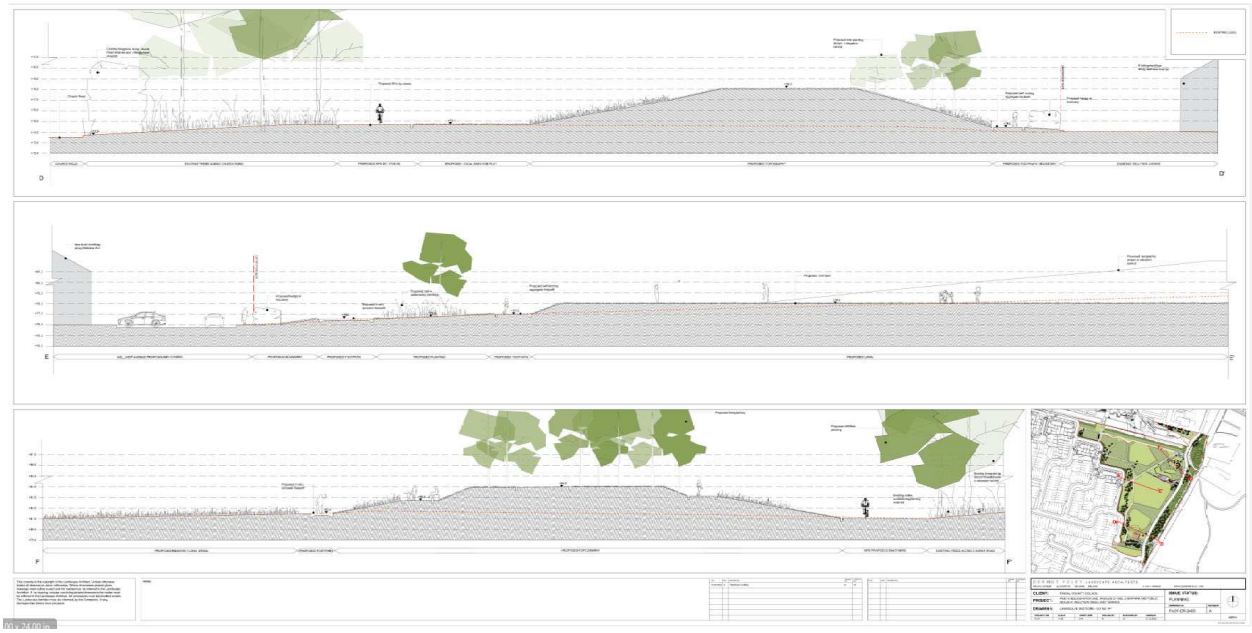


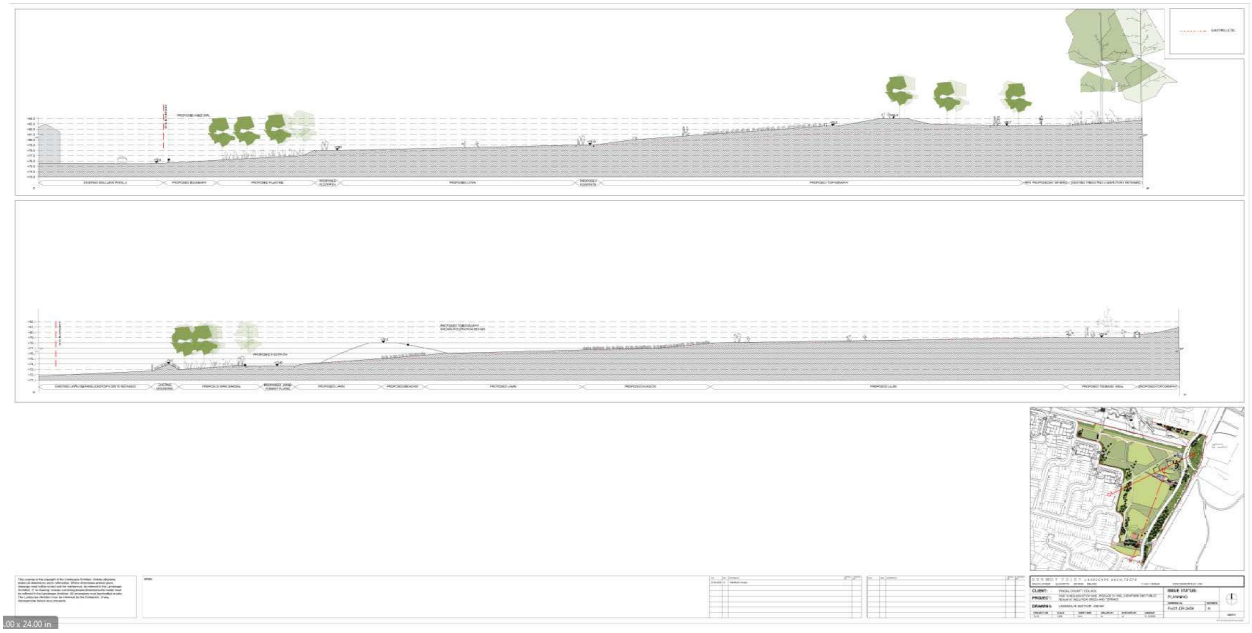
Landscape Layout Plan - East *(as displayed)*



Proposed Landscape Sections *(as displayed)*







APPENDIX B:

Summary of the issues raised in submissions and observations (shown in *italics*) and the responses by the Chief Executive to same:

A – David O'Rourke

Ground Levelling and upkeep - Would like to see the green open space opposite Wellview Crescent and Wellview Green levelled to take out the big hump and remain grass so the children can play ball games uninterrupted by scramblers possibly a small wall surrounding the green might help.

CE Response

1. **Space for ball games**
   Drawing 2007 Landscape Layout Plan East includes proposed boundaries and planting to the grass in front of Wellview Crescent and Wellview Green. The space is proposed to be locally levelled with new pathways to facilitate use. The main centre in Wellview Park is proposed to be levelled to facilitate informal ball games.

2. **Anti-social behaviour**
   The landscaping proposals at Wellview Crescent and Wellview Terrace comprise a level open lawn with perimeter planting selected to create space but not block views or visual links. The open space will be overlooked and will benefit from passive surveillance by adjoining residents.

B – Louise Waters

The upgrade of this park looks good and is welcomed. Wellview Park is used by everyone and it's the main footpath along the Church Road. Hopefully it encourages people to sit down, relax and use it and therefore reducing anti-social behaviour nearby. Anybody that has walked along the footpath in the park can see a lot of litter, glass etc. all over the place. More people using this park will hopefully reduce such behaviour.

Would love to see some tree planting, flowers etc. especially along the Church Road boundary.

Lady's Well Park is directly opposite Wellview Park. Is it possible to construct a pedestrian and wildlife underpass from Wellview Park to Lady's Well Park? Or a wildlife corridor bridge that can go directly over Church Road? This can connect two parks for pedestrian and wildlife while also keeping the rural nature of Church Road. Is something like that possible? Wildlife bridges exist over motorways in some countries but this one will not be as large as such bridges and therefore won't be costly but would be worth it. It can also open up connections to the Mulhuddart Cemetery. I think something like this would be great as you don't see 2 parks opposite each other. Lady's Well Park is not used that much and an underpass / over bridge would put an amazing sized park to good use.

CE Response

1. **Anti-social behaviour**
   See response above.
2. **Littering**
   Location and specifications for bins shall be considered further in the detailed design stage in conjunction with FCC Operations Division.
3. **Tree planting and flowers along the Church Road boundary**
   A Tree Survey and Arboricultural Impact Assessment has been carried out and is included in the planning documentation. It is proposed to retain and enhance the existing trees and hedgerow along Church Road, in accordance with Local Objective 89, and as detailed on the Landscape Layout Plan along with a schedule of proposed tree planting.
4. **Pedestrian and wildlife link to Lady's Well Park and Mulhuddart Cemetery**
   An Ecological Impact Assessment Report and a Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Report have been prepared and concluded that the proposal will not adversely impact the local ecology and environment. Detailed mitigation measures to reduce impacts on biodiversity have been presented and shall be incorporated.
   The overall landscape strategy includes substantial retention of existing trees and hedgerows and responds to biodiversity loss through the provision of well vegetated and contiguous corridors for local wildlife. New trees shall be predominantly native species selected for longevity, suitability to open space, local soil conditions, microclimate and biodiversity. Low level native understorey planting is also proposed to be utilised.
5. **Proposed pedestrian link to the Cemetery** is outside the scope of this current Part 8.

C – Loveth

After reviewing the observations and plans, I am glad that there is going to be a children's area. But the area that will be allocated for young children seems to be a bit small. It would be great if there is a detailed plan on what specific facilities will be present for the children as there were for the teenagers, to ensure that the Children are getting the best facilities that encourage socialisation, engagement, fitness and cognitive development besides the essentials such as swings and slides. And concerning the seating, is there any present discussion about possible benches and or picnic benches with tables for families that would like to eat out and enjoy the scenery within the park, as it also allows families the opportunity to socialise with another. And if some of the bespoke sitting could be present for the parents watching the children, that would also be lovely.

CE Response

1. **Size of the Children's Play Area**
   This application includes a local area for play sized in accordance with the requirements of the Fingal Development Plan. A large playground is to be provided in the adjacent linear park to the north which was part of a separate Part 8 (Planning Reference XI/012/21).

   Although there are designated areas for play, in addition the park itself forms part of the overall play experience.

2. **Play equipment and facilities for Children's Play Area**
   The local area for play is proposed to the south of Wellview Park which will cater to young children. In accordance with the development plan, landscaped areas for play shall be imaginatively designed and contoured, using as far as possible natural materials such as logs or boulders with associated planting which create an attractive setting for play. A detailed layout and play equipment specifications in accordance with **'Space for Play- A Play Policy for Fingal**' shall be prepared in the detailed design stage in conjunction with FCC Parks. The proposed play equipment will be designed and manufactured in accordance with standards EN 1176 and EN 1177. Impact absorbing surface for specific fall heights from play equipment is located as required.

3. **Seating and picnic tables**

   Proposed seating elements have been identified on the Landscape Layout Plan included in the planning documentation. Seating and picnic tables shall be considered further in the detailed design stage in conjunction with FCC Parks.

D – Cllr Mary McCamely

I would very much like to welcome this upgrade of the open space in Wellview, Mulhuddart and to the amendments of the cycle and pedestrian route. The development will be a timely addition to the area where the population continues to grow and where more and more young families are coming to live. Hopefully the park will be a place well populated by all ages, abilities, genders and backgrounds and an area where the community can come together to interact, work, explore, pray, play, exercise, relax, learn … or just breath.

Residents from non-Irish backgrounds should be afforded the opportunity to express their culture, identity and traditions within the park and this needs to be conveyed in the plan.

I note the area as proposed for teenagers. This is an area where the young people might have an input into the content and design.

By being actively engaged in contributing to youth-friendly spaces, young people can feel they have investment in the future of their community and develop a strong sense of ownership of the proposed park.

In the meantime, may I suggest some ideas which may or may not be feasible and which could suit teenagers or the general public.

- *An area for presentations, music, and performances*
- *Plenty of seating*
- *Lighting and access to power*
- *Graffiti walls for urban art workshops*
- *Basketball courts*
- *Wi-fi connectivity*
- *BBQ facilities*

Older Population

The park should be a place which also promotes quiet, accessible, and safe meeting spaces – spaces for having conversations, spaces without noise, places to chill and relax, and places for meeting friends. This includes better accessibility for the elderly, public events, level paths kept in good condition and safe crossings (from scooters) and more benches. Signs should be kept low so people in wheelchairs also see them.

Other Ideas

Sensory Garden for people with impaired sight
Directional and other signs in braille
Fairy trail or Garden for the smaller people
Marked out Chess Area for the older people
Interactive play area or coloured pathways (bright colours)
Meadow or wildflower pollinator area
A quiet area (for people with autism)

CE Response

1. **Inclusive & intercultural design**
   Large areas of level open lawn are proposed, which cater to various users which gives the opportunity to many different backgrounds to gather for cultural/ social events. The passive surveillance of residents creates a safer space for activities to be overlooked.

2. **Youth engagement and input for teenage spaces**
   The proposals are based on results of FCC Parks Department who issued surveys on designing teen spaces. Further detail design development could afford an opportunity for local youth to be involved prior to the delivery of the project. FCC has forwarded the outcome of surveys from teens of what is desired when designing teen spaces. DFLA also attended a seminar on teenager spaces in May as suggested by FCC.

3. **Design for elderly community**
   The scheme as currently designed caters for all needs and is accessible. It provides for a wide range of spaces including quiet and safe spaces for elderly users. The main North-South Route is proposed to be accessible at all times of the day and night, with good public lighting and spacious paving (up to 15m in width). The sloping nature of parts of the site

presents an exciting challenge from the point of view of accessibility and usability, but that has been addressed through the creation of sub-spaces and looping circulation which allows visitors to access portions of the park without having to negotiate significant level changes. Landscaped open space and pathways shall be designed in accordance with Part M of the Building Regulations.

4. **Consider the inclusion of the following elements:**
    - **Performance / presentation area**
      A large area with external seating is to be provided in the adjacent linear park (Planning Reference XI/012/21) which can be used as a space for performance or presentation.
    - **Sufficient seating**
      Proposed seating elements have been identified on the Landscape Layout Plan and included in the planning documentation. Seating elements and bench seating specifications shall be considered and selected in the detailed design stage in conjunction with FCC Parks.
    - **Lighting and access to power**
      Public lighting to pavements adjacent to and within the site will be designed and installed to the standards of the Public Lighting Section in Fingal County Council Operations department. Refer to the lighting design proposal included in the planning documentation for further information.
      Public lighting and access to power will be considered further at detail design stage.
    - **Graffiti walls for urban art workshops**
      FCC would be happy to facilitate discussions in relation to Graffiti walls with local youth groups, FCC Arts Officer & Operations Division once the park is completed.
    - **Basketball courts**
      See previous response regarding provisions for ball sports.
    - **Wi-fi connectivity**
      Wi-fi provisions shall be considered at detail design stage.
    - **BBQ facilities**
      BBQ provisions shall be considered at detail design stage.
    - **Sensory Garden for people with impaired sight**
      The issue of a sensory garden will be taken into consideration at the detail design stage in conjunction with FCC Parks and Green Infrastructure Division.

- **Directional and other signs in braille**
  Signage shall be provided in accordance with the Fingal Development Plan and Part M of the Building Regulations. This shall be considered further in the detailed design stage.
- **Fairy trail or Garden for the smaller people**
  The local area for play that is proposed to the south of Wellview Park will cater to young children. A fairy trail will be taken into consideration at the detail design stage.
- **Marked out Chess Area for the older people**
  A Chess Area for the older people will be taken into consideration at the detail design stage.
- **Interactive play area or coloured pathways (bright colours)**
  A large playground is to be provided in the adjacent linear park (Planning Reference XI/012/21) which includes a variety of facilities for play including a nature play trail.
- **Meadow or wildflower pollinator area**
  Low level native understorey planting shall be utilised. Ground flora, which will include a high proportion of indigenous species, is proposed to be encouraged to generate naturally in strips that are managed specifically for that purpose at the margins of hedgerows and lawns. This will greatly improve the pollinator capacity of the proposed park.
  It is proposed to leave certain areas unmown seasonally which will create large areas to cater for pollination across the site.
- **A quiet area (for people with autism)**
  The scheme as currently designed caters for all needs and is accessible. It provides for a diverse range of spaces including quiet and safe spaces for people with special needs.

E – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Outlined below are archaeological observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit.

Archaeology

The Department has examined the Archaeological Assessment Report for the rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing Wellview Park, situated at Church Road, Dublin 15 as well as two

existing areas of public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, totalling approximately 5.5 hectares (Archaeology Plan Heritage Solutions, 14 March 2022).
The Department notes the archaeological potential of the proposed development site. The Department concurs with the proposed archaeological mitigation (Section 6, page 32) of the archaeological report for archaeological monitoring of groundworks associated with the proposed development. It is the Department's recommendation that the following condition pertaining to Archaeological Monitoring be included in any grant of planning permission that may issue.

Archaeological Monitoring shall consist of the following:

1. *It is recommended that Fingal County Council retains the services of a suitably qualified archaeologist to implement the proposed mitigation measures and to monitor under licence all groundworks associated with the development.*
2. *Should archaeological material be found during the course of monitoring, the archaeologist may have work on the site stopped, pending a decision as to how best to deal with the archaeology. The developer shall be prepared to be advised by the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to any necessary mitigating action (e.g. preservation in situ, or excavation) and should facilitate the archaeologist in recording any material found.*
3. *The Planning Authority and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage shall be furnished with a report describing the results of the monitoring.*

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation (either in situ or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

1. Planning Condition pertaining to Archaeological Monitoring

CE Response

Archaeological Assessment Reports were completed and included as part of the Part 8 submission. It is recommended that a programme of archaeological monitoring should be carried out during all sub-surface groundworks.

Appendix C

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department Report Part XI/001/22

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT – Wellview Park & Public Realm

Register Reference:	Part XI/001/22
Proposed Development:	The proposed development consists of the rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing Wellview Park, situated at Church Road, Dublin 15 as well as two existing areas of public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, totalling approximately 5.5ha.
Location:	Wellview Park & Public Realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, Dublin 15.
Proposing Department:	Architects Department
Application Type:	Part XI/ Part 8 Internal Consultation

Site Location

The subject site is the existing Wellview Park and public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace. The existing Wellview Park is located west of Church Road, north of Parslickstown Drive and east of Wellview estate and to the south of the recently approved linear park which is part of a larger application (Part XI/012/21 Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park). Wellview Park is also bounded to the east by a section of the proposed and permitted Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (PartXI/011/19).

The topography of Wellview Park falls significantly across the site from north to south. The site has a history of demesne landscape and farmland and the northern boundary is formed by a dense and spreading hedgerow. Oak, willow, sycamore, holly, blackthorn and hawthorn have established throughout the northern hedgerow and eastern boundary along Church Road. There is a significant alignment of mature beech trees running parallel to Church Road and along the eastern boundary.

The southern boundary is formed by an existing berm and fence with a lawn verge adjoining Parslickstown Drive. The western boundary is open with a high concrete kerb to deter vehicles from entering the park.

A Recorded Monument and Protected Structure known as "Lady's Well" (RMP DU013-009) is located within the site boundary, located on the west site of Church Road and situated in the south eastern section of the site and Wellview Park.

The site boundaries of the two existing areas at Avondale Place and Wellview Place are generally open and overlooked by residential properties on Wellview Green and Wellview Crescent with the western boundaries formed by knee rails aligned with Avondale Place Road.

Proposed Development

The proposed development consists of the rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing Wellview Park and two areas of public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, totaling approximately 5.5ha. The proposed development includes:

- landscape and external works;
- pedestrian access points to existing footpath on west side of Church Road,
- paving and associated drainage works;
- regrading of existing grassland areas;
- planting;
- public lighting;
- play area,
- signage,
- street furniture and associated fixtures and fittings; including all ancillary site development.

The site area is crossed by a north-south cycle and pedestrian route as part of the wider proposed Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (planning register reference Part XI/011/19).

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Zoning Objective

Wellview Park is zoned 'OS' with the objective to "Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities". The vision for this zoning is to "Provide recreational and amenity resources for urban and rural populations subject to strict development controls. Only community facilities and other recreational uses will be considered and encouraged by the Planning Authority."

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- Provision of a cycle route along Church Road
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- Mulhuddart Holy Well- which is both a Protected Structure (RPS No. 671) and Recorded Monument (DU013-009). Description of site; Cold spring contained within a stone shrine at the roadside

Objectives pertaining to the wider site context;

- Local Objective 89: Protect the woodland along Church Road in tandem with the retention of scenic views to County Meath.

Chapter 3 Placemaking

Fingal has a well-defined network of open spaces and recreational facilities that are accessible to significant numbers of the County's population. The provision of accessible open space is an integral part of the provision of high-quality green infrastructure for communities and forms a core element in the Green Infrastructure Strategy for the County.

Open spaces must by designed to a high specification. Great emphasis must be placed on the quality of open space and details of the proposed landscaping, hard and soft, of these spaces will be required at the planning application stage. Public open spaces should be overlooked and designed in such a way that anti-social behaviour is reduced through passive surveillance. Potential for anti-social behaviour associated with open spaces and associated screen planting must be designed out.

Objective PM60 Ensure public open space is accessible and designed so that passive surveillance is provided.

Objective PM61 Ensure permeability and connections between public open spaces including connections between new and existing spaces, in consultation to include residents.

Objective PM62 Provide multifunctional open spaces at locations deemed appropriate providing for both passive and active uses.

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) can best be defined as offering a 'total' solution to rainwater management and must be included in all new developments. Properly designed and located SuDS features can be incorporated within and can complement the amenity and aesthetic value of open spaces. SuDS areas do not form part of the public open space provision, except where they contribute in a significant way to the design and quality of open space as defined by the Planning Authority.

Objective SW04 Require the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) to minimise and limit the extent of hard surfacing and paving and require the use of sustainable drainage techniques where appropriate, for new development or for extensions to existing developments, in order to reduce the potential impact of existing and predicted flooding risks.

DMS73 Ensure as far as practical that the design of SuDS enhances the quality of open spaces. SuDS do not form part of the public open space provision, except where it contributes in a significant and positive way to the design and quality of open space. In instances where the Council determines that SuDS make a significant and positive contribution to open space, a maximum 10% of open space provision shall be taken up by SuDS. The Council will give consideration to the provision of SuDS on existing open space, where appropriate.

Green Infrastructure – Chapter 8

The Council has identified a number of key Green Infrastructure (GI) themes. These are:

- Biodiversity,
- Parks, Open Space and Recreation,
- Sustainable Water Management, Archaeological and Architectural Heritage,
- Archaeological and Architectural Heritage,
- Landscape

Objective G127 Provide a range of accessible new parks, open spaces and recreational facilities accommodating a wide variety of uses (both passive and active), use intensities and interests.

Chapter 12.8 Community Infrastructure, Facilities and Services

As a general principle, the location and provision of community facilities is a prerequisite to the creation and enhancement of viable, sustainable and successful local communities.

Objective DMS93 Any application for community facilities such as leisure facilities, sports grounds, playing fields, play areas, community halls, organisational meeting facilities, medical facilities, childcare facilities, new school provision and other community-oriented developments, shall have regard to the following:

- Overall need in terms of necessity, deficiency, and opportunity to enhance or develop local or County facilities.
- Practicalities of site in terms of site location relating to uses, impact on local amenities, desirability, and accessibility.
- Conformity with the requirements of appropriate legislative guidelines.

Built Heritage

Objective CH03 Protect all archaeological sites and monuments, underwater archaeology, and archaeological objects, which are listed in the Record of Monuments and Places and all sites and features of archaeological and historic interest discovered subsequent to the

publication of the Record of Monuments and Places, and to seek their preservation in situ (or at a minimum, preservation by record) through the planning process.

Objective CH11Encourage reference to or incorporation of significant archaeological finds into development schemes, where appropriate and sensitively designed, through layout, displays, signage, plaques, information panels and by using historic place names and the Irish language where appropriate.

Objective CH15 Raise public awareness of the cultural heritage and improve legibility by providing appropriate signage or interpretation in areas, sites, villages, and buildings of archaeological and historic significance.

Objective CH20 Ensure that any development, modification, alteration, or extension affecting a Protected Structure and/or its setting is sensitively sited and designed, is compatible with the special character, and is appropriate in terms of the proposed scale, mass, height, density, layout, materials, impact on architectural or historic features, and junction with the existing Protected Structure.

Development Management Standards

The development management standards considered to be of particular relevance to this proposal are as follows:

DMS77 Protect, preserve and ensure the effective management of trees and groups of trees.

DMS78 Ensure during the course of development, trees and hedgerows that are conditioned for retention are fully protected in accordance with 'BS5837 (2012) Trees in relation to the Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations' or as may be updated.

DMS79 Require the use of native planting where appropriate in new developments in consultation with the Council.

DMS80 Ensure trees, hedgerows and other features which demarcate townland boundaries are preserved and incorporated where appropriate into the design of developments.

DMS84 Ensure trees removed from residential areas are replaced, where appropriate, as soon as resources allow.

Planning History

There is no planning history associated with the subject site. However, the following planning history is relevant to the wider area:

Part XI/012/21 Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park, Mulhuddart.

PARTXI/011/19 (bounds the site on western boundary, to the north along Damastown Avenue and to the east along Church Road): Provision of link road and cycle network.

PARTXI/002/16 (south west of the site): Construction of 20 modular houses and associated site development and external works.

PARTXI/002/17 (south west of the site): Construction of 44 new dwelling units, and associated site development and external works.

Departmental reports

Water Services Department: A report was received from Water Services which addresses surface water drainage within the site. There is no objection raised to the proposed development subject to a number of conditions.

Parks and Green Infrastructure Department: This report states that there is no major objection to the proposed development subject to a number of items being addressed.

Transportation Planning: Report received which covers a broad range of issues. The paths, cycle parking and the north south cycle and pedestrian route transition and interface are generally considered acceptable. The interface with the permitted Part XI/011/19 scheme requires continued engagement.

Heritage Officer: Archaeological monitoring should be carried out during all sub-surface groundworks.

Conservation Officer: The redesign of the park offers a potential opportunity for a more appropriate treatment of the setting of the holy well as an entrance point to the park is located beside it. This would be welcomed subject to the design being sensitive to the protected designations.

Assessment

The proposed scheme has been considered in the context of the following issues:

- Zoning of site and principle of development;
- Layout and design;
- Integration with and impact on the amenity of area;
- Access;
- Surface water considerations;
- Built heritage;
- Ecology;
- Appropriate Assessment screening;
- Environmental Impact Assessment screening.

Zoning of Site & Principle of Development

The proposed Part XI scheme is proposed on lands subject to two zoning objectives, however the main Wellview Park is zoned OS. The proposed rejuvenation and upgrade of

this existing Park to include landscaping and play areas etc is considered acceptable and appropriate within this zoning.

The area at Wellivew Crescent is zoned OS and the small area at Wellview Green is zoned RS. The RS zoning has the objective to "Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity". The upgrade of these two public realm areas is considered acceptable with the zonings of the lands and would provide improved amenities to residents.

Layout and Design

The proposed rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing park involves both retention of existing trees but significant new tree planning which will also replace any existing trees that are proposed to be removed. A tree survey and Arboricultural Impact Assessment have been prepared as part of this application.

It is intended that the proposed upgrade of the park will provide a lively, innovative and resilient landscape with high ecological metrics which integrate with the proposed development into the surrounding context and generates a recognisable open space for the existing and future residents and visitors to the area. Sub spaces and looping circulation has been created as part of this proposal to provide greater accessibility and usability of the park given its sloping nature in parts. Improved permeability and accessibility for all is part of the overall strategy for same. The park benefits from passive surveillance given its location.

The north south route to the west of Wellview Park is proposed to be accessible at all times of the day and night with public lighting and spacious paving proposed, ensuring it is well integrated with the surrounding housing developments. A hierarchy of routes are proposed within the scheme.

Play for all age groups is proposed within the park with dedicated teenage play experience with seating to be located within a central location in the park, sheltered by the proposed topography and integrated with the proposed cycle and pedestrian route which is proposed adjacent. This main area with mounding and teen area along with bicycle parking is proposed in the north eastern area of the park.

This is an easily accessible area which can be overlooked by pedestrians. Natural play is proposed to be integrated into the topography by proposed mounds and also a series of flat lawn areas are proposed which allow for a wide range of informal play and recreation. A local area for play in the southern area of the park is illustrated on the site layout plan.

A mixture of planting is proposed with mown grass, managed long grass, rain garden, hedge and tree planting as well as existing ground flora and trees to be retained and protected.

It is proposed to increase the overall canopy cover for the park and Avondale Place. The northern boundary of the linear park is formed by a dense hedgerow which is being

retained. A total of 219 new individual trees are proposed to improve the species mix and the percentage of canopy cover in the park. A mix of tree species are proposed and low-level native understorey planting is proposed to be utilised to make and reinforce spaces within the larger more extensive landscape.

The site boundaries of the existing areas at Avondale Place and Wellview Green are generally open and overlooked by residential properties. The western boundary is formed by knee rails which align with Avondale Place Road. New planting and trees are proposed within these areas with open lawn and some concrete finishes and seating elements.

A mix of hard landscape materials are proposed depending on the location and function of the area/route with sustainable drainage or level change imperative. Paving materials where practical are proposed to be constructed in a way which is sensitively integrated with lawn and soft landscape.

A landscaping plan with the proposed schedule of planting has been submitted and the Parks and Green Infrastructure Section have no objection to same and have made recommendations in their report on other matters.

Integration with and impact on the amenity of area

It is considered that the proposed development will not negatively impact on the amenities of the area. The majority of the subject site is zoned OS and the proposal as presented will accord with the zoning of same. Wellview Park is currently in use as a park, however currently underutilised, and the proposed works and rejuvenation of this park including the introduction of play areas/hang out spaces for teenagers and further planting will provide enhanced biodiversity to the area and be an asset to the local area and residents in the area. Similarly, the public realm improvements will improve the visual amenity of the area.

It is not considered that the proposal will impact negatively on the visual amenity of the area and instead will enhance and improve the visual amenity of the area.

The proposed layout dovetails well with the pedestrian/cycle scheme (PartXI/011/19) along the eastern area of the park which will connect to the proposed development north of the site and to nearby schools to the north via Damastown Avenue. These linkages will also facilitate pedestrians/cyclists from Wellview and Avondale travelling to the schools thereby improving permeability in the wider area.

The integration of SuDS and green infrastructure into the design and layout is a positive feature of the scheme and will ensure that the development of the lands contributes to the green infrastructure network in this area.

Access

Wellview Park can be accessed from a number of points around the boundary and will be further enhanced with the proposed north-south cycle and pedestrian route running along the eastern boundary of the site.

A report has been received from the Transportation Planning Section which welcomes the provision of publicly accessible bicycle parking in the proposed layout.

The report highlights that guidance for selecting the most appropriate type of bicycle parking facility depending on location and user needs is outlined in the National Cycle Manual, "Bicycle Parking Facilities". Therefore, the proposed bicycle parking facilities need to accommodate the increasing diversity of bicycles, such as tricycles, cargo bikes and adapted bikes. Some form of sheltered parking should also be considered at these locations. Consideration should be given to CCTV for parking areas.

The report also outlines that in accordance with DMURS the desirable space for two people to pass comfortably in areas of low to moderate pedestrian activity is 2.5m and the minimum space for larger groups to pass comfortably in areas of high pedestrian activity is 4.0m. The minimum shared areas for both pedestrians and cyclist is 4.0m. The widths of the proposed paths should be considered in terms of the above uses.

Consultation with the Design Team for the North South Cycle and Pedestrian Route should be ongoing in relation to agreeing the details of the transitions and interface locations between the two schemes. Road Safety Audits should be carried out as part of the proposed development at the relevant stages as outlined in current edition of Transportation Infrastructure Ireland guidelines GE-STY-1027 for all crossing points and entrances and a final Construction Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan should be agreed with the Operations Department.

Surface Water

A drainage/suds strategy has been prepared by Punch Consulting Engineers, on behalf of the applicant. The strategy includes a mixture of filter drains and raingardens to manage runoff from the proposed development. The filter drains will overflow into the proposed raingardens. The raingardens will act as soakaways in terms of attenuation & will overflow to existing public drainage network to the south and west of the park.

The report received from the Water Services Section has no objection to the proposed development in terms of surface water subject to conditions.

Built Heritage

A report - Archaeological Assessment, Part 8 Rejuvenation and upgrade of Wellview Park & and public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace has been prepared. A desktop assessment of the impact of the proposed development recommended that a programme of archaeological monitoring should be carried out during all sub-surface groundworks.

Due to the limited sub-surface works proposed for the park layout the Heritage Officer concurs with this approach of archaeological monitoring.

The holy well of Lady's Well, Church Road, Mulhuddart which is both a Protected Structure (RPS No. 671) and a Recorded Monument (DU013-009) is sited along the eastern boundary of the park but works are not proposed to the well within the proposed development.

The proposed works are not considered to adversely affect the built heritage of the area and would be in accordance with Objective CH20 of the Development Plan in terms of ensuring that development is compatible with the special character of Protected Structures. The report from the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division recommends that directional and interpretive signage for the holy well is required. This would be consistent with Objective CH15 of the Development Plan which is to raise awareness of cultural heritage by providing appropriate signage or interpretation in areas of archaeological and historic significance and it is recommended that this be incorporated into the detailed design of the scheme.

Ecology

An Ecological Impact Assessment Report has been prepared by Faith Wilson, dated March 2022.

The lands proposed for development as a public park are not located within any nationally designated site. Following the site inspections and desktop study, it was found that the habitats of high ecological importance within the context of Wellview Park include the boundary hedgerow, an associated drainage ditch to the north and the treeline, trees and scrub in the shelterbelt along the eastern boundary of the site.

As detailed in the report, the treeline (WL2)/hedgerow (WL1) and associated drainage ditches (FW4), which runs east west through the Church Fields lands north of the subject site and forms the main spine of the Church Fields Eastern Linear Park acts as an important corridor for wildlife and dates from the 1860s. A buffer zone with a boundary a minimum of 6 - 10m from the hedgerow was recommended in order to allow it to function ecologically in the short to medium term with additional planting to strengthen it to form a shelterbelt/linear woodland in the long term. A buffer zone has been incorporated into the layout.

A number of mitigation measures are recommended to avoid/reduce any impacts which could arise in the design and rejuvenation of Wellview Park and two smaller areas and are listed in the report. These should be implemented during the construction and operation of the site.

A public lighting report has been prepared which outlines the design intent for the public lighting scheme for the project. This is cognisant of the need to incorporate measures to minimise ecological impacts in the future design.

Appropriate Assessment

An Appropriate Assessment (Screening) Report has been prepared. This report states that the site is situated in the Tolka_SC_010 sub catchment of the great Liffey and Dublin Bay catchment. With the exception of drainage ditch north of the site, the nearest watercourse is a stream, c.450m to the west, separated by the new Church Fields Link Road and residential development. This stream is a tributary of the Pinkeen River, which is situated c. 1km to the west of the site. Given the distance to the watercourse from the site of the proposed upgraded park, significant impacts are not likely to occur during either the construction or operational phase.

There are no protected habitats or mammals present on site. Bat surveys were carried out at the Church Field lands immediately north of the site in 2020 and 2021 and three species of bat were recorded. No roosts were confirmed but it was determined that trees, treeline and scrub vegetation on the eastern boundary of Wellview Park along Church Road and the east-west hedgerow and associated drainage ditch on the northern boundary are of high importance to bats. Any lighting proposed within the linear park will be designed so as to not impact on any bat species on site.

The drainage ditch along the northern boundary of Wellview Park could potentially support breeding frogs with a rich variety of bird species recorded during the surveys carried out for the Church Field lands.

The screening assessment concluded that the proposal for both Wellview Park and the two smaller areas individually or in combination with another plan or project will not have a significant impact on any European sites. The assessment was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites.

The conclusions of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report are considered reasonable.

Environmental Impact Assessment

A planning note for EIA Screening has been prepared by BMA Planning. The report states that there is no class set out under Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Regulations in relation to the provision of this type of development. On that basis, EIA is therefore not required for the proposed development.

The conclusion of the Screening Report is considered reasonable.

Conclusion

The proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023, and the objectives of the Development Plan as they relate to place making, green infrastructure and sustainable drainage and development management standards in respect of public open space, parks and the management and retention of trees and hedgerows. The proposed development would deliver a significant upgrade and rejuvenation to an existing

underutilised park and small public realm areas. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through the provision of an upgraded park and outdoor space with play areas etc and and improving the range of outdoor facilities in the area in combination with the proposed linear park and associated play facilities within same which is proposed immediately north of Wellview Park. The proposed development is generally considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and there are no objections to the initiation of the formal Part XI process. There are a number of technical additions/changes to the documentation that should be made before the scheme goes on display as follows:

1. The Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, state that Part 8's need to be accompanied by a document describing the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including where proposed development would relate to a protected structure or a proposed protected structure, an indication of that fact. Therefore a short report should be prepared for the Part 8 application to describe the overall development, refer to the supporting studies undertaken, the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and its conclusion and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report and its conclusion. Much of the description could be taken from the Landscape Rationale Report, however, additional text summarising the works being carried out at Avondale Place is needed. The report also needs to refer to Lady's Well as it is within the site and a Protected Structure (the Regulations specifically state that the development description needs to refer to this). It should clarify that no works are proposed to the Protected Structure as part of the Part 8 project.

2. The Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, state that a site layout plan and site location map be provided and other plans and drawings "drawn to a scale of not less than 1:100 as are necessary to describe the proposed development". It is recommended to reproduce the detailed drawings at this scale to comply with the regulations.

3. The site layout plan drawing no. FC.01-DR-2007 should include a legend to explain the proposed public realm works.

The following points could be taken in to consideration in drafting of the final proposal for consideration under the provisions of Part XI:

1. Consultation with the Design Team for the North South Cycle and Pedestrian Route should be ongoing in relation to agreeing the details of the transitions and interface locations between the two schemes. Revised layout plans should be prepared if necessary.

2. The width of the proposed paths should be considered in terms of both cyclists and pedestrians in accordance with the standards contained in DMURS.

3. The layout should be amended to ensure that paths which lead to the cycleway are 3 metres in width with the minimum width for other paths to be 2.5 metres.

4. The proposed bicycle parking facilities needs to accommodate the increasing diversity of bicycles, such as tricycles, cargo bikes and adapted bikes. Some form of sheltered parking should also be considered at these locations. Consideration could be given to provision of CCTV for parking areas.

5. The final documents should be consistent in terms of the number of rain gardens that are proposed and should clarify the Qbar rate for the development site.

6. Further consideration to be given to all entrance details in order to have a uniform and identifiable order for the Churchfields Linear Park and Wellview park land which should read as one.

7. Where different users interface at path junctions such as where paths meet (i) the cycle/ pedestrian way and (ii) the road within Wellview estate, systems to protect children from running into cyclists etc should be considered.

8. Omit meadow symbol from site layout plan.

9. With regard to the proposed mounding located to the north of the proposed playground – either integrate the mound into the playground design or separate the mound from the playground. Ensure that any proposed mounding does not interfere with existing residents' privacy in terms of views into bedrooms etc.

The detailed design and construction stage of the development should also have regard to the issues already highlighted in the report including:

1. All mitigation measures identified in the Ecological Impact Assessment should be implemented.

2. Road Safety Audits should be carried out as part of the proposed development at the relevant stages where the proposed footpaths interface with the public road as outlined in current edition of Transportation Infrastructure Ireland guidelines GE-STY-1027 in the vicinity of all crossing points and entrances.

3. Consult with the Operations Department prior to construction commences to agree a final Construction Management Plan, if required.

4. Provide a minimum of a 2.5 metre mown grass strip along paths including the cycle path for pedestrian safety.

5. Ensure proposed lamp standards are on a hard standing as opposed to being positioned in grass / planted area.

6. Provision of bins and signage for play areas.

7. Omit the climbing boulder cubes in the teenage play space.

8. Ensure all play areas are well overlooked with good sightlines from residential areas for maximum passive supervision.

9. Regarding the use of significant trees sizes – i.e. 45-50cm girth *Fagus sylvatica* and 30-35cm girth *Pinus sylvestris;* such sizes could be reduced where necessary, whilst still maintaining numbers.

10. Ensure any tree shown within a hard surface is within a constructed tree pit of minimum rooting volume of 16 cubic metres.

11. Directional and interpretive signage (for holy well) should be provided. The design and location of this should be agreed with the Conservation Offier.

12. A minimum two-year management and maintenance period prior to hand-over to Fingal County Council's Operations Department should be included.

Colm McCoy
Senior Planner

21.07.22

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: PARTXI/001/22
Registration Date:
Development: The proposed development consists of the rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing Wellview Park, situated at Church Road, Dublin 15 as well as two existing areas of public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, totalling approximately 5.5ha. The proposed development includes: landscape and external Works; pedestrian access points to existing footpath on west side of Church Road, paving and associated drainage works; regrading of existing grassland areas; planting; public lighting; play area, signage, street furniture and associated fixtures and fittings:; including all ancillary site development. The site area is crossed by a north-south cycle and pedestrian route as part of the wider proposed Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (planning register reference Part XI/011719).

Location: Wellview Park & Public Realm at Wellview Green and Terrace
Applicant: Architects Department
Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has no objections in principle to the above development subject to the following:

Further consideration to be given to all entrance details in order to have a uniform and identifiable in order for the Churchfields Linear Park and Wellview park land to read as one.

Where different users interface at path junctions – where paths meet (i) the cycle/ pedestrian way and (ii) the road within Wellview estate - consider systems to protect children from running into cyclists etc.
Provide a minimum of a 2.5 metre mown grass strip along paths including the cycle path for pedestrian safety.
Ensure proposed lamp standards are on a hard standing as opposed to be positioned in grass / planted area.

Ensure paths which lead to the cycleway are 3 metres in width. The minimum width for other paths to be 2.5 metres.
Bins and signage to be provided for play areas.
In terms of the teenage play space – omit the climbing boulder cubes.
Ensure all play areas are well overlooked with good sightlines from residential areas for maximum passive supervision.
Re. Mounding located to the north of the proposed playground – either integrate the mound into the playground design/ separate the mound from the playground. Ensure that any proposed mounding does not interfere with existing residents' privacy – in terms of views into bedrooms etc.

Regarding the use of significant trees sizes – i.e. 45-50cm girth *Fagus sylvatica* and 30-35cm girth *Pinus sylvestris;* such sizes could be reduced where necessary, whilst still maintaining numbers.
Ensure any tree shown within a hard surface is within a constructed tree pit of minimum rooting volume of 16 cubic metres.
Omit meadow symbol from plan.
Directional and interpretive signage (for holy well) required.
A minimum of a two year management and maintenance period prior to hand-over to Fingal County Council's Operations Department should be included.

Officer: Gemma Carr
Date: 25/04/22

Endorsed: _____
Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/001/22
Registration Date:
Development: The proposed development consists of the rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing Wellview Park, situated at Church Road, Dublin 15 as well as two existing areas of public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, totalling approximately 5.5ha. The proposed development includes: landscape and external Works; pedestrian access points to existing footpath on west side of Church Road, paving and associated drainage works; regrading of existing grassland areas; planting; public lighting; play area, signage, street furniture and associated fixtures and fittings:; including all ancillary site development. The site area is crossed by a north-south cycle and pedestrian route as part of the wider proposed Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (planning register reference Part XI/011719).

Location: Wellview Park & Public Realm at Wellview Green and Terrace
Applicant: Architects Department
Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

Foul Sewer: No objection subject to:

1. There is no foul drainage within the proposed development.

Surface Water: No objection subject to:

2. A drainage/suds strategy has been prepared by Punch Consulting Engineers, on behalf of the applicant. The strategy includes a mixture of filter drains and raingardens to manage runoff from the proposed development. The filter drains will overflow to the proposed raingardens. The raingardens will act as soakaways in terms of attenuation & will overflow to existing public drainage network to the south & west of the park. This is acceptable.
3. The report refers to four rain gardens, then 5 rain gardens? Applicant to clarify. Also the applicant should clarify the Qbar rate for the development site.
4. No surface water / rainwater is to discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.
5. The surface water drainage must be in compliance with the "Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works, Version 6.0, FCC, April 2006.

Water Supply: No objection subject to:

6. There is no watermain proposed as part of this application. All existing watermains within the vicinity of the site will be retained.

Officer: _____DC_____ Endorsed: _____

Date: ___31/03/2022_____ Date: _____

Fingal County Council

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference:	PARTXI/001/22
Development:	The proposed development consists of the rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing Wellview Park, situated at Church Road, Dublin 15 as well as two existing areas of public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, totalling approximately 5.5ha. The proposed development includes: landscape and external Works; pedestrian access points to existing footpath on west side of Church Road, paving and associated drainage works; regrading of existing grassland areas; planting; public lighting; play area, signage, street furniture and associated fixtures and fittings:; including all ancillary site development. The site area is crossed by a north-south cycle and pedestrian route as part of the wider proposed Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (planning register reference Part XI/011719).
Location:	Wellview Park & Public Realm at Wellview Green and Terrace
Report Type:	PartIX (Dev by State Auth)
Lodged:	30 March 2022

Cycle Parking

To encourage walking and cycling the provision of publicly accessible bicycle parking has been included in the proposed layout.

Guidance for selecting the most appropriate type of bicycle parking facility depending on location and user needs is outlined in the National Cycle Manual, "Bicycle Parking Facilities". Therefore, the proposed Bicycle parking facilities needs to accommodate the increasing diversity of bicycles, such as tricycles, cargo bikes and adapted bikes. Some form of sheltered parking should also be considered at these locations. Consideration of CCTV for parking areas.

Paths

Wide paths improve functionality and the enjoyment of all users. In accordance with DMURS the desirable space for two people to pass comfortably in areas of low to moderate pedestrian activity is 2.5m and the minimum space for larger groups to pass comfortably in areas of high pedestrian activity is 4.0m. The minimum shared areas for both pedestrians and cyclist is 4.0m. The widths of the proposed paths should be considered in them of the above uses.

North South Cycle and Pedestrian Route transition and interface.

Consultation with the Design Team for the North South Cycle and Pedestrian Route should be ongoing in relation to agreeing the details of the transitions and interface locations between the two schemes.

Road Safety Audit

Road Safety Audits should be carried out as part of the proposed development at the relevant stages where the proposed footpaths interface with the public road as outlined in current edition of Transportation Infrastructure Ireland guidelines GE-STY-1027 in the vicinity of all crossing points and entrances

Construction Management Plan

A final Construction Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan where required should be agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction of the proposed development.

Signed: Niamh O Connor
Date: 26/04/2022

Endorsed: _____
Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Conservation Officer Section

Register Reference: PARTXI/001/22
Registration Date: 29 March 2022
Development: The proposed development consists of the rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing Wellview Park, situated at Church Road, Dublin 15 as well as two existing areas of public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, totalling approximately 5.5ha. The proposed development includes: landscape and external Works; pedestrian access points to existing footpath on west side of Church Road, paving and associated drainage works; regrading of existing grassland areas; planting; public lighting; play area, signage, street furniture and associated fixtures and fittings:; including all ancillary site development. The site area is crossed by a north-south cycle and pedestrian route as part of the wider proposed Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (planning register reference Part XI/011719)

Location: Wellview Park & Public Realm at Wellview Green and Terrace

Applicant: Architects Department
Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The documentation was forwarded to the Conservation Office for comment. The proposal is for the rejuvenation of the existing Wellview Park. The holy well of Lady's Well, Church Road, Mulhuddart which is both a Protected Structure (RPS No. 671) and a Recorded Monument (DU013-009) is sited along the eastern boundary of the park but not included within the proposed landscaping plans. The setting of the holy well was altered in the relative recent past by the insertion of a railing around its perimeter which is not particularly sensitive. The redesign of the park offers a potential opportunity for a more appropriate treatment of the setting of the holy well as an entrance point to the park is located beside it. This would be welcomed subject to the design being sensitive to the protected designations.

Signed: _____

Helena Bergin

Position: **Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer**

Date: **13/04/2022**

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Community Archaeologist,

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/001/22
Registration Date:
Development: The proposed development consists of the rejuvenation and upgrade of the existing Wellview Park, situated at Church Road, Dublin 15 as well as two existing areas of public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, totalling approximately 5.5ha. The proposed development includes: landscape and external Works; pedestrian access points to existing footpath on west side of Church Road, paving and associated drainage works; regrading of existing grassland areas; planting; public lighting; play area, signage, street furniture and associated fixtures and fittings:; including all ancillary site development. The site area is crossed by a north-south cycle and pedestrian route as part of the wider proposed Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (planning register reference Part XI/011719).

Location: Wellview Park & Public Realm at Wellview Green and Terrace
Applicant: Architects Department
Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

A report-*Archaeological Assessment, Part 8 Rejuvenation and upgrade of Wellview Park & and public realm at Wellview Green and Terrace* by Stephen McGlade of Archaeology Plan Ltd. (dated 14 March 2022) - was submitted. A desktop assessment of impact of the proposed development recommended that a programme of archaeological monitoring should be carried out during all sub-surface groundworks.

Due to the previous insertion of services and the limited sub-surface works proposed for the park layout the Heritage officer concurs with this approach.

Signed: _____

Christine Baker

Position: **Heritage Officer**

Date: **11/04/2022**

The undersigned agree that this Project has completed all of the requirements of the internal consultation process and the Proposing Department can proceed to place the Project on public display and commence the Public Consultation process.

22/07/22

Project Leader and/or **Date**

Proposing Department

Senior Architect/Engineer

22/07/22.

Director of Services **Date**

Proposing Department

22.07.22.

