Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th January, 2023 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Conroy, Pamela
Dennehy, Brian
Dennison, Kieran
Donnelly, Angela
Graves, Ann
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Henchy, Adrian
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Kitt, Tom
Lavin, Anthony
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

Mahony, Howard
Manton, Brigid
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Dean, Mulligan
Mulville, Paul
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Ó'Rodaigh, Seána
Power, Karen
Rane, Punam
Tracey, Natalie
Walsh, John
Whooley, Daniel

Apologies were received for Councillors Tania Doyle, Ian Carey, Tony Murphy and Siobhan Shovlin.

The Mayor, Councillor 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 Travel); Mary T Daly (Director of

Services/Operations & Water Services); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Robert Byrne (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Fionnuala May (County Architect); Helena Bergin (Senior Exec Arch Conservation Officer); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

F/1/23 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

F/2/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12th December 2022 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. Kitt, seconded by Councillor P. Rane and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12th December 2022 be **ADOPTED."**

F/3/23 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 2 to 15, be **ADOPTED.**"

F/4/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor A. Henchy - Criteria to meet the threshold for Housing in this Council

F/5/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Mulville - Planning Permissions Granted - Electric Vehicle Chargers

F/6/23 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor C. Boland - Community Supports for members of our Community

F/7/23 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Services for homeless people

F/8/23 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Gritting operations on Fingal Roads

F/9/23 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor D. Healy - Projects included in the Capital Programme

F/10/23 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Butler - Dublin Airport and new North Runway

F/11/23 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor D. Butler - Dublin Airport and Noise Insulation

F/12/23 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor T. Murphy - Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 - Alleged Anti-Social Behaviour

F/13/23 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor J. Walsh - Derelict buildings in Fingal between 2017- 2022

F/14/23 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor J. Walsh - Housing Units provided by Fingal County Council

F/15/23 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor Joan Hopkins - Cigarette-related waste

F/16/23 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Active users of FingalConnect App

F/17/23 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Parking Fines issued

F/18/23 (Agenda Item No 16)
Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedures and Finance meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

b Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services (B) meeting held on 10th January 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk Swords Services (B) meeting held on 12th January 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

d Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023, are hereby ADOPTED."

e Strategic Policy Committees Chairpersons' Annual Report

The reports by the Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons which had been circulated were CONSIDERED and NOTED.

F/19/23 (Agenda Item No 17)

Financial Matters

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

F/20/23 (Agenda Item No 18)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Proposed grant of right of way over land to the rear of 61 St. Peter's Terrace, Howth, Co. Dublin for the purpose of accessing a single dwelling to the rear of the property

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED. It was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin and seconded by Councillor J. Newman and RESOLVED:

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

b Proposed grant of wayleave at Churchfields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Irish Water

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

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

c Proposed grant of wayleave at Rivermeade Avenue, St. Margaret's Co. Dublin to Irish Water

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED. It was proposed by Councillor P. Rane and seconded by Councillor K. Power and RESOLVED:

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

d Proposed Grant of wayleave at Cappaghfinn, Cappagh Road, Dublin 11 to Irish Water

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

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

F/21/23 (Agenda Item No 19)

Declaration of Roads

a BC 1722 New Haven Bay, Balbriggan

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

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

b BC 1721 Cois Inbhir, Donabate

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

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

F/22/23 (Agenda Item No 20)

Report on 2022 Architectural Conservation Grant Schemes

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** Fionnuala May, County Architect, introduced Helena Bergin, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer who gave a presentation to the Members and following discussion the report was **NOTED.**

F/23/23 (Agenda Item No 21)

SID/04/22 - Hollywood Great, Nag's Head, Naul, Co. Dublin

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was given to the Members by Malachy Bradley, Senior Planner and the report was **NOTED.**

F/24/23 (Agenda Item No 22)

Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 - Third Annual Progress Report

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

F/25/23 (Agenda Item No 23)

Circular Cities Declaration

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

'That the European Circular Cities Declaration 2020 is hereby **ADOPTED**.'

F/26/23 (Agenda Item No 24)

Presentation by Dublin Civil Defence - James McConnell, Civil Defence Officer

A presentation was given to the Members by James McConnell, Civil Defence Officer.

The Mayor, Members and Chief Executive thanked Mr McConnell for the exceptional service the Civil Defence and its volunteers provide.

F/27/23 (Agenda Item No 25)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/28/23 (Agenda Item No 26)

Mayor's Business - Councillor H. Mahony

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

F/29/23 (Agenda Item No 27)

Conference Report

a AIR 2023 - Regional Seminar and Training Event - 7th to 9th February 2023

The notice which had been circulated was NOTED.

F/30/23 (Agenda Item No 28)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a Letter dated 6th December 2022 received from Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence re Item 39 - March 2022 - Cllr Graves - Sanctions against Russia and solidarity with Ukraine

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

b Letter dated 22nd December 2022 from Department of Local Government and Heritage - Circ Letter LG 09-2022 Local Government (Maternity Protection & Other Measures) Act 2022

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

F/31/23 (Agenda Item No 29)

Correspondence

a Letter dated 14th October 2022 from Kerry County Council re- Ukrainian Refugees - Retain their current accommodation for the homeless

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

b Letter dated 6th January 2023 from Ms C Gubbins Interim Chief Executive DAA - Re Motion Cllr A Graves - Westerly Flights from Runway - Meeting with Councillors

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/32/23 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Scheme to Subsidise Cost of Purchasing Electric Vehicles - National Climate Action Plan

The motion, in the name of Councillor JK. Onwumereh was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt.

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor called for a three minute break.

Following the three minute break and discussion, this motion was **WITHDRAWN.**

F/33/23 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor D. Whooley - Trial QR Codes on Bins to Report Damaged or Overflowing Bins

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

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

F/34/23 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor P. Rane - Lack of Primary and Secondary Schools Across Fingal

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

Following discussion, the motion was PASSED.

MINUTES SILENCE

Councillor N. Tracey informed the Members that Councillor T. Doyle's mother-in-law passed away.

The Mayor called for a minute's silence.

F/35/23 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor A. Graves - Hybrid Meetings

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

Following discussion, Councillor A. Graves, agreed to amend the motion.

In agreement with the members the Mayor moved to Item 34 while Councillor A. Graves submitted the amendment.

F/36/23 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Damaged footpaths around EIR Cabinets in Fingal

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

Following discussion, the motion was PASSED.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

At this stage the Mayor suspended Standing Orders and it was AGREED by the Members to extend the meeting to conclude Item 33.

F/37/23 (Agenda Item No)
Councillor A. Graves - Hybrid Meetings

It was proposed by Councillor A. Graves, seconded by Councillor N. Tracey and **AGREED** to amend the motion as follows:-

Include the words

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister to outline the views of the Elected members."

The resultant amended motion reads as follows:

"That the Chief Executive, in light of the recent decision in relation to hybrid meetings extended to include Council meetings, considers the implications in relation to the payment of the Travel and Subsistence portion of Councillors' expenses and whether these should continue to be paid in relation to those attending meetings virtually. That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister to outline the views of the Elected members."

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

F/38/23 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor C. Boland - Enforcement Action - Noise Pollution and other matters - Dublin Airport Authority

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor H. Mahony and the report was **NOTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 8.02pm

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO FINGAL BIODIVERSITY FORUM (3 MEMBERS)

The Biodiversity Forum is made up of representation from Fingal Elected Council, various Council Departments, three SPCs, PPN, state agencies and nature conservation NGO's. By having an Elected Member of the Council, from each Area Committee on the Biodiversity Forum, there will be greater opportunity for local priorities to be identified within the overall list of 100 actions in the Biodiversity Plan.

The purpose of the forum is to develop an implementation plan for the Fingal Biodiversity Plan covering the period 2023-2027 and oversee and monitor the implementation of the Biodiversity Plan between 2023 and 2030. The Fingal Biodiversity Plan will be reviewed and updated where necessary in 2027.

The forum will meet twice a year. The first meeting will take place in February to discuss the actions to be implemented in the upcoming year. The second meeting takes place in October to report on the actions undertaken, discuss actions for the following year and determine the budgets required.

It is envisaged that two additional meetings will be required in March and April 2023 to prepare the implementation plan.

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ITEM NO. 03

NOMINATION OF COUNCILLOR TO MEMBERSHIP OF BEAUMONT HOSPITAL BOARD

A vacancy exists on the Board of Beaumont Hospital.

Membership of a Councillor to the Board of Beaumont Hospital rotates between Fingal County Council and Dublin City Council, the nomination for the next term would be from Fingal County Council, nominations are now sought for one Member to the Board of Beaumont Hospital.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 04

COUNCIL'S CAPITAL PROJECTS 2022-2023

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide an update on all Council's Capital Projects completed or that were in progress across 2022 and to provide a summary update including the projected costs on all planned capital projects that are expected to commence in 2023 for each electoral area?"

Reply:

Outlined below is a schedule of Capital Projects on site across Fingal as at the end of December 2022.

Department	Project	Budget €
Active Travel	Baldoyle to Howth	2,668,337
	Bicycle Parking	609,958
	Brackenstown Road/St Cronans Road Cycle Scheme	3,490,414
	Hartstown to Hunstown Cycle Scheme	3,258,345
	Rathingle to Rivervalley Cycle Scheme	2,418,161
	Safe Routes to Schools Programme (Infrastructure)	9,346,176
Community	Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility Extension and Refurbishment	877,198
Corporate Services	Energy Performance Contract - Co. Hall, Swords and Civic Offices, Blanchardstown	1,061,161
	Corporate Buildings Improvement Works - Customer Care Fitout Grove Road	1,480,678
EETCD	11 Parnell Square	100,000

	Howth Courthouse & Tourist Office H&S upgrades	**21,109**
	Improvement works to Libraries (Malahide/Balbriggan/Blanch)	**2,000,000**
	Morton Stadium	**50,000**
	Demolition Of Salthouse (O Shea's)- Balbriggan	**556,000**
	Conservation Works at Malahide Great Hall	**650,000**
	Ardgillen Castle Roof Upgrade & painting	**4,162,000**
	Newbridge House Roofing & Façade Repair including M&E	**3,027,000**
	Skerries - Extension Refurbishment of Library	**6,700,000**
Environment	**Balleally SEW-Lots 5-7 Work Packages (Balleally Landfill/Rogerstown Park: Internal Upgrade Works)**	**525,000**
	Dunsink Landfill Restoration & Development	**600,000**
Housing	**Pre-Let Repairs**	**2,500,000**
	Cappaghfinn Phase 3 - 69 dwellings	**18,690,480**
	Church Fields 2 B - 67 dwellings	**21,090,957**
	Dun Emer Lands (Affordable) - 51 dwellings mixed tenure	**5,987,500**
	Meakstown Close Refurbishment	**700,000**
	Outlands - 11 dwellings at Bowden Court	**4,521,077**
	Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme	**3,200,000**
	St Mary's Refurbishment	**1,120,650**
	Wellview Wraparound	**7,097,649**
Operations	**Coolmine Depot**	**718,500**
	Dunsink - Former landfill	**150,000**
	FCC Fleet - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	**450,000**
	Hartstown Park Improvements	**200,000**
	LED Public Lighting Installations	**3,000,000**
	Public Realm Works - Skerries Library	**350,000**
	Swords Town Park Public Toilet	**180,000**
	Town Centre Millennium Park, Blanchardstown	**450,000**
	Balbriggan Harbour	**65,000**
	Regional Roads Investment Programme	**1,700,000**
	Santry Demesne	**137,000**
	Ardgillan Demesne	**2,350,000**
	Ward River Valley Park upgrade works	**1,100,000**
	Newbridge Demesne	**750,000**
PSI	**Beechpark Gardens (Shackleton Gardens)**	**400,000**
	Bremore Regional Park Development Project - Phase 1 Recreational Hub: New GAA Pitch & Ancillary works (Including access & Boundary Railing)	**924,000**
	Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Infrastructure	**12,000,000**

	Porterstown Park Recreational Hub (All-weather Running Track & Sports Pitch Facility, and Associated Ancillary Works)	**2,109,308**
	Rivervalley Park All Weather Pitch & Recreational Hub at Ward River Regional Park - Recreational Hub (All-Weather Pitch, Car Park and ancillary works)	**2,487,081**
	Skerries Town Park Skatepark/Playground/All-weather Pitch Upgrade	**600,000**
	Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project	**21,779,786**
Surface Water	**Malahide / Portmarnock Surface Water Network**	**200,000**

Outlined below is a schedule of projects due to be on site during 2023 by Department

*estimated cost reflects total anticipated total cost of project not the anticipated spend in the quarter.