Senior Planner and/or **Date**

Director of Services

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 2022

ITEM NO. 15

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2015 (as amended) for proposed public realm redevelopment and associated works including open spaces, carparking, roads, pedestrian footpaths and a section of the River Bracken at Quay Street and Environs, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

Public realm redevelopment and associated works are proposed at Mill Street, Quay Street, Harbour Road, Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure RPS 0038), the area beneath the railway viaduct (Protected Structure RPS 0036), the RNLI lifeboat house (Protected Structure RPS 0035) and including existing open spaces, car parking, roads, pedestrian footpaths and a section of the Bracken River, all at Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

CE REPORT

Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Public Notice:

In accordance with Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations, Public Notice of the Council's Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department's intention to carry out development on a site of 19,300 m2 / 1.93 ha approx. in Balbriggan, which includes parts of Mill Street and Quay Street and includes public footpaths, public roads, open green space, public carparks, a section of the Bracken River, foot and road bridges over the Bracken River, lands beneath the arches of the Balbriggan Railway Viaduct (Protected Structure RPS 0036), the former RNLI boat house (Protected Structure RPS 0035) and existing adjacent public toilets and playground. The site also includes the area between the Railway Viaduct and Harbour Road, part of Harbour Road to the north-east of the Railway Viaduct to the beach and part of Harbour Road on the East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure RPS 0038) up to and encompassing the site of the demolished night club on the East Pier. The notice was published in the Dublin Gazette on 7th July 2022, and a Site Notice was erected on the same date.

- ***Refer Appendix A1 for wording of Public Notice***

Public Display Period:

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development were made available for inspection during public opening hours from Thursday 7th July 2022 to Friday, 5th August 2022 at:

- Fingal County Council, Fingal County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin;
- Balbriggan Public Library, Georges Square, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were also made available on the Fingal County Council website: **http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse**

Observation Period:

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, were to be made either online through the website: **http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse** or in writing to: -

- Senior Executive Officer, Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin, K67 X8Y2

On, or before 5pm on Friday 19th August 2022.
The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired. This report is being submitted to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Article 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 which states that a report shall:

DESCRIBE PROPOSAL:

(i) "describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area".

The Site:

The site, shown outlined in red on the Site Location Plan (Appendix B1 – Dwg No. 2123/SV/901/B, is located within Zoning Objective MC – Major Town Centre in the current Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023:
'Protect, provide for and/or improve town centre facilities.'

The site relating to the proposed development outlined in red comprises lands of 19,300sqm, encompasses part of Quay Street through to the beach and includes public footpaths, public roads, open green space, public carparks, the Bracken River, foot and road bridges over the Bracken River, areas beneath Railway viaduct arches, public toilets and playground. The site includes the area between the Railway viaduct, the West Pier and the Harbour Road. The site also includes part of the Harbour Road to the rear of the Railway Viaduct, and the site of the former nightclub building. The site is bordered by residential properties of varying scales from multi-storey apartment buildings to small artisan cottages. The site also includes part of Mill Street and is bordered by both residential and commercial properties of varying scales and use and which are included within the site boundary but are private properties and as such do not fall within the scope of works for the Council's Quay Street & Environs project.

The Proposal:

The proposal includes:

(i) Redevelopment of the existing carpark areas, open space and playground to form a reordered pedestrianised public open space / market space with play space off Quay Street, focused around the arches of the Railway Viaduct.

(ii) Upgrade of the carpark areas and green open space located between Mill Street, Quay Street and the harbour, including the Bracken River, to provide new hard landscaping and planting zones to encourage flora.
(iii) Upgrade of street surfaces, pavements, landscaping and green infrastructure, including widening of footpaths, to improve pedestrian linkages from Main Street to Quay Street, the Railway Viaduct, the Beach and the Harbour area.
(iv) New public lighting and street furniture.
(v) Redesign of existing surface carparking, including closure of vehicular access point on Quay Street, and incorporating modifications to traffic flow and parking on Quay Street, Mill Street and Harbour Road (Seapoint Lane).
(vi) Works to redirect the existing overflow (currently discharging into the Bracken River) from the Irish Water pumping station off Harbour Road to a new discharge location into the Bracken River.
(vii) Enhancement works to the Bracken River within the existing open space between Quay Street and Mill Street, including widening of the water course to encourage biodiversity, increase planting and improve flood resilience along the riverbank (including temporary piping of the Bracken River during the construction period of the proposed development).
(viii) Resurfacing areas under the Railway Viaduct arches with new granite paving.
(ix) Removal of existing low level stone walls to provide a more accessible link between Quay Street and the harbour.
(x) Provision within the vicinity of the Railway Viaduct to facilitate future potential market stalls, street food outlets and outdoor dining, to include appropriate utility connection points.
(xi) Reduction of overall car parking on site, including removal of Quay Street carpark, reduction of on-street carparking and reduction of Town Carpark (Mill Street), resulting in a car park provision of 63 spaces (a reduction of 175 spaces).
(xii) Provision of 152 cycle parking spaces, seating and integrated play equipment.
(xiii) Provision of a new single storey Harbour Building (151 sqm) on site of former night club on East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure) to contain:
(a) 1 no. commercial unit with services facing onto the harbour.
(b) Provision of associated storage space, office and staff toilet.
(c) Provision of public toilets and changing places unit.
(d) Provision for seating in vicinity of the harbour building and kiosks.
(xiv) Provision of two new single storey, kiosk buildings (33 sqm each) on site of former night club on East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure), to accommodate visitor information, retail, café, hot food take away, rental of leisure boats, cycles, paddleboards and other recreational equipment.
(xv) Demolition of the existing public toilet block immediately south-west of the Railway Viaduct at the entrance to the beach and provision of temporary toilet facilities pending construction of new toilet block.
(xvi) Construction of a new single storey building south-west of the Railway Viaduct to include toilets, changing, lockers, 'Changing Places Unit' and a retail kiosk.
(xvii) Proposed conservation of the Former RNLI Boathouse, (Protected Structure RPS no. 0035) at Harbour Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, including change of use to

commercial café/retail use with associated site development, services and internal alterations. The area of the single storey building is 63 sqm.

(xviii) All associated site development works, landscaping, services, piped infrastructure and ducting, changes in level; site landscaping and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground.

Design of Development:

The proposal, as made available for inspection, is described in the following drawings:

Existing Drawings:

-	2123-SV-901	Site Location Plan	Scale 1:2500
-	2123-SV-001	Existing Site Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-SV-005	Existing Traffic & Access Plan	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-010	Existing Elevations	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-020	Existing Section A & B	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-021	Existing Section A	Scale 1:250
-	2123-SV-022	Existing Section C	Scale 1:250
-	2123-SV-023	Existing Section D	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-024	Existing Section E	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-025	Existing Section F	Scale 1:500

Proposed Drawings:

-	2123-AL-001	Proposed Site Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-AL-002	Proposed Site Plan Garden	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-003	Proposed Site Plan Plaza	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-004	Proposed Site Plan Harbour	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-005	Proposed Active Travel Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-AL-020	Proposed Section A & B	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-021	Proposed Section A	Scale 1:250
-	2123-AL-022	Proposed Section C	Scale 1:250
-	2123-AL-023	Proposed Section D	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-024	Proposed Section D	Scale 1:250
-	2123-AL-025	Proposed Section E	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-026	Proposed Section F	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-041	Proposed River Section A	Scale 1:100
-	2123-AL-031	Proposed Site Drainage Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-AL-032	Proposed Green Infrastructure Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-SK-020	Proposed Outfall Diversion	Scale 1:500

- 2123-SK-021 Proposed Shared Surface Junctions Scale 1:200
- 2123-SK-022 Proposed Town Carpark Scale 1:250
- 2123-SK-023 Proposed Road Users Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-AL-024 Proposed Section D Scale 1:250
- 2123-AL-025 Proposed Section E Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-026 Proposed Section F Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-041 Proposed River Section A Scale 1:100
- 2123-AL-031 Proposed Site Drainage Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-AL-032 Proposed Green Infrastructure Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-SK-020 Proposed Outfall Diversion Scale 1:500
- 2123-SK-021 Proposed Shared Surface Junctions Scale 1:200
- 2123-SK-022 Proposed Town Carpark Scale 1:250
- 2123-SK-023 Proposed Road Users Plan Scale 1:1000

Harbour Buildings:

- 2123-AL-006 Proposed Harbour Buildings Plan Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-010 Proposed Harbour Buildings NW Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-011 Proposed Harbour Buildings SW Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-012 Proposed Harbour Buildings NE Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-013 Proposed Harbour Buildings SE Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-027 Proposed Harbour Buildings Section AA Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-028 Proposed Harbour Buildings Section BB Scale 1:200

Toilet/Kiosk Building:

- 2123-AL-007 Proposed Toilet Block Plan Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-014 Proposed Toilet Block Elevations 1 Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-015 Proposed Toilet Block Elevations 2 Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-016 Proposed Toilet Block Elevations 3 Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-029 Proposed Toilet Block Section Scale 1:200

- ***Refer Appendices B1 to B5 for the full list of Plans and Particulars including drawings, reports and surveys, made available for inspection.***

Design Intent Statement:

Quay Street & Environs represents a central part of the Our Balbriggan proposal, the design strategy aims to tie in with the wider rejuvenation of Balbriggan town through public realm, place making and redevelopment of underutilized or vacant buildings and sites.

The aspirations for the redevelopment and rejuvenation of Quay Street and Environs is the creation of a large pedestrian friendly event/ market space focused around the arches of the Railway Viaduct and upgrade of the public realm in the carpark areas and green open space on

both sides of the Bracken River to transform it into a highly accessible and family-friendly space which can facilitate events and promote activity.
Areas of soft landscaping encourage flora and fauna and accentuates the amenity of green space and the Bracken River. Redevelopment of the public realm will continue through to the Harbour, culminating in destination buildings to drive the economic and social offering.
As a large pedestrian-priority space, Quay Street & Environs will be a primary destination for daily social interaction; a safe, friendly, vibrant and accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

In this respect the following has been considered:

(A) Central to the scheme is the public plaza providing space for events and markets throughout the year. High quality and robust paving surfaces are proposed offering improved connections to the river and the viaduct arches through to the Harbour edge.

(B) Proposed works to the Bracken River aim to improve its use as a public amenity by way of removing the existing handrails and culvert-like walls to bring people to the water's edge. The river is widened with tiered seating stepping down from ground level on one side and natural soft landscaping sloping down to water level on the other.

(C) An increase in the overall area of green space of 1,160 sqm representing a 30% increase over existing provision including a 10% increase in overall tree canopy cover on the site.

(D) Incorporating elements of play within the green garden area and repurposing and relocation of existing playground equipment.

(E) The plaza paving surface is brought through the viaduct arches to form a level surface through to the harbour edge. This will improve permeability and facilitate temporary market stalls and events.

(F) In place of the now demolished former nightclub building, 2 no. single storey harbour buildings are proposed. The first building contains 2 no. kiosk retail units and a covered route for sheltered access. The second, larger harbour building provides commercial space (cafe/restaurant) facing onto a new harbour side terrace. The harbour proposals represent a destination for visitors to the Quay Street and Environs area, activating the harbour side whilst facilitating the operation of a working and thriving harbour.

(G) A new pitched roof building incorporating toilet facilities and kiosk building is proposed to replace the current toilet block located adjacent to the viaduct beach entrance. A retail kiosk (for coffee or information) looks to serve beach goers and coastal way users activating an important junction on the site.

EVALUATE DEVELOPMENT:

(ii) **"evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".**

Internal Planning Consultation:

Internal Consultations were conducted with Fingal County Council, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department (P&SI).

The P&SI Department prepared a report which took account of:

- Compliance with Zoning Objective/Development Plan objectives,
- Impact on amenity of property and amenity of adjoining area,
- Conservation issues,
- Transportation issues,
- Water & Drainage issues,
- Impact on Natura 2000 Sites/EIA Screening.

The report notes that:

Water Services Engineering Section:	No objection, points to note
Transportation Planning:	No objection, comments to note
Conservation Officer:	No objection, points to note
Environment (Waste):	No Objection
Parks and Green Infrastructure Section:	No objection, points to note
Environmental Health (Air & Noise):	No objection
Archaeologist / Heritage Officer:	No objection

The report concludes that:

It is considered that the proposed Quay Street and environs project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department consider the following points should be considered by the design team prior to advancing the proposal for consideration of the Members and public display.

(Comments in italics provided on how each point have been addressed)

1. In regard to the proposed 'shared surface' there are concerns over the lack of detail being provided and Transportation require more detailed information at this stage, as described in the Transportation report attached in the section on *'Layout'.*

Note - Item was addressed in the Traffic and Access Planning Report and associated drawings prior to public display with more clarity provided on drawings and descriptions including clarifying designation of pedestrian priority only and shared surface areas across the site, including more clarity on proposed traffic restrictions including local access arrangements reducing traffic volumes.

Eg Drawings;

2123 / SV / 0058 / A Existing Traffic & Parking Plan, amended with traffic direction flows

2123 / AL / 005 / C Proposed Active Travel Plan, amended with clarity on

- *Direction of proposed traffic flow*
- *Vehicular traffic route*
- *Resident/harbour user access*
- *Cycling routes*

2123 / SK / 023 / B Road Users Plan, amended with clarity on;

- *Extent of pedestrian priority zone,*
- *Extents shared surface,*
- *Cycle routes including Fingal Coastal Way*
  (Two way cycle lane will be provided on north side of Quay Street connecting with future Balbriggan Active travel strategy and Fingal Coastal Way)
- *transition ramp locations to define restricted access areas*
- *pedestrian crossing*
- *Tactile delineation strip for wayfinding*

2123 / SK / 022 / B Proposed Carpark Layout, amended with clarity on,

- *Layout of retained town carpark*
- *provision for EV charging and Universal access spaces provided well in excess of required provision of current Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023*
  (One space or more per 100 spaces should be reserved for disabled parking bays. One space or more per 100 spaces should be reserved for electric vehicles with charging facilities)

2123 / SK / 021 / A Junction layouts with clarity on,

- *Definition of line for restricted local access and signage*
- *Transition from vehicular to shared surface over a raised transition strip*
- *Changes in definition of surface*

The Traffic and Access Planning Report notes that;

"Local access will be maintained for Emergency Vehicles, Service Vehicles, Refuse Collections, Harbour Users and Local residents by a ramped transition zone with a textured change in surface indicating transition onto the pedestrian priority shared surface from Quay Street along the pedestrian priority shared surface"

Proposed future barrier access to restrict vehicular access to the pier is noted and will be addressed in the separate and adjacent harbour works and enhancement package.
It is noted that the 'Plaza' will be pedestrian only surface with clear definition of adjacent shared surface. Two way cycle lane provision has been included within the project as per site plan proposal along northern side of Quay Street –(refer drawing 2123 / SK / 023 / B - Road Users Plan). The cycle lanes will connect and integrate with future initiatives from Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy and the Fingal Coastal Way.

Ongoing engagement with Transport Section is proposed at later stages of project development to clarify speed restrictions, surfaces and signage. This will include further studies on swept path analysis, review of road safety audits. Through this engagement wayfinding, and the needs of visually and mobility impaired will be captured.

2. In regard to the sections of the 'Traffic and Access Report' on 'Traffic' and 'Junction Turning Counts'; the information could be presented more clearly, and the effects of the proposed traffic flow changes should be elaborated upon; as described in the body of the Transportation section report.

Note - Item was addressed prior to public display. The Traffic and Access Planning Report and associated drawings showing proposed traffic flows and swept path analysis for various vehicles type were included in documentation.
Drawing 2123 / AL / 005 / C amended with clarity on

- *Direction of proposed traffic flow*
- *Vehicular traffic route*
- *Resident/harbour user access*
- *Cycling routes*

The Traffic and Access Planning Report notes that;

"To achieve the proposed traffic management proposals the vehicular movement of traffic on Georges Hill needs to be reversed which is outside the Quay Street and Environs project site boundary. In the event that the Part VIII is approved by the Elected Members the Council will carry out a non-statutory public consultation process on the reversal of traffic flow at Georges Hill, Balbriggan to include engagement with An Garda Siochana and other relevant stakeholders which will be coordinated with Fingal Co Co Operations. "

"Local access will be maintained for Emergency Vehicles, Service Vehicles, Refuse Collections, Harbour Users and Local residents by a ramped transition zone with a textured change in surface indicating transition onto the pedestrian priority shared surface from Quay Street along the pedestrian priority shared surface"

Proposed future barrier access to restrict vehicular access to the pier is noted and will be addressed in the separate and adjacent harbour works and enhancement package.

3. In regard to Bicycle Parking proposals, clarity should be provided on the number of, and location of bike lockers included in the proposed development. Significantly more bicycle parking spaces are required, over and above the proposed four sets of Sheffield stands presented.

Note - Item was addressed prior to public display. 11 separate sets of bike stands were provided dispersed throughout the area with a total bicycle parking provision of 152 spaces and provision for cargo bikes. No bicycle lockers proposed in this development and provision at more appropriate locations within the town is proposed as part of the active travel strategy which can be delivered in future Our Balbriggan projects.

4. The Fingal Coastal Way should be incorporated into the proposed development, as described in the Transportation report in the section on 'Layout'.

Note - Item was partially addressed prior to public display.
2123 / SK / 023 / B - Road Users Plan amended with clarity on;

- *Cycle routes including Fingal Coastal Way*
  (Two way cycle lane will be provided on north side of Quay Street connecting with future Balbriggan Active travel strategy and Fingal Coastal Way initiatives)

The current emerging preferred route for Fingal Coastal Way is captured on this drawing. The Fingal Coastal Way will be defined and segregated through the site

Ongoing engagement with Transport Section and Fingal Coastal Way Project team is proposed at later stages of project development to clarify definition of surfaces and segregation when final preferred route is confirmed to incorporate requirements into this project.

(iia) "include the screening determination on why an environmental impact assessment is not required and specify the features, if any, of the proposed development and the measures, if any, envisaged to avoid or prevent what might have otherwise been significant adverse effects on the environment of the development".

Appropriate Assessment
A Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening has been undertaken in relation to the proposed development to determine whether it can be excluded on the basis of objective information that the proposed development will have an effect on any Natura 2000 site, individually or together with other plans and projects.

The closest Natura 2000 sites are identified as the Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) to the south (7.6Km), Boyne Coast and Estuary SAC (001957) to the north (10.8km) and Rogerstown Estuary SAC (000208) to the south (11.3km). The River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA (004158) located to the north (4.9km), Skerries Island SPA (04122) to the south east (6.3km) and Rockabill SPA (004014) to the south east (8.1km) are the closest SPA to the site. The AA screening report states that it is not anticipated that there will be any direct impact on the Natura 2000 sites as a result of the proposed development works due to the nature of the proposed works, as well as distance from the site itself.

The AA screening report concludes that, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the relevant European sites, the proposed development would not have a significant effect on European Sites alone or in combination with other projects.

In making this screening determination no account has been taken of any measures aimed at or intending to avoid or reduce potentially harmful effects of the project on a European Site.

The proposed amendment to retain 22 car parking spaces within the site has been reviewed and confirmation received that they do not result in significant additional environmental effects, or modifications to the AA Screening Reports being necessary. This change is not significant in terms of the environmental effects as a result of the proposed development. No additional mitigation measures are required to be included to prevent impacts on the environment or biodiversity.

EIA Screening

An Environmental Impact Assessment screening report has been submitted in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended. The screening report examines the characteristics of the proposed development, the location of the proposed development and the type and characteristics of the potential impacts. The project documentation also includes a Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, an Ecological Study, A Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment and an Archaeological Report.

Class 10 (b) (i), Schedule 5 (Part 2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended i.e. 'Infrastructure Projects' outlines classes of development for which EIA is required. The Screening Report concludes that the proposal does not fall within the classes of development referred to. The proposal relates to a site area of 1.93ha. The project area is not in itself above thresholds for urban development areas or extensions to existing facilities which would meet the requirement for mandatory EIA. The proposal therefore falls within the category of sub- threshold projects.

The screening takes account of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Ecological Impact Assessment prepared in relation to the proposed development.

The screening report submitted concludes that having regard to the nature, scale and location, the proposed public realm redevelopment at Quay Street/Mill Street/Balbriggan Harbour will not be likely to have significant environmental impacts by itself or in combination with other projects.

The proposed amendment to retain 22 car parking spaces within the site has been reviewed and confirmation received that this change is not significant in terms of the environmental effects of the proposed development. Consideration has also been given to the submissions received on foot of the public display of the proposed development. It is concluded that having regard to the nature, scale and location of the subject site, as also to the mitigation measures set out in the various reports including, in particular, the Modified Parking Layout, Preliminary Construction Management Plan and CEMP, that the proposed public realm redevelopment at Quay Street/Mill Street/Balbriggan Harbour, including the foregoing adjustment to parking provision, by itself or in combination with other projects, is not likely to have significant effects on the environment (direct, indirect or cumulatively with other development).
Accordingly, an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

- ***Refer Appendix C1 for the full Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Report***

LIST PERSONS OR BODIES:

(iii) **"List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2:**

There were 100 Submissions / Observations received are listed below and can be found in detail at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/node/30568/submissions

1. Silvia Alexa
2. Cecelia Gavigan
3. Kelly Caffrey
4. Deirdre Tuckey
5. Proinsias Mac Fhlannchadha
6. Rashmi Karkada
7. Eoghan Brady
8. Anne-Marie Meenagh
9. Thomas Farrell
10. Jodi Artis
11. Alessandra Pollicini
12. Alessandra Pollicini
13. Harold Mc Loughlin
14. Sarah Fallon
15. Aidan Whelan
16. Eoghan Brady
17. Anna Brys
18. Aine O'Beirne
19. Lisa Kurt
20. Transport Infrastructure Ireland
21. Rebecca Fox
22. Caroline Corrigan
23. Chris Richardson
24. Linda Browne
25. Ruth Brady
26. Jennifer Brennan on behalf of Balbriggan Playground Group
27. Sumesh Kumar Somnath
28. Sarah Dunne
29. Stephen Kilgallon
30. David Gaffney
31. Rebecca Fox
32. Aine O'Beirne
33. Anne Nightingale
34. Mary Hicks

35. Mary Hicks
36. Gillian McGoey
37. Colette O'Leary
38. Caroline Corrigan
39. Seamus Breathnach
40. Cormac Ó Cléirigh
41. Eileen Rooney
42. Bernadette Fennell
43. Gerald O'Halloran
44. Joe Murphy
45. Christine McIntyre
46. Siobhan Corbally
47. David Hayes
48. Balbriggan Tidy Towns
49. Kevin & Asha Smyth
50. Colm Doran
51. Balbriggan Community Council
52. Deirdre McKeown
53. Collette Murphy
54. Fingal Chamber
55. Bernard Crowley
56. Keith Geraghty
57. Kevin Egan
58. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
59. Aidan Whelan
60. Elizabeth Wall
61. Claire Gamble
62. KT Designs on behalf of Balbriggan Tourism Committee
63. Mary Smyth
64. S. Geraghty
65. Frank Bissette
66. Ollie Melia
67. David Flynn
68. Councillor Karen Power
69. Cian Ó Murchú
70. Bernie Kelly
71. Steve Slusarski
72. Brigid Gallen
73. May McKeon
74. Bernard Mahon
75. Jennifer Mahon
76. Jennifer Mahon
77. Karen McCaffrey
78. Samantha Corcoran
79. David McGarry
80. Rory Greenan

81. Josephine Cochrane
82. Tricia McCaffrey
83. Biodiverse Balbriggan (Balbriggan Climate Club)
84. Aoife Cochrane
85. Aideen Marry
86. Anne Marie Brady
87. Councillor Grainne Maguire
88. Thomas Watson
89. Anne White Cullen
90. Balbriggan Summerfest
91. Thomas Carolan (individual representing The Local Authorities Water Programme)
92. Fiona Moore
93. Ian Lennon
94. Withdrawn
95. Fingal Active Travel Group
96. Peter Quinn
97. James & Monica Kearns
98. Kevin Egan
99. Deirdre Malone
100. Colm Gamble

SUMMARISE THE ISSUES:

(iv) **"Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the Manager thereto"**

At public consultation stage there were numerous questions and issues raised.
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Several queries were also raised which are not relevant to matters of planning and strategic infrastructure, and so will not be addressed in this forum.

Issues raised are summarised below:

No.	Issue Raised	Managers Response
1.	**REDUCTION IN PARKING AND ACCESS TO THE TOWN CENTRE** **(56 submissions refer to issues)** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Loss of Commuter Parking at Quay Street ***Concern over alternative parking and transport options*** ***Request for additional parking in the town and new multistorey or park and ride parking facility*** ***Parking for visitors to the town centre businesses and beach***	**STATEMENT ON POLICY:** It is the policy of the Council to encourage active travel by encouraging people to walk or cycle to respond to climate change – Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The implementation of actions has been ongoing across all Council Departments, and the Chief Executive has focused the council's effort with the creation of the Environment Climate Action and Active Travel Department.

	Resident's parking and access ***Questions on parking studies which informed the process*** ***Question on quantum of parking at Mill Street*** ***Queries on changes to traffic flows, local access, universal access and age friendly arrangements*** ***Active travel and integration of cycling network*** ***Questions on parking for developments outside the scope of this project***	Walking and cycling are the most efficient modes of travel in terms of use of road-space, and the most sustainable in terms of environmental impacts. A separate active travel and transport consultancy for the Our Balbriggan programme has supported and informed this proposal- an Active Travel Strategy for Balbriggan will be delivered shortly. Diverse stakeholders were widely consulted in preparing these proposals as already noted in the published design report. **LOSS OF COMMUTER PARKING:** Separate parking surveys completed over 2 days in November 2021 and over 5 days in April 2022 show that the demand for Quay Street car parking is mainly led by commuter traffic using the carpark to access the railway station. These findings were consistent with findings in separate historical parking surveys which were also analysed. The existing large area given to carparking at Quay Street which is largely used by commuters on weekdays as a low cost alternative to the railway station carpark offers few commercial benefits to the centre of Balbriggan. The proposed plaza area to replace this carpark will revitalise the area and offer an attractive destination with new activities to enhance the town. Alternative parking areas have been identified as noted below which can accommodate this commuter traffic within a short walk or cycle of the Railway Station **ALTERNATIVE PARKING LOCATIONS:** In addition to existing carparks identified in the transport report the Council has already obtained planning approval for the development of high-quality carparking

		facilities adjoining the Bremore Coastal Park. These will be accessible from northern side of Bath Road/Lambeecher. 114 car parking spaces will be provided east of the railway with 50 overflow spaces with a grasscrete surface west of the railway. Parking at Bremore Coastal Park is likely to coincide with the delivery of Quay Street Development providing up to 160 carparking spaces. This will offer alternative parking centrally located within a 8 – 12min slow to average speed walk of the Railway Station & Town Centre and 3 – 6min walk to front and back beach. Separately the council intends to develop a carpark directly off the R132 at Bremore Castle with up to 130 spaces and many will be available for commuters. Enabling works have already commenced at this location and delivery is expected by 2024. These carpark upgrades in Balbriggan are being developed to include active travel measures including bike share schemes which can address the loss of the carpark at Quay Street which is mainly used by commuting traffic using the nearby railway station. They will also offer an alternative to the paid parking at the Railway Station. As a separate measure the Smart Balbriggan initiative will advance pilot projects to assist in the management of parking and providing real-time information within the town including; • Smart loading bays • Digital Signage • A Balbriggan Parking App **TOWN CENTRE PARKING:** Parking for the town centre will in general be provided in the main carpark accessible from Mill Street.

		Based on the observations received and following review of same the council propose to modify the overall proposal with minor amendments to the overall parking provision at Mill Street Town carpark to retain car parking spaces. 6 carparking spaces will be retained at the town centre carpark bringing the total capacity to 69 spaces inclusive of 3 no universally accessible spaces. During the construction stage, works will be phased across the site to ensure that a quantum of parking will be maintained to service the needs of the town. **RESIDENTS PARKING AND ACCESS:** Based on the observations received and following review of same the council propose to modify the overall proposal with minor amendments to the overall parking provision to retain some on street car parking spaces on both Quay Street and Mill Street. Amendments are proposed to the original proposal to allow for retention of on street carparking spaces, 12 on southern side of Quay Street and 4 on southern side of Mill Street. Reducing general traffic in the area is desirable but existing access to private developments carparking facilities will be maintained as local access only with pedestrian priority. This will accommodate local access, emergency vehicles and access to the Harbour. **PARKING SURVEYS AND COUNTS** Parking surveys completed over 2 days in November 2021 and over 5 days in April 2022 to ensure they were representative and not

		impacted by Covid 19. The studies were commissioned and validated by transport and active travel consultants who are engaged in a wider study of the town. Following some queries and observations received, a review exercise to validate existing parking provision was completed post consultation. Minor errors were identified as some areas sometimes used as illegal on street parking. Eg parking on pavement at viaduct and some on street parking outside the red line boundary not impacted by the proposal. The validation exercise has rectified numbers of existing parking spaces as follows: 16 less spaces on Quay Street 8 less spaces on Mill Street The corrected quantum of existing parking within the site boundary is 214 instead of 238. When taken with proposed amendments to retain 22 car parking spaces as outlined above, the total carparking to be removed is 129 or a reduction of 60%. 85 carparking spaces will be retained within the site. **CHANGES TO TRAFFIC FLOWS, LOCAL ACCESS** The transport drawings indicate possible adjustments to the flow and direction of traffic. Local access will be maintained to allow for residents, maintenance vehicles, emergency vehicles etc. As the design develops and prior to commencement further engagement with Transport Section will inform detail of junction, signage and segregation, road safety audits will be completed to ensure best practice. Subject to grant of planning for this project a separate process will be initiated by Operations Department in relation to the reversal of traffic flows eg Georges Hill.

		Access to the harbour will be controlled. Controlled access to the piers will be implemented by Q2 2023 as part of a separate Harbour rejuvenation package. The Active Travel Strategy for Balbriggan which is being developed will incorporate further information on these issues and inform the detail design. **UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND AGE FRIENDLY** Provision for designated universally accessible spaces has been included in the Town car park at Mill Street. Provision for designating some retained on street parking as age friendly and universally accessible spaces will be considered prior to commencement to ensure that the provision matches or betters existing. **ACTIVE TRAVEL AND INTEGRATION OF CYCLING NETWORK** The proposal incorporates many features which will offer positives for active travel, wider footpaths for pedestrians, allowance and provision for dedicated cycleways and pedestrian priority and shared surface areas. The development and integration of the Fingal Coastal Way has been considered in the design to date and when a final route is agreed the design team is confident that the design will accommodate any specific requirements. 152 bicycle parking spaces including provision for cargo bikes have been provided located at destination areas, including some covered areas, dispersed across the development area. While no bicycle lockers are proposed in this development, provision at more appropriate locations within the town is proposed as part of the active travel strategy which can be delivered in future Our Balbriggan projects.

		Ongoing engagement will continue through detailed design stage between the design team, the Active Travel consultants for Balbriggan, the Transport Section in Fingal County Council Strategic Infrastructure to provide full clarity on detail prior to commencement on site. **QUESTIONS ON PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THIS PROJECT** Developments outside the scope of this project will be responsible for addressing their own parking needs and will be assessed during the planning approval process. Alternative parking options will be available near the town centre as noted above when the Quay Street carpark is redeveloped.
2.	**PLAY FACILITIES AND PLAYGROUND** ***(24 submissions refer to issues)*** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Queries on loss of existing recently developed playground and what will happen to this play equipment **Queries on lack of enclosure proposed to play areas and safety** **Universal access to play and suitability for all ages**	**POLICY** Space for Play- A Play Policy for Fingal which was published in October 2021 has informed the rational and design of the garden and play spaces. The hierarchy of play provision will be in line with Space for Play.

		EXISTING PLAYGROUND AND EQUIPMENT The existing playground needs to be relocated to facilitate the widening of the River Bracken and the new garden area. While the existing small playground catering for younger children will be decommissioned, the existing modular equipment will be repurposed and reused within this proposal or alternatively located in other council developments in Balbriggan. It is intended that the railway theme agreed and adopted for use in the existing playground will be adopted for use in the new play spaces. Play has been integrated into the redeveloped 'Garden' area north of the RIver Bracken. A 'play on the way' approach is proposed with play opportunities created at intervals throughout the area. The play spaces will be inclusive and accessible. **UNIVERSAL ACCESS** Play items will be located in 3 circles with resin bound mulch surfaces / other accessible surfaces. The circles have been located near footpaths to give direct entrance to the play area and help wheelchair users or mobility impaired. The play surface also promotes design for all. Full consideration of universal access to the play areas will be ongoing during the detail design including integration of universally accessible play equipment in accordance with 'Space for Play.' **ENCLOSURE** At detailed design stage risk assessment of the play area design will include consideration of need for formal or informal barriers and how play equipment is located. Fencing of the play areas is not currently proposed, natural barriers formed by hedging

		or layout of equipment will be considered at detail design stage to maintain separation between play spaces and adjoining areas. The play areas will be certified as fit for purpose prior to use. Barriers have been removed from the widened section of Bracken River however the design of the riverbank has been considered with careful placement of landscaping and minimising water depth at edge to improve safety. The council has obtained separate planning approval for the development of Bremore Coastal Park which includes the development of new playground facilities at the active recreational hub. The future development of Millpond Park proposed as part of Our Balbriggan initiative will allow opportunities nearby to provide and integrate further play facilities in the town. Both these park developments will by their larger scale provide a wider variety of play spaces for older age groups and diversity of needs.
3.	**BIODIVERSITY, ECOLOGY & RIVER BRACKEN** ***(19 submissions refer to issues)*** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Queries on pollinator friendly planting and bee friendly areas ***Suggestions to increase tree cover and hedgerows within the development*** ***Suggest that plaza change to green***	**POLLINATOR FRIENDLY** As noted in reports the landscape proposal and plant selection will provide habitat for pollinators, invertebrates, smaller mammals, birds and other species. Further ecological measures will be incorporated such as bird

	area with increased native planting and forest ***Suggested retention of Willow trees to provide shade to River*** ***Suggested retention of existing soils for reuse including wildflowers*** ***Have swans been considered and impact of construction & development on nesting areas*** ***Concern on how the widening of the River Bracken and barrier will impact on the rivers wildlife*** ***Request an independent ecological study and multidisciplinary assessment of proposed river widening*** ***Biodiversity analysis of river needed from source to sea*** ***Suggestion to include an artificial otter holt on river (prescribed body)*** ***Ensure lighting is appropriate for bat conservation (prescribed body)*** ***Need to address the contamination in the river and ensure no contamination during construction*** ***Concern over outfall from Irish Water pumping station under plaza and possible pollution***	boxes and insect hotels. As the project goes through detailed design the team will remain cognisant of the need to examine and adapt planting proposals to include seasonality, colour and pollinator friendly planting and requirements for appropriate maintenance. Detailed planting plans to de developed will take account of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan as implemented by the council. **TREE COVER & GREENING OF AREAS** Existing trees have been surveyed and examined by an arborist and reasons for their proposed removal have been documented in reports. The proposal will result in the removal of 33 trees and planting of 37 replacement trees. The overall quantum of tree canopy cover will be increased by approximately 15% within the site. In combination with larger grassed areas, raingardens, and planting areas, this will result in a significant greening of the area while allowing for a sense of openness to encourage activity within the space. The Plaza is proposed as a pedestrian friendly space which can accommodate markets, events and festivals. It sits above a large underground Irish Water pumping station and ease of maintenance access must be available for ongoing maintenance and emergency maintenance. The current proposal allows for this requirement including movement of maintenance and construction vehicles. **WILLOW TREES** As noted in the Landscape Report accompanying the proposal a number of Weeping Willow are located on the bank of the Bracken River. One of these is proposed for removal, to the east where the river is to be widened. Two specimens to the west are proposed for retention. The report has noted that these trees are unlikely to be impacted by

		the development and it is proposed that they be protected and retained within the development. They will continue to provide shade to the river. **EXISTING SOILS** Where feasible soils will be reused on the site. The proposed garden area north of the River Bracken will create a demand for a significant quantity of good quality topsoil for landscaping works on the site to replace areas currently in hard landscaping and tarmac. Existing soils will be tested in advance of works and likely that any contaminated soil would require off site disposal. **SWANS** It is noted that the submission refers to the swans nesting previously near Molly's Café which is outside the site boundary and the development. The widening of a section of the river includes proposals for riparian planting used close to the river to create waterside planting that will be of high habitat value for wildlife and will also soften the river edge at its interface with the stepped approaches to the river. The Ecologist Report provided notes that the proposed development will enhance bird activity as improvements to the Bracken River and riparian corridor will be made. Prior to work commencing further consideration of impacts on the swan's habitat will be considered by the Project Ecologist. **INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT** An ecologist independent of the design team has already evaluated the proposal as part of the submission. Altemar have completed an Ecological Impact Assessment and concluded that the site is of only limited biodiversity

		status, informed by Matt River Assessment and Biodiversity Management Plan by CDM Smith, 2020, and the bat surveys carried out in 2020 (Keeley et al) and 2022 (Altemar). A Preliminary Construction Management Plan and an Outline Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) have been prepared. As set out in the CEMP, the Council has committed that a Project Ecologist will be appointed to oversee the development and implementation of mitigation measures, prior to the commencement of works on site. As concluded in the Ecological impact Assessment, the overall impact on the ecology of the proposed development will result in a long term minor beneficial not significant residual impact on the ecology of the area and locality overall. This is primarily as a result of the creation of additional biodiversity features including sensitive landscaping and lighting strategy. As the design progresses and prior to the commencement of works the council will allow for an independent review of the developed proposals to ensure that ecological issues have been satisfactorily addressed. **BIODIVERSITY ANALYSIS OF RIVER** A wider study of the Matt River was commissioned by Balbriggan Tidy Towns and in in 2020 the Matt River Assessment and Biodiversity Plan was published. This report documents the detailed analysis and surveys of the river from source to sea and has been a reference document in the preparation of the design and planning documentation. This planning proposal is confined to the extent of the red line boundary and attempts to improve ecological issues within its scope which will improve the presentation of the river

		making it a central feature in the design and reducing surface water outfall into the river through introduction of rainwater gardens and other Sustainable Urban Drainage features. **WIDENING OF RIVER POTENTIAL BARRIER TO WILDLIFE** Various consultations have taken place with Inland Fisheries Ireland in relation to the proposal which has been positively received and this engagement will continue at detail design stage to identify any concerns and address them in detail design and construction. Consultation with Inland Fisheries Ireland will be carried out pre and post works led by the Project Ecologist. Prior to construction of the river section, it is proposed that the removal of fish species from the section of the watercourse will be completed under licence from Inland Fisheries Ireland. The project ecologist will supervise the installation of the mitigation measures on site. The proposed temporary diversion strategy will incorporate placing the watercourse in a sealed pipe through the construction site. The diversion works will be undertaken before any other major works, minimizing the potential for down impact ie. Silting of the downstream watercourse. Diversion works will be subject Inland Fisheries Ireland approval of methodologies. **INCREASING BIODIVERSITY- OTTER HOLT** As a further biodiversity enhancement measure, an artificial otter holt will be installed in one of the reconstructed banks of the Bracken River and suitably camouflaged by some of the riparian planting to be carried out as part of the landscaping of the riverbanks. Otter spraint has been identified in the Bracken River in Balbriggan during previous survey work. This will provide a place for otter

		in a key location of this public realm redevelopment where the river enters the sea. The exact design and location of the otter holt in the Bracken riverbank will be agreed with the Fingal County Biodiversity Officer. **LIGHTING** During detail design suitable controls will be considered to faciliate reducing intensity of lighting under viaduct and providing some areas of public realm lighting on movement detectors between specific hours. The Public Lighting team within Operations Department of Fingal Co Co will form part of this review. These measures could assist with habitat protection and bat conservation measures on the site. A further bat survey will be undertaken by the Project Ecologist on the RNLI Boathouse prior to works commencing and any necessary protective measures adopted. **CONTAMINATION IN RIVER** Potential sources of pollution entering the river from source to sea are documented in the Matt River Assessment and Biodiversity Plan from 2020 commissioned by Balbriggan Tidy Towns. The scope of this project does not include for addressing all issues raised in that report. The current proposal will allow for local improvements within the extent of the redline boundary and in combination with other departments and future works a phased approach to dealing with issues is envisaged. During the construction stage a Project Ecologist will monitor the works to ensure that the actions outlined in the preliminary outline Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and the contractor's developed plan are implemented.

		During the construction works appropriate mitigations will be in place and there will be ongoing monitoring of the Matt/Bracken River for any visible signs of pollution (suspended solids, silt, hydrocarbon sheen and or other products). **IRISH WATER OUTFALL PIPE** Irish Water are upgrading the existing underground pumping station under the existing Quay Street carpark as a separate project which is intended to reduce the risk of pollution from the plant. Upgrade works are proposed during the period Q4 2022 to Q4 2023. As part of the Quay Street and Environs development proposal the existing emergency overflow from the underground Irish Water pumping station will be repositioned approximately 20m eastwards downstream into the river to avoid the amenity space of the widened river thus being less visible and improving the visual amenity of the river terracing. The design team has consulted with the Irish Water Project team on this proposal and will coordinate with them on construction timing.
4.	**PROPOSED BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Suggestion that a large building be provided at the Harbour, a destination restaurant ***New public toilets not large enough but changing spaces welcome***	**HARBOUR BUILDING** The harbour building replaces a large nightclub building which by its dominant scale had blocked views of the harbour. In comparison the new building proposed is single storey

	Request that public toilet areas be screened from housing at Seapoint Lane ***Desire for a large covered structure in the plaza to facilitate all weather events*** ***Suggestion to infill the arched vaults under the railway viaduct*** ***Desire that stone walls be retained as act as barrier to sand blow from beach and harbour***	modest in scale and height and more reflective of buildings which existed historically on the site. The new buildings are sized economically with low running costs to support small enterprises and to ensure year-round viability. **PUBLIC TOILETS** New public toilets are provided at two locations within the site, one block will replace the existing public toilet block west of the viaduct and separately provision has been included within the main harbour building. 2 separate changing place units are provided. In total 6 toilets are provided and 2 changing spaces which is considered adequate. External lockers are also provided near the access point to the beach to facilitate swimmers. Screening of entry doors to the toilet block on the harbour will be considered at detail design to respond to concerns of residents on Seapoint Lane. **PERMANENT COVERING ON PLAZA** The Irish Water underground pumping station under the plaza requires unhindered maintenance access. A permanent structure would require substantial foundations which the pumping station does not allow. The plaza will be designed and serviced to allow for temporary structures needed for specific events. **INFILLING ARCHED VAULTS** The viaduct and arched vaults remain the property of CIE. During discussions on proposals, limited interventions were permitted due to concerns of possible impact on railway. The current proposals allow for limited events to be located and serviced from under the vaults.

		STONE WALLS The stone walls have been identified as a barrier across the site which restrict access to the arched viaduct and divide the site into enclosures particularly separating Quay Street from the harbour. The design intent is the removal of barriers between the garden and plaza area and the harbour/beach which requires removing the low-level stone walls. The removal of the walls will allow for unifying the entire area as a pedestrian friendly, universally accessible environment. Prevention of windblown sand across the site is impossible without a permanent barrier or buildings within the arches. The placement and design of benches and street furniture on the harbour can provide a similar containment to the low level walls Further consideration of maintenance needs will be undertaken at detail design stage however the paved surface is a polished concrete surface which will can easily accommodate sweeping equipment for maintenance Stone from the site demolitions will be salvaged for use on future works in Balbriggan.
5.	**PROPOSED PUBLIC REALM FEATURES** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Concerns over removal of barriers at the river ***Desire for high quality street furniture (bins, public lighting & seating) be***	**RIVER BARRIERS** The existing railings at the river edge are designed to prevent falling into the river which is currently defined by culvert like concrete

	provided with consistency ***Build in services and infrastructure for markets and events***	walls and a significant drop. The existing railings are climbable with potential risk of injury in falling to water level. The redesign and widening of the river proposes a tiered approach to the river's edge which removes the need for a permanent barrier and the creation of shallow water and planting along the edge. Appropriate water safety features will be included (eg life rings at strategic intervals) **QUANTITY AND CONSISTENCY OF STREET FURNITURE** A draft public realm strategy for Balbriggan is being finalised which aims to bring quality and consistency to street furniture across the Our Balbriggan projects. This has informed the design development to date and will be an ongoing process at detail design to ensure appropriate selection, quantity, and placement of items. **SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE** Services will be fully integrated across the plaza, and under the arches including water and power to facilitate multiple events and uses including concerts, markets, festivals etc.
6.	**PROPOSED MATERIALS** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	New surfaces should not be slip resistant and easy to maintain ***Possible use of red brick suggested to reflect local heritage***	**SLIP RESISTANCE OF SURFACES** The main surface material is an exposed concrete incorporating marine shells for colour for animation of the surface. In general this

	Desire that any materials salvaged are reused locally in Balbriggan	material will be laid flat or gently sloping. This will be specified and tested to achieve a minimum slip resistance level suitable for external areas including trafficked areas. In response to public observations the material used on sloping public realm at Georges Square will not be used. **RED BRICK** Red brick has not been proposed in this development. The main cladding material for buildings in the development is Corten steel which offers a robust high-quality finish and is considered appropriate and suitable for this harbour and marine location. **SALVAGED MATERIALS** Good quality building stone and other salvageable materials will be salvaged for appropriate reuse in Balbriggan
7.	**UNIVERSAL ACCESS** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Desire that play features, public realm seating and river should be accessible to all ***Request that universal access be provided to access the beach*** ***Requests that provision be made for age friendly parking for residents*** ***Desire that good quality age friendly seating be provided possibly using***	**UNIVERSAL DESIGN** The principles of universal design have been applied to the design to date and will continue to be applied as detail design progresses. Play features have already been described at 2 above. Appropriate seating to meet the needs of all are being considered in the draft public realm strategy and will inform selection and placement of seating types. Universal access has been provided to the river's edge on northern side and access is also

	salvaged materials	available to the top tier of seating feature. **BEACH ACCESS** Interventions which may improve beach access are likely to be located on the beach and outside the red line site boundary. The proposed changes to surfaces under the viaduct will allow for a more level access through the viaduct to the beach which will facilitate a future improved access onto the sand **AGE FRIENDLY PARKING** Designation of on street parking locations will be considered to ensure that level of provision matches or betters the existing provision within the site.
8.	**SAFETY & POTENTIAL FOR ANTISOCIAL ACTIVITY** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Suggestions that CCTV be incorporated and provided in the design with Garda monitoring ***Suggestion that a policing plan be put in place for after hours in particular*** ***Concern over noise nuisance***	**CCTV** Provision will be made for service routes and underground ducting for CCTV infrastructure across the site. A roll out of CCTV across the site is not proposed at this stage but could be facilitated in the future. **POTENTIAL FOR ANTI SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND NOISE NUISANCE** The increased activities in the area with new

		buildings and uses are intended to bring vibrancy to the area increasing passive supervision. The public spaces benefit from good passive surveillance from surrounding buildings. If in the event of anti-social behaviour at the site Fingal County Council will liaise with An Garda Siochana through the Safe Balbriggan Pillar Group to address the matter. **NOISE** The new plaza space will activate the space for events including markets and festivals. The existing car parks on the site have accommodated similar events in the past. Event operators using the space under license from the council will operate within agreed decibel levels and hours of operation to minimise nuisance to adjoining neighbours. The textured surface is limited in extent and designed to slow traffic speed. The planned reductions in volumes of traffic accessing the area should provide for reductions in traffic noise.
9.	**HERITAGE** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Request that plaques and items of local heritage be considered and integrated into design ***Consult with CIE over reinstatement of details of cast iron viaduct and appropriate railing and colours*** ***Possible reuse of cobbles or exposing some areas to reflect and showcase local heritage***	**ITEMS OF LOCAL HERITAGE** Prior to commencement of works an inventory of local heritage items within the site including the Sile de Valera plaque, cobbles and stone will be undertaken. Where appropriate suitable prominent new locations will be identified to show these features within the redeveloped site

		REINSTATEMENT OF VIADUCT DETAIL The railway viaduct is on the Record of Protected Structures and in ownership of CIE. Works to the higher levels of the viaduct are not proposed as part of this development. **REUSE or EXPOSURE OF COBBLES** The existing cobbles under the railway viaduct are proposed to remain in place and will be covered over as part of the redevelopment. Access to the cobbled surfaced area is problematic as they are largely surrounded by low level walls they are not conducive to universal access providing an uneven and potentially slippy surface for wheelchair, buggy and cycles. Consideration to exposing elements with some historical interpretation will eb considered at detail design. Any cobbles to be removed will be salvaged for possible reuse.
10.	**HARBOUR & BEACH** **(both outside red line boundary)** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Dredge harbour and reuse silt on site ***Put in place measures to stop silting of harbour*** ***Clean up harbour and provide storage facilities for leisure equipment*** ***Identify cause of water quality issues at harbour and beach and address*** ***Suggestion to include Wooden Walkaway along beach from harbour***	**HARBOUR DREDGING** The scope of this project does not extend to the harbour and harbour dredging is not part of this project scope. Possible contamination of harbour silt would likely limit its reuse within the site. The council intends to progress a separate future project to address this issue which will require a separate planning process.

	to Lambeecher	**SILTING OF HARBOUR** The future studies needed to inform the harbour dredging will also require studies on how the silting can be limited. The council intends to progress a separate future project to address this issue which will require a separate planning process **HARBOUR CLEANUP AND STORAGE** The council is currently progressing a separate project which will address general improvements to the harbour to support the fishing industry and leisure uses of the harbour. This project is expected to be completed on site in 2023 prior to commencement of the Quay Street project. **WATER QUALITY ISSUES** Water quality at harbour and beach and controls on pollution are being addressed by the council outside the scope of this project. **WALKWAY ALONG BEACH** Not proposed as part of this project but potential for a future promenade development along the beach remains under consideration and will require a separate planning process.
11.	**MAINTENANCE** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Ensure materials are easy to maintain and adequate bins provided	**MAINTENANCE** Materials and fixtures have been considered carefully for durability in a coastal environment and ease of maintenance. An appropriate

		maintenance plan will be developed as the project progresses. A draft public realm strategy for Balbriggan is being finalised which aims to bring quality and consistency to street furniture across the Our Balbriggan projects. This will inform selection, quantity, and placement of bins to be agreed with Operations Department prior to commencement.
12.	**OUR BALBRIGGAN PROJECT PHASING** Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
	Consider overall plan for Balbriggan rather than piecemeal approach of individual projects	**PROJECT DELIVERY** The Quay Street project is the first of a sequence of rejuvenation projects which the council intends to deliver in Balbriggan over a 5-7 year programme. The sites are dispersed across the town and based on resourcing and the need to maintain a functioning town centre cannot be delivered as a single project. A phased approach has been adopted to ensure that the needs of the town are accommodated throughout development stages. While the projects are not individually linked they are being coordinated to ensure consistency in relation to design quality, public realm and active travel strategies in particular.