On-site Date	**Department**	**Project**	**Estimated Cost***
2023 Q1	**Community**	**Meakstown Community Centre**	**8,449,830**
	Corporate Services	**Courtyard Improvement Works and Refuse Store Area: County Hall, Swords**	**1,215,000**
	EETCD	**Damastown Industrial Estate - Programme**	**200,000**
		Carnegie Library, Swords	**1,440,050**
		Guinness Bridge	**2,067,558**
		Malahide Emergency Lighting Upgrade	**220,000**
	Environment	**Balleally SEW-Lot 9 Maintenance Building**	**1,100,000**
	Housing	**Lusk Site - Site at Leonards Garage (Ballough Place)**	**4,584,387**
		Lusk Site at Church Rd, Lusk (Katie Hunt's/Monastery Court)	**2,095,392**
		St Brigid's Lawn Refurbishment	**1,009,142**
		Single Infill D15 - Clonsilla	**382,640**
		Single Infill D15 - Sheepmore	**474,011**
		Affordable Development Hayestown Rush 62nr - Mixed Tenure	**4,893,000**
		Pre-Let Repairs	**2,500,000**
		Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme	**5,700,000**
		St Ita's, Portrane (Derelict Cottages Tender Package 3nr,6nr and 5nr)	**5,100,000**
	Operations	**Balbriggan Harbour**	**450,000**
		Corduff Park	**10,000**
	PSI	**Ballymastone Recreational Hub**	**10,000,000**
		Donabate Pedestrian Bridge	**700,000**

		Harry Reynolds Road Cycle Route	**8,000,000**
		Lanesborough Park Meakstown - Development Project (Phase 1 Major Play spaces & fitness trim trail)	**1,000,000**
		Ongar TIC works	**2,000,000**
		Skerries Town Park Skatepark/Playground/All-weather Pitch Upgrade	**600,000**
2023 Q2	**Active Travel**	**R132 Phase 1 Blakes Cross to Ministers Road**	**550,000**
	Housing	**Refurbishment of Barn Lodge**	**985,000**
	Environment	**Brooks End Unregulated Landfill.**	**440,000**
		Nevitt Landfill	**200,000**
	Operations	**Littlepace Park, Clonee, D15**	**100,000**
	PSI	**Donabate Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge**	**1,500,000**
		Garristown Library Playground	**440,000**
		Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route	**14,000,000**
		Ongar to Barnhill Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	**25,000,000**
	EETCD	**Swords Castle ME Upgrade**	**1,007,000**
		Repairs to Sluagh Hall Swords	**40,000**
		Skerries Mills Red Barn Re-development	**1,360,755**
		Malahide Energy Centre upgrade	**262,500**
		Swords Cultural Quarter - Enabling Works	**1,100,000**
	Surface Water	**Howth Surface Water Culvert**	**390,000**
2023 Q3	**Active Travel**	**Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street**	**6,600,000**
		Dublin Road to Dublin Street Baldoyle (Phase 2)	**2,606,782**
		Public usage - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	**1,500,000**
		St Catherine's Park Boardwalk	**800,000**
	Environment	**Dunsink Landfill Restoration & Development**	**600,000**
	EETCD	**Baldoyle Library Refurbishment**	**974,500**
	Operations	**Refurbishment of Public Conveniences - Rush**	**168,000**
		Regional Roads Investment Programme	**2,500,000**
		Loughshinny Harbour	**85,000**
		Ward River Valley upgrades	**450,000**
		The Glebe Park Balrothery	**150,000**
	PSI	**Howth Harbour Playground Development Project**	**850,000**

		Turvey Ave and Portrane Road Footpath Enhancement Project	**1,000,000**
	Housing	**Church Fields Phase 3 - 300nr Units - Mixed Tenure**	**43,000,000**
		Multi-Unit Development and Mayeston - 127nr	**42,000,000**
	Community	**Community Centre Improvement works Phase 1**	**9,243,932**
		New Build Community Centre Baldoyle	**8,450,000**
2023 Q4	**Active Travel**	**Castleknock to Dunsink Lane**	**3,650,000**
		Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	**3,000,000**
		New Street, Malahide	**6,086,246**
	Corporate Services	**Workplace Spatial Strategy and Implementation**	**12,500,000**
	EETCD	**Quay Street & Environs**	**11,000,000**
	Housing	**Garristown N&E**	**1,950,000**
		North Street Swords	**4,900,000**
	Operations	**Replacement Public Conveniences - Portrane, Donabate, Malahide and Howth**	**850,000**
		Newbridge Demesne	**600,000**
		St Catherine's Park Rush	**150,000**
		Skerries Town Park	**200,000**
		Ardgillan Demesne	**300,000**
	EETCD	**Baldoyle Library - General Works**	**2,000,000**
	PSI	**Naul Village Park Development Project (Construction stage)**	**1,000,000**

Outline below are projects in the design / planning stage

DEPARTMENT	**PROJECT**
Active Travel	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park
Community	Baldoyle Community Centre
EETCD	Skerries Martello Tower
	Destination Towns Skerries
	Swords Cultural Centre
	Our Balbriggan Project No.1: Quay Street & Environs
	Our Balbriggan Project No.6: Promenade Coastal Improvement & Restorations (Beach/Banks/Martello Tower/Boathouse/Public Baths)
	Our Balbriggan Project No.3: 10-16 Bridge Street (Main St, Green Corridor)
	Our Balbriggan Project No.2:

	2-4 Dublin Street
Environment	Brooks End Unregulated Landfill.
Housing	6 Units at Tuckett's Lane
	Coldwinters House Extension
	Barnlodge Refurbishment
	Ballymastone, Donabate - Mixed Tenure
	Hackettstown LDA - Mixed Tenure
	Church Fields Ph 3 (300 units) + (700 units) Mixed Tenure Development
	Holywell - 29 dwellings
	New Road, Donabate
Operations	Kellystown Cemetery
	Skerries Harbour
PSI	R132 Junctions
	Bremore Regional Park Development Project - Central Zone Natural Play Space & Path network
	Racecourse Park Baldoyle (cycle facilities included)
	N3 Upgrade, Clonee - M50
	Turvey Ave and Portrane Road Footpath Enhancement Project
	Sutton to Malahide Greenway
	Royal Canal Urban Greenway
	Kellystown Road
	Lusk Recreational Hub at Rathmore Park Lusk
	Ward River Regional Park Development Project (to planning approval)
	Corduff Sports Centre (All Weather Pitch)
	Baleally Landfill (Development of Rogerstown Park)
Surface Water	Burrow Beach Surface Outfall Pipeline

Source of Reply
Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 05

MINIMUM STANDARDS IN PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to representation CRM R22\21668 regarding the Council's external contract for the carrying out of inspections to ensure compliance with the Minimum Standards in Private Rented Accommodation, if consideration can be given to putting in place a clause stating that for any property inspected by external contractors on the Council's behalf, that the same contractor is not allowed bid for or offer to carry out subsequent work that relates to any of their recommendations for that property?"

Reply:

Following a public procurement process, Fingal County Council appointed a contractor to provide inspections of private rented properties to ensure compliance with relevant regulations. Where a property is found not to be in compliance with the relevant regulations, the property owner is responsible for undertaking the necessary works to bring the property into compliance.

The contract referred to above does not include a reference to the undertaking of works by the contractor on behalf of individual property owners, however, this can be reviewed during the next procurement process.

Source of Reply:
Robert Burns, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 06

LOCAL AREA PLANS AND MASTERPLANS

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise the Members of her Programme of Works for the updating of Local Area Plans and Masterplans and her intentions in respect of the requirement for additional such plans?"

Reply:

The Draft Fingal Development Plan is now in the final stages of the plan-making process. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions received was issued to the Members on 15th January 2023. The final meetings to discuss the CE Report and adopt the Development Plan will take place later this month.

The new Development Plan will come into effect 6 weeks after its adoption.

As outlined the Development Plan, following its adoption, a list of LAPs, Masterplans, Framework Plan and other strategic plans to be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan will be drafted by the Planning Department based on the Council's priorities and subject to resources.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 07

CCTV FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING ACROSS FINGAL

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on any progress on using CCTV to reduce illegal dumping across Fingal?"

Reply:

The Circular Economy & Miscellaneous Provisions Act which was signed into law on 22nd July 2022 allows for the installation and operation of CCTV for the purposes of deterring environmental pollution and facilitating the deterrence, prevention, detection and prosecution of offences under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the Waste Management Act 1996. However, until such time as the new CCTV Code of Practice has been reviewed and approved by the Minister it is not permitted to install or operate CCTV under this new legislation.

A draft CCTV Code of Practice is due to be approved by the CCMA's Climate Action, Waste Management, Transport and Networks Committee in early Feb, prior to being submitted to the various public bodies and the Minister for review/approval as prescribed in Section 14C(4) of the 1996 Act as amended by the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022.

The CCTV Code of Practice will require a CCTV Oversight Board to be set up within each Local Authority to review and assess any new or existing CCTV schemes. CCTV applications submitted for consideration by the CCTV Oversight Board must address the following points:

1. Establish the need for CCTV – Offences under Litter Pollution Act 1997/Waste Management Act 1996
2. Conduct a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to ensure compliance with GDPR Regs and principles
3. Engage in appropriate levels of consultation with the public who will be impacted by CCTV
4. Produce a Business case for each CCTV installation for review/approval by the CCTV Oversight Board
5. Install appropriate CCTV signage prior to installing CCTV system
6. Ensure a Data Processing Agreement, Privacy Impact Assessment, Data Breach Policy are in place for any third-party data sharing/processing

If an application is approved by the CCTV Oversight Board the Chief Executive has responsibility to give final formal written approval for the CCTV installation as per S20 of Circular Economy & Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022.

A set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) are currently being drafted to assist Departments in the submission of CCTV applications for consideration as well as an Assessment Toolkit to assist the CCTV Oversight Board with reviewing applications. Discussions are ongoing regarding setting up a CCTV Oversight Board within Fingal County Council which are expected to be finalised shortly.

Source of Reply:
David Storey, Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 08

PUBLIC ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS

Question: Councillor K. Power

"To ask the Chief Executive if this Council has applied for funding available for Public Electric Charging Points?"

Reply:

The 4 Dublin Local Authorities have recently completed a strategic strategy on the provision of Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure. This has allowed us to examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The 4 Dublin Local Authorities are currently engaged with key stakeholders regarding the recommendations in the strategy and procurement process for the roll out of EV infrastructure which will include neighbourhood (bollard/public lighting) & destination chargers in towns & villages across Fingal. However, the exact location of these chargers needs to be identified in consultation with ESB networks.

The 4 Dublin Local Authorities have submitted a funding proposal to ZEVI in the sum of €3.5m and it is anticipated that the roll out of the infrastructure will commence in Q3 2023.

Source of Reply:
David Storey, Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 09

ENERGY EFFICIENT STANDARDS FOR NEW BUILDS

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if new builds in Fingal are conforming with all relevant energy efficient standards and if there is an audit of retro fitting schemes in the county?"

Reply:

All dwellings are built with energy efficiency as part of the design and construction as a Building Regulation legal requirement. The Building Regulations Part L 2019 require energy performance to be approximately 70% better than that of the 2005 standards. The current Building Regulation Part L requirement is for Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (nZEB) which is a building that has a very high energy performance where the nearly zero or very low amount of energy required should be covered to a very significant extent by energy from renewable sources including energy from renewable sources produced on-site or nearby.

Part L introduces minimum standards for following criteria:

- Renewable Energy Contribution (20%)
- Energy performance targets
- Carbon performance targets
- Building Fabric – backstop U-Values
- Thermal Bridging detail
- Air Tightness test
- Ventilation Verification Certification
- Heating and cooling plant efficiencies

- Heating and Coolin Controls

All buildings must be designed using energy efficiency software called DEAP (Dwelling Energy Assessment Procedure) and as well as carrying out site inspections on at least 12% of new builds, Fingal County Council Building Control Authority requests a DEAP conformance Report (produced by the DEAP software stating how the building complies with the various elements of Part L) before validating Certificates of Compliance at Completion. Other documents requested at this stage are the Air Test Report and the Ventilation Validation Certificate.

Regarding Retrofits, Fingal County Council did a retrofitting programme for 2021 which resulted from an allocation of 65 homes given by the dept, all of which were completed. The retrofitting programme for 2022 resulted from an allocation of 81 homes given by the dept and 92 were completed. The allocation retrofitting programme for 2023 has yet to be confirmed by the Dept. The Council is progressing with tenders for the first 75 units and would hope to achieve far in excess of last year's numbers. SEAI carry out audits on the Council's retrofit programme.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 10

Waiting time for Pre-Planning Meetings

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive what the waiting time for a Pre-Planning meeting with the Council is and how many have taken place in the last year?"

Reply:

The normal waiting time for a pre-planning meeting with an official is approximately 4 weeks, this is upon receipt of the necessary plans and documentation. It is recognised however, that the statutory requirements for pre-planning in the new large scale residential development process (and the previous strategic housing development process) have resulted in delays in facilitating some pre-planning meetings and resources have been allocated to address any backlog of pre-planning meetings that have arisen for these reasons. Last year 70no. section 247 pre-planning meeting were recorded, 18no. section 247 meetings on LRD applications and 8no. opinion meetings on LRD applications were held.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 11

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME (RAS) CONTRACTS

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive if there is a policy for reviewing tenants as they reach the end of their ten year Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) contract, some families fail to get a permanent home after their contract ends, people who go on the housing waiting list get houses ahead of RAS tenants, this leads to great frustration in families, have we any policy for tracking this?"

Reply:

The Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2009, approves the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) as a form of social housing support. Consequently, since 1 April 2011, RAS tenants are now considered to be in receipt of social housing support, this means that their housing need has been addressed. Social Housing support is provided through Council owned stock, Rental Accommodation Scheme stock, Leased properties and by nomination of applicants to Approved Housing Bodies. Fingal County Council's Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support applies to Housing Applicants, Transfer Applicants, and RAS.

Anyone in receipt of housing support is entitled to apply for a transfer, subject to the Allocation's Scheme, once they have been in their dwelling for a period of 2 years.

Should an applicant be housed through RAS, and their contract reaches an end, the Council will provide alternative accommodation to ensure that the household's housing needs are met.

In accordance with the Council's Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support 2011 RAS Tenants whose tenancies are being terminated will be given priority in having their housing need addressed.