RECOMMENDATION:

(v) "Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be"

Taking on board the submissions, some amendments have been suggested to address the concerns and issues raised.

Amended drawings describing the proposed changes are highlighted:

- 2123-AL-001 Rev B Proposed Site Plan Scale 1:1000

The proposed amendments are outlined as follows:

Retention of 22 car parking spaces within the red line boundary on street carparking.

- 12 onstreet parking spaces on Quay Street
- 6 within Town carpark at Mill Street
- 4 onstreet parking spaces on Mill Street

These amendments have been made to address the concerns raised loss of parking in particular for local residents, including age friendly and accessible spaces.
Bike parking provision will be retained as originally proposed however alternate locations near the harbour and viaduct will compensate for the relocation of bike spaces at Mill Street Carpark. Precise locations for bike parking will be coordinated and agreed with the Transport and Fingal Coastal Way project team.

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the development as amended (as noted above) and generally as made available for inspection (Refer Appendices B1 to B7)

A presentation dealing with the proposal will be available at the meeting.

LIST OF APPENDICES:

Appendix A - Notice of Development

- **Appendix A1 - Notice of Proposed Development**

Appendix B – Plans and Particulars

- **Appendix B1 - Architects Drawings**

Existing Drawings:

-	2123-SV-901	Site Location Plan	Scale 1:2500
-	2123-SV-001	Existing Site Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-SV-005	Existing Traffic & Access Plan	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-010	Existing Elevations	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-020	Existing Section A & B	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-021	Existing Section A	Scale 1:250
-	2123-SV-022	Existing Section C	Scale 1:250
-	2123-SV-023	Existing Section D	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-024	Existing Section E	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-025	Existing Section F	Scale 1:500

Proposed Drawings:

-	2123-AL-001	Proposed Site Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-AL-002	Proposed Site Plan Garden	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-003	Proposed Site Plan Plaza	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-004	Proposed Site Plan Harbour	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-005	Proposed Active Travel Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-AL-020	Proposed Section A & B	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-021	Proposed Section A	Scale 1:250
-	2123-AL-022	Proposed Section C	Scale 1:250
-	2123-AL-023	Proposed Section D	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-024	Proposed Section D	Scale 1:250
-	2123-AL-025	Proposed Section E	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-026	Proposed Section F	Scale 1:500
-	2123-AL-041	Proposed River Section A	Scale 1:100
-	2123-AL-031	Proposed Site Drainage Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-AL-032	Proposed Green Infrastructure Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-SK-020	Proposed Outfall Diversion	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SK-021	Proposed Shared Surface Junctions	Scale 1:200



- 2123-SK-022 Proposed Town Carpark Scale 1:250
- 2123-SK-023 Proposed Road Users Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-AL-024 Proposed Section D Scale 1:250
- 2123-AL-025 Proposed Section E Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-026 Proposed Section F Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-041 Proposed River Section A Scale 1:100
- 2123-AL-031 Proposed Site Drainage Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-AL-032 Proposed Green Infrastructure Plan Scale 1:1000
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- 2123-SK-022 Proposed Town Carpark Scale 1:250
- 2123-SK-023 Proposed Road Users Plan Scale 1:1000

Harbour Buildings:

- 2123-AL-006 Proposed Harbour Buildings Plan Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-010 Proposed Harbour Buildings NW Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-011 Proposed Harbour Buildings SW Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-012 Proposed Harbour Buildings NE Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-013 Proposed Harbour Buildings SE Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-027 Proposed Harbour Buildings Section AA Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-028 Proposed Harbour Buildings Section BB Scale 1:200

Toilet/Kiosk Building:

- 2123-AL-007 Proposed Toilet Block Plan Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-014 Proposed Toilet Block Elevations 1 Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-015 Proposed Toilet Block Elevations 2 Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-016 Proposed Toilet Block Elevations 3 Scale 1:200

2123-AL-029 Proposed Toilet Block Section Scale 1:200

- **Appendix B2 - Outline Description of Development**
- Design Report Quay Street & Environs June 2022 Paul Keogh Architects

- **Appendix B3 - Heritage Report –**
  Heritage Report Quay Street & Environs June 2022 Paul Keogh Architects

- **Appendix B4 - Engineers Drawings & Reports**

  - Hayes Higgins Partnership Civil & Structural Engineering Planning Report
  - Hayes Higgins Partnership - Preliminary Construction Management Plan
  - Hayes Higgins Partnership - Preliminary Construction Waste Management Plan
  - Hayes Higgins Partnership - Preliminary Construction Traffic Management Plan
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- Dwg No. 21D031 02 P4– Existing & Proposed Drainage & Watermain Layout
- Dwg No. 21D031 02A P4– Existing & Proposed Drainage & Watermain Layout -Sheet A
- Dwg No. 21D031 02B P4– Existing & Proposed Drainage & Watermain Layout -Sheet B
- Dwg No. 21D031 02B P4– Existing & Proposed Drainage & Watermain Layout -Sheet C
- Dwg No. 21D031 03 P2– Diversion layout at Quay Street & Environs, Balbriggan

- Hayes Higgins Partnership Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Planning Report

- Hayes Higgins Partnership Traffic & Access Planning Report
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-01 P Refuse Vehicle Swept Path Analysis
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-02 P Rigid Truck Swept Path Analysis Sheet 1
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-03 P Rigid Truck Swept Path Analysis Sheet 2
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-04 P Rigid Truck (Type 2) Swept Path Analysis
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-05 P Fire Tender Swept Path Analysis
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-06 P Car Swept Path Analysis

- **Appendix B5 - RNLI Boathouse Information**

Architects Drawings (Architects Department, Fingal Co Co)

- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-001 Existing Site Plan Scale 1:500
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-002 Proposed Site Layout Scale 1:200
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-100 Existing/ Demolition Plans & Sections Scale 1:50
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-101 Existing/ Demolition Elevations Scale 1:50
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-200 Proposed Plans & Sections Scale 1:50
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-201 Proposed Elevations Scale 1:50
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-300 Room Data Scale 1:20
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-500 Roof & Wall Details Scale 1:20 & 1:5
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-600 Door & Window Schedule 1 Scale 1:20
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-601 Door & Window Schedule 2 Scale 1:20
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-602 Proposed Lighting Layout Scale 1:20
- Conservation Impact Assessment Report April 2022 (Architects Department, Fingal Co Co)

Engineers Drawings (Fitzsimons Doyle & Associates)

- Dwg No. 20/4921 BB-S011 Reinforcement External Seating Area Scale 1:20
- Dwg No. 20/4921 BB-S012B Floor and Roof Structure Plan Details Scale 1:50 & 1:20
- Dwg No. 20/4921 BB-S013A Drainage Plan & Details Scale 1:100 & 1:25

Appendix B6-Landscape Report & Drawings–

Landscape Design Report April 2022 (Austen Associates)

Landscape Architect Drawings (Austen Associates)

- Dwg No. 074021-PP-01-C Soft Landscape Plan Scale 1:20 & 1:50



- Dwg No. 074021-DD-01-A Soft Landscape Details Scale 1:20 & 1:50

Appendix B7 – Planning, Environmental, Ecology

Planning Report June 2022 (Doyle Kent Planning & Architecture)
Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report June 2022 (Doyle Kent Planning & Architecture)
Appropriate Assessment Screening Report June 2022 (Altemar)
Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) Report June 2022 (Altemar)
Archaeological Impact Assessment Report May 2022 (Courtney Deery)
Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment Report June 2022 (McCloy Consulting)
Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) June 2022 (Altemar)

Appendix B8- Amendments to proposal post consultation period
(22 carparking spaces to be retained identified)

- 2123-AL-001 Rev B Proposed Site Plan Scale 1:1000
- Addendum Report
  in relation to Planning Consultation, & updates to EIA and AA Screening October 2022
  (Doyle Kent Planning & Architecture & Altemar)

Appendix C – Planning Report

- **Appendix C1 - Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Report**

Public Realm Redevelopment - Quay Street and Balbriggan Harbour

Balbriggan

Fingal County Council

Addendum Report in relation to EIA and AA Screening and

Assessment of Submissions to Fingal County Council

October 2022

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Introduction

The proposed Quay Street / Balbriggan Harbour public realm development was placed on public display for 6 weeks from 7th July 2022 to 19th August 2022. Subsequently a minor adjustment was made to proposed provision of car parking in respect of retention of an additional 22 spaces over and above the scheme as put on display in July.

This addendum report considers the main issues raised in the submissions received and the implications of the design change in respect of parking space for EIA screening and AA screening (per letter from Altemar).

Submissions Received

One hundred submissions were received in that time from interested persons and organisations. A number of these raise issues pertaining to planning and environmental aspects. The main issues raised include:

Principle of the development – Several submissions welcomed the proposed development as an appropriate regeneration of a strategically located urban space, in the interest of the common good. Objection to the principle of the development included that the existing situation is quite acceptable.

In terms of proper planning, the regeneration of the Quay Street area, including car parks, and the Harbour have been identified for many years in various plans and as specifically cited in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023. For example per Chapter 3 of the Development Plan, which states that an Urban Design Framework has been prepared for the centre of Balbriggan and this continues to be the main framework for the development of this area. Development Plan Objective BALBRIGGAN 2:

Facilitate the implementation of the Urban Design Framework Plan and Balbriggan Public Realm Plan for the town centre to encourage the regeneration of the identified potential development sites within the town centre.

Having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan, it is considered the proposed development is fully in accord with established planning policy and is not dependent on any future strategy, which might or might not be adopted.

Access and parking – a number of submissions expressed concerns regarding the suppression of parking spaces, including in relation to commuter parking for the railway. A query regarding the existing number of spaces was raised.

Provision of parking in an appropriately balanced fashion is a challenge in many urban settings and is an issue in the context of Balbriggan. Following receipt of public submissions, a review of the parking provision, existing and proposed, was undertaken. It was established that there are fewer on-street spaces in existence currently than had been calculated. Having regard to the submissions received and to the revised count of spaces, the scheme has been adjusted to retain an additional 22 spaces, both on street and in the existing Town Carpark.

Notwithstanding submissions received asserting a need to retain more car park spaces, survey work carried out in connection with the forthcoming Balbriggan Active Travel Plan indicates the parking spaces at the Quay Street site do not play a critical role and are relatively under utilised. It is expected that the Active Travel Plan shall consider the need for the provision of park and ride services in the overall context of the town. Particular attention will be given to ensure the needs of residents of the area are provided for.

Biodiversity – some submissions expressed concern in relation to the impact of the development on biodiversity, both in relation to the Bracken River and on land.

However, the enhancement of biodiversity on the site has informed the design, including in terms of landscaping and selection of suitable plants and trees. Selection of planting was influenced by the need to provide pollinator type species. The works to the river are designed to provide a suitable habitat for aquatic flora and fauna. Protection of bats has informed the detailed design of external lighting and treatment of the old RNLI boathouse.
The multi-disciplinary design team consulted widely with interested parties and organisations as well as with the Biodiversity Officer of the County Council.

The project related work included compilation of both a Construction and Environment Management Plan (CEMP) and an Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) report by a reputable ecological practice. The EcIA contains a detailed analysis of the existing situation, outlines the possible risks from the proposed development to biodiversity and sets out many mitigation measures to deal with these, including employment of an ecologist to supervise relevant aspects during the construction phase. The development will be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the EcIA and CEMP and

appropriate ecological expertise engaged. The EcIA concludes by stating that, subject to implementation of the mitigation measures:

The construction and operational mitigation proposed for the development satisfactorily addresses the mitigation of potential impacts on the sensitive receptors through the application of the standard construction and operational phase controls. The overall impact on the ecology of the proposed development will result in a long term minor beneficial not significant residual impact on the ecology of the area and locality overall. This is primarily as a result of the creation of additional biodiversity features including sensitive landscaping and lighting strategy.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has made a number of detailed recommendations, including provision of an artificial holt for otters and further survey and provision for bats.

These recommendations will be acted upon.

River Bracken – a number of submissions expressed reservations or concerns regarding how this will be treated. One theme was the need for greater diversity provision in respect of the river and some concerns were expressed that the widening of the river would be counter productive on this point. The migration of fish was raised in some submissions. Some submissions asked for further scrutiny of these aspects including hydrological impacts.

The proposed treatment of the river is designed specifically to enhance biodiversity. In its current state, the river is not conducive to colonisation by plants or provision of an appropriate habitat for aquatic life and it has been well established that it provides a poor environment.

We are satisfied that, subject to the said mitigation measures, the development will contribute to the ecological restoration of the Bracken River. The mitigation measures in the EcIA report and the CEMP make adequate provision for protection of species, including fish. The Council is willing to commission further expert scrutiny of the detailed design, including by a hyrdogeologist, ecologist, fisheries expert and river restoration expert, prior to going to tender and will employ an ecologist to supervise the works.

Pollution of the Bracken River

This is a matter of concern to the Council, but the proposed development will not encompass the persistent sources of pollution of the river.

The emergency overflow from the existing Irish Water pumping station on the site will remain, albeit slightly relocated nearer the Harbour. Such emergency overflows are an inherent part of the foul sewerage network.

Flooding

This matter was fully examined by a specialist engineering practice who concluded that the site is affected by Flood Zone A and Flood Zone B, as defined in the OPW Guidelines. However, given the nature of the development (i.e., open amenity space), the proposal is considered 'appropriate' in any Flood Zone. In any case, certain mitigation measures were recommended and as was a further assessment at detailed design stage.

Harbour and Beach – a number of submissions referred to the Harbour or to the beach and their unsatisfactory condition, including the question of bathing water quality.

The Quay Street and environs public realm enhancement will provide a high quality urban upgrade, including to part of the Harbour. There are more other proposals in preliminary development in respect of the overall Harbour, which will further improve the situation. The question of bathing water quality is not immediately relevant to the currently proposed public realm enhancement.

Materials and Finishes

Submissions raise different points in relation to finishes to the development including the main paved areas, including safety/slippage concerns and permeability. Some submissions have criticised the proposed treatment of the cobbled paving under the Railway Viaduct. Reinstatement of some of the architectural features of the Viaduct has also been raised.

Submissions in respect of finishes have been examined and will be taken into account. The treatment of the cobbled area has been designed in accordance with both good conservation practice and to ensure safe universal access. The details were subject of consultation with the Conservation Officer of the Council. The details of the Viaduct are not within the immediate control of the Council, but reinstatement of its features will be examined.

Playground

There have been some criticisms of the proposals for the playground.

The landscape architects responsible for the detailed design of the playground, together with the lead architect, have extensive experience of such work and the design team is satisfied this is an appropriate design solution.

Litter / Waste

Adequate provision has been made for litter bins. However, in the event that following completion of the development it proves necessary to provide more, the Council can readily address this matter.

Anti-social behaviour

A number of submissions referred to security concerns and some called for cctv facilities.
The issue of excessive noise also has been raised.

Anti-social behaviour is a matter primarily for the Gardai and is a national problem. The question of cctv cameras will be kept under review in the context of the overall town centre.

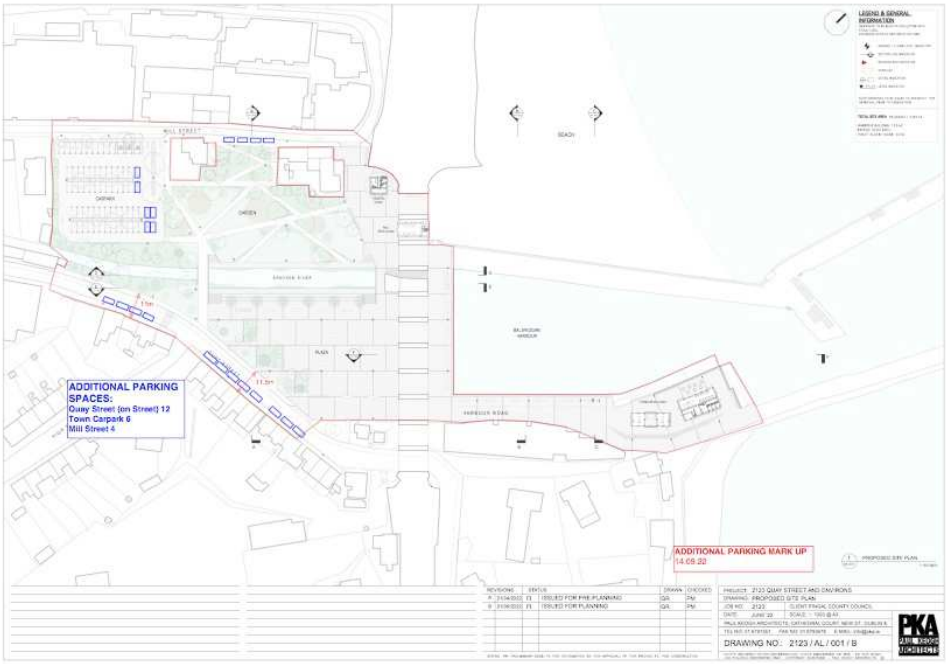
Other issues

Various suggestions have been made for variations to details of the proposal. These will be further considered at in the detailed design stage.

EIA Screening

Subsequent to the public display of the proposed development and consideration of the submissions received on foot of this consultation, the design of the proposed development was amended by reducing the number of car parking spaces to be removed from Quay Street, Mill Street and from the existing Town Carpark. This adjustment is shown on the layout plan below (amended PKA Drawing No.: 2123 / AL / 001 / B. *Additional parking mark up 14.09.22*). The change includes retaining 22 parking spaces (12 on-street spaces on Quay Street, 6 spaces in the Town Car Park and 4 on street spaces on Mill Street). The description of this element of the proposed development is modified so that it is:

> *Reduction of overall car parking on site, including removal of Quay Street carpark, reduction of on-street carparking and reduction of Town Carpark (Mill Street), resulting in a car park provision of 85 spaces.*



Modified Parking Layout

This change is not significant in terms of the environmental effects of the proposed development. Consideration has also been given to the submissions received on foot of the public display of the proposed development. It is concluded that having regard to the nature, scale and location of the subject site, as also to the mitigation measures set out in the various reports including, in particular, the

Preliminary Construction Management Plan and CEMP, that the proposed public realm redevelopment at Quay Street/Mill Street/Balbriggan Harbour, including the foregoing adjustment to parking provision, by itself or in combination with other projects, is not likely to have significant effects on the environment (direct, indirect or cumulatively with other development). Accordingly, an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.



Karl Kent

7th October 2022

Appendix – Altemar Letter

ALTEMAR
Marine & Environmental Consultancy

Fingal County Council
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

7th October 2022

Addendum October 2022 to works Quay Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

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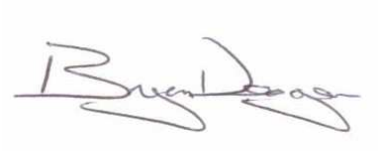
Altemar has prepared the following documents in relation to the development:

- Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) for a proposed development at Quay Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.
- Appropriate Assessment Screening for a proposed development at Quay Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin
- Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) for the proposed development of a for a proposed development at Quay Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

We have reviewed the proposed modifications and wish to confirm that they do not result in significant additional environmental effects or modifications to the above reports being necessary. This change is not significant in terms of the environmental effects as a result of the proposed development. No additional mitigation measures are required to be included to prevent impacts on the environment or biodiversity.

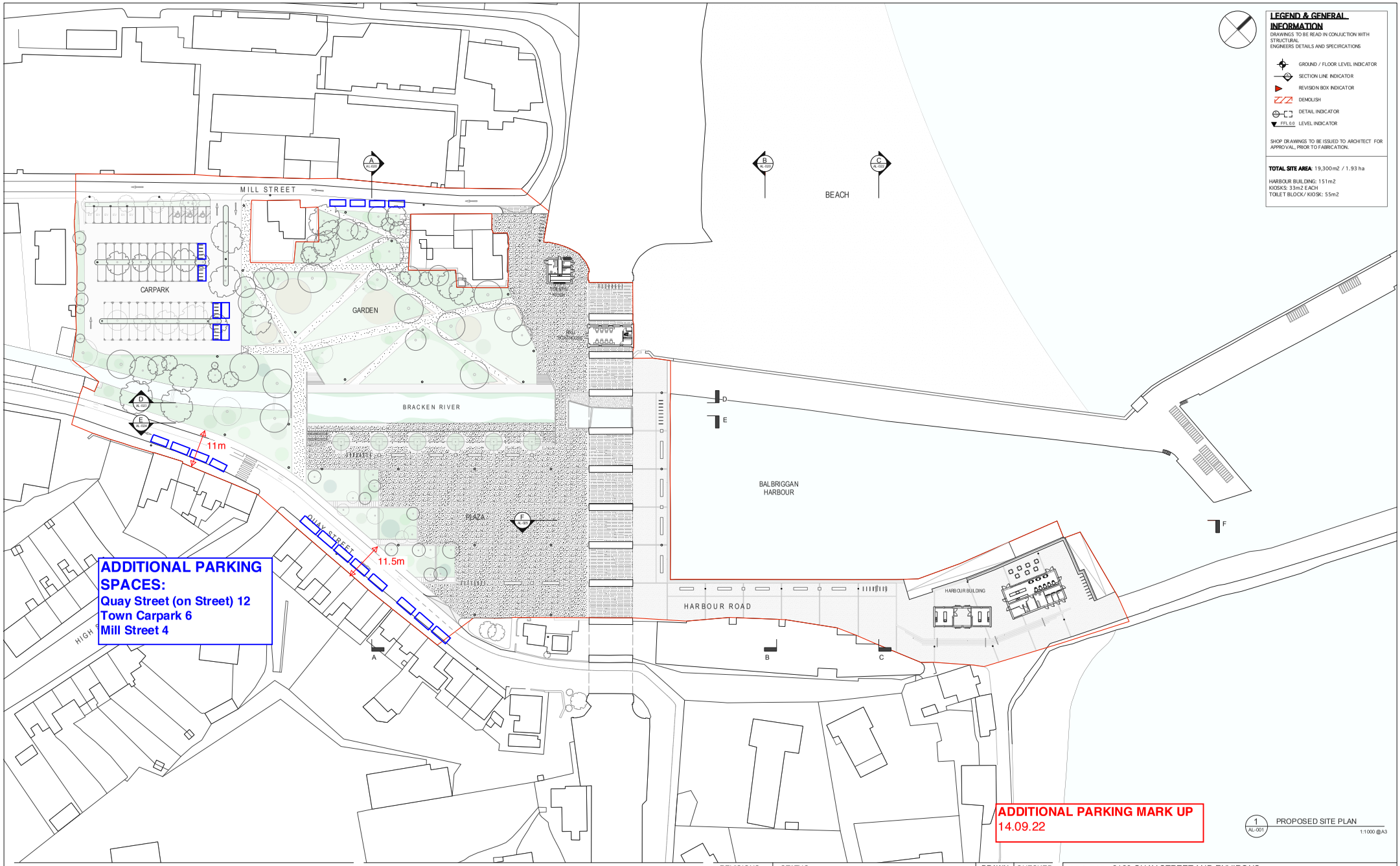
If you have any queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Kindest Regards



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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Register Reference: PART XI/003/22

Proposed Development: Redevelopment of public realm and related development at Quay Street and Balbriggan Harbour, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.
Mill Street, Quay Street, Harbour Road, Balbriggan Harbour, area beneath the railway viaduct, tthe old RNLI lifeboat house and including existing open spaces, car parking and roads and pedestrian, footpaths and a section of the, Bracken River, all at Balbriggan

Location: Quay Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

Proposing Department: Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department

Application Type: Part XI

Purpose of report
The following report has been prepared by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department to assess the proposal with regard to the provisions of National and Regional planning policy and the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and outlines the planning considerations relating to the impact of the proposal on the amenities of the receiving area. The report is based on the information provided to P&SI by ~~the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division of the P&SI~~ Architects Department. The information includes plans, particulars and an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and EIA Screening Report. The comments of other sections of the P&SI Department and any other Department of the Council are also considered.

Nature of development
The proposed development includes:

(i) Redevelopment of the existing carpark areas, open space and playground to form a reordered public open space / market space with play space off Quay Street, focused around the arches of the Railway Viaduct.
(ii) Upgrade of the carpark areas and green open space located between Mill Street, Quay Street and the harbour, including the Bracken River, to provide new hard landscaping and planting zones to encourage flora.
(iii) Upgrade of street surfaces, pavements, landscaping and green infrastructure, including widening of footpaths, to improve pedestrian linkages from Main Street to Quay Street, the Railway Viaduct, the Beach and the Harbour area.
(iv) New public lighting and street furniture.
(v) Redesign of existing surface carparking, including closure of vehicular access point on Quay Street, and incorporating improvements to traffic flow and parking on Quay Street, Mill Street and Harbour Road.

(vi) Works to redirect the existing overflow (currently discharging into the Bracken River) from the Irish Water pumping station off Harbour Road to a new discharge location into the Bracken River.
(vii) Enhancement works to the Bracken River within the existing open space between Quay Street and Mill Street, including widening of the water course, to encourage biodiversity, increase planting and improve flood resilience along the riverbank (including temporary piping of the Bracken River during construction period).
(viii) Resurfacing areas under the Railway Viaduct arches with new granite paving.
(ix) Removal of existing low level stone walls to provide a more accessible link between Quay Street and the harbour.
(x) Provision within the vicinity of the Railway Viaduct to facilitate future potential market stalls, street food outlets and outdoor dining with appropriate utility connection points.
(xi) Reduction of overall car parking on site, including removal of Quay Street carpark and on-street carparking, and reduction of Town Carpark (Mill Street), resulting in a car park provision of 63 spaces (a reduction of 132 spaces).
(xii) provision of cycle parking (24 bicycle stands), seating and integrated play equipment.
(xiii) Provision of a new single storey Harbour Building (141 sqm) on site of former night club on East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure) to contain:

(a) 1 no. commercial unit with services facing onto the harbour.
(b) Provision of associated storage space, office and staff toilet.
(c) Provision of public toilets and changing places unit.
(d) Provision for seating in vicinity of the harbour building and kiosks.

(xiv) Provision of two new single storey, kiosk buildings (33 sqm each) on site of former night club on East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure), to accommodate visitor information, retail, café, hot food take away, rental of leisure boats, cycles, paddleboards and other recreational equipment.
(xv) Demolition of the existing public toilet block immediately south-west of the Railway Viaduct at the entrance to the beach and provision of temporary toilet facilities pending construction of new toilet block.
(xvi) Construction of a new single storey building south-west of the Railway Viaduct to include toilets, changing, lockers, 'Changing Places Unit' and a retail kiosk.
(xvii) Proposed conservation of the Former RNLI Boathouse, (a protected structure RPS no. 0035) at Harbour Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, including change of use to commercial café /retail use with associated site development, services and internal alterations. The area of the single storey building is 63 sqm.
(xviii) All associated site development works, landscaping, services, piped infrastructure and ducting, changes in level; site landscaping and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground.

Documentation

Information received by the Planning Section from the proposing department includes:

- Design Report
- Existing & Proposed drawings
- Stakeholder Engagement Report
- Topographic & GPR Survey
- Heritage Statement
- Civil & Structural Report

- Utilities & Electrical Services Report
- Traffic & Access report
- Construction Management Plan
- Construction Waste Management Plan
- Construction Traffic Management Plan
- Planning Report
- AA screening report
- EIA screening report
- Tree Survey and report
- Landscape report
- Archaeology report
- Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA)
- Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment
- Bat Survey(2020)
- RNLI Boathouse Existing / Proposed Drawings
- RNLI Boathouse Conservation Report

Site Location & Description

The site, measuring 1.93 ha, is located in the vicinity of Balbriggan Harbour, within Balbriggan town centre. The site comprises parts of Mill Street and of Quay Street and Harbour Road and includes the site of the now demolished night club building on the east pier of Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure RPS 0038). The site contains public footpaths, public roads, open green space, public carparks, the Bracken River, foot and road bridges over the Bracken River, lands beneath the arches of the Balbriggan Railway Viaduct (Protected Structure RPS 0036), the former RNLI boat house (Protected Structure RPS 0035), existing public toilets and playground. The site also includes the area between the Railway Viaduct and the Harbour Road and includes part of Harbour Road to the north-east of the Railway Viaduct and the part of Harbour Road on the East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour up to and including the site of the demolished night club building. Land uses surrounding the site include residential to the north and south, a working harbour to the east, and commercial premises to the west. The lands are generally level.

Relevant Planning History

The following planning history relates to lands in the vicinity of the application site:

The subject site

F92A/0065:

Change of use from swimming pool and ancillary accommodation to function room; Modifications to existing entrance porch and retention of emergency escape

F00A/0090: Permission GRANTED for alterations and renovations to existing building including raising portion of roof and external walls, enlargement of existing windows, new windows and site walls.

F01A/0090: Permission REFUSED for demolition of section of building with footprint of 404 sq.m. of existing O'Sheas Public House and construction of 19 apartments in four storey block with roof garden,

remainder of existing premises to be retained as public house, car parking to be within adjoining site subject to planning permission F99A/1166.

In the vicinity
There have been a number of planning applications in the vicinity of the site, the most recent and relevant of which include:

To the south west
ABP 311095-21 Permission GRANTED for a Strategic Housing Development comprising of demolition of existing buildings and construction of 101 no. build-to-rent apartments and associated site works.

To the north
PARTXI/006/20 Fingal County Council APPROVED Bremore Regional Park Development Project, including The Balbriggan Sports and Recreational Hub, Central Zone Open Spaces, new Coastal Park, all ancillary infrastructure and Park Boundaries at Bremore Regional Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

Reports from Internal Sections of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Water Services Engineering Section: No objection, points to note

Transportation Planning: Supports the proposal, however further detail required at this stage;

Conservation Officer: No objection, points to note

Environment (Waste): No Objection

Parks and Green Infrastructure Section: No objection, points to note

Environmental Health (Air & Noise): No objection

Archaeologist / Heritage Officer: No objection

Policy Context

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023

The application site is located on lands zoned 'MC – Major Town Centre':
Objective: Protect, provide for and/ or improve major town centre facilities
Vision: Consolidate the existing Major Towns in the County, (Blanchardstown, Swords and Balbriggan). The aim is to further develop these centres by densification of appropriate commercial and residential developments ensuring a mix of commercial, recreational, civic, cultural, leisure, residential uses, and urban streets, while delivering a quality urban environment which will enhance the quality of life of resident, visitor and workers alike. The zone will strengthen retail provision in accordance with the County Retail Strategy, emphasise urban conservation, ensure priority for public transport, pedestrians and cyclists while minimising the impact of private car based traffic and enhance and develop the existing

urban fabric. In order to deliver this vision and to provide a framework for sustainable development, masterplans will be prepared for each centre in accordance with the Urban Fingal Chapter objectives.

The proposal comprises uses which fall within Restaurant/Café, Retail – Local <150 sqm nfa, office 100sqm, 'Recreational Facility/Sports Club' and 'Open Space' use classes, all of which are 'Permitted in Principle' under the MC zoning.

The site is located within the Balbriggan Development Boundary.

The application site includes the following designations within the FDP:

- A map based objective for a proposed school overlaps with the north-eastern corner of the site.
- Historic Landscape Characterisation Area
- Landscape Character Area: Coastal
- Highly Sensitive Landscape: Coast
- Balbriggan Town Core ACA
- Indicative Cycle/Pedestrian Route (located to north and south of site)

Protected Structures located within the site include:

Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure RPS 0038)

Balbriggan Railway Viaduct (Protected Structure RPS 0036)

Former RNLI boat house (Protected Structure RPS 0035), RPS No 12

The following objectives and policy contained within the Written Statement of the FDP are relevant to this application:

Section 1.4 Strategic Vision of the Development Plan 2017 – 2022.

The strategic vision for the County is to:

Protect Green Infrastructure and enhance Fingal's natural resources of clean water, biodiversity, nature conservation areas, landscape, coastline, greenbelts, parks and open spaces, and agricultural land.

Section 1.5 Main Aims of the Development Plan 2017 – 2022.

2. Provide for the future wellbeing of the residents of the County by:

- Protecting and improving the quality of the built and natural environments.

Design of Public Open Spaces

Open spaces must be designed to a high specification. Great emphasis must be placed on the quality of open space and details of the proposed landscaping, hard and soft, of these spaces will be required at the planning application stage. Public open spaces should be overlooked and designed in such a way that anti-social behaviour is reduced through passive surveillance. Potential for anti-social behaviour associated with open spaces and associated screen planting must be designed out.

Objective PM60
Ensure public open space is accessible, and designed so that passive surveillance is provided.

Objective PM61
Ensure permeability and connections between public open spaces including connections between new and existing spaces, in consultation to include residents.

Objective PM62
Provide multifunctional open spaces at locations deemed appropriate providing for both passive and active uses.

8.4 Green Infrastructure and Planning.

Parks, Open Space and Recreation Theme

Objective GI26
Maximise the use and potential of existing parks, open space and recreational provision, both passive and active, by integrating existing facilities with proposals for new development and by seeking to upgrade existing facilities where appropriate.

Settlement Strategy

Balbriggan is identified as a Self-Sustaining Town located within the Core Area of the county. Balbriggan is the largest of the Self-Sustaining Towns in the Core Area. It is characterised by a young and expanding population which has rapidly grown to in excess of 20,000 people over the last two decades.

Balbriggan is identified as one of three 'Major Town Centres' within the County, the function of which is identified in the Development Plan as 'Main town centres of the County which offer a range of services and facilities to a large hinterland'.

The FDP (Variation No. 2) notes Balbriggan has considerable tourism potential in terms of its natural and built heritage and amenities, particularly given its coastal location with its attractive sandy beach and harbour. Balbriggan Historic Town Core is a designated Architectural Conservation Area. With continued inward investment, through the Our Balbriggan Plan, Balbriggan has the potential to develop as a dynamic sustainable community in which to live, work, visit and invest.

In relation to the economic strategy for the Core area, Balbriggan will continue to function as the primary centre for economic development and for essential supporting infrastructure provision.

The following objectives in respect of the town are relevant:

> Objective SS19: Support and facilitate residential, commercial, industrial and community development to enable Balbriggan to fulfil its role as a Self- Sustaining Town in the Settlement Hierarchy recognising its important role as the largest town in the core area.
>
> Objective ED86 Support economic growth within the Core area through strengthening and promoting the importance of Balbriggan as the major urban centre and directing appropriately scaled growth opportunities into the other urban centres in the area.

Objective ED87 Ensure that settlements and locations within the Core area follow policies of directional development to ensure that the required economies of scale are achieved in specific centres such as Balbriggan, and that other settlements perform to their economic strengths and competitive advantages such as Skerries and Rush for tourism and marine activities.

Objective BALBRIGGAN 1: Promote and facilitate the development and growth of Balbriggan as the primary service, social, cultural and local tourist centre in north Fingal.

Objective BALBRIGGAN 7: Preserve and improve access to the harbour, beaches, seashore, and other coastal areas while protecting environmental resources including water, biodiversity and landscape sensitivities.

Objective PM05: Develop a hierarchy of high quality vibrant and sustainable urban and village centres including the continued sustainable development and enhancement of:

• Swords as the County Town of Fingal,

• Blanchardstown as a vibrant major town centre,

• **Balbriggan** as a large growth town,

• The network of town, village and district centres,

• A range of local and neighbourhood centres

Natural Heritage

The following objectives of the FDP are relevant in respect of Appropriate Assessment:

Objective DMS01: Ensure that all plans and projects in the County which could, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, have a significant effect on a European site or sites are subject to Screening for Appropriate Assessment.

Objective DMS02: Ensure Local Authority development proposals are subject to environmental assessment, as appropriate, including Screening for Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment.

Fingal have recently developed and published the 'Our Balbriggan 2019-23 Rejuvenation Plan', which is set to transform Balbriggan Main Street and Harbour. Fingal is investing in public realm, town centre improvement and rejuvenation to provide a more vibrant and vital centre to the town, working with stakeholders, increasing employment, attraction for investment and promoting industrial lands.

National and Regional Planning Policy

In terms of National and Regional planning policy, the provision of infrastructure for recreational and amenity purposes within an existing town supports National Strategic Outcomes set out in Project Ireland 2040 – the National Planning Framework to provide for well-designed public realm, which includes public spaces, parks and streets, as well as recreational infrastructure. The NPF recognises that attractive places include a combination of factors, including vitality and diversity of uses, ease of access to amenities and services supported by integrated transport systems and green modes of movement such as pedestrian and cycling facilities. Appealing places are also defined by their character, heritage and sense of community.

The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midlands Region identifies Balbriggan as a self-sustaining town within the Core region. Self-Sustaining Towns are defined as towns that require contained growth, focusing on driving investment in services, employment growth and infrastructure whilst balancing housing delivery. It is considered that proposals to enhance recreation and amenity in Balbriggan will help to support significant population growth that has occurred in Balbriggan in recent years.

Details of Proposed Development:

The proposed development can be summarised as follows:

1. Creation of a large pedestrian friendly event/market space off Quay Street focused around the arches of the Railway Viaduct;
2. Upgrade of the public realm in the carpark areas and green open spaces on both sides of the Bracken River including widening of the river, planting zones and green spaces;
3. Creation of harbour buildings to provide retail, marina and leisure opportunities on the site of the existing night club at the entrance to the east pier;
4. Renovation of former RNLI building;
5. Replacement of existing toilet facilities with new toilet / changing facilities;

Assessment:

The primary issues for consideration include:

- Compliance with Development Plan objectives;
- Impact on visual and residential amenities of the area;
- Landscaping;
- Transportation; Water & drainage & Conservation;
- Appropriate Assessment;
- EIA Screening.

Compliance with Development Plan

The proposal involves public realm works to provide for a large pedestrian friendly event / market space off Quay street within an existing area of open space and surrounding streets and harbour area and provision of harbour buildings and toilet changing facility. The uses proposed within the harbour buildings include a commercial unit and kiosks to accommodate visitor information, retail, café, hot food take away, and rental of recreational equipment.

The uses proposed are permitted in principle on the MC zoning serving the lands.

The proposed development will provide for additional and enhanced recreational and amenity infrastructure to serve Balbriggan. As noted above, Balbriggan is defined as a Self-Sustaining Town characterised by a young and expanding population which has rapidly grown to in excess of 20,000 people over the last two decades. It is considered that the proposed development will benefit the town having regard to the population expansion that has occurred in recent years and will actively support the achievement of FDP Objective SS19 which seeks to '*Support and facilitate residential, commercial, industrial and community development to enable Balbriggan to fulfil its role as a Self- Sustaining Town in the Settlement Hierarchy recognising its important role as the largest town in the core area'* and Objective

ED86 which seeks to '*support economic growth within the Core area through strengthening and promoting the importance of Balbriggan as the major urban centre and directing appropriately scaled growth opportunities into the other urban centres in the area*'.

The site is located within Balbriggan town centre and is easily accessed by sustainable transport modes, including walking, cycling and public transport. The proposed development will support the regeneration of Balbriggan by providing for a high quality public realm which supports a variety of functions and contributes to the role of the town centre as a vibrant commercial, social and cultural centre.

In this respect, the proposal is considered to be acceptable in principle and consistent with the Fingal Development Plan objectives.

Impact on visual and residential amenities of the area

The proposed development relates to urban realm and landscaping works throughout the site, provision of new harbour buildings on the east pier and a new toilet building close to the northern boundary of the site. It is noted that the urban realm works are located within an existing urban area currently in use as a car park, playground and open space area and surrounding street network. A number of CGIs have been submitted showing views from the surrounding areas.

The proposed harbour buildings are located on the site of a recently demolished building. The height of the new harbour buildings is 7metres for the larger building and 6 metres for the smaller building and the floor area amounts to 141 sqm for the larger building and 33 sqm each for the two kiosks. The buildings are proposed to be finished in corten steel cladding and provide for a more sympathetic design approach and scale to that of the demolished building.

The report of the Conservation Officer notes that the massing of the pitched roof harbour buildings references the harbour's historic structures and seaside vernacular forms and that the proposed finishes are appropriate in this setting.

The toilet block proposed to the south west of the railway viaduct will replace an existing building which is of little architectural merit. The proposed building has a ridge height of 6.608m and a gfa of 54 sq.m. The building will be of similar design and finishes to the harbour buildings and is considered acceptable.

The proposal includes for the restoration and re-use of the former RNLI boathouse as a café/retail unit. The conservation officer report notes no objections and the proposed uses within this building are considered acceptable.

Having regard to the existing site context it is considered that the proposed development will not give rise to a negative impact on the visual amenities of the area and will provide for a more attractive urban environment.

The proposal would maintain the function of the area as open space, would use a high quality palate of materials and provide an attractive public realm for users. The proposal includes widening of part of the Bracken river and tiered seating alongside. The revised design would allow for passive supervision and maintain lines of vision through the park. Part of the existing Quay Street car park is to be reallocated as open space thereby resulting in a reduction in car parking levels. The proposal provides an attractive

urban park within the town centre for locals and visitors and allows for more effective use of the space for activities including recreation, events and markets.

Residential development surrounds the site to the south, south east and north east. The enhanced amenity arising from the proposed development and diversity of uses will introduce activity into the area which will enhance passive surveillance and reduce potential for anti-social behaviour. Having regard to the scale of the site and the existing uses and proposed uses, and noting the town centre location of the site, the proposed development is considered acceptable and not likely to give rise to any undue impacts on residential amenity.

Landscaping

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division report notes no objections to the proposed development subject to a number of recommendations.

Transportation

The Transportation Planning Section support the proposed development in principle; however, concerns are outlined in relation to the lack of detail provided and recommend that the following information be provided at this stage:

(i) In regard to the proposed 'shared surface' there are concerns over the lack of detail being provided and Transportation require more detailed information at this stage, as described in the Transportation report in the section on *'Layout'*.
(ii) In regard to the sections of the 'Traffic and Access Report' on 'Traffic' and 'Junction Turning Counts'; the information could be presented more clearly, and the effects of the proposed traffic flow changes should be elaborated upon; as described in the body of the Transportation section report.
(iii) In regard to Bicycle Parking proposals, clarity should be provided on the number of, and location of bike lockers included in the proposed development. Significantly more bicycle parking spaces are required, over and above the proposed four sets of sheffield stands presented.
(iv) The Fingal Coastal Way should be incorporated into the proposed development, as described in the Transportation report in the section on 'Layout'.

Water & Drainage

The water services report outlines no objection subject to a number of recommendations in relation to surface water and flooding and requirement for agreement with Irish Water.

Conservation.

The site is adjacent to and partially lies within the Balbriggan Historic Town Core Architectural Conservation Area. There are three protected structures within the site;

- RPS no. 0035 Former RNLI Boathouse- Mid-19th century former RNLI boat house, positioned within one of the railway arches.
- RPS no. 0036 Balbriggan Viaduct- Mid-19th century eleven-arch stone railway viaduct over harbour.

- RPS no. 0038 Balbriggan harbour- Original mid-18th century harbour formed by east pier with addition of west pier and breakwater in early 19th century

The Conservation Officer notes no objection to the proposal subject to inclusion of details of the proposed works to redirect the existing overflow (currently discharging into the Bracken River) from the Irish Water pumping station off Harbour Road to a new discharge location into the Bracken River. The Conservation Office requests that this detail is shown to assess the impact (if any) of the overflow on the harbour walls.

Archaeology

An Archaeology report and Heritage statement have been submitted in relation to the proposed development. Archaeologist / Heritage Officer concurs with the approach and the mitigation measures in the submitted report.

Appropriate Assessment

A Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening has been undertaken in relation to the proposed development to determine whether it can be excluded on the basis of objective information that the proposed development will have an effect on any Natura 2000 site, individually or together with other plans and projects.

The closest Natura 2000 sites are identified as the Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) to the south (7.6Km), Boyne Coast and Estuary SAC (001957) to the north (10.8km) and Rogerstown Estuary SAC (000208) to the south (11.3km). The River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA (004158) located to the north (4.9km), Skerries Island SPA (04122) to the south east (6.3km) and Rockabill SPA (004014) to the south east (8.1km) are the closest SPA to the site. The AA screening report states that it is not anticipated that there will be any direct impact on the Natura 2000 sites as a result of the proposed development works due to the nature of the proposed works, as well as distance from the site itself.

The AA screening report concludes that, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the relevant European sites, the proposed development would not have a significant effect on European Sites alone or in combination with other projects.

In making this screening determination no account has been taken of any measures aimed at or intending to avoid or reduce potentially harmful effects of the project on a European Site.

EIA Screening

An Environmental Impact Assessment screening report has been submitted in accordance with Schedule 7A of the *Planning and Development Regulations 2001* as amended. The screening report examines the characteristics of the proposed development, the location of the proposed development and the type and characteristics of the potential impacts. The project documentation also includes a Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, an Ecological Study, A Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment and an Archaeological Report.

Class 10 (b) (i), Schedule 5 (Part 2) of the *Planning and Development Regulations 2001* as amended i.e. 'Infrastructure Projects' outlines classes of development for which EIA is required. The Screening Report

concludes that the proposal does not fall within the classes of development referred to. The proposal relates to a site area of 1.93ha. The project area is not in itself above thresholds for urban development areas or extensions to existing facilities which would meet the requirement for mandatory EIA. The proposal therefore falls within the category of sub- threshold projects.

The screening takes account of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Ecological Impact Assessment prepared in relation to the proposed development.

The screening report submitted concludes that having regard to the nature, scale and location, the proposed public realm redevelopment at Quay Street/Mill Street/Balbriggan Harbour will not be likely to have significant environmental impacts by itself or in combination with other projects.

Conclusion

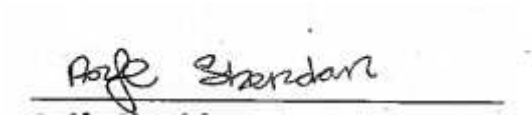
It is considered that the proposed Quay Street and environs project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. However a number of items in relation to transportation require further consideration.

The recommendations set out below should be taken into consideration in drafting the final proposal for consideration under the provisions of Part XI. Any responses where deemed necessary by the design team, to the recommendations below should be clear in any revisions to the proposal.

Recommendation

It is considered that the proposed Quay Street and environs project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department consider the following points should be considered by the design team prior to advancing the proposal for consideration of the Members and public display.

1. In regard to the proposed 'shared surface' there are concerns over the lack of detail being provided and Transportation require more detailed information at this stage, as described in the Transportation report attached in the section on '*Layout*'.
2. In regard to the sections of the 'Traffic and Access Report' on 'Traffic' and 'Junction Turning Counts'; the information could be presented more clearly, and the effects of the proposed traffic flow changes should be elaborated upon; as described in the body of the Transportation section report.
3. In regard to Bicycle Parking proposals, clarity should be provided on the number of, and location of bike lockers included in the proposed development. Significantly more bicycle parking spaces are required, over and above the proposed four sets of sheffield stands presented.
4. The Fingal Coastal Way should be incorporated into the proposed development, as described in the Transportation report in the section on 'Layout'.