Source of Reply:
Robert Burns, Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 12

E-SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES SAFETY RULES

Question: Councillor A Graves

"To ask the Chief Executive what rules will be put in place in relation to the use of e-scooters and e-bikes in terms of the public domain, proposed legislation states that they will be treated the same as regular push bikes and more powerful e-scooters and e-bikes that can reach speeds higher than 25km/h will fall under the same category as mopeds and motorbikes and will require insurance, registration and licensing, is it intended that these will need to use the cycle network and adhere to the same regulations in this regard, there have been many complaints about e-scooters, in particular, using the footpaths and causing injury to pedestrians, who is liable in this regard, while it is important to encourage the use of these vehicles, it is also important to ensure that there is a clear understanding by users of the rules surrounding them?"

Reply:

The Irish Government's Road Traffic and Roads Bill, which will regulate the use of e-scooters and e-bikes, is currently before the Oireachtas. Under this Bill, there will be classification of "powered personal transporters" that travel under 25km/h which shall be exempt from tax, insurance, registration, and licence requirements. These vehicles will essentially be treated the same as regular push bikes. However more powerful e-scooters and e-bikes that can reach speeds higher than 25km/h will fall under the same category as mopeds and motorbikes, and so will require insurance, registration, and licensing. These will be subject to the rules of the road that apply to mopeds and motorbikes.

It is expected that within the legislation there will also be technical and safety standards for e-scooters and e-bikes, like lighting and construction, and rules for the safe use of such vehicles in public places. Under the Bill, it is expected that a number of safety measures for use in public areas will be introduced including:-

- A minimum age for use of 16 years;
- Compulsory helmets for those aged between 16 and 18; and
- A ban of use on footpaths.

It can be expected that once the legislation is passed there will be a significant increase in the number of e-scooters operating in public places, as many of the major e-scooter service operators plan to roll out rental services in urban areas through mobile apps in Ireland. Indeed, anyone who has travelled to major European cities in recent years will be accustomed to seeing many e-scooter rental points in urban areas, with rental use of those e-scooters proving very popular in those cities

Source of Reply:
David Storey, Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 13

HERITAGE LIGHTING IN ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREAS

Question: Councillor J Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive how many of the listed Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) in Fingal adhere to the current guidelines regarding heritage lighting and underground cabling, of the ACAs that do adhere when was the work carried out, of the ACAs with standard electricity poles and lighting with overhead wiring what is the plan to bring them in line with other ACAs?"

Reply:

There are currently 32 Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA) designated under the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023, with another proposed in the Draft Development Plan 2023. Not all ACAs are within towns and villages, some are within public or private historic county house estates/demesnes. Works to underground services within privately owned lands would not be within the remit of the Council.

There are no specific guidelines on "heritage lighting" to adhere to. However, the council does have an objective in the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 to underground services where possible across all urban areas not just ACAs.

Objective DMS139
Seek the placing underground of all electricity, telephone and TV cables in urban areas. It is the intention of the Council to co-operate with other agencies as appropriate, and to use its Development Management powers in the implementation of this policy.

Within Fingal the streets where undergrounding of cables has taken place are:

- The Mall, Malahide
- Drogheda Street, Balbriggan
- Strand Street, Skerries

The Mall, Malahide and Strand Street, Skerries are within ACAs as is a portion of Drogheda Street, Balbriggan. These streets were not chosen because of the ACA designation but where opportunities arose that allowed these works to be facilitated.

Within the new Draft Development Plan, which has not yet been adopted, there is a standard objective on undergrounding of services and one that specifically relates to historic urban environments.

Objective IUO45 - Undergrounding of Utility Infrastructure
Require that the location of local utility services such as electricity, telephone and television cables be located underground wherever possible, and to promote the undergrounding of existing overhead cables and associated equipment, where possible, in the interests of visual amenity and improved public realm.

Objective HCAO42 - Undergrounding Cables
Underground cables and wires in historic urban environments or designated sites, such as SAAOs and ACAs, where appropriate, and where it does not detrimentally impact on other elements of heritage e.g., archaeology, natural heritage.

There is no definitive programme or timeline for the undergrounding of utilities/services of streets in the towns or villages of Fingal, whether they are an ACA or not, but as opportunities arises with public realm improvements or infrastructure projects this will be considered and implemented where appropriate. These projects tend to be cross-departmental in nature and the Conservation Office is a vital part of the consultee process.

Source of Reply;
Fionnuala May, County Architect

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ITEM NO. 14

DUBLIN AIRPORT AUTHORITY – NORTH RUNWAY

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the investigation to the daa non-compliance with planning permissions with regard to the North Runway and what proactive investigations the Council has undertaken while awaiting a reply from the daa that is due early February?"

Reply:

An Bord Pleanála granted permission ref: PL06F.217429 for the North Runway subject to 31 conditions. Following receipt of a number of planning enforcement complaints relating to the operation of the north runway a planning enforcement file has been opened and a warning letter was issued to the daa.

A response to the warning letter was received 19th October 2022. Following review of response received, the Planning Authority requested further information on 9th December 2022 as part of the ongoing investigations into the alleged offences.
On the 16th of December the daa advised that there is not a standard form of the requested monitoring report available and that there is significant work involved for daa and its external consultants, to compile the raw data and present it in a useful manner to comply with our letter of 9th December. Accordingly, an extension of the timeframe for response to the requested further information was requested and granted by the Planning Authority on 21st December 2022, with information sought to be submitted no later than 6th February 2023.

The Council received responses from the daa on Friday 3rd February and Monday 6th February. This information is currently being reviewed.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 15

AVAILABILITY OF APPRENTICESHIPS WITHIN THE COUNCIL

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive how many apprentices are employed by the Council and what plans are being considered to increase the places available for apprenticeships?"

Reply:

The Council has currently no apprentices in its employment. There are no plans to recruit civil apprentices because the Council no longer engages in the breadth of civil trade tasks necessary to produce well-rounded and fully competent tradespersons on completion of a formalised apprenticeship.

However, the Council has strong links with Apprenticeship Ireland through our Skills Strategy, and we are exploring opportunities across all areas of our services to develop staff in a number of high skill areas.

Source of Reply:
Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services, Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 16b

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2023

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

Application for Funding (Community)

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	**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**
Mid Sutton Community Centre	€2850.00	BCC Website Update	Y	2022 - €3,000.00	€2848.00

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh

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

Signed: Councillor E. O'Brien
A/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
Malahide Portmarnock ETSS	€1,072	1st years puppet making and performing workshop	Y	2021 - €860 2020 - €775 €1,635	€1,072
Michael Connaughton	€2,000	'Aeon' festival of art music and poetry	Y	2022 - €1,100 2019 - €1,000 €2,100	€1,100

It was **proposed** by Councillor B. McDonagh and **seconded** by Councillor A. Lavin

That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the Community and Arts funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor E. O'Brien
A/Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 16b

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2023

The following report, by the Chief Executive, which has been circulated was CONSIDERED:

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	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
Evora Park Residents Association	2001	Build Wall/Bank Area of Estate upkeep / Insurance	Y	2021 - €729.00 2021 - €891.20	2001
Howth Sutton Community Council Ltd	2921	Zoom meeting equipment	N	N/A	2921
Portmarnock Tennis Club	3000	Sporting equipment	N	N/A	3000

		specifically junior members			

It was **proposed** by Councillor J. Guerin and **seconded** by Councillor B. McDonagh

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

Signed: Councillor E. O'Brien
A/Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 16c

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND FEBUARY 2023

The following reports, by the Chief Executive, which has 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	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
Lucan BMX Club	€700.00	Equipment	N	N/A	€815.00
Castleknock Hurling and Football Club	€2991.00	General equipment funding required	N	N/A	€2991.65
Aldemere and	€1964.00	Improvement of the estate,	N	N/A	€1964.00

Windemere Residents Association		Repairs, and Insurance			

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
Coolmine Panto Group	€20,000	Production of Sleeping Beauty	Y – applied in 2022 but project was cancelled due to Covid – granted a contribution towards recouping of their losses.	2022 - €7,486.66	€10,000

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. 16d

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2023

BIODIVERSITY FORUM

Mr. Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks, and Landscape Officer, gave a presentation to the members regarding the constitution of the forum. Following discussion, the Corporate Policy Group AGREED that the forum constitution is brought to the County Council for approval and nominations will be invited from Elected Members to join the forum.

DRAFT SPC PROGRAMME 2023

The draft SPC Programme 2023 was circulated to the Members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Emer O'Gorman advised that each SPC has agreed their programme for the year. The Corporate Policy Group AGREED that the draft SPC programme is brought to the County Council for approval.

ELECTED MEMBER PERSONAL SECURITY – AILG

Ms. Emer O'Gorman advised the members regarding correspondence which was received from the President of the AILG regarding Elected Members personal security. The AILG strongly recommends and requests that each Local Authority invite their local Crime Prevention Officer to deliver an address/presentation to Elected Members focusing on this important issue. They also requested that the notice is brought to the attention of the Mayor and CPG for approval. The Corporate Policy Group AGREED that contact is made with the local crime prevention officer to arrange a briefing for the members.

Signed: Councillor Howard Mahony
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 16e

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2023

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	**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**
The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival	€1546.00	International Women's Day	y	2022 €338.40 2022 €751.54	€1546.00
Turvey Allotments Association	€3000.00	Polycarbonate Greenhouse	N	n/a	€3000.00
Oldtown Handball & Racquetball Club	€1809.00	Survey and price for repair and maintenance	N	n/a	€1809.00

Ballyboughal Gaelic Football Club	€3000.00	Purchase of gym equipment for GAA club	N	n/a	€3000.00
Portrane Hockey Club	€2000.00	Goalkeeping equipment for training and matches	Y	2021 €259.98	€3000.00
Skerries Harps GAA Club	€3000.00	Gym Equipment	Y	2021 €1,872.00 2022 €3,000.00	€3000.00
Dublin Airport Football Club	€1511.00	VEO Camera	Y	2021 €1,028.18	€1889.00

It was **proposed** by Councillor C. Boland and **seconded** by Councillor G. Maguire.

APPLICATION FOR ARTS FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Lusk Tidy Towns Association	€300	Production of a book of a book of photographs of Lusk	Y	2022 - €300 2021 - €627.30 2020 - €600 2019 - €450 2018 - €400	€300

				€2,377.30	
Power Drama School	€10,000	2 full productions of 'Truly, Dreams Come True' with children.	Y	2019 - €10,000 2018 - €7,500 2016 - €4,500 **€22,000**	€10,000
Dublin Plein Air Festival	€12,000	Outdoor Painting Festival	Y	2022 - €12,000 2021 - €10,000 2020 - €10,000 2019 - €10,000 2018 - €10,000 **€52,000**	€12,000
Rush Dramatic Society Millbank Theatre	€10,000	All Ireland Drama Festival 2023	Y	2022 - €20,000 2022 - €10,000 2021 - €7,000 2020 - €15,000 **€52,000**	€10,000

It was **proposed** by Councillor C. Boland and **seconded** by Councillor R. O' Donoghue.

That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the Community and Arts funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor Grainne Maguire
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 17

FINANCIAL MATTERS

AUDITED

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Financial Review

Introduction

I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Statement of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31st December 2021. The Annual Financial Statement has been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice for Local Authorities. The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis and incorporate a Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income and Expenditure Account), Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement), a Statement of Accounting Policies, Notes to the Accounts and Appendices in the prescribed formats.

Income & Expenditure Account

2021 proved to be another challenging year for the Country due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. Fingal County Council was responsible for the administration of the Government funded rates waiver scheme which was worth €63.5m to businesses across the County. In addition, FCC administered the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) and other pandemic related supports to businesses across Fingal. Support was also provided to the Council from Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage with regards to additional costs and lost income due to the pandemic.

Overall Expenditure for 2021 on the revenue account, excluding transfers to reserves, amounted to €296.5m, while income on the account amounted to €356.4m. The revenue account outturn for 2021 is €133 credit. When account is taken of the incoming credit balance the Revenue Account shows a credit balance of €15.98m.

Balance Sheet

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) includes valuations for fixed assets and includes local authority houses, land, buildings, equipment, heritage assets, plant and machinery, road networks and the surface water element of our drainage network. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2021 is €2.989bn.

Capital expenditure (net of transfers) amounted to €146.2m.

The total indebtedness of the Council on foot of loans outstanding at the 31st December 2021 was €310m. The corresponding figure for the 31st December 2020 was €327m, or a reduction of 5.3%. The reduction in borrowing relates principally to the redemption of mortgage, affordable and water pricing loan redemptions.

The combined total expenditure impact of our Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2021 is €442.6m.

Debt Collection

Details of the main collection accounts are included in Appendix 7. Commercial rates continues to be the primary source of funding for the Council. The overall gross collection rate for 2021 was extremely strong at 96%. When the effect of the rates waiver is excluded an overall collection rate of 93% was achieved.

Financial Outlook

The Council's overall financial position remained relatively stable during 2021 as the country dealt with the ongoing economic fallout from COVID 19. As we have over the past number of years, we continue to make provision to mitigate the effects of possible reduced rates income due to valuation appeals which are still ongoing arising out of the countywide revaluation which became effective on January 1st, 2020.

As we move through 2022 significant threats and challenges to economic conditions remain due to the ongoing pandemic and also due to international instability and we will continue to keep the Councils finances under review in this context.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all staff in the preparation of the final accounts.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive
31st March 2022

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Certificate of Chief Executive and Head of Finance for the year ended 31 December 2021

1.1 We the Chief Executive and Head of Finance are responsible for preparing an annual financial statement in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under Section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

1.2 We are responsible for maintaining proper books of account that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the local authority and enable it to ensure that financial statements prepared comply with the statutory requirements.