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Appendix 1 - Copies of Reports from Internal Sections of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Register Reference:	PARTXI/003/22
Development:	The proposed development includes: (i) Redevelopment of the existing carpark areas, open space and playground to form a reordered public open space / market space with play space off Quay Street, focused around the arches of the Railway Viaduct. (ii) Upgrade of the carpark areas and green open space located between Mill Street, Quay Street and the harbour, including the Bracken River, to provide new hard landscaping and planting zones to encourage flora. (iii) Upgrade of street surfaces, pavements, landscaping and green infrastructure, including widening of footpaths, to improve pedestrian linkages from Main Street to Quay Street, the Railway Viaduct, the Beach and the Harbour area. (iv) New public lighting and street furniture. (v) Redesign of existing surface carparking, including closure of vehicular access point on Quay Street, and incorporating improvements to traffic flow and parking on Quay Street, Mill Street and Harbour Road. (vi) Works to redirect the existing overflow (currently discharging into the Bracken River) from the Irish Water pumping station off Harbour Road to a new discharge location into the Bracken River. (vii) Enhancement works to the Bracken River within the existing open space between Quay Street and Mill Street, including widening of the water course, to encourage biodiversity, increase planting and improve flood resilience along the riverbank (including temporary piping of the Bracken River during construction period). (viii) Resurfacing areas under the Railway Viaduct arches with new granite paving. (ix) Removal of existing low level stone walls to provide a more accessible link between Quay Street and the harbour. (x) Provision within the vicinity of the Railway Viaduct to facilitate future potential market stalls, street food outlets and outdoor dining with appropriate utility connection points. (xi) Reduction of overall car parking on site, including removal of Quay Street carpark and on-street carparking, and reduction of Town Carpark (Mill Street), resulting in a car park provision of 63 spaces (a reduction of 132 spaces). (xii) provision of cycle parking (24 bicycle stands), seating and integrated play equipment. (xiii) Provision of a new single storey Harbour Building (141 sqm) on site of former night club on East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure) to contain: (a) 1 no. commercial unit with services facing onto the harbour. (b) Provision of associated storage space, office and staff toilet. (c) Provision of public toilets and changing places unit. (d) Provision for seating in vicinity of the harbour building and kiosks. (xiv) Provision of two new single storey, kiosk buildings (33 sqm each) on site of former night club on East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure), to accommodate visitor information, retail, café, hot food take away, rental of leisure boats, cycles, paddleboards and other recreational equipment. (xv) Demolition of the existing public toilet block immediately south-west of the Railway Viaduct at the entrance to the beach and provision of temporary toilet facilities pending construction of new toilet block. (xvi) Construction of a new single storey building south-west of the Railway Viaduct to include toilets, changing, lockers, 'Changing Places Unit' and a retail kiosk. (xvii) Proposed conservation of the Former RNLI Boathouse, (a protected structure RPS no. 0035) at Harbour Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, including change of use to commercial café /retail use with associated site development, services and internal alterations. The area of the single storey building is 63 sqm.

	(xviii) All associated site development works, landscaping, services, piped infrastructure and ducting, changes in level; site landscaping and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground.
Location:	Mill Street, Quay Street, Harbour Road, Balbriggan Harbour, Co. Dublin
Report Type:	PartIX (Dev by State Auth)
Lodged:	27 April 2022

General

The proposed development is located in a 50km/hr speed limit, in an area with a land zoning objective of 'MC-Major Town Centre'

Layout

In general, the Transportation Planning Section would support the proposals in principle; however, in regard to the proposed 'shared surface' we have concerns over the lack of detail being provided, and below are outlined some items for consideration:

5. In regard to the proposed traffic management measures and one-way systems proposed; the planning drawings are unclear as to whether the 'shared space' (i.e., Harbour Road) is one-way or two-way, and if it is one-way then which direction is the flow of traffic? The 'Traffic and Access Report' does however state that Harbour Road will become one-way, but it's not clear on the direction of traffic flow.
   The direction of flow on Seapoint Lane over its full length is also not clearly presented.
   Also, the report provides a diagram for 'current traffic management' and 'emerging proposed traffic management'. At this stage of the planning process the traffic management measures for the 'shared space' inside the red line boundary should not be presented as 'emerging preferred'.
   The extent of the one-way system along Quay Street should be presented more clearly after the road crosses under the railway line heading south in the direction of Skerries; does it extend to the junction with Seapoint Lane, and is Seapoint Lane also one-way as far as this junction? This lack of clarity is not acceptable at this stage of the process.
6. The design detail of the shared space is lacking, and more detail should be provided at this stage. It's noted that the report does state that *"during the detailed design phase and prior to the proposed scheme commencing a road safety audit and a DMURS Statement of Consistency including Quality Audit, DMURS Street Design Audit, Accessibility Audit, Walking Audit and Cycling Audit will be completed for this public realm scheme and any recommendations will be incorporated into the final design"*; however, good engineering design practice would provide for this level of detail to be provided at this stage for the 'shared surface' area, rather than the design being driven by the audit process, which appears to be the approach being adopted and is not generally consistent with the overall design objectives being achieved from the early stages of the process.
   The detail should examine legibility of the shared space to all road users, including vulnerable road users and those with impaired vision.
7. In regard to existing traffic flow into the areas that will become the 'shared space' and the traffic impact of the proposals; more detail should be provided as explained below in the section titled 'Traffic Impact Assessment'.

While we note that a lot of survey work and assessment has been carried-out and is presented in the report; the information could be provided in a clearer format and the findings explained in a detailed summary.

8. In regard to the control and enforcement of vehicular access and parking on the 'shared surface', its noted that the report states that "*the requirement for physical infrastructure to enforce the proposed active travel and traffic strategy is not anticipated to be required due to low numbers of motorists using the Harbour Road/Viaduct route. No physical infrastructure (i.e., drop bollards) are proposed to control access to the shared surface, in the first instance. However, if motorist behaviour fails to comply with the active travel & traffic proposals, physical infrastructure can be introduced to mitigate this.* This approach is not acceptable as this will be an area that will, in time, attract significant usage and experience tells us that physical measures will be required to minimise unsafe and inconsiderate driver behaviour including unsafe parking or unsafe manoeuvres. The Transport Planning Section would require further detail on what exactly is proposed to control access at this stage; for example, what regulatory signage will be installed and at what locations? Details on proposed physical measures is also required.
9. In regard to the proposed two-way cycle track proposed along the section of Quay Street that's within the redline boundary; the planning drawings call-up the cycle lane as *"potential future cycle lane"* and *"allowance for future 2-way cycle lane"*.
   The submission should be clearer on whether this is being installed or not as part of the proposed development. If it's not being installed at this stage, it would affect the width of the proposed one-way carriageway along Quay Street.
10. The development description (in both the planning notice and the reports) does not mention that Quay Street, Harbour Street and Seapoint Lane will have restricted access to motorised vehicles and one-way traffic flow; it states that *'incorporating improvements to traffic flow and parking on Quay Street, Mill Street and Harbour Road'*. The description could be amended to be more specific, in the interest of accuracy and clarity.
11. The first draft of the emerging preferred route of the Fingal Coastal Way has recently been received by Fingal County Council's coastal way project team. As such, the requirements of the Fingal Coastal Way should be firmly established in conjunction with the project team and any measures required to implement that section of the coastal way within the red line boundary of the proposed development should be incorporated into the proposed development.

Swept Path Analysis and Vehicle Access

The submission provides a swept path analysis for a rigid 3-axel truck, rigid 2-axel truck, HGV, emergency services and refuse collection vehicle entering and exiting the 'shared space'. This is acceptable to the Transportation Planning Section in principle; however, as noted above, significant further detail is required to establish exactly how HGVs for example, are envisioned to interact with pedestrians and cyclists in this area.

Parking

The overall proposed development would result in a reduction of overall car parking provision on site, including the total removal of the quay street carpark and on-street carparking along

quay street, and a reduction of the capacity of Town Carpark (Mill Street); resulting in the existing number of 195 carparking spaces being reduced to 63 spaces (a reduction of 132 spaces).

The parking report is based on existing parking surveys undertaken on behalf of Fingal County Council in January 2020, November 2021and March/April 2022, and analysed by active travel consultants DBFL. The report finds that overall public parking in Balbriggan was found to be generally underutilised in all locations surveyed with large amounts of reserve capacity at any one time. The 'Traffic and Access Report' concludes that *"There are sufficient car parking spaces in surrounding car parks to accommodate the proposed loss of car parking spaces"*. The report states that *"At peak, the maximum number of car parking spaces occupied in Quay Street and Town Car Park during the parking surveys is approximately 103, the proposed reduction overall in carparking spaces equates to approximately 40 car parking spaces which can be sufficiently accommodated in conveniently located surrounding car parks which are underutilised"*.
The section 3.8.10 'Displaced Parking', to summarise, it describes that the weekend peak maximum number of car parking spaces occupied in Quay Street Carpark, on street and in Town Carpark is 103 spaces; 63 spaces are proposed in the new Town Carpark resulting in 40 car parking spaces displaced. During this time period the adjacent Railway Station Car Park has a minimum of 74 free spaces to accommodate the displaced car parking spaces. In addition to car parking spaces being available in Railway Station Car Park, Dublin Street Carpark is 800m away which is a nine-minute walk to Quay Street has always at least 100 free car spaces along with Bremore Castle Carpark and other additional private car-parking provision in close proximity (e.g., Bracken Court Hotel) can also absorb some of the displaced vehicles.
The proposed Harbour Building and Kiosk would appear to have a combined gross floor area of 133m2, which would have a maximum parking demand of circa 6 car parking spaces, based on a rate of 1 space per 20m2 for a land-use of retail. The Development Plan Standards for parking in this case are norms, and not minimums; and in this case it would be considered acceptable to provide zero addition parking spaces for the Harbour Building and Kiosks as they would not be trip attractors in and of themselves.

In conclusion, the Transportation Planning Section would have no objection in principle to the carparking strategy for the proposed development, and there is sufficient information provided in the report to back-up the strategy. The layout of chapter 3.8 could benefit from presenting the information contained in section 3.8.10 earlier in the chapter 3.8.; in the interest of clarity and ease of understanding of the proposals.

Proposed Car Park Layout

The carpark layout should be reassessed and revised to ensure sufficient space for manoeuvrability of vehicles into and out of the perpendicular parking bays; in general, there should be minimum 6m space for access to perpendicular parking.

Bicycle Parking

The Traffic and Access Report states that 'an initial provision of bicycle parking spaces including cargo bike spaces, will be provided throughout the proposed public realm which will include bike racks for short-term parking and bike lockers for long term. This provision will be increased with demand. The proposed locations for cycle parking are identified on the Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan DRG-2123-AL-032'. From a review of Drg. 2123-AL-032 it would appear that 4 sets of 6 'sheffield stands' have been included on the drawing, but the allocation of bike-lockers is unclear. The submission should be clearer on whether the bike lockers will be provided as part of the proposed development or at a later stage. Given the importance of building active travel measures into town centre developments such as this, and the significant other cycling and walking interventions proposed across Fingal and Balbriggan, the approach to provision of bike parking is not acceptable. More detail is required on the numbers of all types of bike storage. Significantly more spaces are also required, over and above the proposed four sets of Sheffield stands. The intention of providing more bike spaces at some unspecified time in the future, subject to demand, is unacceptable.

Traffic and Transport Assessment/Traffic Impact Assessment

The Traffic and Access Report Section 3.6 examines Junction Turning Counts. While a lot of survey work and assessment has been carried-out and is presented here; the information could be provided in a clearer format, and some points for consideration are mentioned below:

- Within the diagrams presented for the junction counts it is difficult to read the figures presented, and the quality of the image should be increased for legibility.
- The section 3.6.3 on 'Western Harbour Pier' could be clearer on which junction this actually refers to. Does this refer to the Junction of Harbour Road with Mill Street? Or does it refer to the junction at the actual start of the pier?
- The section on Eastern Harbour Pier could be clearer on which junction this actually refers to. Does this refer to the Junction of Harbour Road with Quay Street? Or does it refer to the junction at the actual start of the pier?
- The junction counts for the junctions of Harbour Road with Quay Street, and Harbour Road with Mill Street would be the more relevant junctions to present and analyse in the report.

A summary should be provided describing the existing traffic flows entering and crossing the existing roads that will become the 'shared surface' Harbour Road.

- Section 3.5.4 states that 'Due to low traffic volumes the impact on surrounding roads and junctions will be minimal, in the short term it is anticipated that there will be a small increase in traffic volumes on bridge street but in the long term this will redistribute itself in the immediate vicinity and the underutilised Harry Reynolds Road.' This should be examined in more detail in the report and more detailed information should be provided.

Road Safety Audit

It is acceptable to the Transportation Planning Section that the Road Safety Audit is not provided at this stage.

A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit must be completed and submitted by the Applicant/Developer to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority prior to commencement of detailed design stage.
Following on from the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit, a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit must be completed and submitted by the Applicant/Developer, at completion of detailed design stage and prior to commencement of construction.
Prior to opening of the scheme to the public, a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit must be completed and submitted by the Applicant/Developer, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority
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The Road Safety Audits shall be caried out in compliance with the TII Publication 'Road Safety Audit GE-STY-01024'.

Taking in Charge

All works and materials used should meet the Councils standards for taking in charge, including all roads, footpaths, verges, public lighting, open space, sewers, watermains or drains forming part of the development.
In regard to the proposed polished concrete surface (with marine aggregate), which appears to be the predominant surface material proposed for the plaza; the suitability of this material should be assessed for its proposed use on the main cycle links and the 'shared areas' where motorised traffic will also circulate.

Preliminary Construction Traffic Management Report

The submitted Preliminary Construction Management Plan is generally acceptable.

Fingal Coastal Way

The wording in section 6.18 of page 9 of the Design Report, and in section 3.3.8 of the Traffic and Access Report should be modified to reflect that the Fingal Coastal Way does not yet have a definitive final route chosen, however the first draft of the emerging preferred route of the Fingal Coastal Way has recently been received by Fingal County Council, and the scheme would follow the route of Seapoint Lane and continue along Harbour Road parallel to the viaduct and along the southern side of the viaduct.
The requirements of the Fingal Coastal Way should be firmly established in conjunction with the project team and any measures required to implement that section of the coastal way within the red line boundary of the proposed development should be incorporated into the proposed development.

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section support the proposed development in principle; however, we have concerns over the lack of detail provided and it would be our preference to see the following information provided at this stage:

(v) In regard to the proposed 'shared surface' we have concerns over the lack of detail being provided and would require more detailed information at this stage, as described in the body of the report above in the section on *'Layout'*.

(vi) In regard to the sections of the 'Traffic and Access Report' on 'Traffic' and 'Junction Turning Counts'; the information could be presented more clearly, and the effects of the proposed traffic flow changes should be elaborated upon; as described in the body of the report above.

12. In regard to Bicycle Parking proposals, clarity should be provided on the number of, and location of bike lockers included in the proposed development. Significantly more bicycle parking spaces are required, over and above the proposed four sets of sheffield stands presented.

13. The Fingal Coastal Way should be incorporated into the proposed development, as described in the body of the report above in the section on 'Layout'.

Signed: _____ Endorsed: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/003/22

Registration Date:

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Applicant: Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department (FCC)

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Foul Sewer: ***NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO:***

1. The foul sewer drainage proposal is acceptable in principle.
2. As per IW GIS mapping. there is currently public foul drainage infrastructure on both Mill Street and Quay Street/Harbour Road. As per the report submitted It is proposed to connect the Toilet Block, Kiosks and Harbour Building to these existing services as necessary.
3. As per the engineering report submitted, the existing 750mm overflow outfall pipe from the Irish Water underground storage tanks and pumping station will be diverted to accommodate the river widening works. Initial discussions have taken place with Irish Water to agree a possible diversion route and an application will be made to Irish Water shortly to agree final route.
4. Applicant has stated the PCE to IW will be submitted in due course.
5. IW standard details document IW-CDS-5030-01 and IW Code of Practice IW-CDS-5030-03 apply.
6. Note that the statutory consultee in this regard is Irish Water, accordingly:
    a. Where the applicant proposes to connect directly or indirectly to a public water/wastewater network operated by Irish Water, the applicant must sign a connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.
    b. In the interest of Public Health and Environmental Sustainability, Irish Water Infrastructure capacity requirements and proposed connections to the Water and Waste Water Infrastructure will be subject to the constraints of the Irish Water Capital Investment Programme.

Surface Water: ***NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO:***

1. As per FCC drainage records/Irish Water drainage maps & a GPR survey, it is confirmed that there is currently public stormwater drainage infrastructure within the site. One system runs along Mill Street. A second system services the Quay Street/Harbour Road area. However, it is not clear if any diversion of this public infrastructure will be required. Applicant to clarify.
2. Fingal County Council Water Services section welcomes the proposed widening of a section of the bracken river. It is not clear from the report, what section of the river is being widened, what consultation has taken place with the OPW/EPA and how riparian requirements will impact on the proposed scheme. Applicant to clarify.
3. The report states that permeable paving with a stone layer is proposed for the car park area which is welcomed. The report also states that 120m3 attenuation tanks are also proposed for the plaza area & paved area next to the toilet block. Attenuation tanks are considered by this office to be a last resort. Plaza areas can often be utilised to fil in rain gardens or vegetated swales to assist with the surface water management of a scheme. The applicant is asked to consider more green solutions and to provide a suds hierarchy sheet listed out the individual suds measures.
4. The engineering report states that sub soil investigation is due to take place in the near future. This will help establish the infiltration rates for the development site and should be submitted in due course.
5. A methodology for the proposed river widening works should be submitted.
6. No surface water/rainwater shall discharge into the foul sewer system under any circumstances.
7. The surface water drainage shall be in compliance with the "Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works Version 6.0" FCC April 2006.

Water Supply: ***NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO:***

1. As per the engineering report submitted, Irish Water mapping indicates that there are 2 No. 101.6 cast iron mains (1935) mains in the vicinity of the site. One main runs along Quay Street/Harbour Road. The second main runs along Mill Street. As part of these works it is currently proposed to upgrade these watermains and provide new water connections to existing premises. It is noted that the existing connection may need to be upgraded to cater for the addition demand. All aspects of this should be liaised with Irish Water.
2. The engineering report states that is proposed that the water supply to the Kiosks and Harbour Building will be metered in accordance with the requirements of Fingal County Council / Irish Water. All boundary boxes, air valves, scour valves, stop cocks and sluice valves as required will be provided to any new works.
3. The report states that the water demand still has to be calculated on anticipated usage.
4. Applicant has stated the PCE to IW will be submitted in due course.
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Flood risk: ***NO OBJECTION***

1. A commensurate flood risk assessment has been prepared by McCloy's Consulting, on behalf of the applicant.
2. In accordance with The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, the proposed development is considered to be appropriate or less vulnerable development, but is affected by Flood Zone A & B (ie 1% & 0.1% AEP).
3. The impact of proposed changes to ground level and watercourse channel on flood risk at the site and elsewhere will require detailed, site-specific hydraulic modelling as part of a stage 3 Flood Risk Assessment. The applicant has stated this will be submitted in due course.
4. Prior to construction, the applicant shall conduct a hydraulic assessment on the impacts of the proposed widening of a section of the Bracken River to establish any changes in flow pattern. As part of this analysis, the applicant is also asked to consider the impact on ground water trajectory due to lack of permeability from proposed infrastructure changes.

Officer: _____DC_____ Endorsed: _____

Date: ___28/04/2022_____ Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

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Applicant: Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department (FCC)

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has no objections to the proposed development subject to the following:

Landscape Design Report:

- Reference is made to a number of Fingal documents; this list should also include 'Space for Play- A Play Policy for Fingal'.
- Reference is made to tree retention and removal in the section entitled 'Tree Retention'. A clear statement should be added that there will be no net loss of tree canopy cover as part of this development and that 'x' number of additional trees are proposed.

- Reference is made to play provision and Natural Play. It should be noted that all play provision shall be designed in compliance with BS EN 1176 and BS EN 1177 and shall be RosPA certified upon completion. This relates also to any natural elements which are designed for play.

Existing trees:

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- The appointed arboricultural consultant shall be engaged by the applicant for the duration of the project including construction design input of built features, to liaise with works contractor & Fingal County Council's Parks Planning Officer and monitor and record (photograph) all tree protection measures.

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- The appointed landscape architect shall be engaged by the applicant to supervise the landscaping works to ensure compliance with the submitted landscape plans.

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Officer: Gemma Carr Endorsed: _____

Date: 10/05/22 Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

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Applicant: Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department (FCC)

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The documentation was forwarded to the Conservation Officer for comment. The site is adjacent to and partially lies within the Balbriggan Historic Town Core Architectural Conservation Area. There are three protected structures within the site;

- RPS no. 0035 Former RNLI Boathouse- Mid-19th century former RNLI boat house, positioned within one of the railway arches.
- RPS no. 0036 Balbriggan Viaduct- Mid-19th century eleven-arch stone railway viaduct over harbour.
- RPS no. 0038 Balbriggan harbour- Original mid-18th century harbour formed by east pier with addition of west pier and breakwater in early 19th century.

Balbriggan harbour was built by George Hamilton in 1761 and retains much of its eighteenth-century plan and fabric. The construction of the Drogheda-Dublin railway in 1843-1844 accelerated the growth of the town, including the alignment of the railway and the 11-arch granite viaduct spanning the harbour. The Quay Street area reflects the junction of industry and the more civic/residential parts of the town. The protection of the architectural heritage of the site and of the elements which contribute to its character is essential.

The proposal involves the development of a large event / market space off Quay Street focused around the arches of the Railway Viaduct, the upgrade of the public realm in the carpark areas and green open space on both sides of the Bracken River to create an accessible space which can facilitate events. The proposal also includes additional toilet / changing facilities and harbour buildings to provide retail, marina and leisure opportunities on the site of the existing night club at the entrance to the east pier.

Careful intervention is required at the interface of the public realm improvements with the protected structures on the site, including the historic harbour wall and railway viaduct. The proposed level paving surface from the plaza through the viaduct arches to the harbour edge, provides improved level access. In the four arches which contain existing cobbles, the proposal aims to retain the existing cobbles in place where possible and build up the new surface level on top. A separating layer is proposed on the existing cobbles before a new sub-base and paving is built up to protect the existing cobbles and ensure the interventions are largely reversible. The proposed finish under the viaduct is granite setts. The resurfacing along the historic harbour edge retains the existing kerbstone with new in situ concrete paving with marine aggregates in place of existing, non-original asphalt road surface. The proposed resurfacing of the plaza articulates the existing rhythm of the viaduct structure. Granite bands establish a staggered grid infilled with an in-situ concrete surface made up of marine aggregates and seashells. The hard surfacing of the plaza steps down in granite clad tiered seating to the river edge. The proposed materials are considered appropriate.

A new single storey Harbour Building (141 sqm) and two new single storey, kiosk buildings (33 sqm each) are proposed on the site of the former night club on East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour. The massing of the pitched roof harbour buildings references the harbour's historic structures and seaside vernacular forms. The proposed use of corten steel cladding for the harbour buildings, kiosks and toilet block is considered appropriate in this setting.

The demolition of the existing public toilet block immediately south-west of the Railway Viaduct at the entrance to the beach and provision of temporary toilet facilities pending construction of new toilet block is acceptable. Construction of a new single storey building south-west of the Railway Viaduct to include toilets, changing, lockers, 'Changing Places Unit' and a retail kiosk clad in corten steel is appropriate.

The former RNLI Boathouse constructed in 1889 (protected structure RPS no. 0035) is located under the Railway Viaduct. The conservation impact assessment report sets out the proposed conservation and reuse of the former RNLI Boathouse as a cafe / retail unit to best conservation practice. The internal alterations are appropriate and will consist primarily of demolition of modern 20th c. internal interventions. The external works include new painted hardwood timber side gates, re-slating the existing roof and new insulation between & below existing rafters. The stonework facades are to be cleaned and re-pointed with lime mortar where required. The insertion of new steel framed glazed entrance screen, doors and windows (Crittall style or similar) is acceptable as these read as a modern insertion in the historic fabric. The reinstatement of the timber frame dormer windows to match original style/profile is appropriate. The reinstatment of decorative features including lime plaster brackets and new painted timber frames with lime plaster infill medallions on front and rear elevation to match original profile is welcome. The decorative terracotta plates on either side of new glazed entrance screen will be refurbished and reglazed. The works proposed are acceptable to the

conservation office as they ensure the reuse of the existing building, improve accessibility of the building while protecting its architectural, artistic, and historical significance.

Details of the proposed works to redirect the existing overflow (currently discharging into the Bracken River) from the Irish Water pumping station off Harbour Road to a new discharge location into the Bracken River do not appear to be included. The Conservation Office requests that this detail is shown to assess the impact (if any) of the overflow on the harbour walls.

Overall, the proposed design respects the architectural heritage of the Quay Street & Environs area, while adapting to the requirements of a modern public realm scheme. Apart from requesting details of the proposed overflow as outlined above the Conservation Officer has no specific requirements or recommendations.

Officer: _Laura Johnstone_____ Endorsed: _____

Position: Exec Architectural Conservation Officer Senior Exec Architectural Conservation Officer

Date: __06/05/2022_____ Date: _06/05/2022_____

09th May 2022

Bernadette Quinn

Planning Officer

Planning Department.

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Development:	The proposed development includes: (i) Redevelopment of the existing carpark areas, open space and playground to form a reordered public open space / market space with play space off Quay Street, focused around the arches of the Railway Viaduct. (ii) Upgrade of the carpark areas and green open space located between Mill Street, Quay Street and the harbour, including the Bracken River, to provide new hard landscaping and planting zones to encourage flora. (iii) Upgrade of street surfaces, pavements, landscaping and green infrastructure, including widening of footpaths, to improve pedestrian linkages from Main Street to Quay Street, the Railway Viaduct, the Beach and the Harbour area. (iv) New public lighting and street furniture. (v) Redesign of existing surface carparking, including closure of vehicular access point on Quay Street, and incorporating improvements to traffic flow and parking on Quay Street, Mill Street and Harbour Road. (vi) Works to redirect the existing overflow (currently discharging into the Bracken River) from the Irish Water pumping station off Harbour Road to a new discharge location into the Bracken River. (vii) Enhancement works to the Bracken River within the existing open space between Quay Street and Mill Street, including widening of the water course, to encourage biodiversity, increase planting and improve flood resilience along the riverbank (including temporary piping of the Bracken River during construction period). (viii) Resurfacing areas under the Railway Viaduct arches with new granite paving. (ix) Removal of existing low level stone walls to provide a more accessible link between Quay Street and the harbour. (x) Provision within the vicinity of the Railway Viaduct to facilitate future potential market stalls, street food outlets and outdoor dining with appropriate utility connection points. (xi) Reduction of overall car parking on site, including removal of Quay Street carpark and on-street carparking, and reduction of Town Carpark (Mill Street), resulting in a car park provision of 63 spaces (a reduction of 132 spaces). (xii) provision of cycle parking (24 bicycle stands), seating and integrated play equipment.

	(xiii) Provision of a new single storey Harbour Building (141 sqm) on site of former night club on East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure) to contain: (a) 1 no. commercial unit with services facing onto the harbour. (b) Provision of associated storage space, office and staff toilet. (c) Provision of public toilets and changing places unit. (d) Provision for seating in vicinity of the harbour building and kiosks. (xiv) Provision of two new single storey, kiosk buildings (33 sqm each) on site of former night club on East Pier of Balbriggan Harbour (Protected Structure), to accommodate visitor information, retail, café, hot food take away, rental of leisure boats, cycles, paddleboards and other recreational equipment. (xv) Demolition of the existing public toilet block immediately south-west of the Railway Viaduct at the entrance to the beach and provision of temporary toilet facilities pending construction of new toilet block. (xvi) Construction of a new single storey building south-west of the Railway Viaduct to include toilets, changing, lockers, 'Changing Places Unit' and a retail kiosk. (xvii) Proposed conservation of the Former RNLI Boathouse, (a protected structure RPS no. 0035) at Harbour Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, including change of use to commercial café /retail use with associated site development, services and internal alterations. The area of the single storey building is 63 sqm. (xviii) All associated site development works, landscaping, services, piped infrastructure and ducting, changes in level; site landscaping and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground.
App. Type	Part XI (Dev by LAs)
Date Recd.:	April 27, 2022

With reference to the above application the Environment Section (Waste Enforcement & Regulation) have the following comments:

1/ Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant shall prepare a Construction and Demolition Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the **Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for C&D Projects (2021**). The RWMP shall include details of the various waste streams and expected tonnages which will be generated during site clearance, demolition and construction phases and any proposed exportation or importation of soil and stone material including destination/source locations, quantities and if any material will be assessed under By-Product notification. The RWMP shall also include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

Regards



Enda Hoey

Senior Executive Scientist

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Environmental Health Air & Noise Unit

Date: 9 May, 2022

Register Ref: **PARTXI/003/22**

Area: Balbriggan

Development: The proposed development includes:

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Applicant : Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department (FCC)

Application Type : Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Planning Officer : Bernadette Quinn

Date Received:

The above development is acceptable to the Environmental Health Officer's Air Pollution & Noise Control Unit subject to the following conditions;

Demolition and Construction phase:

1. During the demolition and construction phase the following shall be adhered to:
   a. No heavy construction equipment/machinery (to include pneumatic drills, construction vehicles, generators, etc) shall be operated on or adjacent to the construction site before 8.00a.m. or after 7.00p.m., Monday to Friday, and before 8.00 a.m. and after 1.00p.m. on Saturdays.
   b. No site activities shall take place on Sundays or Bank Holidays.
   c. No activity, which would reasonably be expected to cause annoyance to residents in the vicinity, shall take place on site between the hours of 7.00p.m. and 8.00a.m.
   d. No deliveries of materials, plant or machinery shall take place before 8.00a.m. in the morning or after 7.00p.m. in the evening.
   e. If there is any occasion when work must be carried on outside daytime hours, this department, local residents and businesses in areas which are likely to be affected by noise from the proposed works should be notified in advance e.g. in letter or leaflet or advertisement form, of:
      - Name, address and telephone number of the company carrying out works
      - Nature of and reason for works
      - Likely duration and times of work

2. Construction work shall have regard to B.S.5228: 2009+A1:2014 "Noise and Vibration control on construction and open sites to minimize noise from construction operations - Threshold of Significant Effect at Dwellings. The appropriate threshold value (category A, B, or C) shall be determined based on an assessment of the background noise level in the area. The threshold values apply to the sum of both the ambient and construction noise levels. Should noise levels exceed the desired threshold level then steps shall be taken by the contractor to review the work activities and/or apply further noise mitigation measures. Noise mitigation measures shall be reviewed throughout the construction phase to ensure all potential risks are adequately controlled. The results of any noise monitoring carried out shall be made available on request.

3. All noisy equipment shall be fitted with effective silencers and/ or sealed acoustic covers. Noise attenuation measures such as shrouding and/or the use of acoustic enclosures shall be used for noisy construction activities such as rock breaking/piling.

4. The development shall be so operated to ensure that air emissions do not result in significant impairment of, or significant interference with amenities or the environment beyond the site boundary. A dust management plan

shall be available on request. The use of diesel generators shall not be permitted. Dust monitoring results shall be available on request.

Operational Phase:

5. The cumulative noise emissions from commercial activities within the development shall not exceed the background noise level by more than 5dB(A) or
   Daytime (07:00 to 19:00 hrs) – 55dB LAEQ 30mins

   Evening (19:00 to 23:00 hrs) – 50dB LAEQ 30mins

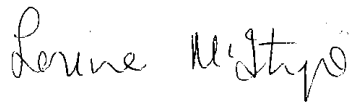
   Night-time (23:00 to 07:00 hrs) – 45dB LfMax 15mins

   (Whichever is the lesser as measured 1 metre from the nearest noise sensitive location/s)

   Clearly audible and impulsive tones at noise sensitive locations shall be avoided irrespective of the noise level.

6. The development shall be so operated to ensure that air emissions and/or odours do not result in significant impairment of, or significant interference with amenities or the environment beyond the site boundary. Utilities shall be appropriately connected. Air emission outlets i.e. flues /ventilation outlets shall be positioned in a location which minimises nuisance. Suitable filtration systems shall be provided to neutralise food odours where required. The use of diesel generators shall not be permitted.

7. Amplified music shall not be permitted in the outdoor areas without prior approval.



Environmental Health Officer

ISUFFICIENT ROAD WIDTH
FOR ON STREET PARKING

LOADING BAY

MILL STREET

CARPARK

GARDEN

BRACKEN RIVER

PLAZA

QUAY STREET

11m

11.5m

HIGH ST

TOILETS/ KIOSK

RNLI BOATHOUSE

BEACH

BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR

HARBOUR ROAD

HARBOUR BUILDING

A AL-020

B AL-020

C AL-022

D AL-023

E AL-024

F AL-027

ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES:
Quay Street (on Street) 12
Town Carpark 6
Mill Street 4

ADDITIONAL PARKING MARK UP
14.09.22

LEGEND & GENERAL INFORMATION

DRAWINGS TO BE READ IN CONJUCTION WITH STRUCTURAL
ENGINEERS DETAILS AND SPECIFICATIONS

- GROUND / FLOOR LEVEL INDICATOR
- SECTION LINE INDICATOR
- REVISION BOX INDICATOR
- DEMOLISH
- DETAIL INDICATOR
- FFL 0.0 LEVEL INDICATOR

SHOP DRAWINGS TO BE ISSUED TO ARCHITECT FOR APPROVAL, PRIOR TO FABRICATION.

TOTAL SITE AREA: 19,300m2 / 1.93 ha

HARBOUR BUILDING: 151m2
KIOSKS: 33m2 EACH
TOILET BLOCK/ KIOSK: 55m2

1 AL-001 PROPOSED SITE PLAN
1:1000 @A3

REVISIONS		STATUS		DRAWN	CHECKED
A	21/04/2022	FI	ISSUED FOR PRE-PLANNING	GR	PM
B	21/06/2022	FI	ISSUED FOR PLANNING	GR	PM

STATUS : PR - PRELIMINARY ISSUE; FI - FOR INFORMATION; FA - FOR APPROVAL; FP - FOR PRICING; FC - FOR CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT: 2123 QUAY STREET AND ENVIRONS
DRAWING: PROPOSED SITE PLAN
JOB NO: 2123 | CLIENT: FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE: JUNE '22 | SCALE: 1: 1000 @ A3

PAUL KEOGH ARCHITECTS, CATHEDRAL COURT, NEW ST., DUBLIN 8.
TEL NO: 01 6791551 FAX NO: 01 6793476 E-MAIL: info@pka.ie

DRAWING NO.: 2123 / AL / 001 / B

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Based on very large file size of documents and drawings APPENDICES A & B of CE Report are available for viewing and download at link on Fingal Consultation Portal

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/notice-proposed-development-part-xi-part-8-proposed-public-realm-redevelopment-associated-works

Includes the following:

LIST OF APPENDICES:

Appendix A - Notice of Development

- **Appendix A1 - Notice of Proposed Development**

Appendix B – Plans and Particulars

- **Appendix B1 - Architects Drawings**

Existing Drawings:

-	2123-SV-901	Site Location Plan	Scale 1:2500
-	2123-SV-001	Existing Site Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2123-SV-005	Existing Traffic & Access Plan	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-010	Existing Elevations	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-020	Existing Section A & B	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-021	Existing Section A	Scale 1:250
-	2123-SV-022	Existing Section C	Scale 1:250
-	2123-SV-023	Existing Section D	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-024	Existing Section E	Scale 1:500
-	2123-SV-025	Existing Section F	Scale 1:500

Proposed Drawings:

- 2123-AL-001 Proposed Site Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-AL-002 Proposed Site Plan Garden Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-003 Proposed Site Plan Plaza Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-004 Proposed Site Plan Harbour Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-005 Proposed Active Travel Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-AL-020 Proposed Section A & B Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-021 Proposed Section A Scale 1:250
- 2123-AL-022 Proposed Section C Scale 1:250
- 2123-AL-023 Proposed Section D Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-024 Proposed Section D Scale 1:250
- 2123-AL-025 Proposed Section E Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-026 Proposed Section F Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-041 Proposed River Section A Scale 1:100
- 2123-AL-031 Proposed Site Drainage Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-AL-032 Proposed Green Infrastructure Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-SK-020 Proposed Outfall Diversion Scale 1:500
- 2123-SK-021 Proposed Shared Surface Junctions Scale 1:200
- 2123-SK-022 Proposed Town Carpark Scale 1:250
- 2123-SK-023 Proposed Road Users Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-AL-024 Proposed Section D Scale 1:250
- 2123-AL-025 Proposed Section E Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-026 Proposed Section F Scale 1:500
- 2123-AL-041 Proposed River Section A Scale 1:100
- 2123-AL-031 Proposed Site Drainage Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-AL-032 Proposed Green Infrastructure Plan Scale 1:1000
- 2123-SK-020 Proposed Outfall Diversion Scale 1:500
- 2123-SK-021 Proposed Shared Surface Junctions Scale 1:200
- 2123-SK-022 Proposed Town Carpark Scale 1:250
- 2123-SK-023 Proposed Road Users Plan Scale 1:1000

Harbour Buildings:

- 2123-AL-006 Proposed Harbour Buildings Plan Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-010 Proposed Harbour Buildings NW Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-011 Proposed Harbour Buildings SW Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-012 Proposed Harbour Buildings NE Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-013 Proposed Harbour Buildings SE Elevation Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-027 Proposed Harbour Buildings Section AA Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-028 Proposed Harbour Buildings Section BB Scale 1:200

Toilet/Kiosk Building:

- 2123-AL-007 Proposed Toilet Block Plan Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-014 Proposed Toilet Block Elevations 1 Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-015 Proposed Toilet Block Elevations 2 Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-016 Proposed Toilet Block Elevations 3 Scale 1:200
- 2123-AL-029 Proposed Toilet Block Section Scale 1:200

- **Appendix B2 - Outline Description of Development**
- Design Report Quay Street & Environs June 2022 Paul Keogh Architects

- **Appendix B3 - Heritage Report –**

Heritage Report Quay Street & Environs June 2022 Paul Keogh Architects

- **Appendix B4 - Engineers Drawings & Reports**

Hayes Higgins Partnership Civil & Structural Engineering Planning Report

- Hayes Higgins Partnership - Preliminary Construction Management Plan
- Hayes Higgins Partnership - Preliminary Construction Waste Management Plan
- Hayes Higgins Partnership - Preliminary Construction Traffic Management Plan
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- Dwg No. 21D031 02 P4– Existing & Proposed Drainage & Watermain Layout
- Dwg No. 21D031 02A P4– Existing & Proposed Drainage & Watermain Layout -Sheet A
- Dwg No. 21D031 02B P4– Existing & Proposed Drainage & Watermain Layout -Sheet B
- Dwg No. 21D031 02B P4– Existing & Proposed Drainage & Watermain Layout -Sheet C
- Dwg No. 21D031 03 P2– Diversion layout at Quay Street & Environs, Balbriggan
- Hayes Higgins Partnership Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Planning Report
- Hayes Higgins Partnership Traffic & Access Planning Report
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-01 P Refuse Vehicle Swept Path Analysis
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-02 P Rigid Truck Swept Path Analysis Sheet 1
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-03 P Rigid Truck Swept Path Analysis Sheet 2
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-04 P Rigid Truck (Type 2) Swept Path Analysis
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-05 P Fire Tender Swept Path Analysis
- Dwg No. 21D031 APA-06 P Car Swept Path Analysis

- **Appendix B5 - RNLI Boathouse Information**

Architects Drawings (Architects Department, Fingal Co Co)

- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-001 Existing Site Plan Scale 1:500
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-002 Proposed Site Layout Scale 1:200
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-100 Existing/ Demolition Plans & Sections Scale 1:50
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-101 Existing/ Demolition Elevations Scale 1:50
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-200 Proposed Plans & Sections Scale 1:50
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-201 Proposed Elevations Scale 1:50
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-300 Room Data Scale 1:20
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-500 Roof & Wall Details Scale 1:20 & 1:5
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-600 Door & Window Schedule 1 Scale 1:20
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-601 Door & Window Schedule 2 Scale 1:20
- Dwg No. 19-433 PL-602 Proposed Lighting Layout Scale 1:20
- Conservation Impact Assessment Report April 2022 (Architects Department, Fingal Co Co)

Engineers Drawings (Fitzsimons Doyle & Associates)

- Dwg No. 20/4921 BB-S011 Reinforcement External Seating Area Scale 1:20
- Dwg No. 20/4921 BB-S012B Floor and Roof Structure Plan Details Scale 1:50 & 1:20
- Dwg No. 20/4921 BB-S013A Drainage Plan & Details Scale 1:100 & 1:25

Appendix B6-Landscape Report & Drawings–

Landscape Design Report April 2022 (Austen Associates)

Landscape Architect Drawings (Austen Associates)

- Dwg No. 074021-PP-01-C Soft Landscape Plan Scale 1:20 & 1:50
- Dwg No. 074021-DD-01-A Soft Landscape Details Scale 1:20 & 1:50

Appendix B7 – Planning, Environmental, Ecology

Planning Report June 2022 (Doyle Kent Planning & Architecture)

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report June 2022 (Doyle Kent Planning & Architecture)

Appropriate Assessment Screening Report June 2022 (Altemar)

Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) Report June 2022 (Altemar)

Archaeological Impact Assessment Report May 2022 (Courtney Deery)

Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment Report June 2022 (McCloy Consulting)

Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) June 2022 (Altemar)

Appendix B8- Amendments to proposal post consultation period (issued as separate file)

- 2123-AL-001 Rev B Proposed Site Plan Scale 1:1000
- Addendum Report in relation to Planning Consultation, & updates to EIA and AA Screening October 2022 (Doyle Kent Planning & Architecture & Altemar)

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DECLARATION OF ROADS/TAKING IN CHARGE

DARGAN'S WAY, SUTTON, CO DUBLIN

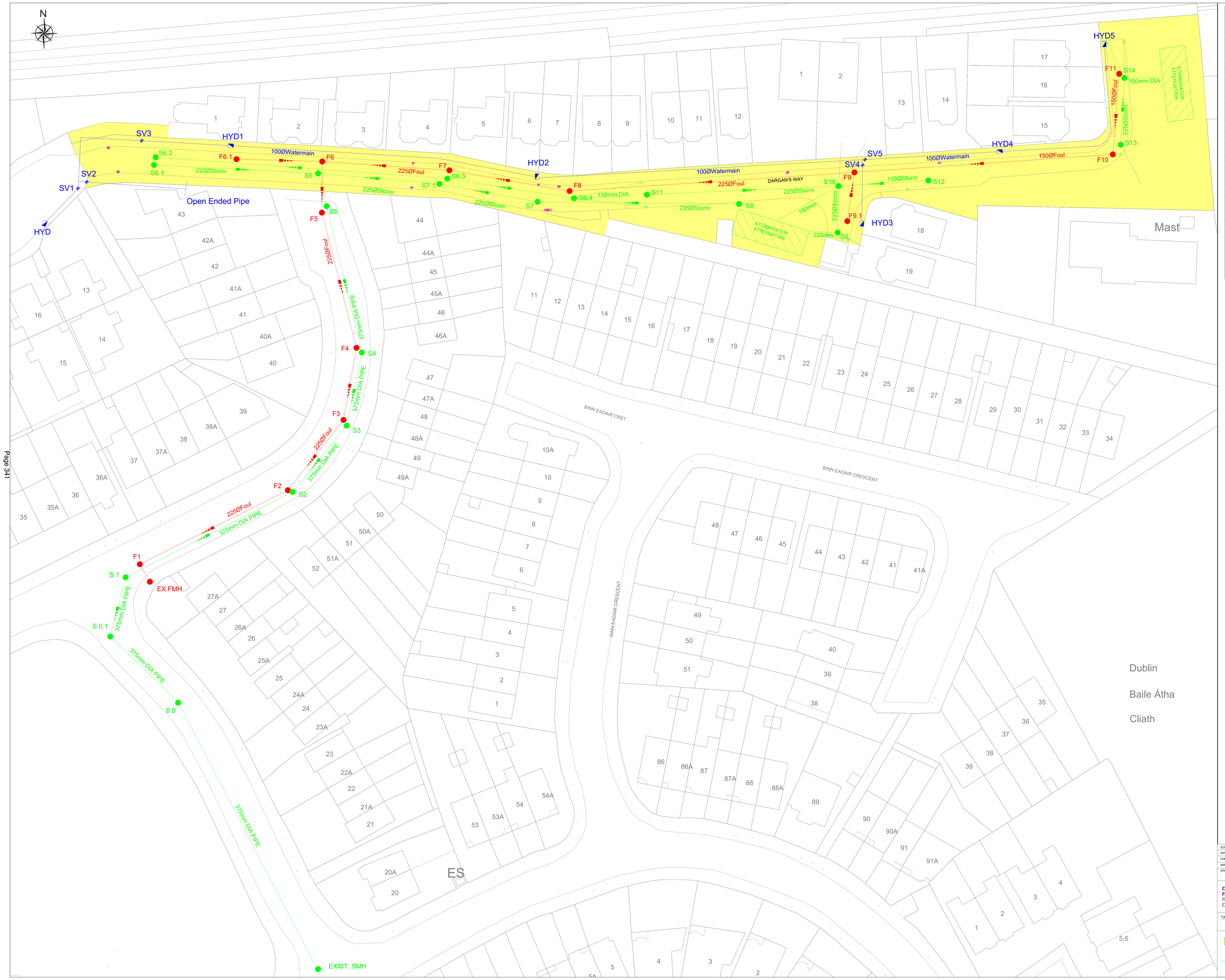
Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received and it is recommended that the road be taken in charge.