1.3 We are responsible for the safeguarding of assets of the local authority and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

1.4 When preparing financial statements, we have:-

- stated that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice and the accounting policies have been applied consistently; and,
- made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

1.5 We certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2021, as set out on pages 5 to 24, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements as directed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Chief Executive

Date 31st March 2022

Head of Finance

Date 31st March 2022

Independent Auditor's Opinion to the Members of Fingal County Council

I have audited the annual financial statement of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2021 as set out on pages 5 to 24, which comprises the Statement of Accounting Policies, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Funds Flow and Notes to and forming part of the Accounts. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in its preparation is the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations as prescribed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Responsibilities of the Council and the Local Government Auditor

The Council, in accordance with Section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001, is responsible for the maintenance of all accounting records including the preparation of the Annual Financial Statement. It is my responsibility, based on my audit, to form an independent opinion on the statement and to report my opinion to you.

Scope of the audit of the financial statement

I conducted my audit in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, as prescribed under Section 117 of the Local Government Act, 2001. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the annual financial statement. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made in the preparation of the financial statement, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the annual financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.

Opinion on the financial statement

In my opinion the annual financial statement, which has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for local authorities, presents fairly the financial position of the Fingal County Council at 31 December 2021 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Statutory Audit Report

I have also prepared an associated audit report as provided for in Section 120(1) (c) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Daragh Mc Mahon

Daragh Mc Mahon
Local Government Auditor

Date: 12 September 2022

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice ACoP on local authority accounting, as revised by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) at 31st December 2021. Non-compliance with accounting policies as set out in ACoP must be stated in the Policies and Notes to the Accounts.

2. Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement)

A Statement of Funds Flow was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of local authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the local government sector. For this reason the statement is being referred to as a 'Statement of Funds Flow'. The financial accounts now include a Statement of Funds Flow shown after the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). Notes 17 – 22 relate to the Statement of Funds Flow and are shown in the Notes on and forming part of the Accounts section of the AFS. Note 19 details Project/Non Project/Affordable/Voluntary balances, which can be either a debit or a credit balance. The funds flow assumes that these are debit balances and bases the (Increase)/Decrease description on this.

3. Accruals

The revenue and capital accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with the Code of Practice.

4. Interest Charges

Loans payable can be divided into the following two categories:

- Mortgage related loans
- Non- mortgage related loans

4.1 Mortgage Related Loans

Mortgage related loans have a corresponding stream of income from long term advances (i.e. monies lent by the local authority to borrowers), for the purchase of houses. Only the interest element is charged or credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement).

4.2 Non Mortgage Related Loans

Note 7 to the accounts sets out the types of borrowing under this heading. Loans relating to assets/grants, revenue funding will not have a corresponding stream of income. Bridging finance will eventually become part of permanent funding. Loans in respect of the other headings will have a corresponding value in Note 3. The loan repayment cost of principal and interest is funded through the annual budget process. At the end of the financial year the funding element of the principal is transferred and offset against a loan repayment reserve. This transfer is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Account Statement) under the heading 'transfers to/from reserves'.

5. Pensions

Payments in respect of pensions and gratuities are charged to the revenue account in the accounting period in which the payments are made. The cost of salaries and wages in the accounts includes deductions in respect of pension contributions (including Widows and Orphans) benefits under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and the Single Public Service Pension Scheme.

The Single Public Service Pension Scheme ("Single Scheme") commenced with effect from 1 January 2013. Employee contributions for the Single Scheme continue to be deducted by local authorities but are remitted centrally to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The requirements of current accounting standards relating to pensions and their application to local authority accounting remains under consideration.

6. Agency and Other Services

Expenditure on services provided or carried out on behalf of other local authorities is recouped at cost or in accordance with specific agreements.

7. Insurance

The Council is substantially self-insured in the areas of public and employers liability insurance. An excess of €254,000 and €127,000 respectively operates on these policies. Ongoing provision is made in the revenue budget for the cost of the claims. In addition, an insurance fund is in place on an investment basis rather than on an actuarial basis. We are satisfied that the insurance fund will meet any current liabilities that may fall due.

8. Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts

Provision has been made in the relevant accounts for bad and doubtful debts. We have also provided for any loans not covered by the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process.

9. Fixed Assets

9.1 Classification of Assets

Fixed assets are classified into categories as set out in the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). A further breakdown by asset type is set out in Note 1 to the accounts.

9.2 Recognition

All expenditure on the acquisition or construction of fixed assets is capitalised on an accrual basis. Fixed assets that have been constructed by developers in lieu of their development contributions that have not already been included in our fixed assets will be captured in the fixed asset revaluation process.

9.3 Measurement

A Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) incorporating all of the assets of the local authority was included for the first time in the Annual Financial Statement for 2003. The assets were valued based on the 'Valuation Guideline' issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. All assets purchased or constructed as from 1/1/2004 have been included at historical cost. Accounting policies relating to leases are currently being developed and will be reflected in the financial statements at a future date. The valuation of Local Authority Housing is only for the purposes of the AFS and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. All open spaces as at the 31/12/03 were taken on a nil value. Playgrounds taken on since the 1/1/04 have been taken on at cost. Grave spaces are valued at the net realisable value which is there selling price.

9.4 Fixed Assets Revaluation

As set out in a revision to the Accounting Code of Practice it is policy to show fixed assets at cost. Maintenance and enhancement costs associated with Infrastructure assets are not currently included in fixed assets but will be reviewed at a future date. Due to their physical nature the vast majority of assets are unique to local authorities and are not subject to disposal. Any loss or gain associated with the net realisable value of the remaining general assets subject to disposal, are accounted for at time of disposal.

9.5 Disposals

In respect of disposable assets, income is credited to a specific reserve and is generally applied in the purchase of new assets. Proceeds of the sale of local authority houses are to be applied as directed by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

9.6 Depreciation

Under the current method of accounting, the charge for depreciation is offset by the amortisation of the source of funding the asset. This method has a neutral impact on the Income & Expenditure Account and consequently the charge for depreciation and the corresponding credit from amortisation is excluded from the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement).

The policies applied to assets subject to depreciation are as follows:

Asset Type	Bases	Depreciation Rate
Plant and Machinery		
• Long Life	Straight Line	10%
• Short Life	Straight Line	20%
Equipment	Straight Line	20%
Furniture	Straight Line	20%
Heritage Assets		Nil
Library Books		Nil
Play Grounds	Straight Line	20%
Parks	Straight Line	2%
Landfill Sites **(*See Note)**		
Water Assets		
• Water Schemes	Straight Line	Asset Life of 70 Years
• Drainage Schemes	Straight Line	Asset Life of 50 Years

The Council does not charge depreciation in the year of disposal and will charge a full years depreciation in the year of acquisition.

*** The value of landfill sites has been included in Note 1 under land. Depreciation represents the depletion of the landfill asset.**

10. Government Grants

Government grants are accounted for on an accrual basis. Grants received to cover day to day operations are credited to Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement). Grants received, relating to the construction of assets, are shown as part of the income of work-in-progress. On completion of the project the income is transferred to a capitalisation account.

11. Development Debtors & Income

Short term development levy debtors are included in Note 5. Income from development contributions not due to be paid within the current year is deferred and not separately disclosed in the financial statements.

Development contribution cash collected in 2021 due to Irish Water but not paid over to Irish Water in 2021 is shown as a creditor.

All S.49 levies received are only included as refundable deposits as the council is only acting as an agent for the Railway Procurement Agency (R.P.A).

12. Debt Redemption

The proceeds from the early redemption of loans by borrowers, are applied to the redemption of mortgage related borrowings from the HFA.

13. Lease Schemes

Rental payments under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement). Assets acquired under a finance lease are included in fixed assets. The amount due on outstanding balances is shown under current liabilities and long term creditors. The sum of the digit method is used for calculating all leases.

14. Stock

Stocks are valued on an average cost basis.

15. Work-in-Progress & Preliminary Expenditure

Work-in progress and preliminary expenditure is the accumulated historical cost of various capital related projects. The income accrued in respect of these projects is shown in the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as 'Income WIP'.

16. Related Parties

A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the local authority and a related party. The main related parties for a local authority include the following:

i. Management and Personnel
ii. Council members
iii. Government Departments
iv. Local Authority Companies

Local Authority council members and key personnel are bound under the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 2001 and subsequent amending legislation to:

A. Furnish an annual declaration of 'declarable interests' set out in section 175 of the Act;

B. Disclose under sections 167, 178 and 179 any beneficial interests that they or a connected person has; and

C. Follow a code of conduct issued by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under section 169 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2004.

'Declarable interests' cover both financial and certain other interests such as land etc. Local authority management and personnel salary and remuneration is determined by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with central government policy on rates of pay. Local Authority interests in companies and joint ventures are disclosed in Appendix 8 to the Annual Financial Statements. Local Authority transactions with government departments are governed by central government controls and procedures driven by government accounting rules.

17. Interest in Local Authority Companies

Details of the companies in which the Council has an interest are listed in Appendix 8.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT)

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure.
It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.
Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

Expenditure By Division	Note	Gross Expenditure 2021 €	Income 2021 €	Net Expenditure 2021 €	Net Expenditure 2020 €
Housing and Building		71,066,537	72,664,558	(1,598,021)	(5,651,515)
Roads, Transportation & Safety		29,307,005	9,007,308	20,299,698	18,675,987
Water Services		16,248,409	22,908,789	(6,660,380)	(1,623,973)
Development Management		23,045,917	8,833,835	14,212,082	13,612,112
Environmental Services		44,244,490	7,677,340	36,567,150	33,035,694
Recreation & Amenity		41,441,572	3,697,660	37,743,912	36,194,727
Agriculture. Education, Health & Welfare		932,685	276,934	655,751	631,933
Miscellaneous Services		70,173,170	74,573,324	(4,400,154)	(3,523,280)
Total Expenditure/Income	**15**	296,459,784	199,639,747		
Net Cost of Division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax				96,820,037	91,351,684
Rates				149,291,077	148,736,900
Local Property Tax				7,503,957	7,528,476
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer				59,974,997	64,913,691
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	**14**			(59,974,864)	(64,913,368)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**16**			133	323
General Reserve at 1st January				15,979,679	15,979,356
General Reserve at 31st December				15,979,812	15,979,679

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,454,712,425	1,444,433,990
Infrastructural		1,163,673,065	1,167,309,183
Community		103,592,062	104,005,920
Non-Operational		267,218,825	273,175,582
		2,989,196,377	**2,988,924,675**
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	**80,761,250**	**57,610,142**
Long Term Debtors	3	**293,939,594**	**322,830,882**
Current Assets			
Stock	4	558,276	444,501
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	71,600,874	71,442,311
Bank Investments		368,990,180	277,000,000
Cash at Bank		23,149,014	27,811,839
Cash in Transit		312,300	390,323
		464,610,643	**377,088,974**
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	148,411,602	114,546,758
Finance Leases		839,338	839,753
		149,250,940	**115,386,511**
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		**315,359,703**	**261,702,462**
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	7	291,725,598	307,929,896
Finance Leases		1,119,009	1,448,933
Refundable Deposits	8	43,477,273	37,230,913
Other		88,027,397	83,946,510
		424,349,276	**430,556,252**
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		**3,254,907,648**	**3,200,511,910**
Represented By			
Capitalisation	9	2,989,196,377	2,988,924,675
Income WIP	2	68,319,659	52,264,542
General Revenue Reserve		15,979,812	15,979,679
Other Specific Reserves		-	-
Other Balances	10	181,411,800	143,343,013
Total Reserves		**3,254,907,648**	**3,200,511,910**

STATEMENT OF FUNDS FLOW (FUNDS FLOW STATEMENT)

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 €	2021 €
REVENUE ACTIVITIES			
Net Inflow/(outflow) from Operating Activities	**17**		**33,592,638**
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES			
Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			
Increase/(Decrease) in Fixed Asset Capitalisation Funding		271,701	
Increase/(Decrease) in WIP/Preliminary Funding		16,055,117	
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves Balances	**18**	3,653,757	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			**19,980,574**
Capital Expenditure & Financial Investment			
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets		(271,701)	
(Increase)/Decrease in WIP/Preliminary Funding		(23,151,108)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances	**19**	29,124,840	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			**5,702,032**
Financing			
Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing	**20**	16,437,536	
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserve Financing	**21**	5,290,191	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities			**21,727,727**
Third Party Holdings			
Increase/(Decrease) in Refundable Deposits			**6,246,360**
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**22**		**87,249,331**

1. Fixed Assets

	Land	Parks	Housing	Buildings	Plant & Machinery (Long and Short Life)	Computers, Furniture and Equipment	Heritage	Roads and Infrastructure	Water and Sewerage Network	Total
	€									
Costs										
Accumulated Costs at 1st Jan	298,371,383	27,770,899	1,187,632,570	316,020,724	14,337,244	1,103,794	1,099,130	1,081,001,395	202,059,449	3,129,396,588
Additions - Purchased	904,429	-	17,531,343	1,739,658	800,799	330,039	-	405,071	-	21,711,339
Additions - Transfer WIP	-	-	2,058,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,058,000
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	(505,100)	-	(8,448,571)	(8,600,844)	(362,128)	-	-	-	-	(17,916,643)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Historical Costs Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Accumulated Costs 31/12/2021	**298,770,712**	**27,770,899**	**1,198,773,341**	**309,159,538**	**14,775,915**	**1,433,833**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**202,059,449**	**3,135,249,283**
Depreciation										
Accumulated Depreciation at 1st Jan	-	15,256,185	-	121,695	7,813,107	877,132	-	-	116,403,794	140,471,913
Provision for year	-	413,859	-	-	1,160,698	240,976	-	-	4,041,189	5,856,722
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	-	-	-	-	(275,728)	-	-	-	-	(275,728)
Accumulated Depreciation 31/12/2021	**-**	**15,670,044**	**-**	**121,695**	**8,698,077**	**1,118,108**	**-**	**-**	**120,444,983**	**146,052,907**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2021	**298,770,712**	**12,100,855**	**1,198,773,341**	**309,037,843**	**6,077,838**	**315,725**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**81,614,466**	**2,989,196,377**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2020	298,371,383	12,514,714	1,187,632,570	315,899,030	6,524,138	226,661	1,099,130	1,081,001,395	85,655,655	2,988,924,675
Net Book Value by Category										
Non-Operational	257,656,587	-	-	9,445,038	-	-	117,200	-	-	267,218,825
Community	-	12,100,855	-	90,509,276	-	-	981,930	-	-	103,592,062
Infrastructural	652,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,081,406,466	81,614,466	1,163,673,065
Operational	40,461,992	-	1,198,773,341	209,083,529	6,077,838	315,725	-	-	-	1,454,712,425
Net Book Value at 31/12/2021	**298,770,712**	**12,100,855**	**1,198,773,341**	**309,037,843**	**6,077,838**	**315,725**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**81,614,466**	**2,989,196,377**

2. Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses

A summary of work in progress and preliminary expenditure by asset category is as follows:

	Funded 2021 €	Unfunded 2021 €	Total 2021 €	Total 2020 €
Expenditure				
Preliminary Expenses	40,052,021	33,475,879	73,527,900	48,587,186
Work in Progress	7,233,350	-	7,233,350	9,022,957
Total Expenditure	**47,285,371**	**33,475,879**	**80,761,250**	**57,610,142**
Income				
Preliminary Expenses	39,450,085	21,935,326	61,385,410	43,255,976
Work in Progress	6,934,248	-	6,934,248	9,008,566
Total Income	**46,384,333**	**21,935,326**	**68,319,659**	**52,264,542**
Net Expended				
Work in Progress	299,101	-	299,101	14,390
Preliminary Expenses	601,937	11,540,553	12,142,490	5,331,210
Net Over/(Under) Expenditure	**901,038**	**11,540,553**	**12,441,591**	**5,345,600**

3. Long Term Debtors

A breakdown of long term debtors is as follows:

	2021 Balance @ 01/01/2021	2021 Loans Issued	2021 Instalments	2021 Early Redemptions	2021 Other Adjustments	2021 Balance @ 31/12/2021	2020 Balance @ 31/12/2020
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Long Term Mortgage Advances *	141,415,438	8,058,550	(7,331,865)	(2,787,750)	(578,976)	138,775,398	141,415,438
Tenant Purchase Advances	152,198	-	(142,483)	(58,538)	145,587	96,764	152,198
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	3,158,784	-	-	14,083	(260,972)	2,911,895	3,158,784
	144,726,421	8,058,550	(7,474,348)	(2,832,206)	(694,361)	141,784,056	144,726,421
Recoupable Loan Advances						75,286,434	86,321,973
Capital Advance Leasing Facility						88,027,397	83,946,510
Long Term Investments - Cash						-	19,006,866
Long Term Investments - Associated Companies						124,464	286,831
Other						-	-
						305,222,351	334,288,601
Less: Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 5)						(11,282,757)	(11,457,719)
Total amounts falling due after one year						**293,939,594**	**322,830,882**

* Includes HFA agency loans

4. Stocks

A summary of stock is as follows:

	2021	2020
	€	€
Central Stores	60,582	95,590
Other Depots	497,694	348,911
Total	**558,276**	**444,501**

5. Trade Debtors and Prepayments

A breakdown of debtors and prepayments is as follows:

	2021	2020
	€	€
Government Debtors	22,216,776	17,171,445
Commercial Debtors	13,243,977	15,067,344
Non-Commercial Debtors	9,266,855	6,635,509
Development Contribution Debtors	61,242,962	65,943,484
Other Services	255,116	238,499
Other Local Authorities	4,291,073	3,830,047
Revenue Commissioners	-	-
Other	-	-
Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 3)	11,282,757	11,457,719
Total Gross Debtors	**121,799,516**	**120,344,046**
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	(52,107,191)	(52,683,912)
Total Trade Debtors	**69,692,325**	**67,660,134**
Prepayments	1,908,548	3,782,176
Total	**71,600,874**	**71,442,311**

6. Creditors and Accruals

A breakdown of creditors and accruals is as follows:

	2021	2020
	€	€
Trade Creditors	12,222,949	12,557,371
Grants	342,860	125,993
Revenue Commissioners	4,561,061	3,185,448
Other Local Authorities	56,984	11,781
Other Creditors	276,366	286,811
	17,460,221	**16,167,403**
Accruals	70,101,675	24,841,406
Deferred Income	42,526,333	53,988,556
Add:Current Portion of Loans Payable (Note 7)	18,323,373	19,549,393
Total	**148,411,602**	**114,546,758**

7. Loans Payable

(a) Movement in Loans Payable

	2021 HFA €	2021 OPW €	2021 Other €	2021 Total €	2020 Total €
Opening Balance	299,875,617	-	27,603,673	327,479,289	336,056,824
Borrowings	6,781,850	-	-	6,781,850	15,331,282
Repayment of Principal	(14,870,513)	-	(3,724,182)	(18,594,695)	(19,510,472)
Early Redemptions	-	-	(5,617,473)	(5,617,473)	(4,398,345)
Other Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-
	291,786,954	**-**	**18,262,017**	**310,048,971**	**327,479,289**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				18,323,373	19,549,393
Total amounts falling due after one year				**291,725,598**	**307,929,896**

(b) Application of Loans

An analysis of loans payable is as follows:

Mortgage					
Mortgage Loans *	136,089,413	-	-	136,089,413	137,034,879
Non Mortgage					
Assets/Grants	32,213,786	-	8,119,658	40,333,445	45,511,096
Revenue Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Bridging Finance	54,306,136	-	-	54,306,136	54,306,136
Recoupable	65,144,075	-	10,142,359	75,286,434	86,321,973
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	4,033,544	-	-	4,033,544	4,305,205
Balance at 31st December	**291,786,954**	**-**	**18,262,017**	**310,048,971**	**327,479,289**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				18,323,373	19,549,393
Total Amounts Due after one year				**291,725,598**	**307,929,896**

* Includes HFA Agency Loans

8. Refundable Deposits

The movement in refundable deposits is as follows:

	2021 €	2020 €
Opening Balance at 1st January	37,230,913	34,507,311
Deposits received	11,100,037	6,470,201
Deposits repaid	(4,853,677)	(3,746,599)
Closing Balance at 31st December	**43,477,273**	**37,230,913**

Note: Short Term Refundable Deposits are included as part of Cash Investments on the Balance Sheet

9. Capitalisation Account

The capitalisation account shows the funding of the assets as follows:

	2021 Balance @ 01/01/2021 €	2021 Purchased €	2021 Transfers WIP €	2021 Disposals/ Statutory T/F's €	2021 Revaluation €	2021 Historical Cost Adjustments €	2021 Balance @ 31/12/2021 €	2020 Balance @ 31/12/2020 €
Grants	600,048,360	17,531,343	2,058,000	-	-	-	619,637,703	600,048,360
Loans	170,614,448	-	-	(7,523,390)	-	-	163,091,058	170,614,448
Revenue Funded	14,443,811	460,226	-	-	-	-	14,904,037	14,443,811
Leases	10,814,996	689,215	-	(377,146)	-	-	11,127,065	10,814,996
Development Contributions	92,270,672	-	-	-	-	-	92,270,672	92,270,672
Tenant Purchase Annuties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unfunded	138,572,247	3,049,149	-	(8,600,844)	-	-	133,020,551	138,572,247
Historical	2,073,491,039	985,100	-	(9,361,058)	-	(505,100)	2,064,609,980	2,073,491,039
Other	29,141,015	(1,003,694)	-	7,945,795	-	505,100	36,588,216	29,141,015
Total Gross Funding	**3,129,396,588**	**21,711,339**	**2,058,000**	**(17,916,643)**	**-**	**-**	**3,135,249,283**	**3,129,396,588**
Less: Amortised							(146,052,907)	(140,471,913)
Total *							**2,989,196,377**	**2,988,924,675**

* As per note 1

10. Other Balances

A breakdown of other balances is as follows:

	Note	2021 Balance @ 01/01/2021 €	2021 * Capital Reclassification €	2021 Expenditure €	2021 Income €	2021 Net Transfers €	2021 Balance @ 31/12/2021 €	2020 Balance @ 31/12/2020 €
Development Contributions Balances	(i)	150,160,866	-	10,826,170	48,873,985	(8,708,849)	179,499,832	150,160,866
Capital Account Balances including Asset Formation and Enhancement	(ii)	(80,127,821)	(193,437)	56,063,687	54,276,734	31,134,344	(50,973,868)	(80,127,821)
Voluntary & Affordable Housing Balances								
- Voluntary Housing	(iii)	(324,771)	-	3,697,473	3,664,112	4,248	(353,884)	(324,771)
- Affordable Housing	(iii)	(4,254,318)	-	-	-	-	(4,254,318)	(4,254,318)
Reserves Created for Specific Purposes	(iv)	176,361,642	-	49,609,741	6,169,971	17,754,560	150,676,432	176,361,642
Net Capital Balances		**241,815,598**	**(193,437)**	**120,197,071**	**112,984,802**	**40,184,304**	**274,594,195**	**241,815,598**
Balance Sheet Accounts relating to Loan Principal outstanding (including Unrealised TP Annuities)	(v)						(93,306,858)	(98,759,416)
Interest in Associated Companies	(vi)						124,464	286,831
Total Other Balances							**181,411,800**	**143,343,013**

* Capital re-classification represents the change in status and/or funding of opening capital balances.

Note (i) This represents the cumulative balance of development levies i.e. income less expenditure and transfers to date.

Note (ii) This represents the cumulative position on funded and unfunded capital jobs consiting of project (completed assets) and non project (enhancement of assets) balances. Debit balances will require sources of funding to clear.

Note (iii) This represents the cumulative position on voluntary and affordable housing projects.

Note (iv) Relates to reserves and advance funding for future Local Authority assets, insurance liabilities, other purposes and includes realised tenant purchase annuities.

Note (v) Loan related balances including outstanding principal on leases and non-mortgage loans remaining to be funded, historical mortgage funding gap, unrealised principal on tenant purchase annuities to be repaid in the future, and shared ownership rented equity.

Note (vi) Represents the Local Authority's interest in associated companies.

11. Capital Account Analysis

The capital account has been de-aggregated and is comprised of the following accounts in the balance sheet as follows:

	2021	2020
	€	€
Net WIP and Preliminary Expenses (Note 2)	(12,441,591)	(5,345,600)
Capital Balances (Note 10)	274,594,195	241,815,598
Capital Balance Surplus/(Deficit) at 31st December	**262,152,604**	**236,469,998**

A summary of the changes in the Capital account (see Appendix 6) is as follows:

Opening Balance at 1st January	236,469,998	195,745,809
Expenditure	146,188,003	159,889,491
Income		
- Grants	62,785,655	96,079,734
- Loans	-	30,682
- Other	66,343,836	52,601,166
Total Income	129,129,491	148,711,582
Net Revenue Transfers	42,741,118	51,902,098
Closing Balance	**262,152,604**	**236,469,998**

12. Mortgage Loan Funding Position

The mortgage loan funding position on the balance sheet at year-end is as follows:

	2021 € Loan Annuity	2021 € Rented Equity	2021 € Total	2020 € Total
Mortgage Loans/Equity Receivable (Note 3)	138,775,398	2,911,895	141,687,292	144,574,223
Mortgage Loans/Equity Payable (Note 7)	(136,089,413)	(4,033,544)	(140,122,956)	(141,340,084)
Surplus/(Deficit) in Funding @ 31st of Decembe	**2,685,985**	**(1,121,649)**	**1,564,336**	**3,234,139**

NOTE: Cash on Hand relating to Redemptions and Relending	3,415,809

13. Summary of Plant and Materials Account

A summary of the operations of the Plant and Materials account is as follows:

	Plant 2021 €	Materials 2021 €	Total 2021 €	Total 2020 €
Expenditure	(1,999,097)	113,775	(1,885,322)	(1,908,392)
Charged to Jobs	1,999,097	-	1,999,097	1,856,837
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**-**	**113,775**	**113,775**	**(51,555)**
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) before Transfers	**-**	**113,775**	**113,775**	**(51,555)**

14. Analysis of Transfers to/from Reserves

A summary of the transfers to/from reserves is as follows:

	2021 Transfer From Reserves €	2021 Transfer To Reserves €	2021 Net €	2020 Net €
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Own Asset)	-	(4,174,801)	(4,174,801)	(5,414,345)
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Recoupable)	-	(12,039,389)	(12,039,389)	(6,474,686)
Principal Repaid - Finance Leases	-	(1,019,555)	(1,019,555)	(1,122,239)
Transfers - Other Balance Sheet Reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfers - Capital Account	5,291,793	(48,032,911)	(42,741,118)	(51,902,098)
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**5,291,793**	**(65,266,657)**	**(59,974,864)**	**(64,913,368)**

15. Analysis of Revenue Income

A summary of the major sources of revenue income is as follows:

	Appendix No	2021 €		2020 €	
State Grants & Subsidies	3	134,766,643	37.8%	169,527,795	43.6%
Contributions from other Local Authorities		2,519,783	0.7%	2,539,725	0.7%
Goods and Services	4	62,353,320	17.5%	60,053,839	15.5%
		199,639,747	**56.0%**	**232,121,359**	**59.8%**
Local Property Tax		7,503,957	2.1%	7,528,476	1.9%
Rates		149,291,077	41.9%	148,736,900	38.3%
Total Income		**356,434,781**	**100.0%**	**388,386,734**	**100.0%**

16. Over/Under Expenditure

The difference between the adopted budget and the actual outturn is respect of both expenditure and income is as follows:

	EXPENDITURE					INCOME					NET
	Excluding Transfers	Transfers	Including Transfers	Budget	(Over)/Under Budget	Excluding Transfers	Transfers	Including Transfers	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	(Over)/Under Budget
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building	71,066,537	8,079,754	79,146,290	80,220,426	1,074,136	72,664,558	300,000	72,964,558	74,728,123	(1,763,565)	(689,429)
Roads Transportation & Safety	29,307,005	4,083,155	33,390,161	30,284,398	(3,105,762)	9,007,308	-	9,007,308	7,906,646	1,100,662	(2,005,100)
Water Services	16,248,409	7,882,950	24,131,358	18,923,741	(5,207,618)	22,908,789	-	22,908,789	17,677,518	5,231,270	23,653
Development Management	23,045,917	2,166,830	25,212,746	22,212,064	(3,000,683)	8,833,835	-	8,833,835	4,941,862	3,891,973	891,290
Environmental Services	44,244,490	4,439,739	48,684,229	47,532,458	(1,151,771)	7,677,340	-	7,677,340	6,511,688	1,165,653	13,881
Recreation & Amenity	41,441,572	8,401,257	49,842,828	47,990,419	(1,852,409)	3,697,660	(207,700)	3,489,960	2,827,243	662,717	(1,189,692)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	932,685	81,721	1,014,405	1,340,676	326,271	276,934	-	276,934	235,539	41,395	367,665
Miscellaneous Services	70,173,170	30,131,252	100,304,422	37,870,521	(62,433,901)	74,573,324	5,199,493	79,772,817	14,407,582	65,365,235	2,931,334
Total Divisions	**296,459,784**	**65,266,657**	**361,726,441**	**286,374,704**	**(75,351,737)**	**199,639,747**	**5,291,793**	**204,931,540**	**129,236,201**	**75,695,339**	**343,602**
Local Property Tax	-	-	-	-	-	7,503,957	-	7,503,957	7,504,000	(43)	(43)
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	149,291,077	-	149,291,077	149,634,500	(343,423)	(343,423)
Dr/Cr Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Divisions	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**156,795,034**	**-**	**156,795,034**	**157,138,500**	**(343,466)**	**(343,466)**
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**296,459,784**	**65,266,657**	**361,726,441**	**286,374,704**	**(75,351,737)**	**356,434,781**	**5,291,793**	**361,726,573**	**286,374,701**	**75,351,872**	**136**

17. Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities

	2021
	€
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	133
(Increase)/Decrease in Stocks	(113,775)
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Debtors	(158,563)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors Less than One Year	33,864,844
	33,592,638

18. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Balances

Increase/(Decrease) in Development Contributions	29,338,966
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves created for specific purposes	(25,685,210)
	3,653,757

19. (Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances

(Increase)/Decrease in Voluntary Housing Balances	(29,113)
(Increase)/Decrease in Affordable Housing Balances	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Capital account balances including asset formation/enhancement	29,153,953
	29,124,840

20. Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing

(Increase)/Decrease in Long Term Debtors	28,891,287
Increase/(Decrease) in Mortgage Loans	(945,467)
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset/Grant Loans	(5,177,652)
Increase/(Decrease) in Revenue Funding Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Bridging Finance Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Recoupable Loans	(11,035,539)
Increase/(Decrease) in Shared Ownership Rented Equity Loans	(271,661)
Increase/(Decrease) in Finance Leasing	(330,340)
(Increase)/Decrease in Portion Transferred to Current Liabilities	1,226,020
Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Creditors - Deferred Income	4,080,887
	16,437,536

21. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Financing

	2021 €
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Specific Reserves	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Balance Sheet accounts relating to loan principal & Unrealised TP Annuities	5,452,558
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserves in Associated Companies	(162,367)
	5,290,191

22. Analysis of Changes in Cash & Cash Equivalents

Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Investments	91,990,180
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash in Transit	(78,023)
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash at Bank/Overdraft	(4,662,826)
	87,249,331

23. Accounting for the Rates Waiver/Credit in Lieu in relation to Commercial Rates

The Government continued its unprecedented support for the local government sector, with the provision of an amended commercial rates waiver in 2021. This waiver, funded by Government, at a cost of €542m supported local businesses in payment of their rates bills, and ensured continuity of services at local authority level. The cost of this support is reported in Appendix 1 as a Payment of Subsidies and Grants under the Operational Expenses heading. The income appears in Appendix 3 under the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under Miscellaneous. The credit in lieu is reported in Appendix 7 under Waivers/Credits. The full Rates Accrued Income for 2021 appears in the Income and Expenditure Account as normal.

A number of rates customers who were entitled and received a rates waiver continued to pay their rates in 2021. In most cases these rate payments were not refunded to customers. Any customer who had a credit balance as a result of the rates waiver, this credit was treated as deferred income.

24. Accounting for Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid (SBASC)

As part of the Governments 2021 Covid Support package, the Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid (SBASC) was introduced as a direct aid to companies, self-employed, sole traders or partnerships with a minimum turnover of €50,000 who were not eligible for the Revenue scheme CRSS, Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity Scheme or the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media's Live Performance Support. The scheme was funded by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment but was administered on its behalf by the Local Authorities. The cost of this support is reported in Appendix 1 as a Payment of Subsidies and Grants under the Operational Expenses heading. The income appears in Appendix 3 under OTH - Enterprise, trade and Employment. The expenditure and income is also reflected in Appendix 2, Division D, Service 09 (Economic Development and Promotion).

25. Accounting for Climate Action

Expenditure in relation to Climate Change is accounted for in the area where the expenditure is incurred e.g. Housing, Roads, etc. This is in line with the Local Authorities costing system where the full cost of a service/sub-service must reflect all the costs associated with the service.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	€	€
Payroll		
- Salary & Wages	72,975,754	69,807,233
- Pensions (Incl. Gratuities)	17,056,048	15,858,822
- Other Costs	-	-
Total	**90,031,802**	**85,666,055**
Operational Expenses		
- Purchase of Equipment	1,017,133	1,745,919
- Repairs & Maintenance	2,155,684	1,998,860
- Contract Payments	22,421,837	20,117,955
- Agency Services	49,216,844	41,459,390
- Machinery Yard Charges (Incl Plant Hire)	2,442,887	1,882,977
- Purchase of Materials & Issues from Stores	2,718,115	3,070,635
- Payments of Subsidies & Grants	72,522,124	117,981,321
- Members Costs	345,296	339,250
- Travelling & Subsistence	502,868	583,877
- Consultancy & Professional Fees Payments	4,616,364	3,813,488
- Energy Costs	4,558,968	4,263,553
- Other	19,949,951	17,015,103
Total	**182,468,071**	**214,272,329**
Administration Expenses		
- Communication Expenses	1,161,934	1,157,715
- Training	815,227	746,168
- Printing & Stationery	421,221	445,660
- Contributions to Other Bodies	2,080,993	1,712,916
- Other	5,089,769	4,764,648
Total	**9,569,144**	**8,827,106**
Establishment Expenses		
- Rent & Rates	1,790,572	1,771,867
- Other	1,061,085	1,207,427
Total	**2,851,656**	**2,979,294**
Financial Expenses	9,583,488	9,375,765
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,955,622	2,352,493
Total Expenditure	**296,459,784**	**323,473,043**

Appendix 2

SERVICE DIVISION A

Housing and Building

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	14,349,156	159,852	21,518,632	9,847	21,688,331
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,694,158	-	37,952	4,757	42,708
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,841,464	-	40,156	4,344	44,499
A04 Housing Community Development Support	2,012,219	-	53,611	5,361	58,972
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	3,808,143	-	19,845	369,555	389,400
A06 Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog.	8,860,027	6,036,956	69,519	8,713	6,115,188
A07 RAS Programme	36,788,125	33,432,859	4,580,804	2,300	38,015,963
A08 Housing Loans	4,657,843	115,715	4,025,716	3,273	4,144,703
A09 Housing Grants	3,029,615	2,000,838	22,048	1,838	2,024,725
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	1,491,741	301,350	9,710	1,217	312,277
A12 Housing Assistance Programme	613,800	111,900	14,121	1,770	127,791
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**79,146,290**	**42,159,471**	**30,392,112**	**412,975**	**72,964,558**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	8,079,754	-	300,000	-	300,000
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**71,066,537**	**42,159,471**	**30,092,112**	**412,975**	**72,664,558**

SERVICE DIVISION B

Road Transport & Safety

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	8,159,849	2,337,849	339,506	15,778	2,693,133
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	11,191,282	1,957,223	114,862	11,388	2,083,473
B05 Public Lighting	4,243,610	428,453	17,569	1,619	447,641
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	3,734,979	-	131,089	4,163	135,252
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B08 Road Safety Promotion/Education	2,766,724	613,704	51,422	6,445	671,571
B09 Maintenance & Management of Car Parking	809,945	-	1,595,497	161	1,595,658
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog.	1,929,095	-	49,390	6,190	55,581
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	554,676	-	1,324,957	41	1,324,998
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**33,390,161**	**5,337,229**	**3,624,293**	**45,786**	**9,007,308**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	4,083,155	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**29,307,005**	**5,337,229**	**3,624,293**	**45,786**	**9,007,308**

SERVICE DIVISION C

Water Services

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
C01 Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply	16,222,088	7,943,266	8,507,366	-	16,450,633
C02 Operation and Maintenance of Waste Water Treatment	5,816,855	-	5,819,655	-	5,819,655
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-
C04 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	534,127	-	8,058	1,010	9,068
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	7,754	7,418	-	-	7,418
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	426,958	-	377,686	-	377,686
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
C08 Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services	1,123,576	59,599	128,315	56,415	244,330
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**24,131,358**	**8,010,283**	**14,841,080**	**57,425**	**22,908,789**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	7,882,950	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**16,248,409**	**8,010,283**	**14,841,080**	**57,425**	**22,908,789**

SERVICE DIVISION D

Development Management

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
D01 Forward Planning	2,924,137	15,000	70,905	8,868	94,774
D02 Development Management	7,538,562	-	1,620,856	20,487	1,641,344
D03 Enforcement	693,425	4,738	59,004	1,324	65,065
D04 Op & Mtce of Industrial Sites & Commercial Facilities	526,268	-	23,908	1,828	25,736
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	445,613	2,250	3,810	467	6,527
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	1,572,567	230,897	50,786	5,632	287,315
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-	-
D08 Building Control	1,724,609	-	219,747	5,122	224,869
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	7,710,419	5,319,556	127,819	91,927	5,539,303
D10 Property Management	1,451,945	-	570,469	2,231	572,700
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	625,202	372,922	2,914	365	376,201
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**25,212,746**	**5,945,363**	**2,750,220**	**138,253**	**8,833,835**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	2,166,830	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**23,045,917**	**5,945,363**	**2,750,220**	**138,253**	**8,833,835**

SERVICE DIVISION E

Environmental Services

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
E01 Operation, Maintenance and Aftercare of Landfill	3,825,484	-	27,448	3,353	30,802
E02 Op & Mtce of Recovery & Recycling Facilities	3,655,234	98,266	1,438,579	35,915	1,572,760
E03 Op & Mtce of Waste to Energy Facilities	1,259,421	-	-	1,457,780	1,457,780
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	-	-	-	-	-
E05 Litter Management	1,310,425	31,000	70,014	3,216	104,230
E06 Street Cleaning	7,413,099	154,800	164,479	20,615	339,894
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,301,909	330,000	134,429	2,886	467,315
E08 Waste Management Planning	215,597	29,920	3,632	455	34,007
E09 Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	2,185,123	-	958,359	6,140	964,499
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	1,109,170	-	23,602	45,472	69,075
E11 Operation of Fire Service	22,966,124	-	-	-	-
E12 Fire Prevention	176,035	-	1,170,629	-	1,170,629
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,224,111	-	1,452,186	3,139	1,455,325
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	1,042,498	-	9,796	1,228	11,024
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**48,684,229**	**643,986**	**5,453,154**	**1,580,201**	**7,677,340**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	4,439,739	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**44,244,490**	**643,986**	**5,453,154**	**1,580,201**	**7,677,340**

SERVICE DIVISION F

Recreation and Amenity

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	643,786	-	256,404	889	257,293
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	15,713,075	106,772	280,564	32,956	420,292
F03 Op, Mtce & Imp of Outdoor Leisure Areas	20,442,742	-	626,287	55,266	681,553
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	7,301,325	1,057,327	75,048	32,029	1,164,404
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	5,741,901	579,864	380,714	5,840	966,418
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**49,842,828**	**1,743,963**	**1,619,017**	**126,980**	**3,489,960**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	8,401,257	-	(207,700)	-	(207,700)
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**41,441,572**	**1,743,963**	**1,826,717**	**126,980**	**3,697,660**

SERVICE DIVISION G

Agriculture, Eductaion,Health and Welfare

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
G01 Land Drainage Costs	-	-	-	-	-
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	273,497	-	6,048	758	6,806
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	-
G04 Veterinary Service	667,713	3,350	234,954	395	238,699
G05 Educational Support Services	73,196	31,205	199	25	31,429
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**1,014,405**	**34,555**	**241,201**	**1,178**	**276,934**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	81,721	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**932,685**	**34,555**	**241,201**	**1,178**	**276,934**