ROAD SCHEDULE

DED- Howth

Rural TL – Sutton

Road Name	Length	Description
Dargan's Way	160m	From outside No.13 Railway Avenue head East, from No.1 Dargan's Way head 160m to outside No.2 Dargan's Way
	12 m	From outside No.2 Dargan's Way turn right head South from 12m to end of carriageway
	60 m	From outside No.2 Dargan's Way head East for 60m to outside No.15 Dargan's Way
	22 m	From outside No 15 turn left heading North for 22m to end of carriageway outside No.17 Dargan's Way
Total Length of Road = 254m No. of Units = 21		



FOUL SEWER				SURFACE WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE NO	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER	MANHOLE NO	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
EXIST. MH F1				S13	4.15	2.96	
			225mm				225mm
F1	3.27	1.66		S14	4.55	3.61	
			225mm				
F2	3.51	1.82		S12	4.25	3.12	
			225mm				225mm
F3	3.66	1.99		S10	4.12	3.03	
			225mm				225mm
F4	3.78	1.98		S9	3.90	2.68	
			225mm				225mm
F5	3.93	2.13		ATTENUATION			
			225mm				
F6	3.99	2.16		S11	3.90	2.90	
			225mm				225mm
F6.1	4.01	2.26		S15	4.10	3.03	
F6.11	4.01	2.26		S6.4	3.87	3.04	
			225mm				225mm
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			225mm				225mm
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F9	4.13	2.73		S8	4.08	2.93	
			150mm				225mm
F10	4.13	3.04		S7	3.97	2.71	
			150mm				225mm
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							375mm
				S 0.1	3.24	1.868	
							375mm
				S 0	3.450	1.886	
							375mm
				EXIST. SMH		1.880	

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: Jan 22	SURVEYED BY:		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: S.Harding	DRAWN BY: F.McNeary		SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C.Gallagher	BC: BC 1717		LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: REV.	SCALE: 1:500		WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
	OS Ref:		

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

Dargons Way, Sutton,
DED: Howth TL: Sutton

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

Hydrant Sluice Valve

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DECLARATION OF ROADS/TAKING IN CHARGE

MARTELLO TOWERS, BALBRIGGAN, CO DUBLIN

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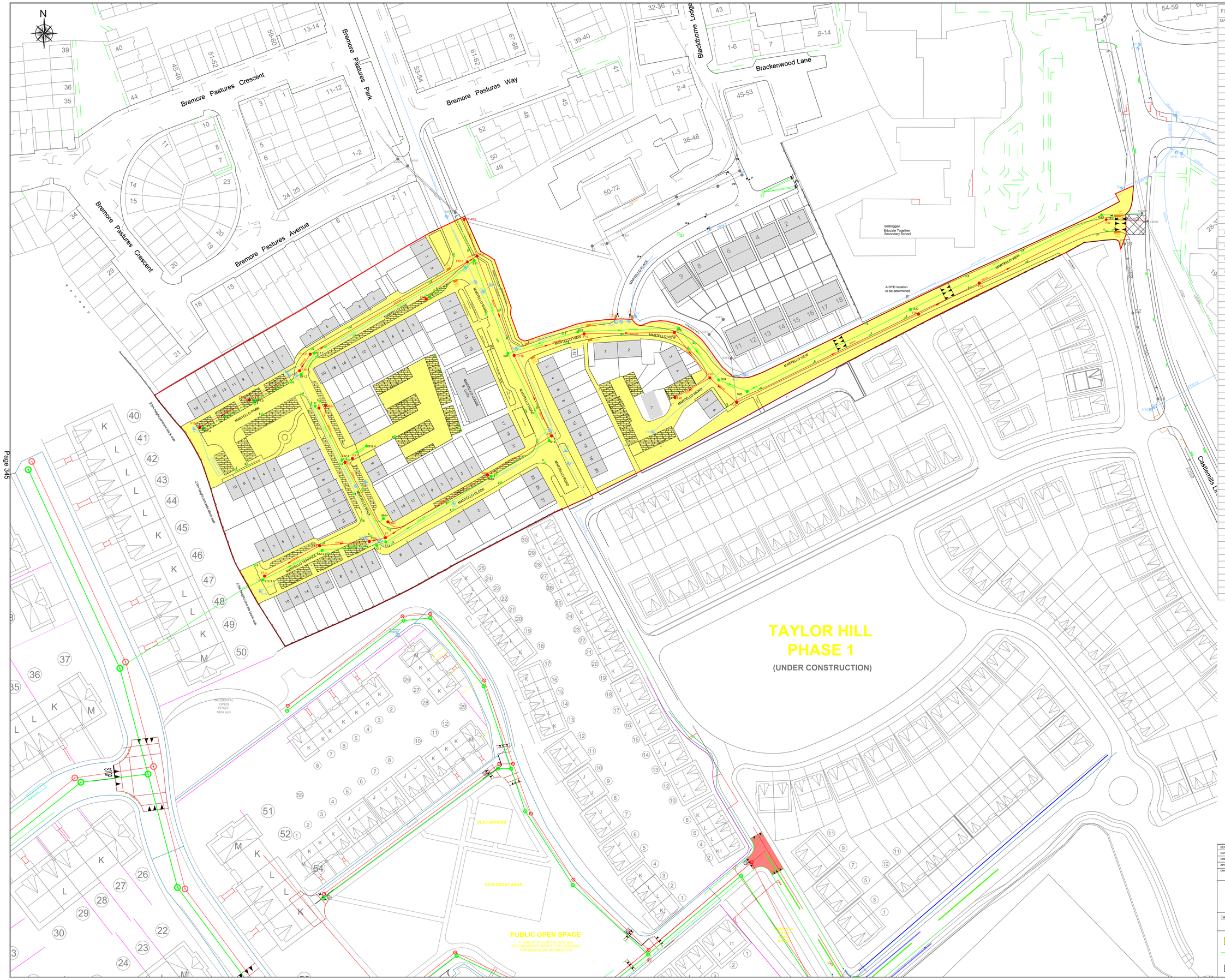
ROAD SCHEDULE

DED- Balbriggan

TL Burrow – Balbriggan

Road Name	Length	Description
Martello Towers, Balbriggan	262 m	From the junction of Castlemill Link Road turn left onto Martello View Road, head West for 185m turn right for 11m, outside No.8 Martello View turn left for 40m and then right for 26m till end of road.
	160 m	From outside No.8 Martello View head North follow the bend in the road for 95m turn left onto Martello Road for 65m till end of road.
	65 m	From the junction of Martello View and Martello Road turn right for 65m till end of road.
	159 m	From outside No.12 Martello Road head West onto Martello Rise for 80m to No.7 Martello Rise, turn left for 12m onto Martello Close outside No.20 turn right for 50m to include turning circle and turn left for 17m to end of road.

	115 m	From outside No.20 Martello Rise head South for 38m to outside No.6 Martello Rise turn left into Martello Walk for 45m, turn left for 20m to end of road, or turn left for 12m to end of road
	84 m	From outside No.6 Martello Rise head South for 32m turn left onto Martello Terrace for 52m to include Turning Head.
	90 m	From outside No.16 Martello Rise head south for 10m turn left onto Martello Close head East for 80m to junction of Martello Road
Total Length of Road = 935 m No. of Units = 109		



FOUL SEWER				SURFACE WATER SEWER		
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER	MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL
F7.3	43.28	40.38		S12.3	43.30	39.60
			225mm			
F7.2	42.46	40.05		S12.2	42.49	38.69
			225mm			
F7.1	42.18	37.79	BD-38.75	S12.1	42.11	37.60
			225mm			
F7	41.83	37.63				
F7	41.83	37.63		S12	41.91	37.20
			225mm			
F8	39.85	37.04		S13	39.72	36.42
			225mm			
F18	39.90	36.72		S21	39.93	35.12
			300mm			
F19	39.05	36.05		S22	39.09	35.10
			300mm			
F22	38.28	35.89		S23	38.38	34.86
			300mm			
F23	37.55	34.64	BD-35.67	S24	37.51	34.80
			300mm			
F24	37.31	34.01		S26	37.08	34.48
			300mm			
F30	32.165			S30	32.012	
			300mm			
F2	42.70	40.07		S7	42.71	40.08
			225mm			
F3	42.33	40.23		S12.3	42.35	40.25
			225mm			
F20	38.04	36.55		S12.4	42.35	40.64
			225mm			
F23	37.55	34.64	BD-35.67	S11.4	44.12	42.52
F16.5	44.15	42.54				
			225mm	S11.3	43.58	41.68
F16.4	43.66	41.76				
			225mm	S11.2	42.98	40.96
F16.3	42.83	41.07				
			225mm	S11.1	42.78	40.87
F16.2	42.83	40.98				
			225mm	S11	40.89	35.89
F16.1	40.89	39.09				
			225mm			
F16	40.94	36.84	BD 39.04			
			300mm			
F18	39.90	36.72				
			300mm			

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: July-2022	SURVEYED BY: F. MCNeary		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER INVERTS ARE TO CROWN OF PIPE UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: D. Gormley	DRAWN BY: F. MCNeary		SCALED DIMENSIONS ? TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC: 1712		LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: REV:	SCALE: 1:1000@A1		WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
	OS Ref:		

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE: Martello Tower, Balbriggan, Balbriggan

- Areas proposed to be taken in charge
- Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
- Cobblestone Covered Area
- Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
- Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.
- Hydrant
- Sluice Valve

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2022

ITEM NO. 17

SAFER HALLOWEEN PROJECT FUNDING 2022

Fingal County Council intends funding thirty Safer Halloween Projects taking place around the County this year. The community groups and centres running Safer Halloween Projects have applied for funding under the Community & Sports Division's Safer Halloween Projects Funding Scheme, as part of Activities funding.

The purpose of these projects is to provide fun recreational and diversionary activities for young people to deter them from participating in antisocial Halloween activity in addition to promoting the Fingal County Council 'Stay Safe and Awareness' message and other deterrent initiatives including Bulb Planting, Recycling Amnesty, Bonfire Removal measures.

The maximum funding available to Safer Halloween Project groups is €750.
The amounts being recommended in the body of this report below will reflect request submitted by the groups in their applications according to project costs.

All the projects listed below have submitted an expression of interest, a funding application and event details with costings. All groups have confirmed they are fully insured for all events and will comply with the Safer Halloween aspect of the programme. Also, Fifteen Community Centres affiliated with Fingal County Council will designate 10% of programme places to young people from the Ukrainian Community.

It is intended to fund the following Safer Halloween Projects subject to each project meeting all of the requirements that are set out in the Activities Funding Application Form.

Payments are recommended in the amounts set out hereunder:

Name of Group	Electoral Area	Amount Recommended
Churchfield Residents Association	Balbriggan	€750.00
Flemington Community Centre	Balbriggan	€357.00
Garristown Community Council	Balbriggan	€300.00
Oldtown Community Council	Balbriggan	€314.00
Rush Tidy Towns	Balbriggan	€500.00
Lambourn Residents Association	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€740.00
Luttrellstown Community Centre	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€420.00
Castleknock Community Centre	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€735.19
Strawberry Beds Residents Association	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€740.00
Diswellstown Community centre	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€357.00
Parslickstown House	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€520.00
Ongar Community Centre	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€357.00
Ireland Telugu association	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€400.00
Castlegrange Park Residents Association	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€474.00
Blakestown Community Resource Centre CLG	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€493.56
Jesuit Refugee Service	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€660.00
Blakestown & Mountview Neighbourhood Youth Project	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€750.00
Mountview Fortlawn Community Youth and Sports Hub CLG	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€592.00
Whitestown Estate Management	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€750.00
Mulhuddart Community Centre	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€300.00
Corduff Resource Centre	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€420.00
Castaheany Community centre	Castleknock -	€357.00

	Mulhuddart	
Baldoyle Community Centre	Howth - Malahide	€750.00
Inbhir Ide Drive and Close Residents Association	Howth - Malahide	€750.00
Mid Sutton Community Centre	Howth - Malahide	€750.00
Drynam Volunteer Group	Howth - Malahide	€590.00
Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre	Swords	€500.00
Applewood Community Centre	Swords	€357.00
OWLS The Children's Nature Charity	Swords	€500.00
Holywell Community Centre	Swords	€357.00
		€15,840.75

It is proposed to process the payment in late October. This will be subject to the group accepting conditions of funding and any other additional material deemed necessary. All projects will be required to submit valid receipts in December 2022.

It is intended that each funded Project will complete a detailed evaluation forms after the project has ended. The feedback gathered from these evaluations will play a large part in assessing funding for Safer Halloween Projects in 2023.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

At the October meeting Members will have the opportunity to set the LPT variation which will be an important steppingstone in forming part of the 2023 Budget which is to be presented to Members in November. We have put significant financial resources in place over the past number of years to keep pace with the continued increasing demand on services while also putting funding in place to assist the delivery of infrastructure projects which will be outlined in our ambitious capital plan 2023-2025.

As we are all aware there are significant adverse conditions that the Irish and international economy will have to deal with in 2023. We as a Council will not be immune from the significant inflation in the economy including with regards to energy costs. It will be important that the Executive, the Corporate Policy Group and Members work together to agree a budget for 2023 that will allow us to manage these costs while continuing to deliver on services and infrastructure for all the citizens of Fingal.

Additional staff resources and increased revenue funding has seen increased works in all areas of the public realm. Operations have successfully delivered on it's largest work programmes totalling €3.4m for all areas with an increase of €1m provided in the 2022 budget and a similar provision for 2023. Fingal has a very well maintained clean public realm. Additional works on our local roads, parks, beaches and open spaces have been delivered with the additional staff resources which were recruited. This included additional General Operatives in all areas dealing with street cleaning, management of litter, parks and beach maintenance and events. Over 100 solar bins have been rolled out with a further 100 on order and bench provision continues in all areas. The increased numbers attending our regional parks are testament to the facilities that are available with new playgrounds, accessibility equipment, paths for walking, playing pitches and a diverse range of events taking place throughout the year. A dedicated tree officer has been appointed to manage the protection of our trees and deliver on Fingal's Tree Policy.

Clerks of Works have been appointed, carrying out inspections on our local roads ensuring that the integrity of roads are maintained at all times following road openings by utilities which are putting critical infrastructure in place for the expansion of the county.

The increase demand and use of clean, well maintained public conveniences is in place with refurbishment plans for existing public conveniences due to commence. The Eco Toilets at our beaches have served the public well during the period of good weather and the installation of showers at our bathing areas has commenced. New casual trading pitches are now operational in all areas and the outdoor dining will be facilitated by the licensing of street furniture.

Work on preparation of the Fingal Draft Development Plan 2023-2029 continues. I would like to thank members and staff for their efforts during each stage of the plan making process. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions received was issued to the Members at the end of July and meetings to discuss proposed amendments to the draft plan are currently taking place. Following these, any material amendment to the draft Plan will go on public display for 4 weeks. This is expected to take place in November. The final plan is scheduled to be adopted by councillors in February 2023.

Preparations for Halloween are underway in a number of departments. The Fingal Festival of Fire returns this year with two new venues. Malahide Castle and Bremore Castle have been added to the Safer Halloween Events. These organised events have proven to reduce illegal bonfires and provide a safe area for families to enjoy the occasion. The Community Development Office is supporting 30 groups to participate in the Fingal Safer Halloween Programme. The purpose of this programme is to provide fun recreational and diversionary activities for young people to deter them from participating in antisocial Halloween activity. In addition, participating projects will promote the Fingal County Council's Stay Safe and Awareness messages and generate awareness of other deterrent initiatives including Bulb Planting, Recycling Amnesty, Bonfire Removal measures. Our Litter Wardens have commenced with Halloween business inspections in an effort to reduce the levels of material that may be collected by individuals for use in bonfires.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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People Services

People Services have a large scale recruitment campaign continuing in 2022

Recruitment Programme 2022	
Recruitment Campaigns	105
Campaigns Completed	56
Current Campaigns	41
Campaigns Pending	8
Applicants to date	1639
Interviews Held to date	1563
Number of Appointments	410
New Starters	248
Internal Promotions	162
Number of Leavers	154
Resignations	95
Number of Retirements	59
Number of Job Offers Year to date	633
Number of Offers Declined	176
Number of Current Job Offers	47
Job Offers Internal	5
Job Offers External	42

Wellbeing Strategy

September saw the launch of the Council's first ever Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2025. This strategy supports the Council's vision of ensuring that wellbeing is embedded in everything we do and is championed, at all levels, and across all functions. The Council also launched its first bespoke Employee Assistance Programme which includes a wide range of supports for welfare issues. This service, which supplements the current work of the Council's own Staff Welfare Officer, is now available to every staff member through a confidential helpline that is accessible 24 hours a day and also includes a Wellbeing App delivering expert content on mental health, fitness and nutrition.

Blended Working

Blended working arrangements commenced on the 5th of September 2022 with eligible staff working up to 2 days remotely. Staff not availing of blended arrangements have now returned fulltime to the office.

Learning & Development

Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, continues in October 2022 with the following courses scheduled this month

Health & Safety
Managing Safely in Construction
First Aid Refresher
Confined Space Medium Risk
Confined Space High Risk
Manual Handling
Tractor
Electric pallet truck
Ladder & Harness
Teleporter
Vehicle Inspection
Safe Pass
Vehicle Inspection
Fire warden Practicals
Chain Saw Refresher
Safety Representative
Mobile Tower Access

Business/Interpersonal Skills
Ignite Programme 5&6
Dignity & Equality
Diversity & Interculturalism
Pre-Retirement

Grade 8 Programme 2&3
A-Z Local Government
Managing Aggressive Behaviour
Personal Effectiveness Grade 3&4
Grade 5 Training
Grade 6 Training
First Aid Mental Health

IT
Advanced Word
Excel
Smartphone video training

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU continue to monitor the decline in incidences of staff self-isolations due to covid-19 during the month of September 2022 in tandem with a watching brief for any increases in infection during the coming autumn months. The HSU is awaiting final notification from NISO on its placement of Fingal County Council's award ranking for the NISO 2022 Occupational Safety Awards which are held in November. Safety audits and site safety inspections continued during the month along with accident reporting and investigation with notifiable incidents reported to the HSA. Staff safety enquires were remedied and VDU assessments for office workstations and remote workstations were undertaken.

Building Facilities – Energy Performance Contract works Update

As part of the ongoing Energy Improvement Works, 3 new high efficacy gas condensing Immergas cascade boilers has been recently commissioned in the Grove Road Civic Offices.

The new system along with the existing burner as a backup will control energy more efficiently as the system allows multiple boilers to share the load of providing heating and hot water, it means less strain is placed on each appliance. Cascading also allows a multi-boiler system to maintain a fixed temperature with less effort, helping them work more efficiently for a longer period. We are also exploring the use of non-fossil heat pump technology for use with our underfloor heating systems.

All Fingal Corporate buildings are to be heated to no more than 19c where appropriate in an effort to conserve energy use and reduce costs this winter.



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

14,664 phone calls

442 emails

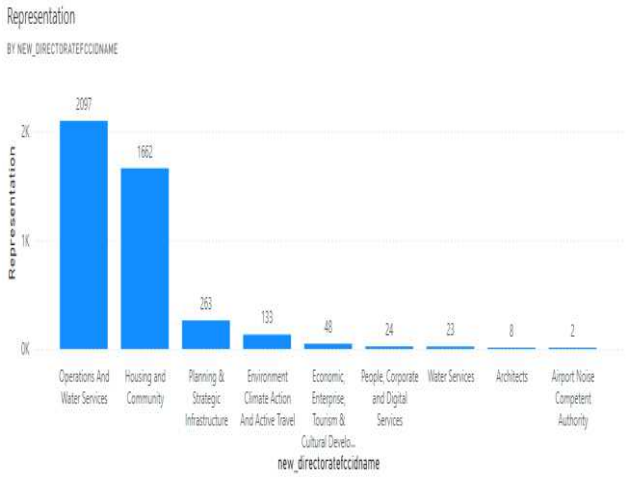
2,143 in person visits

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The month of September had a total of 518 Elected Members' representations.



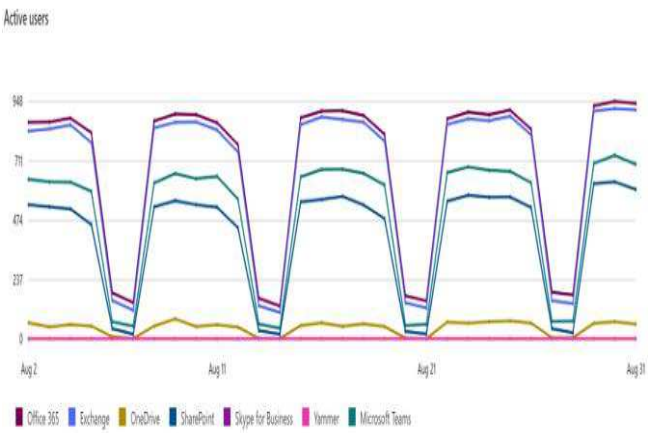
The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2022.



Digital Services

Digital Working

In September staff took part in 9,099 Teams meetings, 30,987 calls took place, and 845,027 emails were received or sent by the Council.



Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

1,645 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 13 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 100% network availability were achieved in the month of September.

Teams Meeting Rooms



As part of the Fingal Digital Workplace Transformation Program of Works the Digital Services Section has completed a pilot project and implemented Phase 1 of the Microsoft Teams Meeting Rooms project.

Microsoft Teams Rooms brings HD video, audio, and content sharing to Teams or Skype for Business calls and meetings of all sizes, from small huddle areas to large conference rooms. With the move to Blended working the Teams Rooms systems will support simple, consistent, and reliable meetings for users across the organization and with third parties.

In Fingal the program of works will deliver Teams Rooms to small, medium, and large meeting rooms throughout the organization. This includes County Hall Swords, The Civic Offices Blanchardstown and will eventually include Depots and Libraries.

The Pilot phase included three rooms small Office (4 people), medium meeting room (8 People) and large Conference Room (16 People). On successful completion of the pilot project, phase 1 was successfully rolled out to a further 6 rooms. Digital Services have moved to Phase 2 where Teams Rooms will be implemented in a further 14 rooms. Phase 3 will follow with a further 14 rooms.

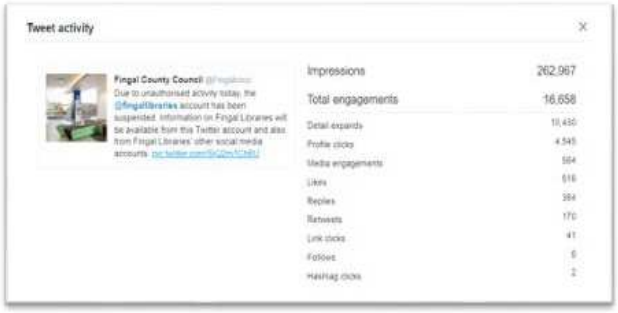
Cyber Security.
Preparations are being undertaken for October, which is Cyber security month, with an emphasis on increasing awareness. Actions that are planned include placing cyber security awareness messages on screens in locations such as the Atriums, canteens, and libraries. The daily staff messages emails will be used to deliver a variety of Cyber awareness messages and a short quiz.
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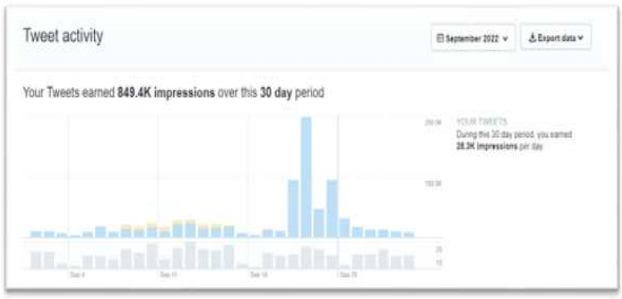
Videos
The Communications Unit produced ten videos during September and also produced a webinar on Sustainable Swords in association with the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department. The videos included one of the reopening of the iconic Great Hall at Malahide Castle which can viewed at https://youtu.be/vbS9ltx4Ck0 and one about the replacements of the sails on the windmills at Skerries Mills which is available at https://youtu.be/PWgDZi9oFqk. To mark Make Way Day on September 30 a video on how to safely park a bike in a public space so it doesn't interfere with pedestrians and other users of footpaths. It can be viewed at https://youtu.be/6SnWgV8eLSA

Media
The Communications Unit issued 38 press releases during September covering a wide range of topics including public consultation processes in relations to Ward River Valley Regional Park; New Street, Malahide; Skerries Active Travel and Sustainable Swords. There was also coverage of the visit by the EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reform, Elisa Ferreira, to Swords Castle and the Ukrainian Family Fun Day which also took place there. The Unit also dealt with 39 media queries on a range of topics including housing, libraries, data centres and bathing water quality.

Podcasts
There have been 21 episodes of the Inside Fingal podcast produced over the past two years and they have attracted a total of 9,486 listeners with 4,862 downloads and 4,624 internet listens. The most recent podcasts were about Sustainable Swords and Fingal Age Friendly.

Social Media
A tweet about the suspension of the Fingal Libraries Twitter Account on September 21 earned 262,967 impressions and had an engagement rate of 6.3% on the Council's main corporate account @fingalcoco. Overall, the account registered 849,400 impressions during September which was the highest monthly total since August 2021. The number of new followers was 254 which was the highest monthly total since March 2020.





On Facebook, the number of followers has risen to 28,748 and a post on September 13 promoting a Sustainable Swords webinar had the most engagement during September with a 13.84% engagement rate after recording 4,320 engagements from 31,212 impressions. The number of followers on LinkedIn has risen to 6,138 while Instagram now has 5,667 followers.

Website
The Council's website, fingal.ie, had 135,500 visitors during September and 361,600 page views and both figures were the highest monthly figures recorded during 2022. The page set up for the Howth Maritime and Seafood Festival proved very popular with 9,032 visitors and 11,573 page views making it one of the most visited pages during the month. Other popular pages were planning, recycling, libraries and choice based letting.

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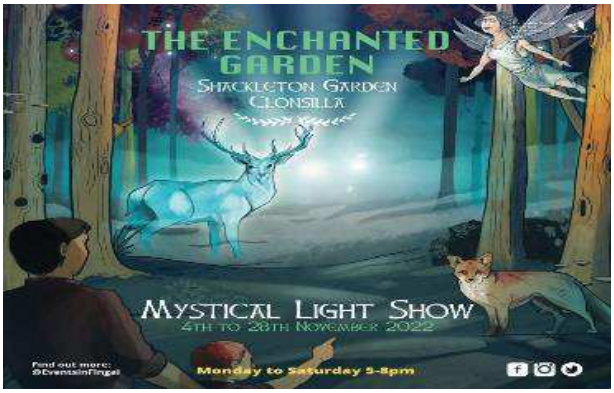
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As part of the An Garda Síochána centenary celebrations, Swords Castle hosted an event following a parade down Swords Main Street. Past and present members were presented with their medals by Chief Superintendent Mark Curran in the company of Mayor Howard Mahony.



The Enchanted Garden is a new event scheduled to take place nightly over a 4-week period in Shackleton Gardens.



Christmas Illuminate Fingal- the events office will report to the November Council meeting on this project.

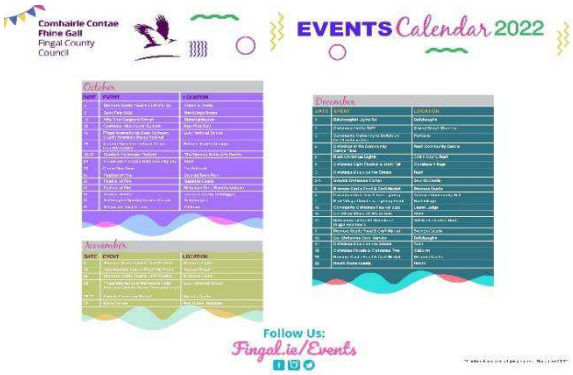
EVENTS Funding

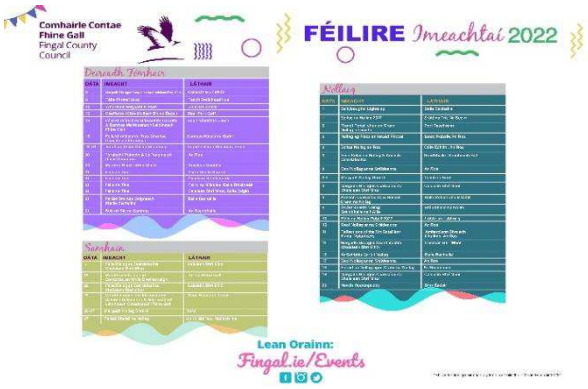
Events funded in August/ September included:





The Events Calendar with both English and Irish versions are available to download on www.fingal.ie





TOURISM

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029

Crowe Ireland are currently conducting a review of all Fingal Strategies related to tourism, an audit of the tourism landscape, and establishing an economic baseline, growth targets and related KPIs. The next phase will be public engagement in the form of interviews, focus groups, workshops and surveys.

Fingal Food Network

The network met in September to discuss and agree actions to end of the year. These include an audit of the Dublin's Coast and Fields Website, opening membership for 2023, and officially launching the network. This event will allow for networking opportunities, introduce the network and benefits of membership, showcase three member food businesses, feature a guest speaker and offer local produce tasting

Failte Ireland Collaboration

Ongoing collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continues, particularly with the Dublin Team on key projects such as the Fingal Food Tourism / Food Trail development, the Sustainable Tourism Charter for Howth and with the various tourism development groups as they work on individual projects and in preparing for submissions to the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029. We also work with the Fáilte Ireland press team e.g. NBC will be filming in Howth on Sunday October 2nd

Social Media Stats



Great progress was made in August with organic reach & engagement. We have been focusing on using Reels on Instagram & videos on Facebook to increase engagement.

Dublin's Coast and Fields

Posts Reach - 15,409.

Instagram reached 6,192 people, an increase on 409% from last month.

Love Fingal Dublin

Posts reach 110,042

Events in Fingal

Posts reach 233,484

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

SWORDS CASTLE



Fingal County Council welcomed the EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reform, Elisa Ferreira, to Swords Castle on 20th September to view the conservation works which have been undertaken to date.

These works have been supported under the European Regional Development Fund through the Southern and Eastern Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020.

MALAHIDE CASTLE



The iconic Great Hall at Malahide Castle was officially reopened on the 16th September following significant investment by the Council, helping restore one of the finest Medieval Banqueting Halls in the country.

Video link: https://youtu.be/vbS9ltx4Ck0

SKERRIES MILLS



A new Manager for Skerries Mills is due to take up duty this month. The Council wishes to convey its thanks to former Manager, Ray Hunt for all his hard work over the years in this role and wish him well in his retirement.

THE CASINO MODEL RAILWAY MUSEUM

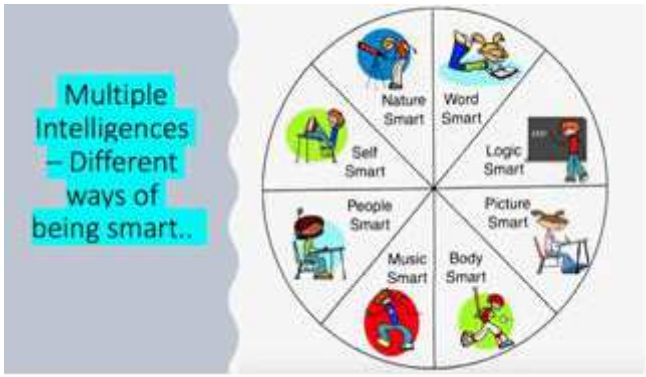


The Casino Model Railway Museum has been shortlisted in the upcoming Irish Georgian Society Awards, scheduled to take place on 20th October.

ARTS OFFICE

Youth & Education

'Sure What AM I Good At?' Tour of Fingal Primary Schools



Sure What Am I Good At? Is a classroom based drama and wellbeing workshop devised and delivered by professional artists Gabrielle Breathnach and Joanna Parkes. This autumn, Fingal Arts Office offer it to ten primary schools in Fingal.

This workshop explores the idea that we are all good at something, we all have different strengths and abilities that we are naturally good at. The inspiration for this workshop comes from *Howard Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligences,* which advocates that some of these abilities and life skills are not always acknowledged within the formal education system, for example: being empathic and able to get along with people; appreciating nature or knowing yourself.

The workshops explore personal strengths and wellbeing using an interactive approach with a combination of dramatic role-play, creative games, reflection and meditation.

Exploring and Thinking: Research

Exploring and Thinking is a collaborative framework for early childhood arts in the Dublin region. In 2016 the project partners made a successful application for Arts Council funding under the *Invitation to Collaboration Scheme.* Informed by an evolving programme of work since 2016 the partnership created a Bursary Award with the aim of supporting emerging and established artists that wish to develop a practice in early childhood arts. The Partnership now wish to establish the value of the scheme and its contribution to early years practice in the Dublin area, and actions which could better support it. To this end the Partnership has engaged consultant Anne O'Gorman to deliver this research. Artists who have benefited from the scheme in 2019-2022 have responded to a carefully devised survey and are scheduled to participate on focus group meetings in October.

Artist Paul Curley, Draiocht Theatre Artist-in-Residence School Tour





Fingal Arts Office are supporting artist Paul Curley to develop his practice as a theatre artist, to deepen his relationship with Draiocht arts centre and The Arts Council, and to create sustainable models within which he can deliver quality theatre experiences for children in schools. Paul is creating and testing ideas and projects to make live theatre experiences accessible for children in schools. Now halfway through his 12-month residency, Paul is currently presenting his mobile show BAKE to children aged 5- 7 years primary schools throughout Dublin 15.

Music Generation Fingal

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Following an intensive phase of relationship building with communities in Balbriggan and Lusk and the formation of a Music Educators Panel, three pilot programmes were developed and implemented.

Young People with special needs were invited to experiment with *Soundbeam technology*, which uses senor technology to translate movement into music and sound. Drums were used to practise and coordinate group exercises. These exercises were then translated to the switches and sensors, allowing the group to play together on multiple programmed instruments and with a backing track. Two musician educators led the sessions and another programme utilising this technology will commence in October. This follows the success of the initial summer introductory programme and positive feedback from participants, volunteers and management.

Young people aged 14-18 years from Balbriggan Youth Service participated in a *Rap & Song Development programme.* The programme focused on Lyric writing, Vocal technique, brainstorming musical ideas, song writing, collaborating with instrumentation and voice, how to record with Reaper software (the basics), Sampling, Basic performance & recording with instruments, producing and mixing a track. Two Musician Educators were employed to run the sessions. The young people involved produced an original track. Participants feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with requests for another programme of the same very soon.

A Drum Project at Oberstown Detention Centre is prepared to be delivered by professional musicians from the music Educators Panel Oct – Dec 2022.

Public Art – Infrastructure

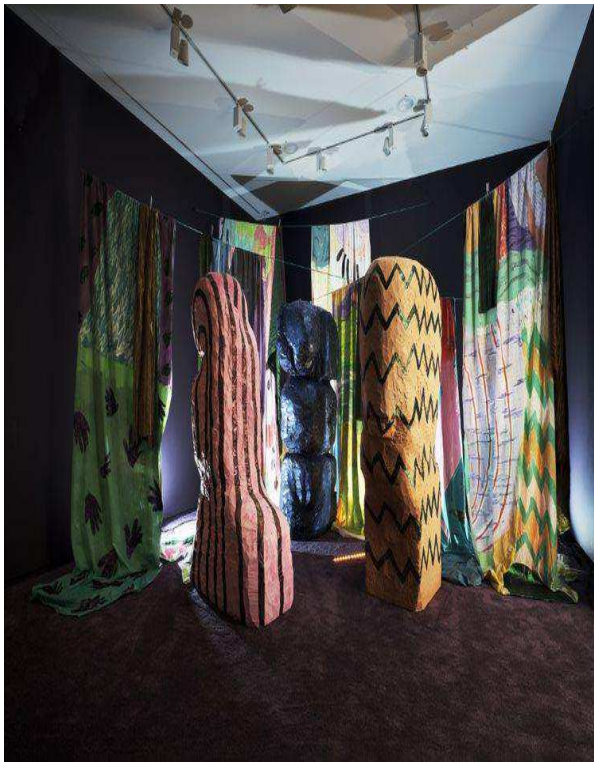


The premiere film screening of *Echo's Bones* will be launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Howard Mahony, at the Light House Cinema, Smithfield on Saturday 8th October.

Echo's Bones is an ambitious two-year collaborative filmmaking project, led by artist Sarah Browne, with a group of autistic young people, in Fingal, commissioned under Fingal County Council's Infrastructure 2017 – 2021 Public Art Programme. The film was developed in 2021, with thirteen young people aged between16 and 22, through a series of online workshops involving creative writing, acting, composition and filmmaking. *Echo's Bones* takes its title from an unpublished short story by Samuel Beckett set in Fingal in the 1930s. Due to popular demand an additional screening will take place on Sunday 9th October.

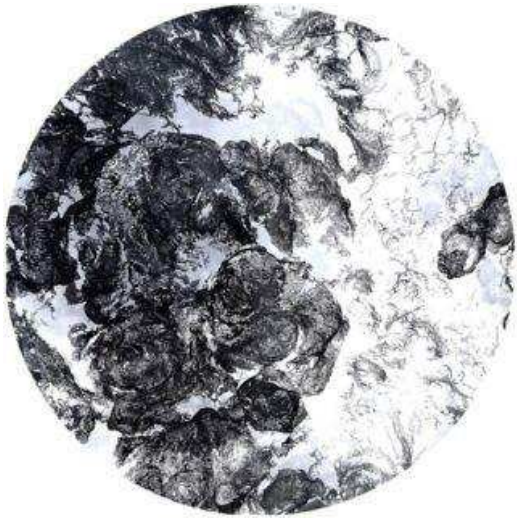
Fingal Arts Office Awards

Fingal County Council and RHA Studio Award



Eleanor McCaughey, a visual artist working in mixed media installation, is the successful recipient of the Fingal County Council and RHA Studio Award. The award provides a funded studio space for a period of one year and offers the recipient an opportunity to develop their practice within the institutional framework of the RHA. Eleanor will commence her residency at the RHA in October.

Fingal County Council and Graphic Studio Dublin Fine Art Print Residency



The Fingal County Council Fine Art Print Residency at Graphic Studio Dublin was recently awarded to Maree Hensey and Deborah Hewson. These residencies offer professional artists, at all stages of their careers, the opportunity to make a fine art print with the master printer Robert Russell at Graphic Studio Dublin. The two-week long residencies will provide an ideal environment for the development of a creative project in printmaking and an opportunity to network with other artists. Maree Hensey will commence her residency in October.

Fingal Artist in Residence at MART



The Fingal Artist in Residence at MART opportunity will be announced in October. Fingal County Council Arts Office in partnership with MART offer this Graduate Award which aims to support the

professional development of recent graduates from Fingal. This opportunity includes:

12 Months Free Studio at MART Studios Harolds Cross - beginning January 2023

A place in MART's Annual Awards Exhibition, where the artist will join a group exhibition and receive an artist fee and some materials, technical and marketing support.

Culture Night

There was a great response to Culture Night Fingal on Friday 23rd September. Audiences of all ages enjoyed an exciting programme of free cultural events at participating venues and locations in Fingal. A variety of music, dance, poetry, performance, art, tours and talks were specifically programmed, highlighting the wealth of cultural facilities and talented people in the locality. Images below capture some of the events that took place at Blanchardstown Library, Draíocht, Our Balbriggan, Ardgillan Castle and the Irish Institute of Music and Song.

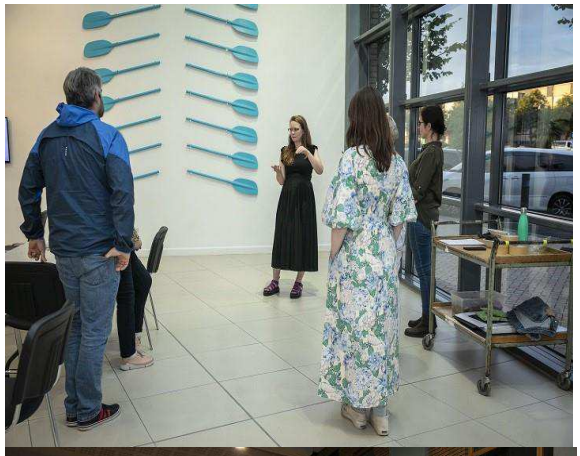
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Balbriggan













LIBRARIES

Launch of My Open Library at Baldoyle Library

The new My Open Library (MOL) service at Baldoyle Library was officially launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony, on Monday 19th September. The My Open Library service offers extended opening hours, providing library access to members from 8:00am to 10:00pm, 365 days per year. Regular staffed hours on the normal schedule continue to ensure optimum delivery of the service, support for service users and community engagement. The staffed hours, combined with the extended My Open Library hours, allow library members to access the library at times that suit them, particularly for those who may not be able to access the library during regular staffed times. Members of the public can sign up to become a My Open Library member at Baldoyle Library during staffed hours. For more information visit https://www.fingal.ie/my-open-library-baldoyle-library



Skerries Library to Open Every Weekend

Fingal Libraries Department is pleased to announce increased opening hours at Skerries Library commencing Friday 30th September 2022. Skerries Library will now open every Friday and Saturday, enhancing accessibility at the Library and allowing library staff to engage further with the community. In June, Skerries Library relocated to a temporary library at 56 Church Street which offers a full range of library services. The temporary library will remain open during the renovation and extension of the Carnegie Library.

Fingal Festival of Children's Literature

Fingal's first Festival of Children's Literature was a huge success comprising of 35 events, involving every Fingal Library and reaching 12 schools, engaging with hundreds of children in the Fingal area. The actual festival day consisted of an action-packed day of fun and discovery with over 600 children and their families attending free talks and workshops at Swords Castle on Saturday 17 September. Children loved meeting many of Ireland's best authors and illustrators, and with circus performers, face painters, Lego and arts and crafts workshops, everyone left with imaginations bursting. The book gifting element of the festival was very much appreciated by the families and the authors. Every child who attended the event was gifted with a free book, making it a unique and popular aspect of the festival. There was so much positive feedback on the day and subsequent days, with one mother and daughter declaring it "the best day ever".



Culture Night at Fingal Libraries

Culture Night at Fingal Libraries was enjoyed by both young and old with events running at 3 library locations: Fingal Local Studies & Archives, Blanchardstown and Malahide Library. It was Fingal Local Studies first time to open on Culture Night and over 40 people enjoyed the tour which included a look at some of Fingal Libraries most popular historical collections. At Blanchardstown and Malahide Library, audiences enjoyed a variety of cultural events including storytelling, music, and dance. Blanchardstown Library was delighted to welcome the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony to launch the proceedings on the night. With over 1,000 people attending both events, Library staff and the local communities celebrated together the wealth of culture that Fingal has to offer.



The Write Time Festival

Autumn got under way at Fingal Libraries with The Write Time, a creative writing programme of events which ran throughout September. This year's festival embraced all aspects of Fingal with inclusion being the main theme across the series of free workshops. Award-winning writer Anne McDonald curated the creative writing programme and produced a broad range of inspiring online and in-person workshops which were well attended across the branches.

Fingal Festival of History

Fingal's sixth annual Festival of History will run from Monday 10th to Saturday 15th October 2022 across a number of Fingal branches, and Swords Castle. After two years of online talks and events Fingal Libraries welcome back live audiences. The programme this year is a celebration of the abundance of historians who live within Fingal and who have researched numerous facets of Fingal life. Explore the full programme of events in the Fingal Festival of History brochure https://www.fingal.ie/news/fingal-festival-history-2022

Employment Skills Workshop for Ukrainians

Over the last number of months Baldoyle Library has been delighted to welcome many members of our new Ukrainian community to free English classes as well as to a weekly English conversation group. Following on from feedback from the community, the Library organised an Employment Skills Workshop for Ukrainians on Monday 19th September. The event was sponsored by the Europe Direct Centre which is based at Blanchardstown Library. Jill Barrett, an accredited Leadership Coach and Trainer facilitated an inclusive and interactive workshop suitable for those seeking full-time or part-time work in Ireland. The workshop covered topics such as CVs, cover letters, application forms and how to get to grips with the current Irish jobs market. Feedback from the facilitator and the participants was extremely positive.

New Fingal Libraries Mobile Stop at Castleknock Community Centre

Fingal Libraries have introduced a new mobile stop at Castleknock Community Centre. The first visit occurred on Thursday 15th September and visits will continue on alternate Thursdays.
Fingal Mobile Libraries have also established a new school stop at Danu Community Special School in Blanchardstown. Danu CSS is a secondary school for children with special learning needs. The first visit to the school was on Friday 16th September and visits will continue on a monthly basis.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy



The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group met on the 6th September and commenced planning for a Student Skills Expo in 2023.

The Green Skills and Construction sub-groups met in person in September and advanced work on their objectives, mapping course provision and surveys.

The Council has been engaging with Balbriggan Chamber and local businesses to provide mentoring assistance to secondary schools in Balbriggan and is seeking mentors from the community to support students in participating schools. Mentoring training is being provided through the Trinity Access Programme in October (online or in-person).

Urbact Playful Towns





The Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) met to plan a programme of Halloween Events which will be promoted during October.

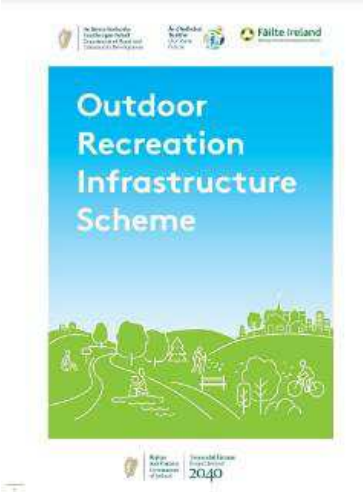
Local estates made use of the Let's Play Rush Play-bags, running spontaneous play events.

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

CERV is an EU Funding Programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. Fingal County Council has been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects:

1. Green IT Your Work
   The project aims to encourage young people in the green transition & promote green jobs.
   Project Term: 24 months
   Partners: Cities in Romania; Spain; Greece; Cyprus; Slovenia; Croatia & Italy
   Funding Awarded to FCC as a project partner: €18,500

2. InclusEU
   This project aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe.
   Project Term: 24 months
   Partners: Cities in Spain; Romania; Netherlands; Poland; Hungary; Portugal & Italy
   Funding Awarded to FCC as a project partner: €18,500



Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The Department of Rural & Community Development under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) is providing funding of €23,400 to support the Castleknock Historical Walking Trail.

Turner & Townsend and Langan Engineers have been appointed to carry out a Feasibility Study for a tidal swimming pool/sea-swimming platform in Balbriggan with ORIS funding support of €50,000.

ORIS is also providing funding of €28,800 for enhancements to the Balbriggan Historical Walking Trail.

Sustainable Fingal

The Council is working with SEAI Energy Academy to encourage businesses to apply for the Support Scheme for Energy Audits (SSEA) to access a €2,000 voucher towards the cost of a high-quality energy audit to help reduce energy bills. Further information on the grant is available at: https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/small-and-medium-business/supports/energy-audits/

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

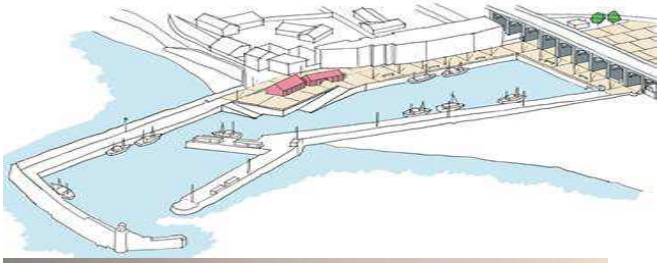
Fingal County Council has been awarded €150,000 by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage under the Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme for a Feasibility Study for the development of regional innovation/enterprise hubs along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor. The Council is leading on the project with the support of the eight local authorities and two universities of the DBEC partnership.

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



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group 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 Leadership Group, Chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, met on September 28th to provide further oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation.

An information update will be provided to all households and businesses in Balbriggan in Q4 detailing progress and anticipated completions across all physical elements.





The proposed re-development for Quay Street and Harbour is currently in part 8 planning process. Public Consultations were held between 7th July and 19th August, with 100 submissions received. Due to present to full Council in October on the advent of its approval works would be anticipated to commence on site in Q1 2024.

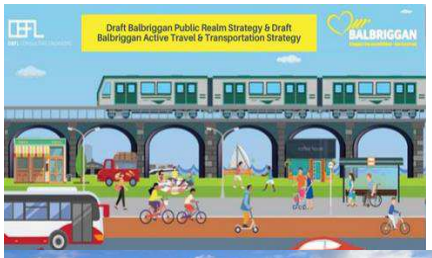


In advance of the full transformation of the Harbour (former O'Sheas Night Club) the site has been levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space'. Steel Corten planters with timber framed seating will be affixed in October and the area planted. A temporary tarmac finish has been installed to make the area safe and to allow pedestrian access only.

Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for 2-4 Dublin Street, are progressing Stage 2a Detailed Design. The renovation of these buildings include the provision of artistic studios, a Creative & Digital Hub, a public courtyard, and a gallery/multifunctional space. Internal and external consultations are ongoing with full public design display scheduled end Q4 2022.



DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing final preparations on a Balbriggan Draft Active Travel & Transportation Plan. DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) who are developing in tandem a Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy and Design Guide to ensure coherent, effective, sustainable transformative development.





Malachy Walsh & Partners have been appointed as the Consultant Engineer Design Team to deliver a small works package of improvements to the Harbour. Contractors for the works package to upgrade and enhance the facilities and amenities of the harbour are anticipated on site in Q4 2022, for completion in Q1 2023. Funding of €289,000 for this project was secured by Operations Dept. in April 2022 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. It is anticipated further upgrades and funding will follow for improvements including dredging of the harbour.





The Our Balbriggan Hub opened its doors to celebrate Culture Night 2022 Balbriggan and marked the occasion with a special photographic exhibition featuring 17 images captured by local photographers each of whom were presented with a framed Artwork Piece by local artist Alison O'Grady by the Deputy Lord Mayor Cathal Boland. Other highlights throughout the evening included the North Fingal Comhaltas Ceoltóiri Eireann – Craobh na Mara who held a musical performance on Georges Square, also a popup venue provided a stage where the local artistic community were

involved in curating artistic, spoken word and musical workshops throughout the evening.

The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media (SM) channels, Facebook (FB), Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn.

Local & Rural Development

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme.

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. Introductory seminars on the statutory role, consultation process and suggested thematic areas to be addressed in the new LECP have been held online and recordings of these can be viewed on the Department of Rural & Community Development's website.

SICAP

The 2022 Fingal SICAP Programme has seen a considerable increase in budget to €1.39 million for 2022.

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme have been leveraged to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis. The SICAP Programme continues to help in the response to this crisis and is a central resource to the work of the Ukrainian Refugee Community Response Forum. Additional funding has been received from the DRCD to help with the delivery of services to Ukrainian Refugees in Fingal and additional staffing resources from the Ukrainian community have been employed on the ground to assist with this.

The annual engagement meeting between the Fingal LCDC and Pobal will be held in October to review 2022 and to plan for 2023.

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 cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Funding 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. 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. The most recent LAG Meeting was held in September.

The Total number of projects approved under the 2021/22 Transition Programme to date is 27. Fingal accounts for 88% of total projects approved in the Transition Programme.

A new Renewable Energy Training Programme will be delivered in Q4 of 2022. Advertisement and registration for this course has taken place.

Smart Village Training has commenced for LAG Members, Independent Evaluation Committee Members and Executive Staff. This training will be rolled out across community groups in advance of the next LEADER Programme. Two new Rural Development Officers were appointed in Fingal LEADER recently increasing the capacity of the LAG to implement the agreed programme.
The DRCD has announced details of the new LEADER Programme from 2023 and the selection process for LAGs to implement the new programme. The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG will endeavour to maximise the levels of funding secured for Rural Dublin in the new programme.