SERVICE DIVISION H

Miscellaneous Services

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	INCOME Provision of Goods and Services	INCOME Contributions from other Local Authorities	INCOME TOTAL
H01 Profit/Loss Machinery Account	-	-	-	-	-
H02 Profit/Loss Stores Account	382,640	-	-	-	-
H03 Adminstration of Rates	94,995,900	63,528,689	1,147,924	4,514	64,681,128
H04 Franchise Costs	524,309	-	8,957	1,123	10,079
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	560	-	-	-	-
H06 Weighbridges	10,069	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	-	-	1,800	-	1,800
H08 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-	-
H09 Local Representation/Civic Leadership	2,213,897	143,308	13,854	1,736	158,899
H10 Motor Taxation	-	-	-	-	-
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	2,177,047	7,219,797	7,551,500	149,613	14,920,910
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**100,304,422**	**70,891,795**	**8,724,036**	**156,986**	**79,772,817**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	30,131,252	-	5,199,493	-	5,199,493
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**70,173,170**	**70,891,795**	**3,524,543**	**156,986**	**74,573,324**
TOTAL ALL DIVISIONS (Excluding Transfers)	**296,459,784**	**134,766,643**	**62,353,320**	**2,519,783**	**199,639,747**

APPENDIX 3
ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

	2021
	€
Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage	
Housing and Building	42,159,471
Road Transportation & Safety	3,914,446
Water Services	8,010,283
Development Management	602,859
Environmental Services	-
Recreation & Amenity	107,258
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	-
Miscellaneous Services	70,816,350
	125,610,666
Other Departments and Bodies	
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	428,453
Media, Tourism, Art, Culture, Sport & the Gaeltacht	437,130
National Transport Authority	994,330
Social Protection	-
Defence	-
Education	-
Library Council	-
Arts Council	49,864
Transport	-
Justice	-
Agriculture & Marine	3,350
Enterprise, Trade & Employment	4,600,980
Community, Rural Development & the Islands	201,172
Climate Action & Communications Networks	545,720
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	-
Other	1,894,979
	9,155,977
TOTAL	**134,766,643**

APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES

	2021	2020
	€	€
Rents from Houses	25,754,458	25,239,700
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	3,131,819	3,106,554
Domestic Water	-	-
Commercial Water	-	-
Irish Water	14,377,102	14,356,066
Domestic Refuse	1,120,556	1,091,123
Commercial Refuse	-	-
Domestic Sewerage	-	-
Commercial Sewerage	-	-
Planning Fees	1,636,426	1,843,977
Parking Fines/Charges	1,594,210	1,364,474
Recreation & Amenity Activities	112,115	87,731
Library Fees/Fines	54	309
Agency Services	-	35,128
Pension Contributions	2,126,862	2,161,641
Property Rental & Leasing of Land	1,367,987	1,108,968
Landfill Charges	-	-
Fire Charges	1,170,629	951,231
NPPR	1,477,438	1,347,525
Miscellaneous	8,483,665	7,359,411
	62,353,320	**60,053,839**

APPENDIX 5

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

	2021	2020
	€	€
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to Contractors	44,932,910	33,706,202
Purchase of Land	2,809,392	14,253,329
Purchase of Other Assets/Equipment	11,145,760	38,499,120
Professional & Consultancy Fees	10,443,722	7,992,623
Other	76,856,219	65,438,217
Total Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)	**146,188,003**	**159,889,491**
Transfers to Revenue	5,291,793	(487,700)
Total Expenditure (Including Transfers)*	**151,479,796**	**159,401,791**
INCOME		
Grants and LPT	62,785,655	96,079,734
Non-Mortgage Loans	-	30,682
Other Income		
Development Contributions	48,873,985	38,205,155
Property Disposals - Land	6,452,262	5,865,779
- LA Housing	549,609	1,478,365
- Other Property	187,461	43,450
Tenant Purchase Annuities	64,834	(321,259)
Car Parking	-	-
Other	10,215,684	7,329,676
Total Income (Net of Internal Transfers)	**129,129,491**	**148,711,582**
Transfers from Revenue	48,032,911	51,414,398
Total Income (Including Transfers) *	**177,162,402**	**200,125,980**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**25,682,606**	**40,724,189**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	236,469,998	195,745,809
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December 2021	262,152,604	236,469,998

* Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

				INCOME				*TRANSFERS*			
		Balance at 01/01/2021	*Expenditure*	*Grants & LPT*	*Non Mortgage Loans **	*Other*	*Total Income*	*Transfers from Revenue*	*Transfers to Revenue*	*Internal Transfers*	*Balance at 31/12/2021*
01	HOUSING & BUILDING	33,151,165	40,983,325	45,745,660	-	2,995,707	48,741,367	2,980,000	300,000	(151,250)	43,437,957
02	ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY	(17,501,293)	19,925,552	12,159,147	-	512,660	12,671,807	3,331,000	-	3,680,807	(17,743,232)
03	WATER SERVICES	12,552,750	1,254,302	-	-	996,826	996,826	-	-	407,355	12,702,629
04	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	101,477,199	20,908,076	3,824,488	-	54,793,062	58,617,549	3,348,000	-	(8,741,849)	133,792,824
05	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	14,681,189	1,368,078	82	-	6,124,611	6,124,693	1,845,000	-	-	21,282,804
06	RECREATION & AMENITY	12,299,513	9,967,318	1,056,279	-	289,167	1,345,446	4,005,511	(207,700)	4,804,937	12,695,789
07	AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	MISCELLANEOUS	79,809,475	51,781,352	-	-	631,802	631,802	32,523,400	5,199,493	-	55,983,832
		236,469,998	**146,188,003**	**62,785,655**	**-**	**66,343,836**	**129,129,491**	**48,032,911**	**5,291,793**	**-**	**262,152,604**

Note: Mortgage related transactions are excluded

APPENDIX 7
Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2021

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Debtor Type	Opening Arrears at 01/01/2021	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustments	Write Off	Waivers & Credits **	Total for Collection	Amount Collected	Closing Arrears at 31/12/2021	Specific Doubtful Arrears*	% Collected
						=(B+C-D-E-F)		.=(G-H)		.=(H)/(G-J)
	€	€		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Commercial Rates	6,873,695	149,291,077	38,597	799,162	63,608,830	91,718,183	84,563,316	7,154,867	306,272	93
Rents & Annuities	5,976,680	25,783,096		-		31,759,776	24,570,970	7,188,806		77.4
Housing Loans	518,731	16,195,008		-		16,713,739	16,710,007	3,733		100.0

*Specific doubtful arrears = (i) Vacancy applications pending/criteria not met & (ii) Accounts in examinership/receivership/liquidation and no communication

**To alleviate the impact of Covid19 on eligible businesses during 2021 the Government announced a 12 month rates waiver scheme. The amounts waived are shown in the Waived/Credits column in the table above and results in a corresponding reduction in the total for collection. This also has the effect of reducing the % collected in the final column. The Council received a grant equal to the amount waived and this is included in the grant income in Appendix 3. For prior year comparison purposes if the income was included in the Amount Collected column rather than the Waived/Credits column the % collected would have been 96%.

Note 1 Rental income from Shared Ownership has been included under Housing Loans
Note 2 Income from Tenant Purchase Annuities has been included under Housing Loans
Note 3 Arrears brought forward is shown net of credit balances.
Note 4 Housing Loans are showing NET of overpayments and Includes the principal and net interest due for the year.

APPENDIX 8
INTEREST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COMPANIES

Where a local authority as a corporate body or its members or officers, by virtue of their office have an interest in a company (controlled, jointly controlled and associated), the following disclosures should be made for each entity:

Name of Company or Entity	Voting Power %	Classificaiton: Subsidiary/ Associate / Joint venture	Total Assets	Total Liabilities	Revenue Income	Revenue Expenditure	Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	Consolidated in Local Authority accounts (Y/N)	Date of financial statements
Ardgillan Castle CLG*	38	Associate	85,833	- 25,560	-	-	46,485	N	31/12/2020
BASE Enterprise Centre CLG*	38	Associate	407,439	- 147,509	389,287	311,469	77,818	N	31/12/2020
Balbriggan Enterprise and Training Centre CLG*	20	Associate	375,109	- 38,721	191,845	200,723	- 8,878	N	31/12/2020
Castlecurragh Management CLG	33	Associate	268,025	- 24,396	160,328	77,110	83,218	N	31/08/2021
College Business & Technology Park Management Services CLG	100	Subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	N	31/05/2021
City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (CODEMA) Limited	13	Associate	1,510,746	- 1,202,969	4,162,021	4,114,515	47,506	N	31/12/2020
Domville Woods Property Management Company CLG	100	Subsidiary	64,728	- 9,549	20,261	11,781	8,480	N	31/12/2020
Draiocht CLG	17	Associate	790,747	- 502,237	1,086,228	1,097,467	- 11,239	N	31/12/2020
Drinan Enterprise Centre Ltd, Swords *	57	Subsidiary	696,876	- 545,538	232,580	248,618	- 16,038	N	31/12/2020
Fingal Community & Recreation Services CLG* number 373487	80	Subsidiary	765,879	- 713,082			-	N	31/12/2020
Fingal Parks & Heritage Trust Ltd.*	100	Subsidiary	40,865	- 40,862	-	-	-	N	31/12/2020
Fingal Tourism CLG*	33	Associate	69,069	- 50,265	-	-	-	N	31/12/2018
Hill Mill Company Limited by Guarantee *	14	Associate	307,783	- 90,155				N	31/12/2020
Kettle's Lane Management CLG	75	Subsidiary	156,338	- 2,300	53,550	45,455	8,095	N	31/12/2020
Ladyswell Property CLG	100	Subsidiary	140,299	- 10,392	176,220	171,629	4,591	N	31/12/2020
Ladyswell Management CLG	50	Subsidiary	32,836	- 3,110	48,849	46,884	1,965	N	31/12/2020
Malahide Castle and Newbridge Housing Limited*	73	Subsidiary	5,906,240	- 5,925,183	-	-	-	N	31/12/2020
Montini Property Management Company Ltd	43	Associate	12,582	- 1,990	6,577	6,208	369	N	31/12/2020
Mullhuddart Community Centre CLG	38	Associate	244,080	- 55,458	459,816	- 367,600	92,216	N	31/12/2020
Ongar Community Centre CLG	33	Associate	215,575	- 34,999	171,612	- 179,331	- 7,719	N	31/12/2020
Plato Dublin Business Support Company Limited by Guarantee	33	Associate	66,069	- 57,922	172,848	- 164,867	7,981	N	31/12/2020
Parslickstown House Management CLG	50	Subsidiary	273,329	- 66,189	506,416	- 531,083	- 24,667	N	31/12/2020
Rossan Court Owners Mangament Company limited by guarnantee.	100	Subsidiary	16,622	- 3,839	41,157	28,482	12,675	N	31/12/2020
The Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre Company CLG	14	Associate	829,082	- 352,714	489,813	- 342,844	146,969	N	31/12/2020
Tyrellstown Community Centre CLG	17	Associate	220,243	- 42,196	202,738	- 165,916	36,822	N	31/12/2020
Whitestown Property Management Company Ltd.	33	Associate	27,035	- 794	9,197	9,336	- 139	N	31/12/2020

Note* Company claimed abridged financial statements relief for a small company under section 353 of the Companies Act 2014

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Statutory Audit Report to the Members of Fingal County Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Local Government Audit Service

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Auditor's Report to the Members of Fingal County Council

1 Introduction

I have audited the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprises the Statement of Accounting Policies, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Funds Flow Statement and notes to and forming part of the accounts. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in its preparation is the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for Local Authorities, as prescribed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

My main statutory responsibility, following completion of the audit work, is to express my independent audit opinion on the AFS of the Council, as to whether it presents fairly the financial position at 31 December 2021 and its income and expenditure. My audit opinion, which is unmodified, is stated on page 4 of the AFS.

The Council is by law, responsible for the maintenance of all accounting records including the preparation of the AFS. It is my responsibility, based on my audit, to form an independent opinion on the statement and to report my opinion. I conducted my audit in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the AFS. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Council's management in the preparation of the AFS, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations, which I considered necessary to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.

This report is prepared in accordance with Section 120(1) (c) of the Local Government Act, 2001 and should be read in conjunction with the audited AFS.

2 COVID-19 – Impact on Local Authorities

2.1 Overview

The COVID-19 outbreak and the emergency measures taken to mitigate it have continued to have a significant impact on the finances of local authorities during 2021. This has resulted in a reduction in income from some sources, an increased level of COVID-19 related expenditure and related government subvention for the local authority.

At a national level in 2021, the Government introduced the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) and extended the Rates Waiver Scheme to support businesses, as noted in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 below.

As agreed by the General Accounts Working Group, the audited Annual Financial Statements for 2021 includes revised Notes 23 and 24 in relation to the rates waiver and SBASC respectively.

2.2 SBASC Scheme

As part of the Government's 2021 COVID support package, the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) was introduced as a direct aid to companies, self-employed, sole traders or partnerships with a minimum turnover of €50,000 who were not eligible for the Revenue scheme CRSS, Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity Scheme or the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media's Live Performance Support. The scheme was funded by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment but was administered on its behalf by the Local Authorities.

The SBASC II Scheme was introduced in the second quarter in 2021 and included businesses which were not operating from rateable premises. A €1,000 grant was also introduced for businesses with a pre-COVID turnover between €20,000 and €49,999.