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 currently have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/ individuals 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 September were all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

Drinan Enterprise Centre was successful in its application to the recent Connected Hubs Funding Call. Drinan secured €75,000, the maximum available through the funding call. The approved funding will develop and enhance the existing remote working facilities, making the remote hub more attractive to remote workers. This will involve the addition of 8 new work zones bringing to 10 the number of remote work zones that will be available at the centre. There will be enhanced and individualised secure wi-fi access per zone desk, with upgrades to the standard of desks available, new secure lockers and new zone décor. A new Creative Studio is to be incorporated into the internal building improvements. Externally, new electric charging points are to be added with new solar panels to address sustainability, generate electricity for the remote working hub and to reduce operational costs.



Demand for the new Remote Working Hubs in BASE and Beat remain strong particularly after the Connected Free Voucher Scheme during August. A second Connected Hubs Free Voucher Scheme has now also been launched.

During September, Fingal County Council was approved for €50,000 in new funding to promote Remote Working Hubs in the County under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Marketing Measure.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

The 2022 Town and Village Renewal Scheme was launched in early Summer by the Department of Rural & Community Development. As in previous years, Fingal County Council sought expressions of interest from Community Groups / Promoters for potential projects in Fingal, that could be submitted for funding to the DRCD. A number of projects were submitted for consideration by the DRCD in the following Towns and Villages: Balrothery, Portmarnock, Donabate, Ballyboughal, Garristown, Naul, Loughshinny, Oldtown and Portrane. The outcome of this application process is awaited.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2022

The DRCD approved the nomination of Rush as a selected town for funded streetscape enhancement projects. Residents, businesses and community groups in Rush were asked during September to apply with expressions of interest for grants for various enhancement measures such as painting, shopfront repair, signage, lighting and planting. Projects will be 80% funded by the DRCD, with 20% co-funding from Fingal County Council. The maximum funding per building is €10,000 overall. The Local Development Section is currently engaging with groups in Rush further to expressions of interest received.

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Local Enterprise Office

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

Fingal Business Network



Fingal Local Enterprise Office launched the Fingal Business Network on 27th September 2022.
Fingal Mayor Cllr Howard Mahony launched the new "Fingal Business Network" on Tuesday 27th of September at the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport. Motivational Speaker Paul McNeive was on hand to detail his own journey in rehabilitation hospital and how he now sources motivation and positivity in his life. Facilitated by Noel Davidson, the networking event provided over 100 attendees

with the opportunity to connect with other like-minded entrepreneurs in a relaxed and supportive setting. The Network is aimed at owner/managers of small and medium businesses in the Fingal area to encourage information sharing, discussion, peer to peer learning and facilitated networking among local businesses.

Fingal Export Development Programme



A new export development programme has been launched by Fingal LEO running throughout Q4 2022. The programme is aimed at preparing SMEs to be 'export ready' by improving their strategy, sales & marketing, business planning, productivity, and leadership capabilities. The programme will deliver a suite of workshops, one-to-one mentoring sessions, and toolkits that will support SMEs in developing their business capabilities to engage in new markets and export opportunities culminating in an export plan. The overall programme will aim to embed an understanding of the core business skills essential for SMEs to compete more effectively in new export markets.

Fingal Training Schedule underway



LEO Fingal has hit the ground running in September as business training was resumed alongside a host of events throughout the month. We kicked off the first in-person Start Your Own Business course since training went online due to Covid on September 13th 2022 in the Business Training Facility in County Hall Swords. Other training in September included Financial, Digital Marketing & Lean courses amongst other topics.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV (Trading Online Voucher) 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. 87 applications have been approved in 2022, in the amount of €183,114.00



The next TOV Seminar will take place on Friday 11th November 2022 in the RIASC Centre. There is still strong interest in E-trading with applications and approvals running at nearly double pre-covid years.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



Fingal's Female Entrepreneurs were out in force on Thursday, the 8th of September for a special friendship-themed event "Circle of Friends" at The Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin. The networking event, hosted by Local Enterprise Office Fingal, presented a fantastic opportunity for businesswomen to mingle with like-minded entrepreneurs and form valuable friendships. Friendship circles was the topic of the day, with a series of keynote speakers including Wendy Stunt, Allison Keating, Amy Herbert and Caroline St. Leger sharing their extensive expertise and emphasising the importance of having a reliable circle of friends to source support from on their individual business journeys.

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The August Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 28th of September. Eight applications were approved for grant assistance totalling €141,750. Year to date, 39 applications have been approved for a total of €882,645. The next EVAC meeting will take place on Wednesday the 26th of October.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online and now have an option for clients to meet in person in the Business Advice Clinic based in County Hall, Swords. In September 2022, 9 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 77 clients in Fingal. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors and 332 Fingal clients have received this mentoring to date in 2022.

Student Enterprise Programme



Fingal's Student Entrepreneurs gathered at County Hall today to launch the 2022/23 Fingal Student Enterprise Programme. 20 Second level schools with over 1,000 students across Fingal have already signed up to participate in this year's programme. The savvy students will develop their own actual businesses, researching, resourcing, trading services and products, with the guidance of business mentors. Joining the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony were Chief Executive of Fingal County Council AnnMarie Farrelly and Head of Enterprise Oisin Geoghegan to launch this year's programme included last year's Fingal Student winners as well as sponsors of the Fingal competition.

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. 11 applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland) in 2022 year to date.

Showcase Ireland



Local Enterprise Office Fingal is continuing our support and commitment of the Home & Gift, Fashion and Jewellery sectors by offering a limited number of exhibition spaces to clients at Showcase 2023. LEO Fingal is currently accepting online applications from interested clients who wish to exhibit at Showcase 2023 and following a selection process, a number of stands will be offered to qualifying Fingal based craft/design businesses. Showcase Ireland 2023 will take place from 22nd – 24th January, 2023 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. This four-day trade show is recognised as one Ireland's largest international trade shows and offers manufacturers, designers and craft makers the opportunity to exhibit their new collections.

National Ploughing Championships 2022



The Local Enterprise Office network hosted a Local Enterprise Village in the heart of the Ploughing Championships to provide an opportunity for clients to take full advantage of this unique consumer event. Donabate-based Designworks Photography represented Fingal at the event and reported strong success.

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Works Programmes

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Overflow Car Parking - Newbridge Demesne

An unused area to the rear of the sports pitches in Newbridge Demesne has been surfaced with a stone surfacing to cater for additional car parking generated by sports clubs using the Demesne. This is to provide a temporary solution to the winter months parking issues until the official overflow car park is fully upgraded. New access has been provided through the existing access on Cobbe's Lane via the Dog Off Leash Area. It is now planned to complete the entry and exit into the dog off leash area with dedicated and secure entrance and exit points.



Ward River Valley Park – Public Toilet and Temporary Changing Room Provision

As part of the installation of the new All-Weather Sports Area in the Ward River Valley Park, the unused storage containers have been removed and are being replaced with temporary changing rooms and public toilets until a more permanent building is in place. The changing room units will be under the control of the sports clubs sharing the sports facility and the public toilets will be managed and maintained as part of the public toilet provision managed by the Operations Department.





Ward River Valley Park – Refurbishment of Steps Contract commences

Contract has commenced on site with the removal and replacement of the first set out of 3 of the woodland steps in the Ward River Valley Park. The first set of steps is adjacent to Highfield Estate.





Portrane – Replacement Bollards

As part of the 2022 Programme of Works all existing older wooden bollards along the sea front have been replaced. The scheme will be finished with a cobbled edge between the edge of path and rear of bollard to give a cleaner mowing grass edge.



Rathbeale Road, Swords – New Landscaping Scheme

As part of the 2022 Programme of Works this important entrance area to Swords on the Rathbeale Road is being relandscaped in a scheme agreed with Swords Tidy Towns





Skerries - Springers Swimming Area – Railing Refurbishment

As part of ongoing refurbishment works to the swimming areas in Skerries a full re-painting of all exiting railings has been completed at the Springers Swimming Area. It is planned to continue with painting at The Captains Swimming area in the coming months.



Beach Showers – Rush South Beach & Balbriggan Beach

As part of the continuing Beach infrastructure Improvements, two new beach showers have been installed at Rush South Beach and Balbriggan Beach. Additional surfacing works will be carried out around the base of the showers over the winter months.





South Beach Rush – New Path

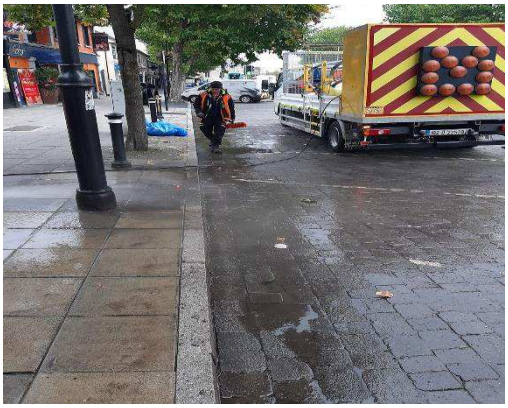
As part of the 2022 Programme of Works a new access path has been installed across the open space linking the car park to South Shore Road.



Cleansing Crew – Swords Area

Recent large scale cleansing crew tasks have included removal of fly tipping at Rolestown. Clean up on Swords Main Street and finally large-scale dumping at Holywell.







Howth/Malahide Area

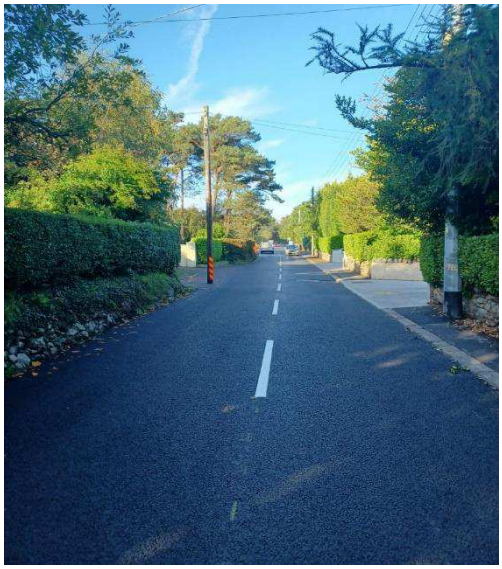
Parks
Kettles Park New walking route installed.

60 meters pedestrian pathway is now complete. The all-weather pathway allows walkers to follow a route along the boundary of the park with access from the car park.



Depot Works

The Roads Operations Crew for Howth Malahide replaced defective footpaths on Dungriffin Road in Howth prior to the road being overlaid on the 2022 Roads POW.



The roads crews also upgraded the entrance to Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Club prior to it being Inlaid by a contractor as part of the 2022 Capital Works Programme. The original entrance was narrow and there was no safe route for pedestrians to access the leisure centre.



The Roads Crew installed footpaths and removed the large pillars to give pedestrians a safe route into the sports and leisure centre. The works made access and egress safer for cyclists and pedestrians. They also installed drop kerbs in the centre carpark to facilitate the installation of pedestrian access to the building and the various pitches.



The crews in the cemeteries continued landscaping works levelling and spreading grass seed on graves in Balgriffin Cemetery



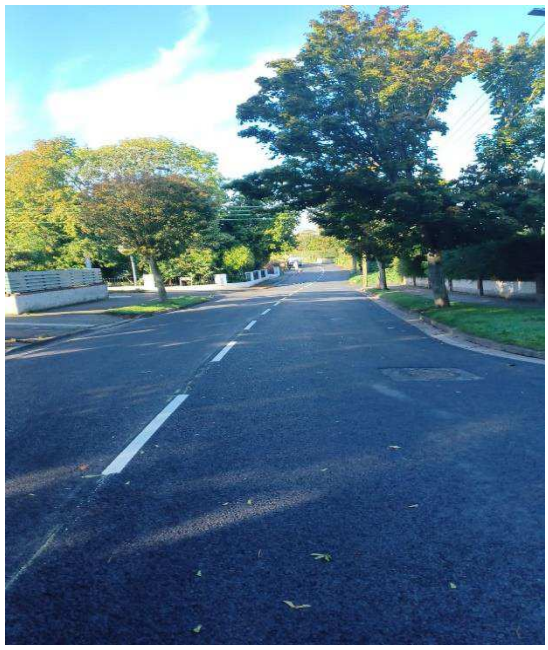


Parks Crews continued cutting meadows that had been left to grow over the Summer for biodiversity.



Programme of Works

The full length of Dungriffin Road in Howth was inlaid.





The Carpark at the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre was inlaid. Line markings are to

commence on the 29.09.2022 at 7pm. This will facilitate the new traffic and pedestrian routes.



The inlaying of a 1.6km section of Stockhole Lane from the Cloghran Roundabout to Baskin Lane has commenced and is progressing well. The structural repairs have been completed and the inlay will commence on the 3/10/2022.





Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Accessible Calisthenics Outdoor Gyms

Equipment installed in Tír na nÓg Park in Carpenterstown and Waterville Park in Blanchardstown as part of the Capital Works Programme.





Shackelton's Gardens

Recent tour of Shackelton's Gardens for 12 members of the CRC, given by Gilbert DeJong.



Tree Works on Old Navan Road

Before and after photos of Old Navan Road cycle path following the tree crew clearing the cycle path.





Premier Business Park

Before and after photos showing flail works at Premier Business Park.





Fortlawn Community Centre

Re-lining of beds at Fortlawn Community Centre.



Emergency Tree Works

Removal and clean-up of tree that fell into back garden of house on Delwood Road from the open space at Glenville Garth.



Pitches

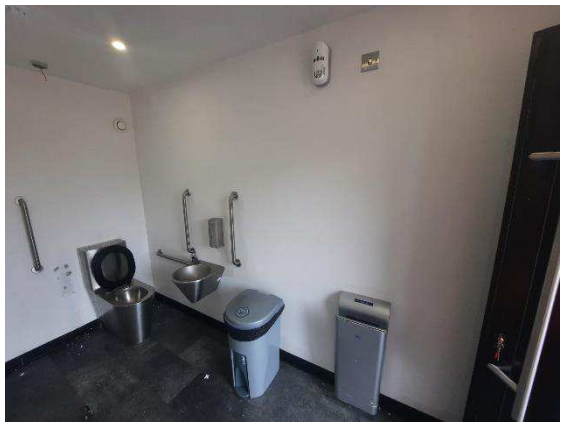
Area around Cricket Pitch in Tyrrelstown that has been re-laid after damage caused to this area.



Graffiti

Graffiti removed from toilets in Millennium Park.





Planting

Perennial flower beds planted at Blakestown Drive, Clonsilla Road, Lanesborough Roundabout and Church View.











Car Park at St. Catherine's Park Lucan

New Bod Pave surfacing in St. Catherine's Park.



Stone Wall at Millennium Park Blanchardstown



Hartstown Park

New Agility trail built through woodland in Hartstown Park.



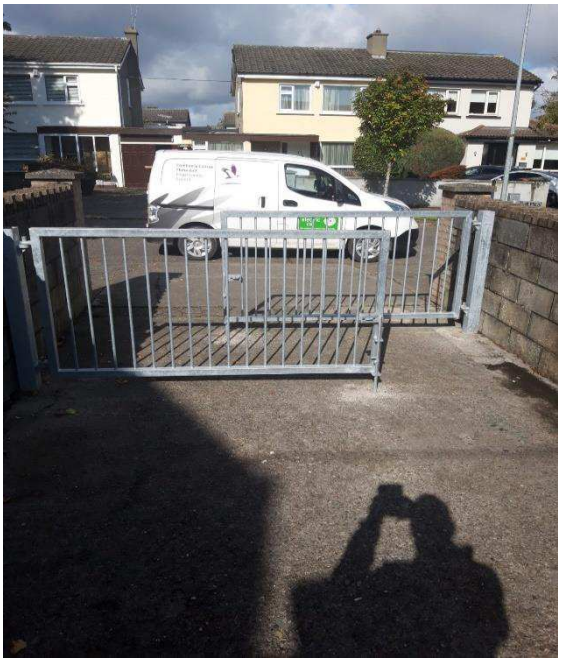






Woodview Grove

New swing barriers at Woodview Grove



Coolmine Recycling Centre

New line marking at Coolmine Recycling Centre



Castleknock Downs

Footpath works at Castleknock Downs.





Meakstown

New signs at Meakstown, installed in conjunction with local residents and community groups.





Countywide

Joint Policing Committee Public Meetings

The annual series of Joint Policing Committee Public meetings started on Tuesday 27th September with the Public Meeting for Balbriggan area and continued on Wednesday 28th September in Blanchardstown. Both meetings were well attended and plenty of engagement and discussion with the attendees and Gardaí and Local Authority officials.



Bracken Court, Balbriggan



Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown

Further meetings will take place in October

- **Wed 5th October from 7pm to 8.30pm** – Grand Hotel, Malahide – for Swords, Malahide, Santry, Portmarnock, Portrane, Donabate areas.

- **Thu 20th October from 7pm to 8.30pm** – Marine Hotel Sutton – for Howth, Sutton and Baldoyle (parts of) and area.

This is an opportunity for members of the public to come along to meet with their local Gardaí and Fingal County Council staff to discuss policing and safety issues in their locality.
All documentation and presentations to Fingal JPC are available on the Fingal Website at www.fingal.ie/JPC

Car Parking Services

August 2022

There was a total of 1,862 parking tickets issued during August 2022.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

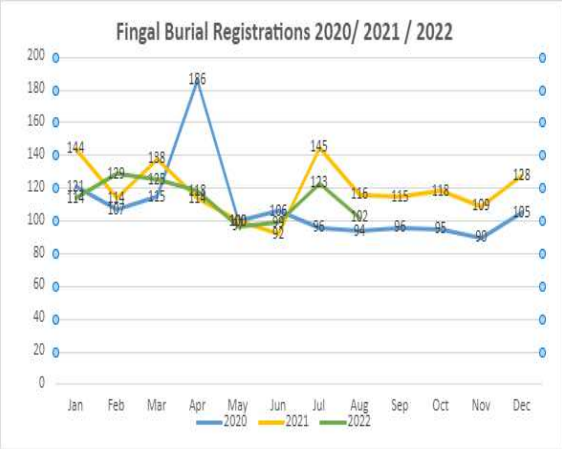
Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	547	29.38%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	261	14.02%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	749	40.23%
Disabled Parking Bay	20	1.07%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	285	15.31%
Total	**1862**	**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 102 Internments in August 2022.

The draft Burial Ground Bye-Laws were on public display until 14th September 2022 and will be brought to the Area Meetings in November.



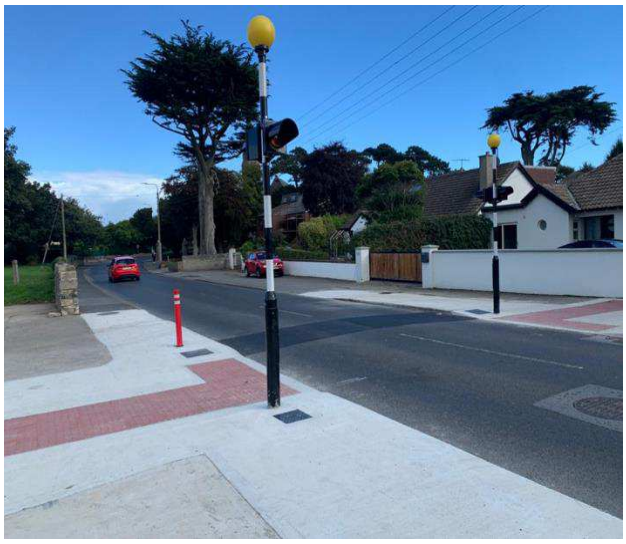
Traffic Operations County-wide

Works are ongoing to deliver the Programme of Works across all areas.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Signals Contract

New Pedestrian Crossing Contract Works commenced at Miller's Lane near Skerries Mills. The works include new zebra crossing and footpath improvement works.

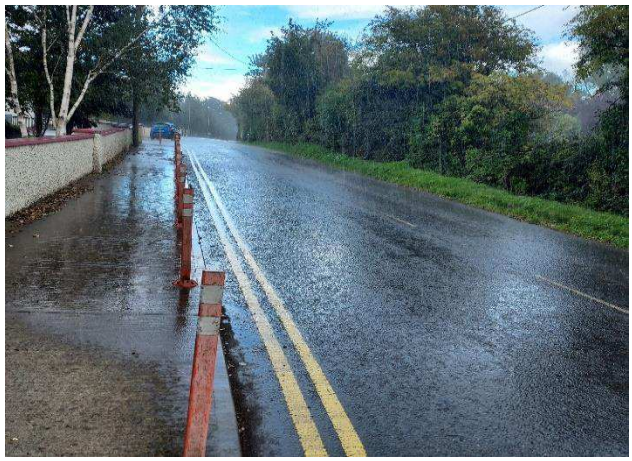


Skerries- Miller's Lane Pedestrian Crossing works in progress

New Road Lining Contract



Swords – Bridge Street @ Castle Shopping Ctr – New Yellow Box Lining



Garristown- New double yellow lining at St. Mary's National School

New Road Lining & Traffic Calming Contract





Donabate - Beaverstown Road @ Educate Together – Traffic Calming Ramps & School Lining



Lusk- New Traffic Calming Ramps at Minister's Road works in progress

New Traffic Signs



R129 – New Warning Sign installed

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New Signals Contract

Works were completed in August at the junction of Snugborough Road and Grove Road in June. The works include significant civils upgrade works to all crossings and new LED traffic lights.



Junction upgrade at Snugborough Road and Grove Road

Road Lining Contract



The road lining was refreshed outside St. Mochta's National School on both the Porterstown Road and the Clonsilla Road



The central island on the R135 at Coolquay Gateway has been fully painted yellow to endorse visibi8lkity of the island when approaching the gateway

Howth/Malahide Area

Road Lining Contract



Burrowfield Road, Sutton to prevent illegal parking on the footpath



Lauders Lane to improve Traffic flows to Burrow Beach



Low Rock Malahide to prevent blockage of residential access





Lining of Kettles Park, Kettles Lane for parking

Concrete Kerbing Works to assist pedestrian movements

- Carrickbrack Road - Heath Junction



During Works



After Works

- **Junction of Shielmartin Road**



During Works



After Works

Feltrim Road and Aspen Road
Removal of Maple trees by junction and widening of pedestrian kerbing to road to improve pedestrian access



Before



After

Junction of Hill Drive and Drumnigh Road (R124)
On site assistance provided to Road maintenance section in providing for new kerbing and tactile layout





Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

108 hires were put in place from 1st September 2022 to 29th September 2022, engaging 27 suppliers.

Fully Electric Woodchipper purchased for Operations Dept.



Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022 with 96% of all lights switched to LEDS.



Testing of Balbriggan main streets new LED system under way



Phase two of Pine Grove, Swords trial motion activation lighting system under construction

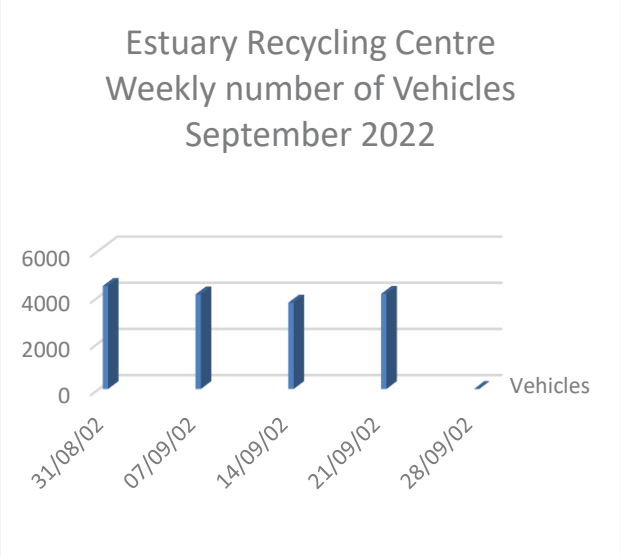


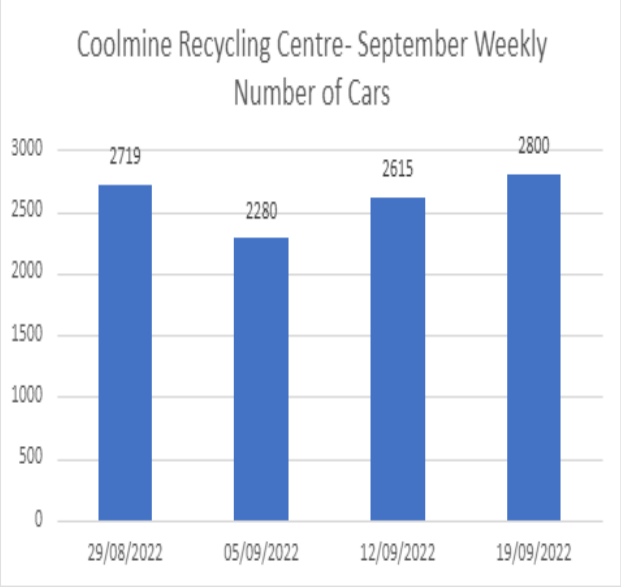
Hands Lane Lusk gets new lighting system



Watery Lane, Swords gets EV (Electric Vehicle) upgrade

Recycling Centre's Update





The Review of Pricing and the provision of Free Bulky Waste Service at Coolmine and Estuary Recycling Centres was completed and was presented to the Transportation and Infrastructure SPC on the 6th of September 2022. The report will go to the Environment and Climate Action SPC in October and the 3 Area Committees in November. The report will then go to the full Council in December. The Council will be making budget provision for an increase in charges for 2023 in line with pricing in adjoining local authorities.

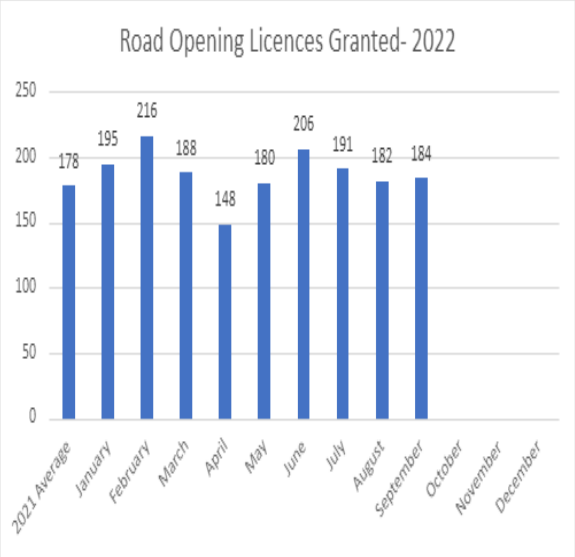
Licences

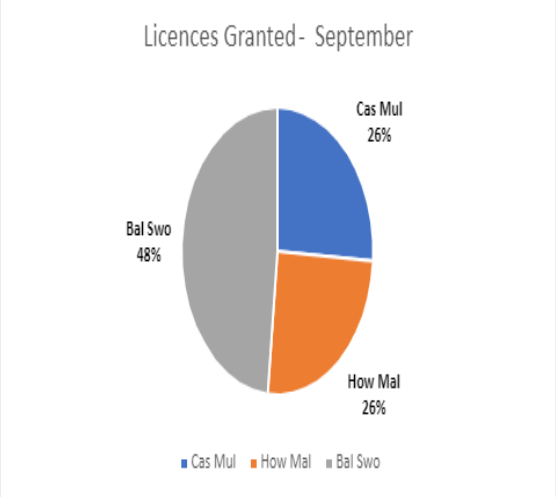
Road Opening Licences:

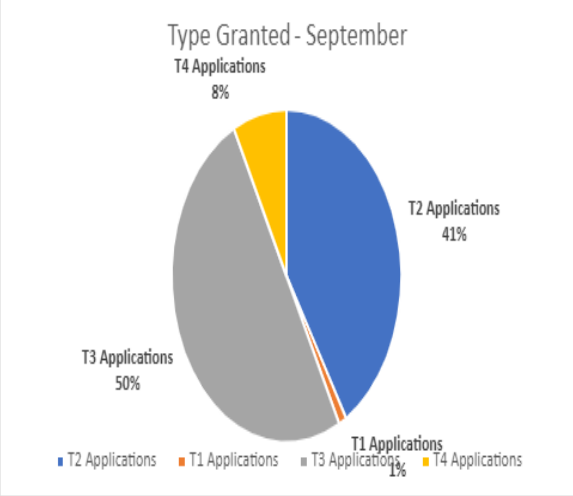
The new efficiency functionality with respect to automated granting of T3 licences is operating well. Since 1st June 2022, the majority of T3 ROL applications have been granted by way of automation and 3 Clerk of Works has been appointed to Swords/Balbriggan, Castleknock/Mulhuddart and Howth/Malahide areas to carryout to improved post inspection of all road openings by utilities.

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.

184 Licences were granted in the month of September.







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.

Street Furniture Licences & Parklets

Street Furniture Licences are granted under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act as amended. All existing licences will expire on the 31st of December 2022.

A new Enforcement Officer has been appointed to regulate the issuing of license's and to monitor the usage of street furniture by local businesses. To date in August three Street Furniture inspections have been carried out with a fourth planned for this week.

Fingal County Council is looking to build a positive working relationship with local businesses & help implement the positive use of Street Furniture throughout the county. In the coming months communication between the Operations Department & local businesses will increase significantly.

The Council will proceed with enforcement proceedings under the planning legislation where outdoor dining is taking place without a valid licence. Total number of licences is as follows for the 3 areas:



Parklets

There are several parklets throughout the County that were installed by the Council on a temporary basis to facilitate outdoor dining during Covid.

The Council is currently carrying out a review of all parklets, their condition, usage etc. and will look at options going forward that will increase the area to facilitate street furniture licensing. Parklets not in use and where there is no application for a SFL will be removed.



Street Furniture Licences	Total Applications	Total Valid	Refused	Withdrawn	Pending
Cas/Mul	3	2	0	1	0
Bal/Swo	17	15	1	1	0
How/Mal	28	27	1	1	0
Countywide	48	44	2	3	0



Casual Trading Licence

Casual Trading inspections have increased in recent weeks with the newly appointed Enforcement Officer carrying out inspections & engaging with traders about a variety of issues. Considerable interest has been shown in some of our vacant casual trading pitches with ongoing communication with several potential applicants.

Casual Trading Licences	Total Designated Areas	Total Pitches	Pitches Assigned by Lottery	Rejected by Applicant	Granted	Pending
Cas/Mul	8	16*	6	3	3	0
Bal/Swo	13	23*	14	2	7	5
How/Mal	11	23*	17	0	5	12
Countywide	32	62*	37	5	15	17

Water Services

Water and Wastewater Connections

There are 19 applications in progress with Fingal as of 27th September 2022, this consists of 17 drainage connection applications and 2 water connection applications as per the Irish Water System Maximo/d365.

36 applications returned to Irish water so far in September 2022 .

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations Update

Operation and maintenance of the Stormwater Network is ongoing.

- Phase 1 works to install a section of new Stormwater (surface water) Network in Ballyboughal is completed. These works were carried out in conjunction with FCC's Housing Department. Discussions with the private landowner with respect to the laying of the final section of this network are on-going. Works in relation to the laying the final section of this storm sewer are planned to be completed by Q1 2023.
- The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced in the Balbriggan and the Dungriffin road areas.
- CCTV Surveys were also carried out in Treen Hill in Lusk to identify the source of road flooding. A misconnection survey was also carried out along Lower Main Street in Rush. This was as a result of reports of malodours. No issues were found within the network and the source of malodour was attributed to rotting seaweed in the Harbour. Further misconnection surveys were carried out in Bridge Street, Quay Street and Mill Street in the Harbour area of Balbriggan to identify the source of poor water quality sample at the Harbour Outfall. A foul to surface misconnection was subsequently identified and has since been removed.
- CCTV surveys were also carried out on the Thormanby Road in Howth. This was to identify the condition of the line but no faults were found.
- Recently completed works include the installation of 30m of Stormwater diversion in the Admiral Park estate in Baldoyle. This will resolve a long-standing issue with flooding in the roadway and the green areas of the estate.
- A misconnection survey is currently taking place along the Coolmine Industrial estate to the M1 line to identify misconnection locations following reports of pollution in the Tolka River.
- The Stormwater preventative maintenance cycle is ongoing for 2022. It has been set up to record and map the condition of the Stormwater network in a number of estates in the Fingal area. A contractor was procured with a jet vac recycler truck and CCTV camera van. Hire started in early February initially on a 4-week hire. A number of estates were identified, and work began in Portmarnock Hill/Rise in Portmarnock. The objective of this work is to undertake maintenance in jetting the network, and to identify any deficiencies within the network, to provide a CCTV survey and log and report the condition of the lines and the associated manholes.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects

- **Portrane Canal**

Fingal County Council has closed out on the Portrane Canal Project following a final agreement reached and signed off with the existing landowners in Portane.

- **Bath Avenue**

Fingal County Council has commenced surveying sections of the existing drainage network serving Bath Avenue in Malahide where a number of

sections have failed and require repair and upgrade. Fingal County Council hopes to commence site investigations at Bath Avenue in November 2022 with upgrade works planned for Q1 2023.

- **Howth Culvert Stormwater Network Upgrade**

Roughan O'Donovan (ROD) has completed the 1st phase hydraulic modelling of the existing Howth Stormwater Network. Fingal County Council are currently preparing the tender documents for a CCTV conditioning survey which is required as part of the second phase of the project.

Once the condition survey has been completed ROD will be able to determine the scope of upgrade works required to ensure the existing network has sufficient capacity for current and future needs.

- **Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Upgrade**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage rejected Fingal County Council's application for the required pair works to the surface water outfall at Burro Beach be considered exempt works under the auspice of the Foreshore Licence Act. Fingal County Council is now commencing the process of applying for the required foreshore licence for the required works.

- **The Bawn Malahide**

Fingal County Council has prepared a scope of works to upgrade and future proof the existing stormwater network serving The Bawn, Malahide. The scope of works includes hydraulic modelling of the contributing catchment, condition survey of existing network and preliminary design of required upgrade.

- **Wendell Avenue/ Drewbury Park/Heatherfield Walk**

Following a number of condition surveys of the stormwater network in Portmarnock, stormwater rehabilitation works are required in Wendell Avenue, Drewbury Park and Heather Walk Portmarnock. Fingal Council are planning to upgrade approximately 300 metres of stormwater network with works due to commence in October 2022.

Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

Make contact at **localrepsupport@water.ie** or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.
Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.

Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278.**

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/# publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

The Council will continue to work to implement Government policy in regard to water.

Framework for future of Water Services

A new framework for the future of water services developed through an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission was announced by the Minister on 24th June 2022. The Framework will help to ensure a stable operational environment is maintained as the water sector completes the transition to a national water services authority, based on the full integration of public water services within Irish Water.

To facilitate the transition to a national water services authority, the Framework provides for:

1. Irish Water to assume responsibility for the management and direction of water services operation and activities

2. The voluntary transfer, of existing local authority water services staff to Irish Water as permanent employees between now and 2026.
3. The identification of opportunities for water services staff not transferring to Irish Water to avail of opportunities to re-deploy to other areas within Local Authorities.
4. The commencement of water services staff recruitment directly by Irish Water to fill vacancies arising in Water Services.
5. A voluntary redundancy scheme for local authority water service staff; and
6. A new Irish Water-Local Authority agreement, replacing the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements, to ensure that Irish Water has full accountability for the delivery of water services and direct management of the water services staff who choose to remain employed by their local authority under contract to Irish Water for the transitional period to the end of 2026

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

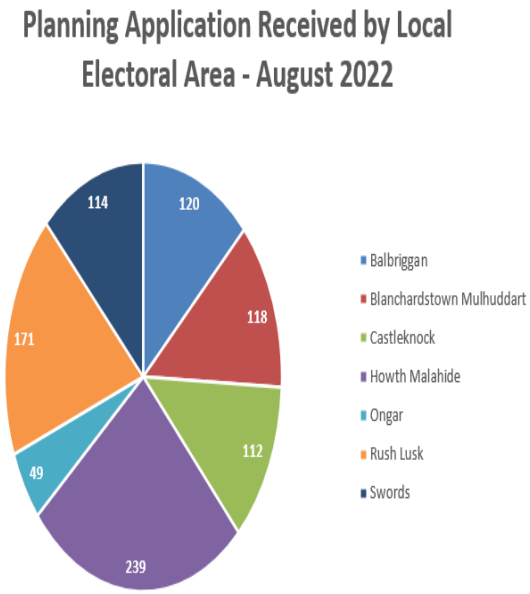
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Planning Applications

There have been 923 planning applications received to the end of August 2022, 82 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 841 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Between January and end August 2022, 20 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála totalling 10,776 units. Two decisions were made by the board up to end of August 2022. Of these, 1 application was Granted in May (172 units). One application was Refused in March. There is a total of 20 SHD applications (13,038 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 831 planning decisions have been made to the end of August 2022. There have been 690 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 140 refusals of permission (17%). There have been 57 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 418 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 174 commercial/retail grants of permission and 16 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 9 relate to development of 2 - 20, 4 relates to 20 – 50 and 2 relate to 50 -100 and 1 which relates to 100+.

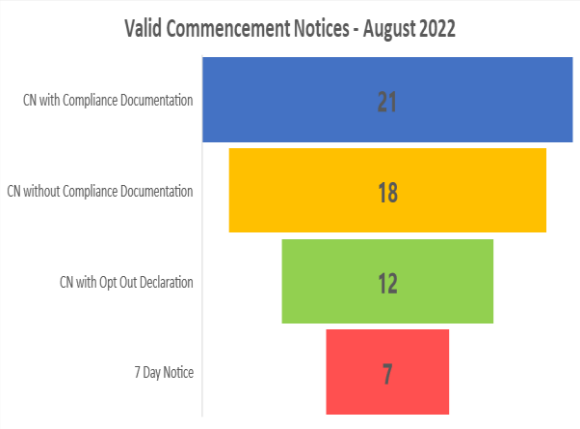
Building Control Admin:

In August 2022, 156 Building Control submissions were received. This was made up of 76 Commencement Notices, 45 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 18 Fire Safety related Certificates and 17 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement Notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are 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 also by hard copy directly into the office. The BCMS system is the preferred option.

The Building Control Admin team processed 109 decisions in August 2022, relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 38 decisions to grant and 71 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Sustainable Swords

The draft Sustainable Swords Strategy went on display on 7th September. The draft Strategy outlines 16 possible projects which would transform Swords.

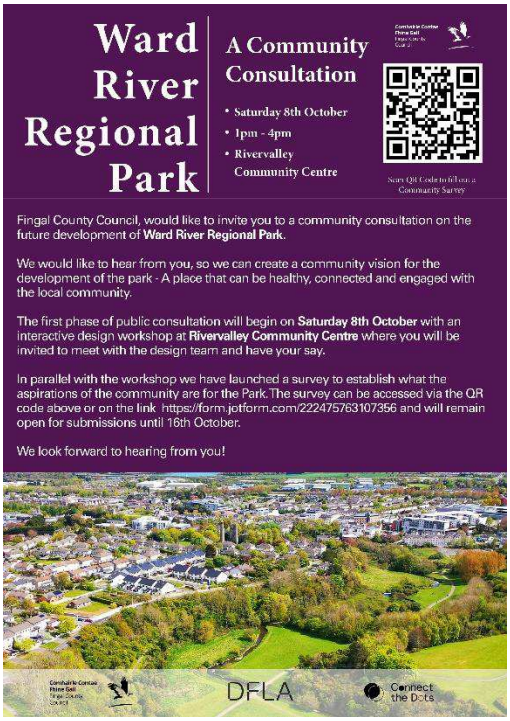
A well-attended webinar took place on 15th September and staff were available at the Pavilions Shopping Centre on the 21st September. Consultation will be ongoing during September with submissions invited until 12th October. More information is available at www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords



Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Ward River Regional Park Development Project

The community consultation on the future development of Ward River Regional Park is underway. The aim of the consultation is to create a community vision for the development of the park - a place that can be healthy, connected and engaged with the local community. The first phase of public consultation begins on Saturday 8th October from 1-4pm with an interactive design workshop at Rivervalley Community Centre where the public will be invited to meet with the design team and have their say. In parallel with the in-person workshop the council have launched a survey to establish what the aspirations of the community are for the Ward River Regional Park. The public have been notified of the survey by advertising in the local press and bus shelters, postering, social media and the councils own website. Meanwhile, the integrated design team have been conducting baseline surveys of the existing lands to inform future proposals for the park.



Recreational Hub at Ward River Regional Park

The installation of the 3G All Weather carpet system at the Recreational Hub in Ward River Valley, commenced during the last week in September. The installation will take 3 to 4 weeks depending on weather conditions. The installation of the 3G system, which will include the importation of 400 tonnes of sand infill to the surface, will constitute a major milestone for the project. Following this, the construction of the Go Games training area adjacent to the new car park

and the landscaping of the carpark will be completed along with the commissioning of the LED sports floodlighting and public lighting to the carpark. The state-of-the-art sporting facility remains on target to be made available to the people of Swords and the surrounding area in the last quarter of this year.

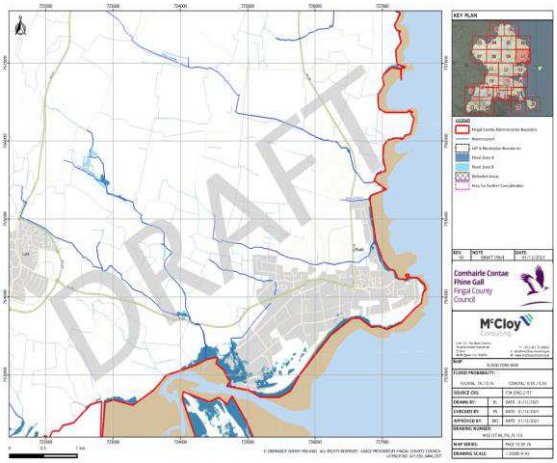


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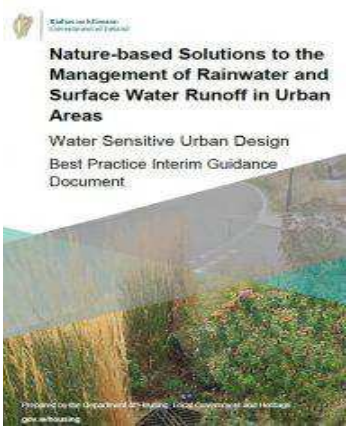
Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

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 & DRAFT report has been completed. This mapping & report will be updated over the coming months subject to new information (Tolka flood study) & submissions received from councillors/public.
- The Water Services Planning Dept has responded to the motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.



- 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.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall`s being experienced.

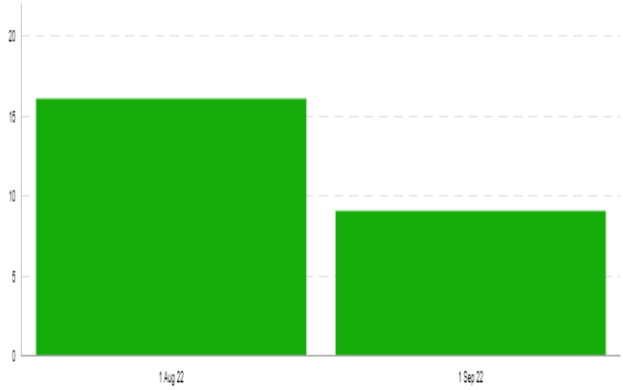
Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

The procurement process has begun for the new Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP) for the new County Development Plan. The SAQ for the above framework was posted on eTenders with a closing date for tender submissions set for 30/09/2022

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section

Building Control

- There were 25 Building control site visits in August and September with 103 separate buildings being inspected.



Taking in Charge

- There were 5 estates/roads Taking in Charge in the September meeting. These were Blackthorn place, Chieftains Way, Bay Meadows phase 1, Castleknock Tennis Club plaza area and Hollywoodrath Phase 1.
- There are 4 developments (Dargans Way, Carrickcourt close, Martello and New Haven Bay) submitted for taking in charge in the October Meeting.
- There are 2 developments, Fairhaven in Castleknock and Balgriffin Road to Belmayne Roundabout Link Road

submitted for Taking in Charge at the December meeting

- The Phase 2 Taking in Charge works being carried out in Drynam estate are complete and we are liaising with the residents in order for them to submit a Taking in Charge request under section 180 of the planning and development act.
- The Taking in Charge works in Thornleigh Estate In Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman are ongoing.
- A contractor has been appointed for taking in charge works in "The Gallops" housing estate in Swords. An initial meeting has taken place and the contractor will be starting work in approximately 3 weeks
- "Cianlea", "Rockabil" and "The Sanctuary" have been priced by direct labour and work will commence October/November.

Pictures



An Insulated concrete formwork (ICF) house under construction in Castleknock



Checking a window opening restrictor in a house in Rolestown

Transportation Planning

Fingal Coastal Way

The Emerging Preferred Route for the Fingal Coastal Way will take place later this month. This involves the publication of a single route corridor for this strategic 32km greenway project. Letters will be posted to approximately 1,000 affected properties/landowners and leaflets will be delivered to approximately 20,000 homes (including businesses). There will also be social media engagement, local & national newspaper advertisements and an online webinar. In person events include four and direct meetings with residents as required.

Churchfields Link Road and Cycle Network

Works on the link road continue to progress with the new carriageway north of south of Damastown Avenue now up to sub-base level, the main load-bearing layer of pavement construction. The drainage infrastructure consisting of drainage lines and filter drains are now being installed, these form the backbone of the sustainable urban drainage system (SuDS) being employed on the project. Works have also commenced on the Powerstown Road cycle and footpath upgrades which will encompass 'safe routes to school' interventions, promoting a s modal shift to active travel by creating a safe cycling and walking environment.



Donabate Transport Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept recently issued tender documents to procure an engineering and environmental consultant for a number of projects in the Donabate area. The projects that may form part of the consultant's brief include the Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2 (Hearse Rd-Lissenhall), Donabate-Portrane greenways and a traffic study for the M1 Lissenhall Interchange.

Harry Reynolds Road Cycle Route

A total of ten tender submissions were received as part of the Stage 1 procurement process for a main works contractor for this project. These submissions are currently being assessed and the successful candidates will be invited to submit a priced tender for the works in due course. The expectation is that the tender process can be concluded this year with a view to starting works on site in early 2023.

HOUSING

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Construction of Affordable Homes in Lusk

Construction of the 52 mixed tenure scheme at Dun Emer, Lusk is ongoing.

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







Church Fields, Dublin 15

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



The Council has recently commenced Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest/ Prequalification) of a two stage Procurement process for the appointment of a contractor to construct the 300 units. The closing date for Stage 1 submissions is 11th November 2022.

Housing Delivery

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	**units**
Under Construction	207
Tender Stage	429
Planning and Design	840
Part V	270
TOTAL	**1,746**

Appendix 3 outlines the full detail of the schemes on site, schemes with Part 8 planning approval and at tender stage and schemes at pre-planning stage.

Projects on site

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









Part V House delivered in Feltrim Road, Kinsealy, Swords, Co. Dublin.



Housing Loans Update

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to attract queries and applications from members of the public seeking to secure a mortgage with the Local Authority. There have been 196 applications so far.

To date €10.7 million of lending has been approved until the end of September, with applicants having gone sale agreed with €2.4 million of this approval. The scheme continues to be popular, and although the interest rate has risen marginally the product continues to be a relevant support for first-time buyers.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Approval was granted to carry out retrofitting works on 81 properties in 2022. Works are complete on 41 properties in Jugback Estate in Swords, which included electrical upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard. Works on Lissenhall in Swords and St. Paul's in Balbriggan are well underway and are expected to be completed by the end of October. Retrofitting works in Whitechapel, Clonsilla have just commenced with a completion date anticipated to be in early November.



External wall insulation being installed as part of extensive retrofit upgrade

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

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

Voids for Re-letting	at 26th September 2022
In letting process	68
Undergoing re-let repairs	27
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	15
TOTAL	**110**

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle. Scheme painting has just been completed in Hamilton Estate, Balbriggan.

St Catherine's Park will be completed in the next two weeks and works will then commence in Drynam Avenue and Russell's Terrace, Kinsealy.





Recently painted houses

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 3,400 tenancies. In 2022 to date over 270 HAP tenancies have been set up for Fingal housing applicants.

The HAP team are on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone on 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email hap@fingal.ie.

Rents

Following a review of the current rent assessment process, rents will be reviewed on a two-year cyclical basis commencing in January 2023. Tenants will be notified of their rent charge following the assessment and this charge will remain unchanged for 2 years, except in circumstances where there is a permanent change of income in the household.

The Rents team encourage any tenant who is experiencing difficulty paying their rent to engage with the Housing Dept. To examine possible solutions for those experiencing difficulties. However, there are instances where tenants do

not engage or make alternative payment arrangements and, in those situations, the Council needs to take further action. There are currently three applications for possession orders before the courts with three further cases being prepared.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

Housing List Position

List Position letters issued to all applicants on 11th April. Choice Based Lettings information was communicated through this letter which advised applicants to obtain their secure username and password to access the Choice Based Lettings system. Applicants can view their list position at the 1st April 2022 through the CBL system. It is intended to update the list positions in January 2023 and applicants will be able to access them through the CBL system.

In accordance with Circular 32/2022 as released 11th August 2022, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage by 29th November 2022. It is intended to provide a dual service for the completion of this assessment with an Online HNA system. This system is due to go live in early October following finalisation of the layout complete on 30th September. Hard copy forms will be available from all Customer Care Counters and Libraries for those who wish to complete the form by hand. Online Access will also be available in Fingal Libraires to enable those who do not have readily available internet access.

Further communication will issue to all applicants required to take part in this Assessment in the first week of October and will include details as to the Online System and instructions to complete their online SSHA.

Social Housing Application Form

The new social housing application form is in use since 14th March. Hard copies are available through the CCU. Amendments to the form – Part 8 of the housing application, identifying as an Irish Traveller is now being recorded on the Housing system, in accordance with Government policy.

In line with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations, the Housing Authority is required to assess a fully complete application within a period of 12 weeks of receipt.

Social Housing Applications Received 1st January to 30th September 2022

January	Total Received	172
February	Total Received	191
March	Total Received	201
April	Total Received	176
May	Total Received	180
June	Total Received	134
July	Total Received	170

August	Total Received	164
September	Total Received	148
	Total	**1,536**

Housing Support Appeals

A new email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals pertaining to housing support applications by applicants e.g. closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority & transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

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 effective and 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 continue to issue passwords and usernames. Applicants are actively encouraged to

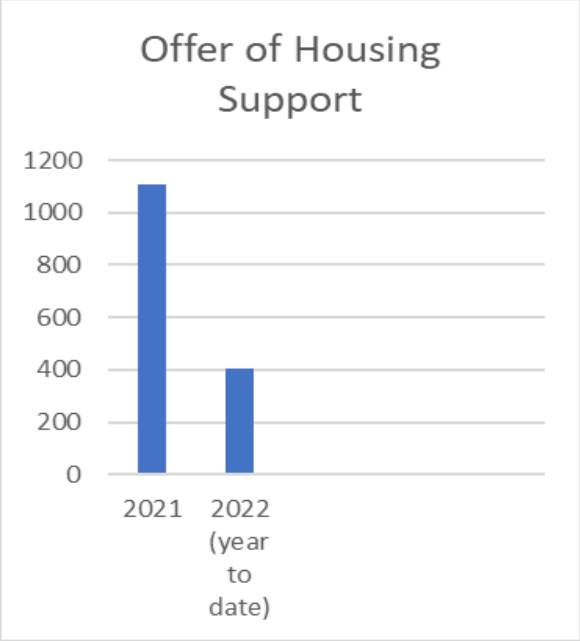
obtain their passwords and usernames to express interest in any properties advertised.

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

To date 2,269 passwords have been issued to applicants since the CBL portal opened (08/12/2021) of which 61 were issued in September. All new approved Housing Support Applications will receive their password and username upon approval.

Offers of Housing Support

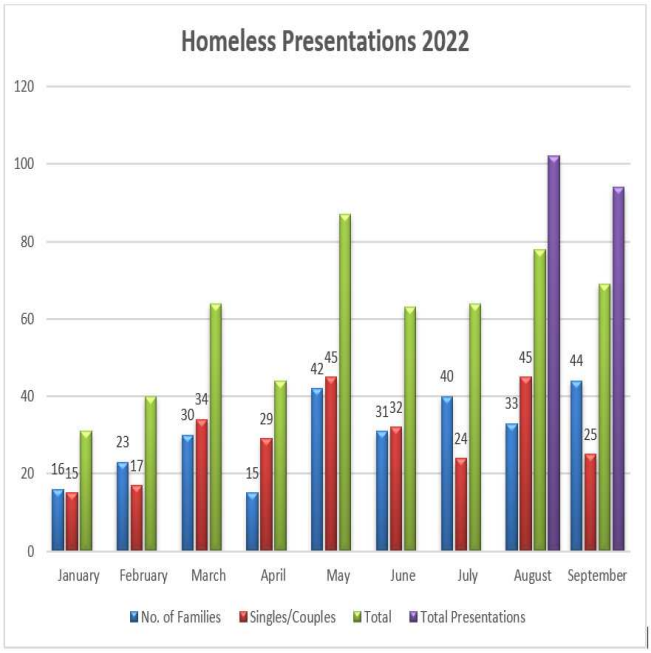
2021 offers shown for comparison



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.

In September 2022 there were a total of **94 new homeless presentations** of that total **69** were assessed by the Homeless Team - comprising of **44** families and **25** singles/couples. There are a further **25** currently outstanding and will be assessed by a Homeless Officer in the coming week.



*The presentations figure reported is not fully reflective of applicants/potential applicants who we are still engaged with to complete assessments.

Homeless Presentations

From January 1st to 30th September 2022, the Homeless Officers have carried out **586** Homeless Assessments (294 families & 292 singles) – see Table below for breakdown by month.

Approximately 36% of these cases are because of a **notice to quit** having been served. The main reasons given for issuing the notice are the landlord intends to sell the property or that a family member will move into the property.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to **family breakdown** (19%). Anecdotally, these presentations are aged in their 20's/30's and have fallen out with family or state that they are living in **overcrowded conditions** (11%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property.

Month	Families	Singles	Total
January	18	18	36
February	21	18	39
March	34	38	72
April	18	35	53
May	43	44	87
June	37	42	79
July	40	24	64
August	39	48	87
September	44	25	69
TOTAL	**294**	**292**	**586**
Average number of assessments per month	**294/9 months = 32.66**	**292/9 months = 32.40**	**586/9 months = 65.10**

Homeless Exits

During September 2022, 15 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP. Homeless HAP accounts for 14 of these tenancies.

Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be an extremely high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and singles.

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE, with the approval of all 4 local authorities in the Dublin region, has finalised the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024. This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

It will follow on from the previous Homeless Action Plan for 2019- 2021 and continues with the three key themes of **Prevention, Protection and Progression.**

The Plan was developed because of a detailed consultative process including submissions from various Stakeholders, interested organisations, Service Providers, Members of SPCs of the four Local Authorities, the Dublin Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum and the Statutory Management Group.

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PLAN

Traveller Accommodation

A significant 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. These works are in accordance with the objectives set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continues on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites

while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Council Official continues to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.

The matter of waste management and illegal dumping of waste remains a challenge for the Council and we are working with our colleagues in the Environment Department to address this.





Housing Welfare Service

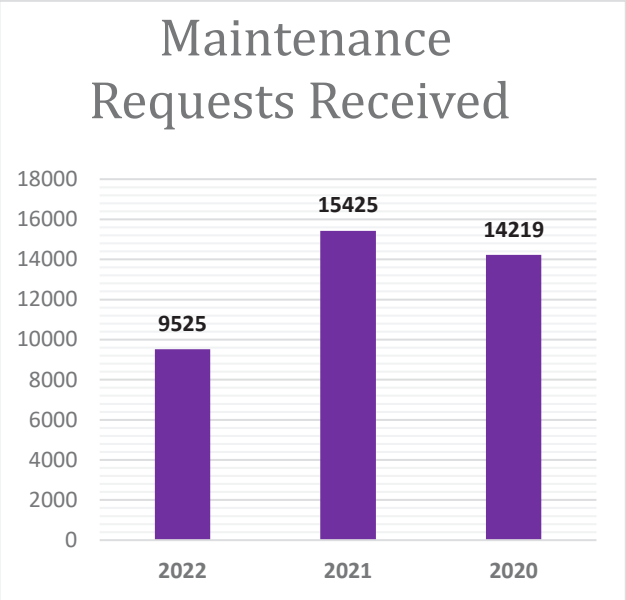
The Social Workers attached to the Housing Department are available to support vulnerable tenancies and to work with housing applicants who have medical/welfare needs.

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 including the deep cleaning of dwellings.





Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The Council provides an annual heating servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenants. Contractors progress batches of work throughout the course of the year. Contractors have been issued the full list of properties to be serviced by year end and are working across the County in areas such Dromheath, Ladyswell, Parslickstown, Fortlawn, Cedar Grove, Castleview, Ringfort, Pinewood and St Cronan's.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The ongoing management and sustainment of social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches of Tenancy Agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with housing legislation and policy.

There are occasions 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. This work is ongoing in relation to a number of Tenancies in the county.

Within the remit of the Estate Management Section, a project team has been assembled to focus on the effective use of Council stock, including Permission to Reside Applications, illegal occupation, abandonments and legal matters arising with regard to breach of Tenancy Agreements.

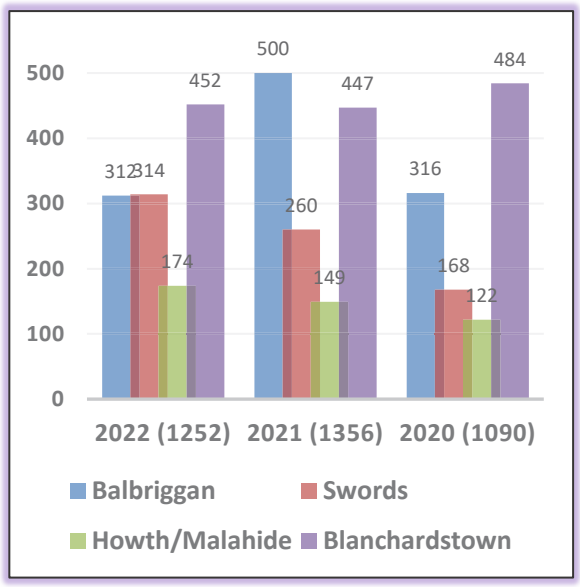
ASB Caseload Management

September 2022	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	12	3	10
North County	42	17	15
Total	54	20	25

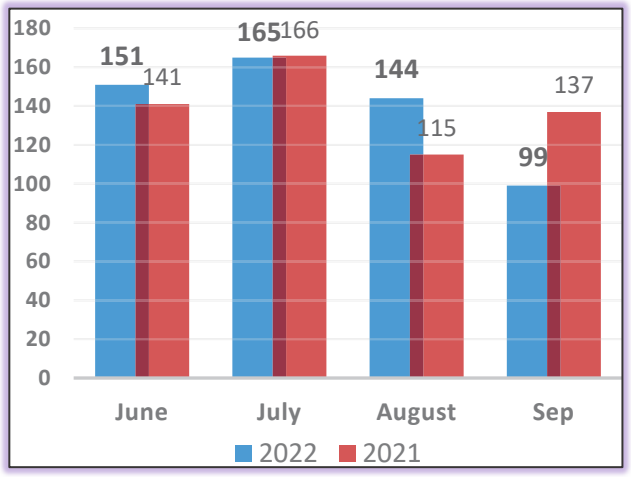
All complaints are received in confidence.

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2022 – 0 (Jan), 2 (Feb), 2 (Mar), 5 (Apr), 2 (May), 0 (Jun), 3 (Jul), 3 (Aug), 2 (Sep)

Area Breakdown 2020-2022



Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2021-22



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2022	**68**
Interviews Held 2021	47
Tenancy Alerts 2022	**28**
Tenancy Alerts 2021	31
Tenancy Warnings 2022	**4**
Tenancy Warnings 2021	2

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2022	**1274**
Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	1746
Estate Inspections 2022	**821**
Estate Inspections 2021	1202
EM/ASB Inspections 2022	**1520**
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	3117

The Estate Management Section works in collaboration with a host of stakeholders to mitigating incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in Estates and Communities and uses a suite of measures in this regard including Estate Improvement Works such as the boundary pillar and fence as shown below.





Housing Ukraine Response

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.

Web resources with useful information on support and accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and the wider Fingal community are shown below:

www.gov.ie/ukraine

Ukraine україни Украина | Fingal County Council

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

Where Households and 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 being asked to use discretion and provide Emergency Accommodation (EA) and in this instance FCC will refer the case to IPAS.

A cross-departmental update on Fingal's response to the Ukraine crisis was provided to elected members on 6th May and it is intended to provide a further update to elected members, with a date to be confirmed. However, it is a very fluid situation and the Council along with partners are endeavouring to provide services in line with this changing need.

Pledged Accommodation for Ukrainian Displaced Persons

376 pledge properties (vacant and mainly house share) were assigned to Fingal County Council by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) to assess if still available and suitable for occupation, which was on foot of a call for pledged properties operated via the Irish Red Cross. The Council has sought to contact all 376 owners. The Council works with an implementing partner, the Peter McVerry Trust, to match Ukrainian displaced persons to their new pledged home where the properties remain available and suitable. To date, 88 of the properties have been occupied with circa 175 Ukrainians residing in same with a number of occupants of the Liam Rodgers centre taking up pledges in Fingal and neighbouring counties. The balance of the properties are either in a process of matching, not immediately available for occupation, deemed unsuitable, pledge withdrawn by the property owner or the property owner has not responded to contact to date.

VACANT HOMES

The Vacant Homes office is now accepting applications for the recently launched Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund. This is a national fund administered by local authorities introduced under *Housing for All*. The Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund

will provide new choices for people to live in towns and villages in Ireland, initially through the provision of a grant to support the refurbishment of vacant properties.

Subject to meeting eligibility criteria, a grant of up to a maximum of €30,000 is available for the refurbishment of vacant properties for occupation as a principal private residence, including the conversion of a property which has not previously been used as residential. Where the refurbishment costs are expected to exceed the standard grant of up to €30,000, a maximum top-up grant amount of up to €20,000 will be available where the property is confirmed by the applicant to be derelict (i.e. structurally unsound and dangerous) bringing the total grant available for a derelict property up to a maximum of €50,000. For enquiries, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie. To date, 9 expressions of interest and 4 applications have been received which are under assessment. The DHLG have advised that the scheme will be extended to cover all parts of the county shortly which will facilitate applications from parts of the county that were previously not eligible.

A separate Croí Cónaithe (Serviced Sites Fund) has also been launched. This fund allows local authorities to make serviced sites in towns and villages available to potential individual purchasers. These sites will be available at a discount on the market value of the site for the building of a property for occupation as the principal private residence of the purchaser. The level of discount to the individual will depend on the level of servicing cost incurred by the local authority before the sale of the site with discounts up to a maximum of €30,000. The amount of such discount will be reflected in the sale price of the site to the purchaser. The examination of sites that may be suitable for the scheme is under way and any relevant sites will be advertised on the Council's website when such sites have been identified. Engagement is taking place with the DHLGH on the operational aspects of the scheme and a process to identify suitable sites is underway.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development
Positive Parenting
Pride of Place
Comhairle na nÓg
Castaheany Community Centre Open Day
Property Marking Event Blakestown
Ukraine Crisis Response
Samh
Fingal Safer Halloween Programme
Community Funding Information Session

Facilities Management
Blakestown Resource Centre Coffee Shop relaunch
Keen To Be Green Awards

Interagency
Thrive Balbriggan

Strategic
Fingal Public Participation Network
Linkage Group Meeting Calendar

Integration
SALAAM Project (Sustainable Alliances Against Anti-Muslim Hatred Project)
Fingal Inclusion Week

Funding
Age Friendly
Positive Ageing Week 2022
Give it a Go Day
Promoting Intergenerational Practice
Ageism Workshops
A Medley of Creativity

SPORTS OFFICE
Fingal HomeFit
European Week of Sport
Fingal Parkfit
Men on the Move
Parent and Toddler Programme

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Positive Parenting Balbriggan

On the 19th of September 2022 a six-week family support pilot programme led by Fingal Community Office and facilitated by an accredited Play Therapist began in the Institute of Music and Song in Balbriggan. This pilot has brought a supportive multi-cultural group of parents together who are open to learning new skills in relation to their children. This informative and experiential 6-week course is facilitated by Accredited Play Therapist, Melissa Moore and explores; the idea of a perfect parent (there is no such thing!); the importance of "showing up" as a parent; the role of play in developing happy, healthy, resilient children; Effective communication with our children; promoting positive behaviour and emotional wellbeing; how to manage big behaviours and how to support children managing their big feelings, particularly anxiety post covid restrictions. The last week focuses on self-care with Fingal Community Office and Empower signposting to services of interest.



2022 IPB Pride of Place Competition

The three groups who represented Fingal this year in the annual IPB Pride of Place competition did themselves proud when the judges visited the three communities in question last month. Balbriggan Men's Shed showcased their wonderful facility on Main Street Balbriggan, which was visited by the judging team on the morning of Sept 13th . The Men's Shed represented Fingal in the Community Wellbeing Initiative category and the judges were joined by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Cathal Boland for the visit. Later that day the judges spent time in Oldtown where the Oldtown Community Council organised a presentation and tour of the village. Oldtown represented Fingal in the populations of 300 to 1000 persons category. Again, the judges were accompanied by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal. The following morning the judges were in Mountview in Blanchardstown, where the Mountview Community and Youth Centre represented the neighbourhood of Mountview in the Urban Neighbourhoods category. The judges were accompanied by the Mayor of Fingal on a tour of the centre and visited several groups in Mountview including the Fortlawn Flower Power Group, Mountview Family Resource Centre and the Mountview NYP. The final event and awards ceremony for the 2022 Pride of Place Competition will take place in Dublin City on Jan 21st 2023.

Comhairle na nÓg

The Comhairle na nÓg members are busy planning their 2022 AGM which will take place in Swords on the 22nd November. The members held information and recruitment workshops at Blanchardstown and Balbriggan Libraries, whereby members met young members of the community to encourage more young people to join FCNN. These workshops were held in both libraries on Saturday 17th September. In addition to this, the members continue to work on progressing their topic. Each of the members has completed the Government's online Climate Change Survey. There are plans for an upcoming meeting with the members and the Older People's Council. This meeting will look at potential collaboration and opportunities for both groups to learn from each other.



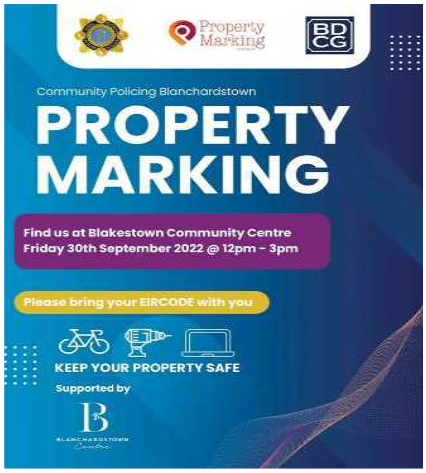
Castaheany Community Centre Open Day

The Community Development Office supported the Castaheany Community Centre Open Day which took place on the 3rd September. The event was very well attended by community members and Mayor of Fingal County Council Cllr. Howard Mahony. Minister Jack Chambers TD also attended as did Fingal Councillors John Walsh and Cllr. Tanya Doyle. The event was broadcast live by Phoenix FM with great interviews from groups and attendees. Current and new groups who use the centre had stands at the event to encourage new participants to join and children were entertained by face painters, magicians and Erin go Bragh who held a sport display on the outdoor pitch.



Property Marking Event Blakestown

Blakestown Community Centre in Partnership with An Garda Siochana hosted a Property Marking event on Friday 30th of September. A Property Marking machine inputs a unique code onto your bike, laptop, tools etc. If any of the items are stolen and recovered the Gardai can identify the items belonging to you.



Ukrainian Crisis Community Support

The Community Development Office continues to provide support to the many Ukrainian nationals seeking international protection from the War in their Homeland and currently resident in Fingal. Information sessions for the latest Ukrainian guests at Fingal rest centres including the Liam Rodgers Centre and the Edmond Rice Facility at JCM Hospital were delivered by the Community Office to assist displaced persons in becoming linked in with the relevant assisting authorities and receive information about available supports and programmes in place to support their stay in the County.

To acknowledge Ukrainian Independence Day the Community Development Team collaborated with the Events Department to co- ordinate a Ukrainian Gathering on Sunday the 4th of Sept in Swords Castle. This event catered for those staying in Fingal Rest Centres, Hotels and B&Bs and also with host Families right across Fingal. Ukrainian representatives from the various locations got involved in all aspects of the event including the planning process, performances and volunteering on the day. Over 650 Ukrainians attended the event and enjoyed a broad range of entertainment and activities including; music, dance, craft stalls, an exhibition of paintings by a Ukrainian artist living in temporary accommodation, a wishing tree, soap making workshops - sponsored by libraries, bouncy castles and sporting activities overseen by FCC Sports. A memorable day for all age groups, it was an opportunity for the Ukrainian community to come together, support each other, forge new networks, promote skillsets and enjoy the best of Ukrainian talent the beautiful environs of Swords Castle on a bright summers day.











SAMH Groups across North Fingal

The various Substance Abuse Awareness and Mental Health (SAMH) groups across North Fingal, all supported by the Community Office resumed their quarterly meetings in September which is International Recovery Month. To mark the 30th September as International Recovery Day, Swords Castle and Bremore Castle in Balbriggan were lit in purple on Sept 30th. . The work of the SAMH groups will concentrate this quarter on rolling out the many findings of the Planet Youth Research into the behaviours and attitudes of young people across north Fingal on topics of drugs awareness and mental health, which was launched this summer by the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

Fingal Safer Halloween Programme



The Community Development Office is supporting 30 groups to participate in the Fingal Safer Halloween Programme. The purpose of this programme is to provide fun recreational and diversionary activities for young people to deter them from participating in antisocial Halloween activity. In addition, participating projects will promote the Fingal County Council's Stay Safe and Awareness messages and generate awareness of other deterrent initiatives including Bulb Planting, Recycling Amnesty, Bonfire Removal measures.

Community Funding Information Evening



The Community and Sports Office is hosting an online information evening on Wednesday 19th October, 7.00pm – 8.30pm on the **Community and Sports Office Community Activities Funding Scheme.** This scheme is available to Community and Voluntary groups in Fingal to apply for sports equipment, area enhancements activities, office equipment, publications, promotional material, community events, environmental/ climate action initiatives, tutors fees and course material etc.... Each group can apply for up to €3,000. Join this event to learn about the scheme, how to apply, talk through the criteria and to share their ideas. To book please click here

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council%E2%80%99s-community-and-sports-office-community-activities-funding-information-evening

FACILITIES

Keen To Be Green Excellence in Waste Management Awards

The Fingal Community Facilities Network hosted the first Keen To Be Green Awards at the Carlton Hotel, Blanchardstown, marking one year of Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Project. All participating Community Facilities were presented with their award for Environmental Excellence in Waste Management by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony. Senior Executive Officer,

Community and Sports Department, Naomi Weir also spoke at the proceedings and acknowledged the hard work of all the facilities and their staff.



Mountview Youth and Community Hub being presented with their Environmental Excellence Award by Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Howard Mahony (L-R) Chairperson and FCC Community Development Officer David Mitchell, Board member Jennifer Dawnay, and centre manager Kathryn Cummins.

The awards were preceded by a Facilities Network meeting. Included on the agenda were presentations from Magnet on access to secure public wifi in community centres, Codema Dublin, on Energy Efficiency including information on funding opportunities and Irish Water offered tips on Water Conservation – the next stage of the 5 stages of the Keen To Be Green Facilities Project. There was also a year in review presentation from the MC Heidi Bedell and a presentation on Active Travel initiatives from FCC Walking and Cycling Officer Stephen McGinn.



Environmental Officer Sinéad Fox was also present with items for waste management including brown bin caddies and litter-pickers and presented plans for the Water Conservation phase of the project.



The Fingal Facilities Network AGM will be held in December and the Water Conservation phase of the Keen To Be Green Project is now underway.

Blakestown Community Cafe Relaunch

On Thursday 22nd September, Blakestown Resource Centre launched their newly refurbished Social Enterprise Café. Following a local competition, the Café has been named Connect Café. Over the past few months, the team in the centre have been busy at work replacing the floors in the kitchen and upgrading the kitchen appliances. They have also installed some new comfortable café furniture. The Board hired a new coffee shop supervisor and the whole team have been busy revamping and developing a new delicious menu, while keeping it affordable for the community. Centre Manager Mervyn Nutley, Chairperson Ann Gorman and Paul Donnelly TD were on hand to mark the occasion. This coffee shop is an excellent example of how community coffee shops can develop as social enterprises providing an income stream to support the sustainability of the community centre and encourage residents to engage in their local community centre.





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THRIVE BALBRIGGAN – INTERAGENCY



The Thrive Balbriggan project, supported by the Community Development Office and led by Mental Health Ireland hosted a planning and review session in September. Several initiatives for world Mental Health month in October are planned, including drop in Connect Cafe's with Cairde Balbriggan and in the La La Cafe. Planning is well underway for the next phase in the Balbriggan 'Hello how Are You' initiative and the Community Office will take part in an international seminar and ideas exchange with other thrive projects across Europe next month.

Fingal Public Participation Network

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Round 4 of Linkage Groups will take place in October and November as follows

18th October: Community Safety, Crime and Policing
25th October: Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports
27th October: Housing, Planning and Transport
01st November: Climate Change, Water and Environment
15th November: Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise

Integration

SALAAM Project (Sustainable Alliances Against Anti-Muslim Hatred Project)

Fingal County Council's Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy Internal Working Group and the Integration Team in partnership with Limerick University and the Immigrant Council of Ireland have formed a partnership on the SALAAM Project. This UN Funded Project will gather

information from communities across Fingal which will result in the development of anti-racism training for staff in 2023. FCC consultations took place on the 12th and 13th of September.



Fingal Inclusion Week Networking Event

On the 27th of September Fingal Inclusion Week 2022 was launched with participating groups from across the county meeting up in County Hall to network and exchange event information and ideas.



AGE FRIENDLY

Positive Ageing Week 2022

To celebrate Positive Ageing Week, a number of events were organised for older people, as well as training on intergenerational practice and ageism for staff.

Give it a Go Day



A Give it a Go Day took place on Tuesday 27th September 2022 in Newbridge House, Donabate attended by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Howard Mahony, with the aim of showcasing what is possible, presenting a positive image of old age, and encouraging older people to participate in activities. Various groups and sporting organisations demonstrated physical activities suitable for older people such as boules, walking football, tai chi, adapted cricket, croquet, as well as music and dance.



Transport was provided from various locations across the county. Although it was a wet day, it didn't dampen enthusiasm with those present trying out new activities and making new connections.

Promoting intergenerational practice



Fingal County Council is the first local authority in Ireland to provide accredited training for community workers and partner organisations on Intergenerational Practice. Training was delivered by Linking Generations NI and accredited by the CPD Standards UK.

A full day workshop took place on Thursday 22nd September which included topics such as understanding intergenerational practice, the benefits of intergenerational practice and bringing generations together. The workshop also brought participants through the process of evaluating the social impact of intergenerational practice in their work and promoting sustainable practice.

The day provided staff and partner organisations with an opportunity to work through the process of introducing an intergenerational initiative from the initial idea, to promoting and ensuring sustainability. Projects developed among participants in small groups included parenting support, cultural festivities, skill sharing such as graffiti, sharing life stories and an intergenerational choir.

Ageism Workshop

The theme for Positive Ageing Week 2022 was Ageism, in line with the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing. In supporting this theme, two online "Agewise" workshops hosted by Age and Opportunity took place on Wednesday 28th September 2022.



Staff from Community, Libraries, Housing, Operations, Water Services, Planning and Architects participated in this interactive workshop which challenged our thinking about ageing and the associated myths and stereotypes as well as raising awareness of ageism in our communities and workplace.

A Medley of Creativity



Age Friendly Fingal in partnership with Age Friendly Ireland and Creative Ireland hosted an Autumn Medley of Creativity in Newbridge House and Farm on Tuesday 20th September 2022.

The aim of the event was to inspire creative engagement with older people through a number of workshops such as painting, tai chi, herbal soap making and jive and salsa classes. Entertainment was provided by the Forget Me Nots Choir based in Baldoyle.

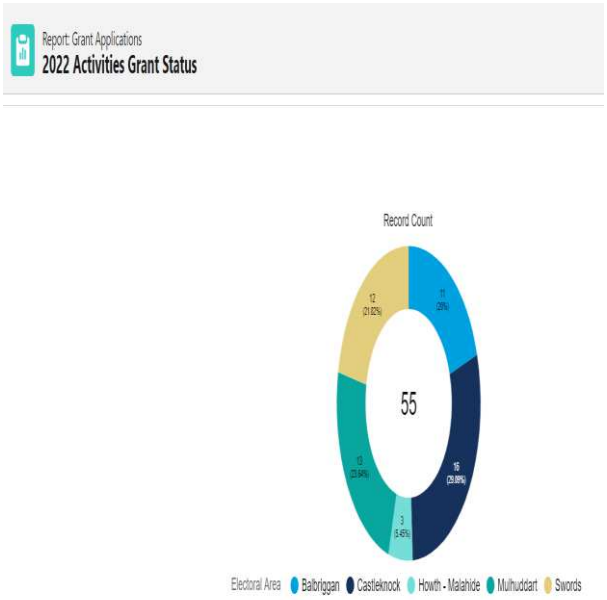
Rush Senior Group, with support from the Community Office, hosted an afternoon of events in the community centre to celebrate Positive Ageing Week. The group were joined by students from St. Josephs Secondary School bringing both an intergenerational and intercultural aspect to the event as they helped with French translation for two local ladies originally from the Congo. The students assisted with crafts and joined in the fun during the line-dancing class. A very informative presentation on fall prevention and osteoporosis was given by HSE staff.





FUNDING

Activities Funding Awarded in 2022



55 Community and Voluntary groups have been awarded €112,815 to date.

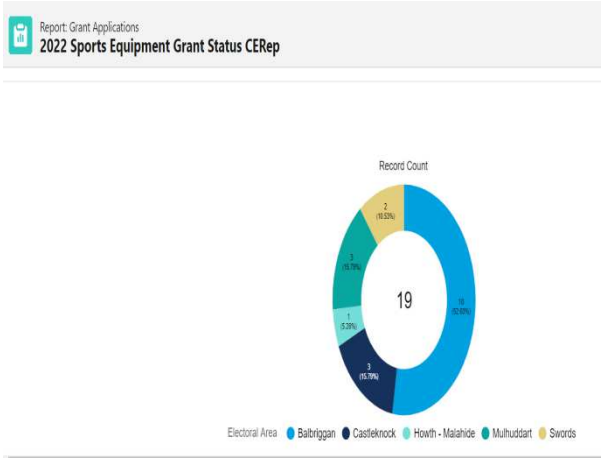
11 Balbriggan - €19,854.90 (20%)

29 Castleknock Mulhuddart €67,590 .08 (53%)

3 Howth Malahide €7,753 (5%)

12 Swords €17,617 (22%)

Sports Equipment Funding Awarded in 2022



19 Community and Voluntary groups have been awarded €45,190.28 to date.

10 Balbriggan - €24,854.90 (53%)

6 Castleknock Mulhuddart €15536.59 (31%)

1 Howth Malahide €2,973 (5%)

2 Swords €2,065.77 (11%)

Safer Halloween Funding 2022 (Awaiting Approval October Full Council Meeting)

30 Community and Voluntary groups will be awarded €15840.75.

5 Balbriggan - €2,221 (19%)

6 Castleknock Mulhuddart €15,536.59 (31%)

4 Howth Malahide €2,840 (13%)

4 Swords €1,714 (13%)

Fingal Sports Office Funding

To date the Sports Office are processing 69 (2022) grant applications across the Youth Sports Grant, Equipment Funding and the Communities Get Moving Fund. To date over €11,000 has been given to clubs in 2022 with a commitment of a further €52,000 still being processed while dealing with numerous 2021 grant applications from clubs around the county.

Sports Office

Fingal HomeFit

The Fingal HomeFit programme is a live online exercise programme delivered by qualified instructors. The classes are recorded for anyone who misses the live class or wishes to redo the class. The programme will start in October/November and will run through the winter months and consists of a selection of 6-week blocks including; Yoga, Pilates and Chair Exercise.

European Week of Sport

The European Week of Sport took place from Saturday 24th – Friday 30th September and was a very busy week for the Sports Office. A comprehensive list of activities took place over the week for people of all ages and abilities, which were well attended and provided an opportunity to participate or upskill.



Fingal ParkFit

The Sports Office provides free outdoor exercise classes in a number of parks around Fingal. The classes are open to all levels of ability and require no equipment. The classes last 45min and are delivered by qualified coaches.



Men on the Move

Fingal Sports Office with support from HSE have launched the Men on the Move programme for 12 weeks. The programme offers an over 30, men only, safe environment to engage or reengage in physical activity. The programme introduces the participants to strength and conditioning and caters for all fitness levels. The programme is onto its 3rd week in Mulhuddart Community Centre every Thursday at 7.30pm and has 8 participants, growing in numbers each week.



Parent and Toddler Programme

Parents/childminders and toddlers are meeting every Thursday at 10am in Tyrrelstown Community Centre for an engaging class of fundamental movements, child yoga and fun activities. The programme is funded by Sport Ireland and partners with Technological University Dublin (Blanchardstown) for research to investigate the connection between the community and their engagement with the community centres and sport.



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Strategic Planning

The non-statutory public consultation for the draft Active Travel Strategy closed on the 23rd of May. A total of 149 submissions were received by the closing date. Interviews with strategic external stakeholders are ongoing. All postal submissions have been processed and have been successfully uploaded onto the consultation portal. A draft report on the consultation phase has been submitted and is currently being reviewed by the Active Travel team.

Protected Cycle Lanes

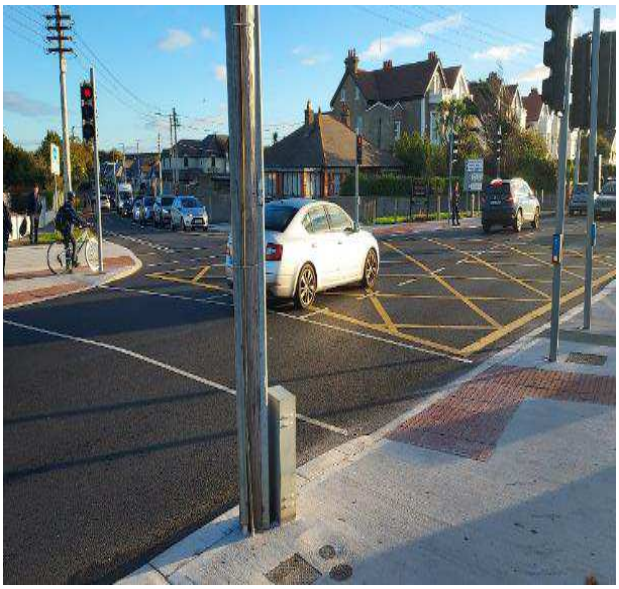
Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road completed. Epoxy resin application on Howth Road and Grange Road completed. Small section of epoxy resin to be completed at Warrenhouse Road railway crossing. Consultation ongoing with Irish Rail regarding obtaining a slot to complete the works. Snag works ongoing for the remainder of the project.









St. Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

The contractor was busy completing junction upgrade works at Park Avenue and Valley View junction. Works are ongoing along Brackenstown Road to complete the shared surface in front of the school and church. A new kerb was poured along Glen Ellan Road to deal with the level difference in front of the ESB Substation. Ongoing consultation with the residents, schools and other local stakeholders regarding ongoing and planned works. The project team is liaising with local councillors to ensure works are successfully implemented and to minimise disruption to the public.





Towns & Villages

Works are ongoing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns & Villages. A brief has been 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. This is going to tender in early September for the engagement of an Integrated Design Team to examine and develop a plan for the Balrothery area.

Skerries Active Travel Plan non Statutory Public Consultation was successfully launched on Thursday the 22nd September. This consultation will run for a six week period until the 03rd November. The following is a link to the online consultation portal.

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/skerries-active-travel-plan-public-consultation

Our objective is to seek ideas and comments from residents of and visitors to Skerries that will inform future plans for Active Travel schemes in the town. We are not presenting or designing any solutions at present, just gathering feedback to inform designs that will be developed by our Integrated Design Team.

We have gone to tender for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team and the tenders are due back by mid-October, when they will then be evaluated and the appointment of the successful tenderer will follow soon after.

We have engaged with the ESRI who are looking at best International and National practice regarding Behavioural Change and Economic Benefits from Active Travel measures introduced in similar towns and villages. The Active Travel Project Team have also engaged the services of a Communications Consultant to assist our own communications team in the management of communications and engagement with all stakeholders in the Skerries Active Travel project. The engagement with stakeholders will be through public workshops that will be run during the Consultation period, (dates to be confirmed), online portal and social media outlets to appeal to all persons to participate and contribute to the process.

New Street Public Realm project - A multi-disciplinary design team has been appointed for the works. This month our contractors were on site carrying out a detailed topographical survey of works area. FCC expect to have ground penetrating radar and cloud survey contractors on site in the coming month.

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 other projects being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage; we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within those projects.

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.

Access Controls;

Following on from circular (NGS Circular 4/22), the guidance from the NTA (Access Control of Active Travel Facilities) the Active Travel Unit has mapped the access constraints (in particular kissing gates) within Fingal. We have put together a list of access constraints to be removed and works proposed to improve access for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled persons. This list is currently being reviewed by the various departments to ensure that the removal of these restraints have no negative impact within the areas. On completion of the review Fingal County Council Active Travel in conjunction with Operations will be coordinating the removal of these access control points.

Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

Recently appointed works contractor has completed first tranche of works in Blanchardstown and Skerries that will see an additional 80 bike parking spaces available to the public.





Road Safety

Safe Routes to School

The Active Travel department have continued works on the 2022 Safe Routes to School Programme. Design works for the first 3 schools has now been completed with design works for the second tranche of schools ongoing. The Active Travel Department and our consultants will be meeting with schools and stakeholders in September to discuss the works.

Tender submissions were received for the appointment of a works contractor. The tenders have been evaluated and we are currently in the standstill period before we can officially appoint the preferred tenderer and commence works. Site works programmed to commence during the final quarter of 2022.

Walking & Cycling Officers

Adult Cycling Training

On Wednesday 7th Sept we began our six-week Adult Cycling Lessons in Baldoyle. We are running two courses each night, one at 6pm and the other at 7:30pm

We have 16 on each course and feedback has been brilliant so far. The group began off road in Racecourse Park and then graduated to the Greenway and the intention from week 3 is to progress to the roads.

The lessons have primarily been attended by females and are giving people a great opportunity to relearn an old skill and make active travel a viable option for shorter journeys.



Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our Learn 2 Cycle Sessions for Children with a Disability are continuing to prove extremely popular in Applewood Community Centre. Our latest 2 courses began on Monday 12th Sept and are both at maximum capacity. On the back of our success and in conjunction with Cycling Ireland We are developing an online coaching course for Teachers and SNA's working in Schools. This 2hr online course will give them practical advice and techniques for teaching children with additional needs to Cycle. We are piloting the first online session on Friday 30th Sept with Physiotherapists from The CRC in Swords. We are developing a link with The Rediscovery Centre that will help us provide schools who take part in the training with a small number of refurbished bikes for the school, so they can put their new skills into practice on a daily basis.

EMW/DCAW - Fresh Air Friday

As part of European Mobility Week and Dublin Climate Action Week we partnered with Our Balbriggan and Balbriggan Tidy Towns for a Fresh Air Friday Event on the 16th Sept. The event targeted all Primary and Secondary Schools in Balbriggan as well as local businesses. The event was a great success, and it is hoped we can make it a weekly event going forward.









DCAW – Mini Climate Action Festival

As part of Dublin Climate Action Week we linked in with Environment Team to take part in the Mini Climate Action Festival in Millennium Park. We had our Cycling Without Age Trishaw on hand to give lifts around the park for anyone who needed it as well as information on Active Travel and upcoming projects. The day was a huge success.



Skerries Walking Bus – St Patricks JNS & SNS

As part of Car Free Day St Patricks SNS & JNS launched their first Walking Bus. The group meet at Ballygossan Park and make three stops picking up children and parents along the way. The initiative is supported by our Walking & Cycling Officers, and we are looking at adding Walking Bus Stops along the route.



Skerries Cycling Initiative Cycling Tour

As part of the launch of the Skerries Town Active Travel Consultation members of the Active Travel team took a guided tour around the town with Representatives of the Skerries Cycling Initiative. This was a brilliant opportunity for the team to get a local perspective on issues that the community have identified.



EMW – Dublin Bike Disco Phoenix Park

As part of Culture Night and European Mobility Week on Friday 23rd September in conjunction with Dublin City Council, The OPW and The Dublin Cycling Campaign we closed off traffic to a section of the Park. The Car Free Event was held at 8pm and the crowd were treated to music from The Dublin Cycling Campaign along a car free route.









Cycle Right Sessions

362 from across the county have begun Cycle Right Level 1 Training this month. This first batch of students will undertake 6 weeks of Cycling Training during school and will gain new skills and confidence as a result.

Cycling without Age Fingal

Cycling without Age is ready to begin offering trips in Santry Demesne from the first week of October. Volunteers have been trained and registered and it is hoped that the first trips will begin in the park from Monday 3rd Oct.

The site works in Skerries and Baldoyle have begun, and we are hoping to have the Lockem Units installed and ready to use by Thursday 6th Oct.



The Active Travel team recently liaised with Councillor Siobhan Shovlin and interested members of the Dublin 15 community to set up the Dublin 15 Walking Group. This walking group is now registered with Get Ireland Walking.

Dublin 15 Walking Group

The Dublin 15 Walking Group's first official walk took place on Thursday 22 September in Carpenterstown and was a great success.

75 local people have already joined the group, with the numbers still growing.

The group have decided to walk on Thursdays at 6pm and may add extra days as required by the group.



Age Friendly – Give it a go Day

We supported the Community Department in Newbridge House as part of their Age Friendly Give it a Go Day, Active Travel were there with our Cycling Without Age Trishaw to give spins around the park, the Trishaw went down very well, covering over 12km in the 90mins. This was a great opportunity to promote the service

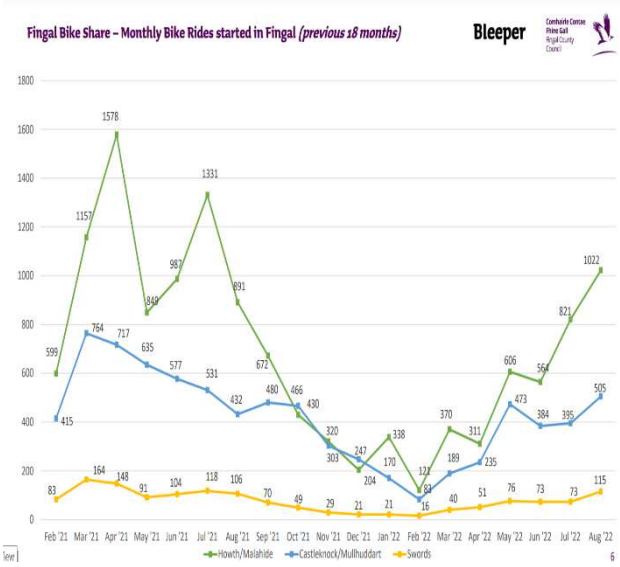


Mobility/Behaviour Change

Bleeper

August Stats – Bike Share Countywide:

2430 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in August up from 1925 in July, a 26% increase
2468 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in August
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays (18.1%) & Sundays (17.7%)
Howth was the most popular location for bike share but we saw a huge spike in Skerries
Average number of 143 bikes in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month
8 Ukrainians at the Shoreline Hotel location have been provided with free use of Bleeper bikes and took 89 trips in August, (92 trips in July, 58 trips in June, and 26 trips in May



If you notice any bike parked incorrectly or vandalism in your area, please contact the Bleeper customer care team https://www.bleeperactive.com/contact-us

TIER eBike Update

The Tier eBike rollout continues to increase, there are now have 220 eBikes available across the County. Tier have recently expanded the rollout to include Portrane, Skerries and Balbriggan.

You can pick up a TIER e-bike easily. Just download the TIER app, scan the code on the e-bike to unlock it and you're on your way! The e-bikes are suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and note that a credit or debit card is required to sign up for the service.



Tier Report – June/July/August

TIER Monthly Report

June (10 days), July & August 2022

Metric	June	July	August
Trips	425	1,542	2,356
Active Vehicles	42	76	133
No of Customers	260	847	1253
Trips / Customer	1.6	1.8	1.9
Distance Covered (KM)	2,442Km	8,304km	11.19km
Average Trip Duration	25.5min	24min	21.9min
Average Trip length (KM)	5.7km	5.4km	5km

Draft Fingal County Council Control of On-Street Bike Hire Byelaws 2022

The Draft Fingal County Council control of on-street bike hire byelaws 2022 were recently presented to the Transportation and Infrastructure SPC on 7th June. It is proposed to put the draft Byelaws on public display in the coming weeks. All submissions received will be carefully considered. The Byelaws will then be brought to Full Council for adoption.

Climate Action

Dublin Climate Action Week 2022 (DCAW22) took place from 12th to 17th September, and saw good public turnout for events, across all six partners. There was a range of webinar and in person events from various themes. Several webinar events were recorded and can be viewed at **Dublin Climate Action Week 2022 | Climate Change Events Dublin (codema.ie)** Fingal led events culminated in a fun mini-Climate festival in Millennium Park Blanchardstown. Here is a sample of photos from the week.



DCAW22 launch – Mayor Cllr Howard Mahony with reps from ECAAT Dept., David Storey, Janice Butler, Ronan O'Reilly & Aoife Fitzpatrick.



Hans Visser & Melissa Jeuken delivering 'Meet the Goats at Howth Head' walk and talk event.



Kevin Valley and Ms. Karen McQuaid (5th class teacher), Maya Gryesten Fields (Science Education Officer GLOBE, Clean Air Together) and Siobhan Donnelly (5th class teacher) delivering the Introduction to Weather Observation workshop at a local school



Darragh Sheedy and Colin Gallagher delivering the 'Urban Planning & Nature Based Surface Water Management' walk and talk event.



The launch of the Active Travel's Fresh Air Friday initiative event in Balbriggan

Environmental Awareness

As part of DCAW22 our Environmental Awareness and Climate Action Team organised a Mini Climate Action Festival in Millennium Park Blanchardstown, which was the flagship Fingal event for the week. The event showcased sustainable fashion, composting and community gardening, sustainable household choices, active travel, and a fun carbon calculator. The Fingal Instruments Project had music playing throughout the day and 20 instruments were given away to the delight of recipients. The Rediscovery centre provided bike repairs all day and had a very busy time keeping up with the demand! The day went exceptionally well and was attended by the Mayor, local councillors and TD's. It is estimated that 800-1000 people attended the event.



Several community groups, families and individuals around Fingal participated in the Dublin Community Clean-up 10 –18th Sept. This annual event is a joint effort with the Dublin Local Authorities in cooperation with An Taisce and the Canals groups to tackle litter in a coordinated manner over a one-week period.





Kilcoskan N.S the Ward were granted €1,000 from environmental awareness waste prevention fund towards a water refill point in the school which will help to eliminate single-use bottles.

Circular Economy

Luttrellstown Community College Erasmus students spent a morning at Coolmine Recycling Centre to find out more about recycling and circular economy.

Bring Centres

Bottle Banks The program of painting and graffiti removal on bottle banks has continued throughout July, August and September and is now coming to an end for this year however we will continue with our Maintenance, Anti-Graffiti and Renewal of Signage program. Below are some sites painted throughout September.





Before/After picture Rush South Beach. The whole site was revamped to include new Textile banks. This site also includes an Audio Device, Can Bank and good signage.





Portrane before/after: Extra glass recycling bank added for capacity here and painted. Signage to be updated here.

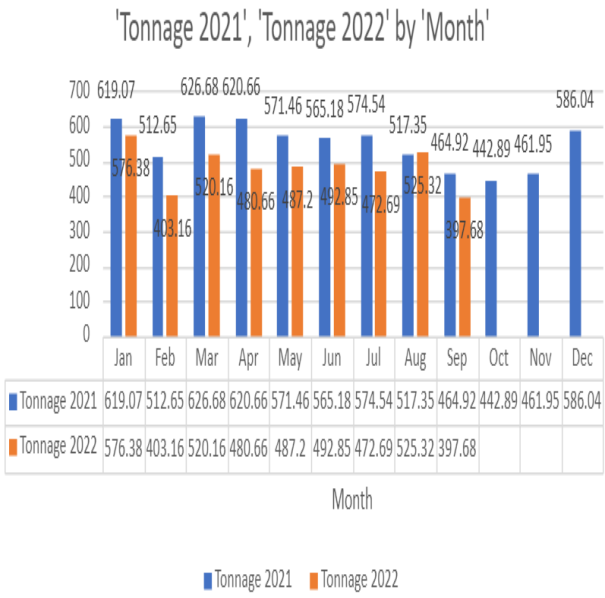


Balbriggan Supervalu banks also painted and new Textile banks added.

The Litter Wardens inspect our Bring Bank sites daily and any evidence of littering is investigated and pursued.

Glass Tonnage Report for August 2022 year to date compared to 2021

There were 397.68 tons of glass collected for recycling up to 28th September 2022. This is compared to 464.92 tons which were collected in September 2021. This reduction reflects the tonnages of glass collected returning to pre-covid levels.



Textile Banks



Textile Bank replaced at Malahide Beach

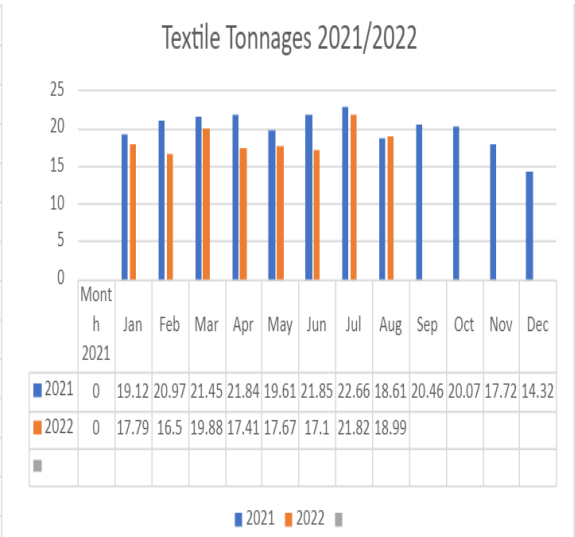




Textile banks at Howth Village carpark as previous one was damaged

Textile Tonnage Report for 2022 compared to 2021

There were 18.99 tons of textiles collected for recycling throughout Fingal's network in August 2022 September figures not available until next month.



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	19.88	17.41	17.67	17.1	21.82	18.99				

Litter Management

In September, the Litter Wardens continued their campaign to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches and carried out extra patrols over the weekends. They spoke with dog walkers about their responsibilities as dog owners and handed out dog fouling bags. They also erected anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.

The Litter Wardens have commenced with Halloween business inspections in an effort to reduce the levels of material that may be collected by individuals for use in bonfires.

A total of 335 planned route inspections on litter black spot areas were carried out. They also carried out inspections on the bring banks in the Fingal area to ensure that there was no dumping. Any dumping found was investigated under the Litter Pollution Act. Investigations were also carried out on reports of abandoned cars. Local businesses were inspected to ensure they are keeping their premises free of litter.

The Litter Wardens also assisted Howth Tidy Towns with their Community Open Day with particular focus on the Green Dog Walker pledge, attended the Howth Maritime Festival and launched the Bag it, Bin it campaign with Howth Tidy Towns.

In the District Court 3 cases were successfully prosecuted with one prosecution not going to court as the fine was paid in advance of the court date.

2022	**Fines/notices issued**	
Month	Fines	Notices
January	27	85
February	28	60

March	34	39
April	41	48
May	35	35
June	20	41
July	56	35
August	33	22
September	44	16

Abandoned Vehicles

The Abandoned Vehicles Pilot scheme is continuing.

293 vehicles were reported to the Abandoned Vehicle Section between 1st January 2022 – 26th September 2022.

As at 26th September 2022, 280 were reported as abandoned and 13 vehicles reported as burnt out. 43 of those reported as abandoned are currently being investigated.

Each reported abandoned vehicle has been investigated by the Litter Wardens.

Year 2022	No. of Abandoned Vehicles Removed
Mar	**3**
Apr	**2**
May	**1**
June	**0**
July	**0**
Aug	**2**
Sep	**0**
Total	**8**

Details on how to report an Abandoned car can be found on

https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandonedvehicles

Dog Licences

Door to door licence checks have been carried out by the dog wardens in the following locations during September. Dog owners without a valid licence are given a 10 Days Notice to produce a valid dog licence.

Failure to hold a valid licence for a dog can incur a €100 fine.

Estate	Area
Cardy Rock	Balbriggan
Lioscian	Swords
Ardcian	Swords
Robswall	Malahide
Roselawn	Dublin 15
Kelly's Bay	Skerries
Drynam Road & Court	Swords
Milesian	Swords
St. Werburgs	Swords
Foxwood	Swords
Cardy Rock	Balbriggan

Revenue from dog licence sales totalled €29,320 in September

	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
August	1025	61	€29,040
September	850	88	€29,320

A yearly licence costs €20 and a lifetime licence costs €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms.



Dog Warden Service

10 day notices have been issued to members of the public through both door to door licence checks and patrols in Fingal's parks and beaches. Less 10 day notices were issued during September than August, however, there was an increase in fine payments.

	10 Day Notices	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Payment Received
August	446	24	2	€1,100
September	385	24	13	€1,300

During September a two week pilot of evening patrols took place in parks following a number of reports made regarding restricted breed dogs. During this pilot, 4 fines were issued for restricted breed dogs not being muzzled in public and one for an unlicenced dog.

Total fines paid to date so far in 2022: €5,600.

Howth Maritime Festival

The dog wardens attended the Howth Maritime Festival, paying particular attention to the regulations regarding restricted breed dogs. The wardens assisted a lady with a muzzle fitting for her one year old german shepherd who had never worn a muzzle before. As the lady did not have a muzzle, the wardens allowed her to borrow it so that she could remain at the festival with her beloved dog. 200 dog poo dispensers were also handed out to dog owners to promote the "Bin it, Bag it" campaign.









National Dog Control Service Meeting

On the 8th of September, four of the dog wardens and office staff attended the annual National Dog Control Service Meeting in the Tullamore Court hotel. At the meeting, national statistics regarding dog licences and fines, the provision of the licencing service by An Post and the dog warden service was discussed. Networking with other Local Authorities regarding their provision of the dog warden service has proved very useful and we plan to meet with other Local Authorities to discuss ways to improve the service.

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 7 dogs in the shelter. During September, 17 dogs were found straying or were seized and 4 dogs were surrendered to the shelter by their owners.

7 Dogs were reclaimed by their owners following promotion on the dog shelter's social media platforms and 11 were rehomed either to a rescue or to members of the public.

There are 10 dogs currently in the shelter.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of September	7
Stray dogs brought to Shelter (Stray or Seized)	17
Surrendered by owners	4
Reclaimed	7
Rehomed to Rescue	7
Rehomed to Public	4
Dogs in Shelter at the end of September	10



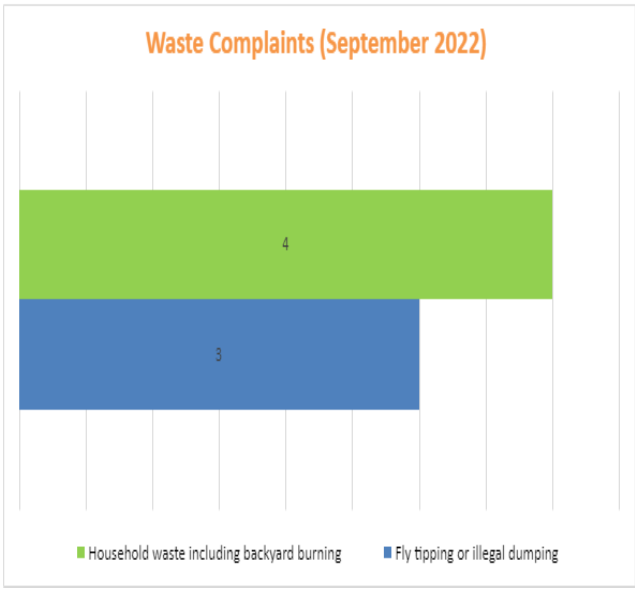


Rusty, the little terrier was rehomed on the 20th of September, and Roxy, the one year old german shepherd who is looking for a new home.

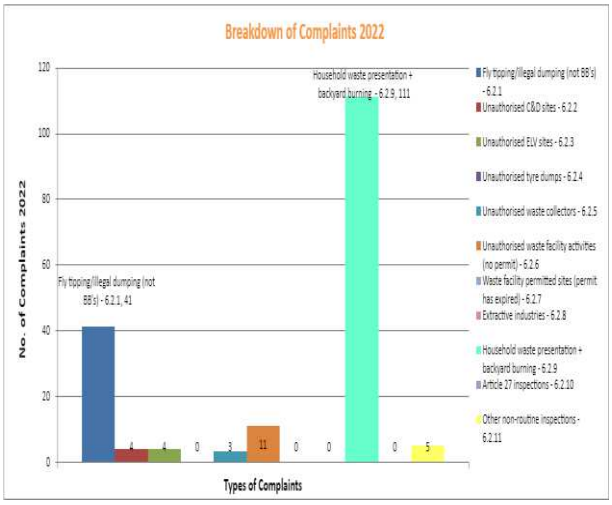
Waste Enforcement

Waste Complaints

A total of 7 waste complaints were received and investigated during the month of September. Waste complaints were noted to decrease by 53% compared to August figures. Waste complaints typically increase during the summer months due to the use of barbeques which subsequently results in a rise in waste burning complaints received.



A total of 179 waste complaints were received and investigated during the period January – September 2022. The majority of waste complaints related to backyard storage of waste and burning of waste (62%) while illegal dumping and fly-tipping accounted for another 23%. Awareness and education around the management of domestic waste in a sustainable and environmentally safe manner is crucial to ensure all households participate in a waste collection service as per the waste presentation bye-laws and use all three bins (black, green and brown) to manage their waste. Illegally dumped waste costs Local Authorities hundreds of thousands of euro each year, money which could be better spent on providing services to businesses and local communities. To report unauthorised waste collectors or illegal dumping contact **environment@fingal.ie** or Tel: 01 8906799.











80 Tonnes of Illegally Dumped Waste Removed from Dunsink Lane

A major waste removal operation was undertaken at Dunsink Lane in Finglas last week. A total of **80 tonnes** of illegally dumped household and bulky waste were removed from a number of locations and brought to a permitted waste facility for disposal. A multi-agency approach was used with assistance provided by An Garda Siochana in conjunction with a number of contractors.





Increased patrols and checkpoints by waste enforcement officers and local Community Gardai have been implemented to monitor activities on the ground to prevent further dumping. Evidence of illegal waste activities will be gathered and those responsible prosecuted in the District Court under the Waste Management Act 1996. If found guilty an individual can be fined up to €5,000 or face 12 months imprisonment as well as receiving a criminal conviction.





Illegal waste collectors use social media sites to offer cheap waste removal services however the waste ends up being dumped illegally causing environmental pollution. These "Man in a Van" individuals don't have a waste collection permit and are not authorised to collect waste. Always ask for ID and to see a Waste Collection Permit which can be checked with the National Waste Collection Permit Office **www.nwcpo.ie.** If they're not on the list they're not authorised to collect waste.

To report unauthorised waste collectors or dumping contact **environment@fingal.ie** or Tel: **01 8906799**.

End of Life Vehicle Project - Q3 2022

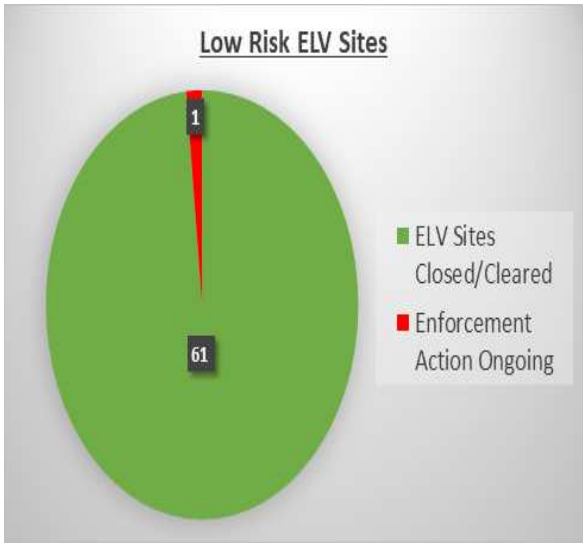
Tackling unauthorised End of Life Vehicle (ELV) sites continues to be a National Waste Enforcement Priority. When the ELV project started a total of 63 illegal ELV sites were identified in the Fingal area which increased to **86 illegal ELV sites** during 2022 (low and high-risk sites).

Significant progress has been made to date with **80 illegal ELV sites** closed resulting in over **1000 ELV's** being brought to ATF's (authorised treatment facilities) for recovery and disposal.

Low Risk ELV Sites

A total of **62** low risk ELV sites were identified in Fingal:

- → 61 sites have been cleared and closed down
- → 1 site remains - enforcement action is ongoing

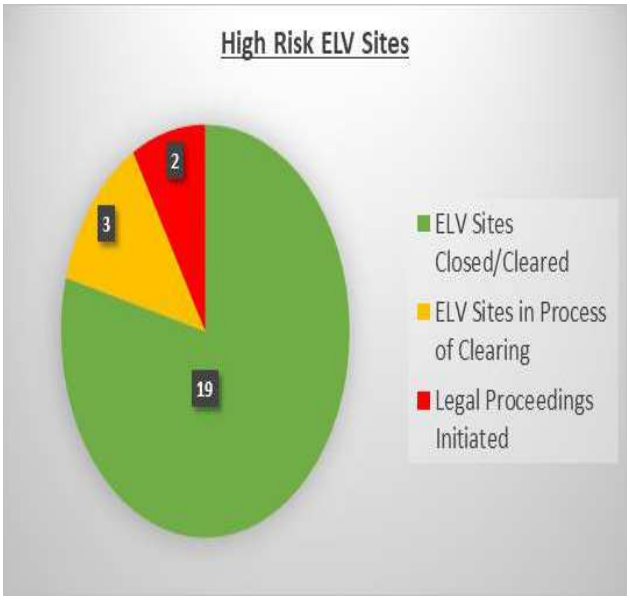


Total No. of ELV Sites	**62**
ELV Sites Closed	**61**
Ongoing Enforcement Action	**1**
Inspections Undertaken	**190**
No. of ELVs Cleared	**300**
Section 14 Direction Letters	**30**

High Risk ELV Sites

A total of **24** high risk ELV sites were identified in Fingal.

- → 19 sites cleared and closed down
- → 3 sites currently being cleared
- → 2 sites - legal proceedings initiated



Total No. of ELV Sites	**24**
ELV Sites Closed	**19**
ELV Sites being Clearing	**3**
Legal Proceedings Initiated	**2**
Inspections Undertaken	**150**
No. of ELVs Cleared	**650**
S14, S18, S55 Letters	**30**

Water Quality Protection

Bathing Water

Bathing Water Quality

The bathing water season ran from the 1st of June – 15th September. 9 rounds of scheduled samples took place, along with additional resamples and investigative sampling, totalling 128 samples. The results of the 2022 bathing season sampling are summarised below.

	Identified Waters Individual Classification				
2022 season samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor	Total
Scheduled	78	6	2	4	90
Unscheduled	11	3	2	5	21
Total	89	9	4	9	111

	Non-Identified Waters Individual Classification				
2022 season samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor	Total
Malahide	8	1			9
resamples	1				1
other waters	6		1		7
Total	15	1	1	0	17

Incidents and Actions

The vast majority of results have achieved 'excellent' water quality status. 6 prohibition notices were issued for bathing areas this season. 2 of these notices were issued as a precaution due to a stormwater overflow incidents at Portmarnock. The remaining 4 notices were issued due to 'poor' or 'sufficient' bacterial results from sampling. 11 prior warning notices were issued on Saturday 3rd September due to forecast heavy rainfall (yellow warning). All resampling results following a 'poor' result have shown an immediate return to 'excellent' water quality, indicating no persistent pollution event. Increased rainfall in September contributed to agricultural and urban runoff impacting the coastal environments and resulting in an increase in stormwater overflows.

As part of our monitoring programme, an investigative project has continued with UCD in 2022 involving qPCR testing of water (to enable identification of microbial sources i.e. gull, ruminant, human, dog and horse). The results will be available in the coming weeks and will provide a valuable insight into the identification of contamination sources at some of our bathing areas. This project will focus on Front Strand Balbriggan and the Bracken River Balbriggan, Loughshinny and Claremont.

In relation to other monitored waters in Fingal; Balscadden and Ireland's eye were tested twice this season with all results meeting 'excellent' status. Malahide beach has seen 9 'excellent' and 1 'good' results this season, a new sampling point at Malahide Estuary was tested for the 1st time this season. Three full sample results were received, 2 'excellent' and 1 'sufficient'. The one sufficient result of the 5th September can be associated with heavy rainfall (yellow warning) the previous day.

Continuing 'excellent' water quality in 2022 was recorded at our three blue flag beaches; Portmarnock, Donabate and Rush South. Accordingly, applications for blue flag awards at these locations can be made again for next year (subject to relevant 2023 application criteria set by An Taisce). Rush North beach received 'excellent' results for all samples this season apart from one sufficient sample taken on the 5th September. As a prior warning notice was in place due to heavy rainfall, that "sufficient" sample result could replaced by a subsequent "excellent" sample. This is a bathing water management measure used for short term pressure events (<72 hours) in the environment.

It is likely that the Rush North will be assigned "excellent" status for 2022 by the EPA based on a 4 year assessment for 2019-2022 but this cannot be confirmed until May 2023. This would result in two consecutive years of assessment at "excellent" status at Rush North. However, water quality is not the only criteria needed for a blue flag application to be made and the application criteria will not be available until 2023.

Provisional Status Summary for 2023 Season

Based on bathing water results of the last four years of the 2022 Status assigned by the EPA it is likely to be assessed as follows (however the EPA report will be available in May 2023) ;

Excellent	Donabate, Portrane*, Rush North, Rush South, Portmarnock (*new improved status for 2022)
Good	Sutton
Sufficient	Skerries~, Claremont, Loughshinny (~new deteriorated status for 2022)
Poor	Balbriggan

With half our identified beaches now achieving an "excellent" annual assessment we are seeing the effect of collaborative cross departmental/agency water pollution investigative work which addresses repairs/remedial works required to network/pipes and planned pre-season and in-season checks preventing persistent deterioration in bathing water quality during the bathing season. These works and the educational campaigns around dog fouling are contributing to controlling sources that could cause a failure of a bathing water. We are likely to see a change in status for Portrane (changing from 'good' to 'excellent' over the 2020-2022) and Skerries (changing from 'good' to 'sufficient').

FINANCE

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of August & September 2022.

This information is presented in conjunction with the Revenue account, Capital account and Debtors position in appendix (i).

Rates

Overall rates collection to the end of September 2022 is running at **76%** including rates waiver.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	114.1
Rates Collection %	83%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of August is running at €19.5 this is c. **55%** of the overall collection during 2021.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	19.5
Levies collected as % of 2021	55%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of August is €50m which is c. **98%** of budget year to date. The underspend is primarily in salaries.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	49.8
Percentage of payroll budget	98%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of August

Procurement Activity		**Note**
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	114	
Value €m	36.5	
Procurements ongoing at end of August		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	8	(i)
Value €m	1.7	
No. of procurements under evaluation	40	(ii)
Value €m	40.2	
No. of procurements at approved	44	(iii)
Value €m	33.6	

Notes:

(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of August.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the August.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of August.

No. of contracts awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Award Date	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Duration (months)
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Taking in Charge, The Gallops, Swords	G & J Kearns Ltd	€68,302	24/08/2022	08/08/2022	08/02/2023	6
Operations	Road Lining phase two for the Fingal Swords Balbriggan Areas including PSCS and Traffic Management	MacLouchlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€75,681	18/08/2022	18/08/2022	31/12/2022	4
Housing	Energy Efficiency RetroFit Retrofit Works - Lissenhall, Swords	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€2,000,000	17/08/2022	12/08/2022	12/08/2024	24
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works at the Boulevard, Tyrellstown, D15	DM Morris Ltd	€54,847	16/08/2022	01/09/2022	01/12/2022	3
Operations	Supply & Installation of Calistenics & Accessible Fitness Hub Waterville Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€34,790	09/08/2022	15/08/2022	15/08/2023	12
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Work Fancourt Heights	Roadstone Ltd	€107,842	08/08/2022	26/09/2022	26/10/2022	1
Operations	Footpath Repair Works Hunters Run - Deerhaven Avenue	John Browne Construction Ltd	€35,020	05/08/2022	22/08/2022	26/09/2022	1
Operations	Concrete footpath repairs at Castlecurragh Road, Dublin 15	John Browne Ltd, Kelly Rahill & Co.	€32,500	26/07/2022	05/08/2022	05/09/2022	1
Operations	Provision of Internal Upgrade Works at Baleally Landfill/Rogerstown park	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	€476,628	26/07/2022	01/07/2022	01/10/2022	3
Digital Services	Requirement for the Provision of ICT Research and Advisory Services	Gartner Ireland Ltd	€111,285	25/07/2022	01/08/2022	31/07/2024	24

Operations	Hire of 8 x 4 Tipper Body Rigid Lorry WITH CLAM	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	€132,600.00	20/07/2022	22/08/2022	21/08/2025	36
Operations	Installation and Repair of Traffic Calming Ramps in the Fingal Area	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€138,803	19/07/2022	01/08/2022	01/02/2023	6
P & SI	Provision of Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services/Ward River Valley	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€609,097.50	18/07/2022	18/07/2022	31/12/2023	17
Operations	Retro Fit end to end loT Solutions to alert monitor and report on Ring Buoy Theft	Civic Group	€31,842.13	15/07/2022	01/08/2022	31/07/2025	36
Operations	Solar Power Signage	PWS Signs Ltd	€66,380	14/07/2022	11/07/2022	11/11/2022	4
Active Travel	Engineering Consultancy Services Ballycoolin Business Park to Ongar Village - Protected Cycle Lane Scheme	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	€395,095	14/07/2022	30/06/2022	01/01/2025	30
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repairs St. Margaret's Road	Citrus Ltd	€30,875	13/07/2022	01/08/2022	30/09/2022	2
Operations	Supply and installation of Permanent Road Traffic Signs and Ancillary Works	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€30,993.02	12/07/2022	18/07/2022	18/12/2022	5
Operations	Purchase of up to Six Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne Flatbed Tippers for Park Rangers	Harris Automotive Distributors	€263,508.00	11/07/2022	27/06/2022	26/06/2023	12
Operations	Bitumen Emulsion, Balbriggan/Swords Area (SPLIT 70%, 20%, 10%	Colas Teoranta	€17,173.75	11/07/2022	11/07/2022	31/12/2022	5
EETCD	Roofing & Façade Repairs at Argillan Castle	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€2,979,598.50	11/07/2022	05/09/2022	10/06/2024	21
Operations	Resurfacing Barnageeragh Road, Skerries, Co. Dublin	Roadstone Ltd.	€110,408.92	11/07/2022	18/07/2022	22/08/2022	1

Operations	Seatown Road, Drainage and Surfacing Works	D.M. Morris Limited	€181,390	04/07/2022	04/07/2022	04/10/2022	3
Active Travel	Engineering Consultancy Services for Countywide Fingal Active Travel Projects	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	€702,050	04/07/2022	27/06/2022	26/06/2024	24
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Metered Electricity	Energia Customer Solutions Ltd	€2,500,000.00	01/07/2022	01/07/2022	31/12/2023	18
Operations	Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 2 - 8 square meters at Various Locations in Malahide including Chalfont, Texas Lane, and Church Rd Malahide.	Browne Construction Ltd, Kelly Rahill & Co	€48,990	01/07/2022	27/06/2022	22/07/2022	0
Operations	Hire of Generators, Tower Lights and Electricians and Teleporter for Flavours of Fingal County Show 2022	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	€75,000	29/06/2022	29/06/2022	05/07/2022	0
Operations	Resurfacing of Sundrive Road, Rush	D.M. Morris Limited	€44,756	22/06/2022	04/07/2022	02/08/2022	0
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€100,000	22/06/2022	01/04/2022	31/01/2023	10
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works - R124 At Hill Top Stores Malahide	Lagan Asphalt ltd.	€56,535	20/06/2022	11/07/2022	29/07/2022	0
Operations	concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 2 - 8 square meters at Sutton Cross	DM Morris Ltd	€62,278	20/06/2022	20/06/2022	20/08/2022	2
Operations	Resurfacing of Park Road, Rush	D.M. Morris Limited	€135,368	16/06/2022	04/07/2022	02/08/2022	0
Operations	Resurfacing Barnageeragh Road, Skerries, Co. Dublin	Roadstone Ltd	€110,408	16/06/2022	11/07/2022	08/08/2022	3

Libraries	Supply and Installation of Library Furniture to three Libraries (Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Malahide)	Bushell Interiors Ltd.	€280,697	15/06/2022	01/04/2022	31/08/2023	17
Operations	Public Lighting Maintenance and New Works - Initial contract & FW	Enerveo Ireland Ltd	€2,422,194	13/06/2022	23/05/2022	23/05/2025	36
Operations	Supply and delivery of washed surface dressing chips – 6mm and 10mm	Peter Fitzpatrick Ltd.	€50,130	10/06/2022	10/06/2022	31/10/2022	4
Operations	R129 M1 Flyover to Roscall, Ballyboughal	Roadstone Ltd	€568,891	08/06/2022	11/07/2022	05/09/2022	1
Operations	Concrete footpath repairs Laverna & Sycamore Res Estates, Carpenterstown, D15	Citius Ltd	€36,530	07/06/2022	15/06/2022	30/10/2022	4
P&SI	Design & Construction of Stone Faced Wall & Fitting of Railings and Gates at Beechpark, Clonsilla.	Oldstone Conservation Ltd	€494,450	07/06/2022	07/06/2022	07/09/2022	3
Active Travel	Consultancy Services in respect of Contract for the Design of New Street Public Realm Project, New Street, Malahide	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€311,329	30/05/2022	16/05/2022	31/12/2022	7
Operations	Road Surfacing, Local Roads, North Fingal, Co Dublin	Kilsaran Road Surfacing and Contracting Unlimited	€660,052	30/05/2022	26/05/2022	26/10/2022	5
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Maple Avenue and Lawn, Dublin 15	D.M. Morris Limited	€118,135	25/05/2022	01/06/2022	30/06/2022	1
Environment, Climate Action	Equine Round Ups and Health Inspections for Horses on Dunsink Landfill	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	€100,000	25/05/2022	25/05/2022	25/05/2023	12
Operations	Road lining contract for the Fingal Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area's including PSCS and traffic management	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€66,684	24/05/2022	28/05/2022	31/12/2022	7
Housing	Refurbishment works at house in Mourne Court & house in Seaview Park	CTS Projects Ltd	€85,500	20/05/2022	30/05/2022	30/10/2022	5

Operations	Concrete footpath at Church Street Skerries	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€61,181	20/05/2022	20/05/2022	22/08/2022	3
Operations	Road Resurfacing Hannah's Avenue, Lusk, Co Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€134,147	19/05/2022	20/05/2022	22/08/2022	3
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works - New Road Donabate (two locations)	Lagan Asphalt ltd.	€104,176	17/05/2022	17/05/2022	17/10/2022	5
Operations	Construction of 70 Linear Meters of Pedestrian Footpath, Kettles Park, Kinsealy	McGinty Plant Hire & Landscaping Services	€42,000	16/05/2022	29/08/2022	09/10/2022	1
Operations	Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 2 - 8 square meters at various locations in Howths including Dungriffan Rd, Woodcliffe Heights, and Thornmanby Rd.	Citius Ltd	€33,430	13/05/2022	16/05/2022	10/06/2022	0
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repairs Ashfield Estate	John Browne Ltd, Kelly Rahill & Co.	€46,200.00	11/05/2022	12/07/2022	12/09/2022	2
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary Works R124 at The Grange	Lagan Asphalt ltd.	€64,930	11/05/2022	01/07/2022	26/07/2022	0
Housing	Emergency & General Response Electrical Maintenance Works 2021 **Lot 2** North & East Fingal	H & A Mechanical Services	€2,000,000	10/05/2022	21/02/2022	21/02/2024	24
Operations	Consultancy Services for Howth Surface Water Culvert	Roughan & O'Donovan Ltd	€92,878	10/05/2022	11/04/2022	11/12/2023	20
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Maple Avenue and Lawn, Dublin 15	D.M. Morris Limited	€48,600	09/05/2022	12/05/2022	12/06/2022	24
Operations	Plant Hire with Driver/Operative for Beach and Burial Ground Work	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd.	€62,984	05/05/2022	18/04/2022	16/09/2022	4
Housing	Emergency & General Response Electrical Maintenance Works 2021 **Lot 1** Dublin 15 and South Fringe	Owen Norton Electrical Limited T/A Norton Electrical	€2,000,000	03/05/2022	01/02/2022	01/02/2024	24

Operations	Purchase of Front Mounted Ride-On Mowers	Dublin Farm Machinery Ltd. T/A Dublin Grass Machinery	€81,200	03/05/2022	30/04/2022	29/04/2023	12
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring related to Balleally and Dunsink Landfills, Laboratory Analysis, Stack Testing and Tree	Fehily Timoney & Co. Ltd	€48,745	28/04/2022	01/01/2022	30/06/2022	6
Operations	Widening and resurfacing of specified pedestrian pathways in parks and open spaces in the D.15 area	Lakeland Civil Engineering Ltd	€47,671	26/04/2022	17/05/2022	27/05/2022	0
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works at College Park, Dublin 15	Roadstone Ltd.	€69,237	25/04/2022	10/05/2022	08/08/2022	2
Housing	Response and General Maintenance in Dublin 15 (West) and South Fringe Fingal 2021	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€4,000,000	25/04/2022	01/05/2022	30/04/2024	24
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works at Old Yellow Walls Road	Formac Construction ltd	€85,740	22/04/2022	01/04/2022	01/06/2022	2
Digital Services	Purchase of 440 No HP 9VG71AT 27" E27 G4 Monitors under CPA 70.1, provision of Personal and Notebook Computers and Associated Services (OGP)	Datapac Ireland	€38,923	22/04/2022	22/04/2022	31/12/2022	8
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Quay Road, Loughshinny	DM Morris Ltd	€48,563	21/04/2022	16/05/2022	27/05/2022	0
Operations	Footpath Improvement works, Howth/Malahide Area	D.M. Morris Limited	€59,500	14/04/2022	14/07/2022	31/07/2022	0
P&SI	Consultant Engineering Services for the Development Resolution of the Ongar Development, Ongar, Dublin 15 to taking in Charge Standards for Fingal County Council	O'Connor Sutton Cronin & Assoc	€47,200	13/04/2022	28/03/2022	11/11/2022	7
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Ashfield Gardens and Grove Road	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€51,648	13/04/2022	25/04/2022	25/07/2022	3

Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Charnwood Avenue, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€65,796	13/04/2022	25/04/2022	25/07/2022	3
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Ashfield Estate, Dublin 15	Pavement and Road Surfacing Ltd	€103,115	13/04/2022	01/05/2022	01/08/2022	3
Operations	Concrete footpath repairs Park drive and Park Avenue, Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Limited	€25,500	11/04/2022	20/04/2022	20/07/2022	3
Operations	Supply and installation of 2 no. MUGA game ends at Hartstown Park and Dunsoghly open space in Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd.	€78,000	06/04/2022	15/04/2022	15/05/2022	1
Digital Services	Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	€53,166	01/04/2022	01/04/2022	31/03/2023	12
IT	Development of new website features (development, support and maintenance of interactive house portal)	Annertech	€37,245	30/03/2022	10/03/2022	10/03/2025	36
Operations	Road Markings for the Swords/Balbriggan Area	MacLouchlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€63,456	24/03/2022	21/04/2022	31/12/2022	8
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works at Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€46,924	23/03/2022	23/03/2022	23/07/2022	4
Operations	Cleaning and Maintenance service for 26 individual toilet units in 4 locations (Ardgillan, Newbridge, Santry & Millennium Park) in the Fingal Operational Area.	Rentokil Initial	€72,048	22/03/2022	14/03/2022	14/09/2022	6
IT	Departmental access to Lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	€43,800	22/03/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Operations	Supply of two bespoke freestanding outdoor digital signage totems at beaches.	Alpha View Ltd	€38,500	16/03/2022	21/03/2022	21/03/2027	60

Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	ACTAVO (Sierra Support Services Group)	€40,000	11/03/2022	01/12/2021	31/03/2022	4
Operations	Initial contract Conservation Architect led Design Team for Ornamental Glasshouses & related built structures at Newbridge House Demesne.	Bluett & O'Donoghue (Prodomo Ltd)	€124,920	11/03/2022	28/02/2022	27/02/2023	12
Operations	Supply of macadam for various locations in Fingal County Council for road repairs during 2022	Lagan Materials Limited	€85,000	04/03/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Operations	Raising and resetting ironworks in mastic and ancillary works	Postmount Buildings Limited T/A Hayes Civil Engineering	€25,000	28/02/2022	31/01/2022	24/07/2022	5
Housing	Initial contract under SSFA for External Maintenance and Scheme Painting 2021	Cunningham Painters	€621,075	28/02/2022	28/02/2022	27/02/2023	12
Operations	Inspections of Playgrounds/Skate parks/Fitness Equipment, calisthenics and Multi Use Games Areas	Play Services Ireland Limited	€47,050	28/02/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Corporate Affairs	Catering Services for County Hall and Grove Road	Compass Catering Services Ireland Ltd., T/A Eurest	€150,000	25/02/2022	25/02/2022	24/08/2022	6
P&SI	Design and Construction of an all-weather running track and pitch facility and associated ancillary works at Porterstown Park Recreational Hub, Dublin 14.	Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Ltd	€1,387,005	25/02/2022	01/03/2022	31/12/2023	22
Active Travel	Provision of Services Pursuant to Fingal County Council Safe Routes to School Design Works 2022	Avison Young Planning and Regeneration Ltd.	€329,450	24/02/2022	24/02/2022	25/08/2023	18
Housing	Refurbishment works at St. Catherine's Close, Rush, Co. Dublin	CTS Projects Ltd	€142,950	24/02/2022	01/03/2022	30/09/2022	7
Operations	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of heating system for the Cambridge Butterfly Glasshouse, Malahide Demesne	AMW Glasshouses Ltd	€229,100	23/02/2022	16/02/2022	15/02/2023	12

Libraries	Refurbishment and extension to Skerries Library	Midland Construction Ltd.	€3,678,491	23/02/2022	01/09/2021	31/12/2023	28
Operations	Cleaning and Maintenance services for Prefabricated Modular Public Conveniences - Howth/Malahide and Swords/Balbriggan Areas (7 locations)	Healthmatic (Ireland) Ltd.	€75,960	21/02/2022	01/02/2022	31/10/2022	9
Operations	Initial Contract for the Construction, Delivery and Installation of four Corten Steel Planters at the northern entrance to Tyrrelstown Estate	BA Steel Fabrication Ltd.	€31,217	17/02/2022	15/01/2022	15/02/2022	1
Housing	Legal Services in respect of affordable housing delivery at Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin	Mason Hayes & Curran	€50,000	16/02/2022	04/02/2022	04/02/2024	24
Operations	Reinforced grass surfacing works to the existing overflow carpark at St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 15.	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	€96,795	16/02/2022	01/03/2022	01/06/2022	3
Operations	Emergency Tree Works and Scrub Clearance	King Tree Services Ltd	€48,387.00	10/02/2022	10/02/2022	28/02/2022	0
IT	10GB WAN Point to Point link between Fingal County Council Swords County Hall and Blanchardstown Civic Offices	Eir	€116,295	10/02/2022	01/06/2022	31/05/2027	60
Operations	Arboricultural Maintenance Works	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€50,000	08/02/2022	23/02/2022	23/04/2022	2
EETCD	Conservation led consultancy services to develop the conservation plan for Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Strifeland, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	DBM Design Services Co. Ltd formerly de Blacam & Meagher	€131,395	04/02/2022	18/10/2021	30/04/2022	6
Housing	Refurbishment works at Jugback Close, Swords, Co. Dublin	CTS Projects Ltd	€29,130	03/02/2022	01/02/2022	31/07/2022	6
Housing	Refurbishment of properties at Sheephill Green & Corduff Place, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€106,771	02/02/2022	01/02/2022	31/07/2022	6

IT	WAN links between Fingal Co Co sites & link to Government Networks	Eir Ltd	€52,194	31/01/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Housing	Refurbishment works at 38 Grace O'Malley Drive, Howth, Co. Dublin	McMenamin Building Contractors Limited	€49,860	25/01/2022	01/01/2022	30/06/2022	6
Operations	The Supply and Delivery of Trees for the Parks & open space planting program Winter 2022	Annaveigh Plants Ltd	€28,651	25/01/2022	01/01/2022	30/03/2022	2
P&SI	Construction of natural GAA Pitch facility and associated ancillary works at Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€532,171	24/01/2022	14/01/2022	22/06/2023	17
Operations	Supply of Vehicle Maintenance Services to Fingal County Council	Summerhill Commercial Repair Centre Ltd, T/A M50 Truck & Van Centre	€268,631	24/01/2022	04/01/2022	03/01/2024	24
Operations	Purchase of Fully Electric Large Commercial Panel Vans	Harris Automotive Distributors	€302,800	23/01/2022	21/01/2022	20/01/2023	12
EETCD	Projection and amplification of Christmas themed images onto various heritage properties and other prominent locations throughout Fingal	Eventco	€40,640	21/01/2022	27/11/2021	31/12/2021	1
P&SI	Audio sound systems in respect of the 2023-2029 Development Plan Meetings	Icon Entertainments	€65,392	19/01/2022	23/01/2022	16/02/2022	0
Operations	The supply and installation of two no. Eco toilets at Shackleton Gardens	Healthmatic Ireland Ltd	€36,230	19/01/2022	15/01/2022	30/01/2022	0
Operations	Initial contract for Lease, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of One Hundred (100) Solar Powered Compacting Litter Bins throughout Fingal County Council Administrative Area	Kyron Street Limited	€369,500	17/01/2022	17/01/2022	16/01/2027	60
EETCD	Employer's Representative Led Multi-Disciplinary Integrated Project Design Team services for Design, Planning, Procurement,	Paul Keogh, Studio PKA Ltd, T'A Paul Keogh Architects	€196,345	17/01/2022	10/01/2022	31/01/2026	48

	Construction and Delivery of 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan as part of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan						
Operations	Purchase of Fully Electric Woodchipper	Irish Grass Machinery Limited	€36,520	12/01/2022	22/12/2021	21/12/2022	12
IT	Design, Supply, Installation Commissioning and Maintenance of Audio Visual & Digital Signage Equipment at Civic Offices Blanchardstown	McKeon Construction Ltd T/A Hereworks	€87,831	06/01/2022	18/10/2021	17/10/2024	36

Appendix 1 - Financial Reports

- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 30th September, 2022
- Capital Account Income & Expenditure to 30th September, 2022
- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 30th September, 2022

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	57,202,806	79,782,200	72%	60,746,282	84,923,500	72%	-3,543,476
Road Transport & Safety	22,871,179	27,382,500	84%	6,435,095	7,864,900	82%	16,436,084
Water Services	13,679,969	13,762,800	99%	12,640,326	17,450,600	72%	1,039,643
Development Management	11,576,025	16,534,600	70%	3,640,315	5,081,600	72%	7,935,710
Environmental Services	33,365,336	44,689,200	75%	7,911,595	6,821,800	116%	25,453,741
Recreation & Amenity	32,415,566	40,855,700	79%	1,919,361	1,680,300	114%	30,496,206
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	694,441	1,307,200	53%	334,275	296,600	113%	360,165
Miscellaneous Services	35,999,254	28,343,100	127%	26,049,520	12,395,000	210%	9,949,734
Central Management Charge	34,190,871	47,129,600	73%	2,343,816	3,518,900	67%	31,847,056
Local Property Tax / GPG				5,635,950	7,514,600	75%	-5,635,950
Rates				114,179,325	152,239,100	75%	-114,179,325
	241,995,449	**299,786,900**	**81%**	**241,835,861**	**299,786,900**	**81%**	**159,588**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/09/2022

		Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/09/2022 €
A	Housing & Building	-43,437,957	52,646,636	-39,067,344	-29,858,665
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,743,232	34,559,373	-10,680,476	41,622,129
C	Water Services	-12,702,629	1,052,294	699,888	-10,950,447
D	Development Management	-133,792,824	24,193,829	-31,485,327	-141,084,322
E	Environmental Services	-21,282,804	2,672,547	-1,069,228	-19,679,485
F	Recreation & Amenity	-12,695,789	19,031,952	-1,140,035	5,196,128
H	Miscellaneous Services	-55,983,832	18,102,126	-17,048,587	-54,930,293
	Total	**-262,152,603**	**152,258,757**	**-99,791,109**	**-209,684,955**

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/09/2022

	Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Balance at 30/09/2022 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES *	**3,445,254**	**12,857,798**	**9,730,608**	**3,127,190**
LOANS	**1,972,344**	**2,031,649**	**246,618**	**1,785,032**
RENTS	**8,567,636**	**9,414,504**	**4,403,726**	**5,010,778**

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

* 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

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	A potential project has been identified and an application has been forwarded to the NTA for approval.
FCC/20/000	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Contractor is currently in Skerries constructing concrete bases for trishaw bike sharing unit and expanding public bike parking facilities along South Beach and Skerries Mills
FCC/20/0006	Safe Routes to Schools Programme – Infrastructure (with NTA) €1,500,000	Tender submissions were received for the appointment of a works contractor. The tenders have been evaluated and we are currently in the standstill period before we can officially appoint the preferred tenderer and commence works. Site works programmed to commence during the final quarter of 2022
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €400,000	Work on the initial options report has commenced. Topographical and traffic surveys have also commenced for the study area for the scheme.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €1,700,000	Junction upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road have been completed. Epoxy resin works on cycle lanes have been completed on Howth Road and Grange Road. Small section of epoxy resin to be completed on Warrenhouse Road at Irish Rail crossing. Engagement with Irish Rail ongoing to obtain a slot to complete the works at crossing.

		Works on snag items for the project have also commenced.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street) €1,250,000	A preliminary feasibility and options report has just been prepared for Baldoyle Phase 2, which is currently being reviewed by the Active Travel Unit. Given the scope change since the initial concept design, it will require more significant internal discussion. A presentation will be prepared and brought forward as a headed item to the Howth-Malahide committee in the coming months. As with any Active Travel projects, safe routes to school treatments are implemented on adjacent or nearby schools where appropriate. Within this area that includes St Laurence's Senior National School and St Marys Secondary School.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €250,000	Tender competition published 02/09/22 for the appointment of a design consultant. Competition ongoing.
FCC/21/XXX	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Drafting of tender documents for the appointment of an engineering consultant is ongoing.
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €3,500,000	Contractor was busy during September constructing new junction buildouts at Park Avenue, Valley View and Laurelton. A new concrete kerb to address level differences was constructed along Glen Ellan Road along the front of the ESB Substation.
FCC/22/XXX	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €1,100,000	The phase 2b junction designs have been completed by the cycle design office (CDO) with final design works underway on the design of the Phase 2b Junction designs. Once completed these can be reviewed by

		FCC with the aim of starting construction asap.
FCC/22/XXX	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €1,200,000	ESB connection works are now complete with reinstatement works almo0st complete. Some additional footpath repair works have also been carried out along Forrest Dale. The new Toucan crossing lights have also been installed and are awaiting the ESB to complete connection works. Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout are expected to begin in September.
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €550,000	Speed limit reduction consultation is underway and due to finish on the 05th October. The statutory consultation is required to reduce the existing 80km/h to 60km/h between Kilhedge Lane and Quickpenny Lane along the R132. Consultants have appointed traffic and topographical survey consultants to collect necessary data with the view to extending the protected cycle lane project from Ministers Road to Quickpenny Lane along the R132.
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €1,225,000	Consultant's Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) currently drafting concept design proposals and will present to Fingal project team by the end of October. Traffic Data and Topgraphical Surveys were completed recently to inform the early design concepts.
FCC/22/0013	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €1,225,000	Consultant's Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) currently drafting concept design proposals and will present to Fingal project team by the end of October. Traffic Data and Topographical Surveys were completed recently to inform the early design concepts.

FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €925,000	Consultant's Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) currently drafting concept design proposals and will present to Fingal project team by the end of October. Traffic Data and Topographical Surveys were completed recently to inform the early design concepts.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €925,000	Consultant's Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) currently drafting concept design proposals and will present to Fingal project team by the end of October. Traffic Data and Topographical Surveys were completed recently to inform the early design concepts.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	Consultant engaged through PSI for design option development of access path from carpark to Bawn Road. Engagement with Property Section with regard to acquisition of lands in this area is ongoing.
FCC/22/XXX	New Street Permanent Scheme €500,000	Design concepts presented to FCC Second phase on non-statutory consultation completed Sat 24th of Sept
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €500,000	Several projects are still being identified and assessed via multi criteria analysis. We are also in ongoing 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 have appointed a Small Works Contractor for a small works contract which will be utilised to execute some of these works. This included removal of barriers that are currently impeding permeability and connectivity issues.
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	The Skerries Active Travel Plan was launched in Skerries Town on the 22nd September. On street surveys were conducted on the day and information stand was open to the public. The project commenced Public Consultation and is requesting submissions until 03rd November. Tenders for the

		appointment of an Integrated Design Team are due back by the 14th October. Evaluation of Tenders and appointment of Design Team to follow in late October early November.
FCC/22/0007	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	Tender assessment ongoing, once completed an engineering consultant will be appointed.
FCC/22/XXX	Strawberry Beds Active Travel Study €150,000	Project has been paused and will be revisited in 2023.
FCC/22/0008	Fingal Active Travel Strategy €40,000	Public consultation phase completed. Postal submissions have been processed and uploaded to the consultation portal. Draft summary report completed and has been reviewed internally. Due to be uploaded on consultation website. Final draft strategy document currently being reviewed.
FCC/22/XXX	Balrothery Active Travel Review €185,000	The Balrothery Active Travel Plan is now out to tender. This study will bring forward options and a preliminary design for the future of Balrothery. On appointment, the consultants will meet with local Councillors, local stakeholder groups, businesses and residents through a non-statutory public consultation event, to establish issues that are affecting the various parties. This in essence will be an information gathering session, with the community inputting into the design prior to the consultants commencing any work. Following this options will be developed and

		recommendations made for the area. Once this stage is complete, the preferred options will be brought through preliminary design and detailed design. We will engage with the community on a number of occasions through this process.
FCC/22/XXX	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	Tree survey works are expected in the coming weeks with Site Investigation works currently being tendered for the project. Site investigation works are expected in November. These will provide vital information which will inform the final design of the project.
FCC/22/XXX	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog 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	Connectivity to the Royal Canal Greenway to be delivered as part of the Castleknock to Dunsink Lane and Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh projects.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	

Appendix 3 Housing Delivery Construction Programme

Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Dun Emer, Lusk 53°31'25.8"N 6°10'34.4"W - Google Maps	**51** 8x2Bed 31x3Bed 12x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Wellview Cul-de-Sacs 53°24'38.4"N 6°23'37.7"W - Google Maps	**20** 7x2Bed 7x3Bed 6x4Bed	On site	Q4 2020	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Cappagh 53°23'46.8"N 6°19'34.0"W - Google Maps	**69** 10x1Bed 26x2Bed 25x3Bed 8x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Church Fields Phase 2B https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qCJehgaJZj38	**67** 6x1Bed 17x2Bed 34x3Bed 10x4Bed	On Site	Q4 2021	Q4 2022

Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**300** 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	The Council commenced Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest/ Prequalification) of a two-stage Procurement process for the appointment of a	Q2 2023	Q1 2024

					contractor to construct the 300 units. The closing date for Stage 1 Submissions is 11th Nov 2022.		
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	**62** 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	Contract awarded. Site clearance will commence in the coming weeks.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social - Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk 53°31'24.4"N 6°10'30.3"W - Google Maps	**31** 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	Tender to appoint a contractor issued on 24th August. Response deadline is 13th Oct.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Outlands, Swords 53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W - Google Maps	**11** 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	Contractor is due to commence on site end of October.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	**10** 10x2Bed	Tender evaluation underway.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Tuckett's Lane, Howth 53°23'06.7"N 6°03'58.0"W - Google Maps	**8** 4x1Bed 4x2Bed	Ongoing engagement with DHLGH re costs and value for money.	Q1 2023	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	**5** 5x2Bed	Tender evaluation underway.	Q4 2022	Q3 2023
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8 (169 Clonsilla Road) https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXy5 (Sheepmoor shop site)	**2** 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	Awaiting single stage approval from DHLGH.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023

Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee Meeting	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields, D15 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**700**	Pre-Planning and design stage	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	**121**	Pre-planning underway.	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	**13**	Stage 1 approval received from DHLGH. Pre planning underway.	Q2 2023	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social - Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	**6**	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 to commence in Q3	Q4 2023	Q4 2024