As with the Restart Grant Schemes in 2020, each business had to self-certify by completing the application that it met the relevant criteria. The Local Authority was required to verify the application against rate accounts, where one existed, and to confirm that the applicant had fully completed the application including the declaration.

Accordingly, the audit of expenditure under these schemes, which amounted to €1.1m in Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2021, was limited to the specific responsibilities of local authorities, as set out above, and did not include the verification of other eligibility criteria declared by the applicants.

The accounting treatment for this is set out in Note 24 in the AFS.

2.3 Rates Waiver Scheme

The Government continued its support for the local government sector, with the provision of an amended commercial rates waiver in 2021. This waiver, funded by Government, at a cost of €542m supported local businesses in payment of their rates bills, and ensured continuity of services at local authority level.

The total amount received by Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2021 was €63.5m. The accounting treatment for this is set out in Note 23 in the AFS and further disclosure is included in Appendix 7.

In 2021, as in 2020, the methodology and manner for calculating rates income collection differed from previous years.

3 Financial Standing

3.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income

The Council broke even for the year with the cumulative revenue surplus remaining at €16m. At the Council's Annual Budget meeting held on 6 November 2021, the Council approved revised budget expenditure for 2021. On 6 May 2022, the Council further approved additional expenditure of €21.5m and transfers to the capital account of €8.3m in accordance with S.104 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Chief Executive's Response

The additional expenditure primarily relates to the Quarter 4 2021 rates waiver and capital transfers agreed by the Members. The capital transfers are required to fund the planned social and economic infrastructural projects as outlined in Fingal County Council's Capital Programme 2022-2024.

3.2 Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Position recorded an increase of €54m, resulting in year-end net assets/total reserves of €3,255m (2020: €3,201m). The significant movements are included in the table below:

	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-20	Increase/ Decrease	Explanations for Increase or Decrease
Fixed Assets/WIP	€3,070m	€3,047m	€23m	Increase in WIP construction projects
Long-Term Debtors	€294m	€323m	(€29m)	Decrease in long term investments & recoupable loans
Current Assets	€464m	€377m	€87m	Increase in bank investments
Current Liabilities	(€149m)	(€115m)	(€34m)	Increase in accruals (see paragraph 4.2)
Long-Term Liabilities	(€424m)	(€431m)	€7m	Decrease in loans payable
	€3,255m	**€3,201m**	**€54m**	

The Statement of Funds Flow Statement on page 12 of the AFS shows an increase in cash & cash equivalents of €87.2m to €392.5m. The increase is a result of liquidating the insurance investment portfolio and an increase in development contributions and rates receipts. The monies held are mainly ring-fenced for specific purposes or created to fund specific capital projects.

Chief Executive's Response

The position outlined reflects the ongoing prudent management of the Council's finances and is required to fund significant infrastructural investment. The projects concerned are outlined in Fingal County Council's Capital Programme 2022-2024, the annual level of project funding required reflects the stage of project development which is generally categorised as follows:

- planning and design stage,
- procurement
- On site

The higher level of expenditure occurs at the Onsite stage and it is anticipated that Our Balbriggan, Swords Cultural Quarter, the Fingal Coastal Way among others will commence during the 2023/2024 period and will require significant funding/co-funding.

In addition, over the past number of years the Council has had to navigate through the significant economic disruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic while also maintaining and enhancing services as well as putting financial mitigations in place to deal with the very significant financial risks arising out of the commercial property revaluation, which became effective in 2020.

4 Income Collection

4.1 Summary of Income Collection

Sources of Income	Yield 2021	Yield 2020	Yield 2019	Debtors 31-Dec-21	Debtors 31-Dec-20	Debtors 31-Dec-19
Rates	93%	91%	98%	€7.2m	€6.9m	€4.8m
Rents	77%	80%	84%	€7.2m	€6.0m	€4.3m
Housing Loans	100%	97%	98%	€0.0m	€0.5m	€0.4m

Cash from rents and loans is automatically receipted through the Council's financial management system (Agresso). The rent and loan charges are accounted for in the rental system (OHMS) and loans system (Cygnus) respectively. These systems are not fully integrated with Agresso and consequently an adjusting journal is required at year-end to amend the cash receipts amount to the invoiced amount.

As previously reported, the continued use of both the OHMS and Cygnus systems as currently configured represents a risk to the Council. The Council is approaching the testing stage for a new rents system but there is no definite plan yet to replace the Cygnus system. There are immaterial differences between the amounts recorded in the AFS for rents and housing loans and the amounts recorded on the systems due to reconciliation issues.

Chief Executive's Response

Debt control management in relation to commercial rates, housing loans and rent continues to be a high priority of the Council. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the challenges in this regard. Work is ongoing to replace the current rents system with NPS (Northgate Public Services) OHMS, which it is expected will go live in Q3, 2023. Work is also ongoing to provide a replacement system for Cygnus, the current loans management system, and it is expected that the replacement system will be put in place by end of 2023. A more robust reconciliation regime has been put in place over the past number of years in order to mitigate against the risk of having separate systems for rent and loans.

4.2 Rates

The collection yield during the year increased by 2% to 93% with arrears increasing by €300k to €7.2m. The table below shows the main cause of concern is that arrears greater than €10k increased by €1.2m, representing a 29% increase in this range. There is a rates bad debt provision of €5.1m in the balance sheet plus a capital reserve of €14m to cover potential losses due to the future impact on rates income due to COVID-19.

Closing debtor balance (range) Year	No. of accounts 2021	Total closing balance € 2021	No. of accounts 2020	Total closing balance € 2020	Variance € Year on Year
=> €10,000	173	5,416,305	161	4,203,719	1,212,586
<€10,000 and =>€1,000	562	2,052,009	643	2,437,127	(385,118)
<1,000 and =>€1	345	168,156	676	293,367	(125,211)
<€1, zero, or >(€1)	5,213	9	4,925	4	5
In credit <=(€1)	167	(481,513)	2	(60,523)	(420,990)
Total	**6,460**	**7,154,966**	**6,407**	**6,873,694**	**281,272**

Due to the 2020 revaluation of properties, 163 customers appealed their new valuation with a maximum potential loss of 23% of the Council's rate income. This potential loss will become clearer once appeals start being determined. The Council increased their revaluation reserve, recorded in accruals, by €16.5m to €49m to cover future liabilities, where receipts may have to be returned to those rate account customers arising from successful appeals.

In accordance with Note 23 in the AFS, the Council transferred customers credit balances of €3.8m into deferred income where customers continued to pay their rates, were entitled to, and received a rates waiver, and did not receive a refund by year-end.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council continues to take a robust approach to the collection of commercial rates arrears. We continue to proactively engage with all ratepayers and where necessary utilise available legal remedies in order to seek payment.

The rates capital reserve was put in place to ensure that the Council could cope with any rapid increase in rates debtors that may have occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic and avoid any impact on service delivery. The financial challenges arising out of the valuation appeals due to the countywide commercial property revaluation, effective from January 2020, are significant. In recognition of this, the Council has and continues to make significant financial provision to mitigate possible losses in income arising from successful appeals.

4.3 Rents

The collection yield decreased by 3% in 2021 with arrears amounting to €7.2m, representing a 50% increase in arrears in the last 2 years. The table below shows 147 accounts with arrears over €10k each, however a more serious trend is the increase in the number of rent accounts from 1,466 to 1,648 with arrears between €1k to €10k. The main reason for the increase in arrears is the impact of COVID-19 and the Council's rent assessment that commenced in March 2021 and is still ongoing.

Closing debtor balance (range)* Year	No. of Accounts 2021	Total closing balance € 2021	No. of Accounts 2020	Total closing balance € 2020	Variance € Year on Year
=>€10,000	147	2,402,730	110	1,755,442	647,288
<€10,000 and =>€1,000	1648	5,497,714	1466	4,599,560	898,154
<€1,000 and =>€1	2250	678,376	2520	727,912	(49,536)
<€1, zero, or >(€1)	237	(6)	211	(7)	1
In credit <=(€1)	2893	(1,415,950)	2525	(1,104,854)	(311,096)
Total	**7175**	**7,162,864**	**6832**	**5,978,053**	**1,184,811**
*Note - Excludes the Parnell Estate apartments rented privately and have minimal arrears					

Due to the high level of rent arrears during the year, the Council reviewed their bad debt provision policy and increased the provision by 75% to €6.0m, which signifies the Council's level of concern.

Chief Executive's Response

As part of Fingal County Council's rent and tenancy policies, the Council encourages tenants that are in rent arrears to engage with the Council and to put in place payment plans. Where a rent payment is missed tenants are engaged with a view to bringing the position up to date. Where tenants refuse to engage and are unwilling to pay their rent, the Council takes a robust approach to ensure that arrears are recovered, up to, and including, legal action. Since late 2021, the rents team has redoubled their efforts in engaging with tenants who have significant arrears and who may have previously refused to engage with the team. For many of the tenancies in arrears constructive engagement is ongoing with payment plans in place and lump-sum payments been made.

In a small number of cases where tenants have still refused to engage, legal proceedings have issued and the Council will pursue these cases through the courts.

There have also been issues where delays have occurred following rent review requests from tenants and this has resulted in accounts going into arrears. In order to address this issue, a new process is being developed in which it is proposed every tenant will have their rent reviewed on a regular basis, at least once every two years. It is proposed to implement this change by Q1, 2023 and, after that change is put in place, rents would not be reviewed outside of this process unless the tenant has a significant loss of income that leaves them unable to pay the rent.

The Council is also looking to further digitise and automate appropriate parts of the rents management process, thus making it easier for Council tenants to submit relevant information and freeing up staff time to engage with the tenants more frequently. As part of enhanced digitisation actions and to help address the issue of tenants with lower levels of arrears, the Council will be implementing the debt collection module as part of a new NPS housing management system which is programmed to go live in Fingal in Q2, 2023.

4.4 Housing Loans

During the year the collection yield increased by 3% to 100% with arrears decreasing from €515k to €3k. The €3k arrears results from 945 accounts in credit amounting to €2m and 294 accounts with arrears of €2m. The main concern with loan arrears is the 61 mortgage accountholders with arrears over €10k each, amounting to €1.4m. The Council need to concentrate their resources with these customers to resolve the high level of arrears.

Closing debtor balance (range)	No. of accounts	Total closing balance €	No. of accounts	Total closing balance €	Variance €
Year	2021	2021	2020	2020	Year on Year
=>€10,000	61	1,436,438	54	1,161,425	275,013
<€10,000 and =>€1,000	116	492,393	129	487,154	5,239
<€1,000 and =>€1	117	43,510	144	49,468	(5,958)
<€1, zero, or >(€1)	582	(13)	536	(9)	(4)
In credit <=(€1)	945	(1,968,595)	985	(1,182,979)	(785,617)
Total	**1,821**	**3,733**	**1,848**	**515,059**	**(511,327)**

There is a bad debt provision in the capital account of €4.2m to cover potential revenue and capital losses for loans that would not qualify for funding under the mortgage arrears resolution process.

Chief Executive's Response

The loans team continue to closely monitor collection rates and proactively engage with borrowers where necessary.

The Council continues with actions to maximise collection on housing loan arrears which includes daily monitoring of account balances with graded level of escalation depending on the level of arrears involved up to the commencement of legal proceedings where appropriate.

5 Fixed Asset Register/Property Interest Register

Previous audits reported the Council's failure to address the issue of reconciling the Property Interest Register (PIR) to the Fixed Asset Register (FAR). I wish to acknowledge the Council's decision to assign a new graduate into the Property Services Division to resolve the issue of the absence of this basic internal control. Strong progress has been made to date in identifying whether properties included in the PIR (2,497 in total) are registered to the Council and, if they cost over €10k each that they are included in the FAR. The main issues that arose from this work is as follows:

- 592 Council properties are included in the PIR but are registered to other individuals or entities with the Property Registration Authority (PRA) including 62 properties that originally cost over €10k each
- 575 properties are separately identifiable in the PIR that cost over €10k each that currently cannot be matched to singular properties in the FAR. Further review is required to ascertain whether these assets are included in the FAR in a different format
- 225 properties included in the PIR are not registered at all with the PRA. Further review is required as to the exact interest the Council has on these properties.

It is essential the Council continue this work programme to ensure all Council assets are registered with the PRA and the full reconciliation is completed.

Chief Executive's Response

As acknowledged by the Auditor there has been a significant amount of work undertaken in relation to this project over the past year. The Council commenced the reconciliation process between the Fixed Assets Register and the Property Interest Register. Stage 1 of this process has been the identification of properties included on PIR but not on FAR, as outlined above by the Local Government Auditor.

The property section will set out an action plan for 2022/2023 to progress the work programme to address the issues, particularly around the regularisation of the registration of title.

6 Capital Account

6.1 General

In October 2021 the 2022-2024 capital programme was presented to the members in accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001. The programme identifies 237 individual projects with an estimated spend of €784m over 3 years. The balance in the Capital Account amounts to €262m and this is mainly attributable to the following:

- Planning Development Contributions €179m (see paragraph 7)
- Housing Contingency Afford Housing €22m (see paragraph 6.2)
- Housing Asset Management Contingency €12m (general reserve)
- Water IW Contingency Fund €9m (specific reserve)
- Finance Rates COVID-19 Bad debt provision €14m (paragraph 4.2)
- Finance General Funding Reserve €9m (general reserve)
- Finance Insurance Fund €19m (specific reserve)
- Environ Landfill reserves €15m (specific reserve)

There is also unfunded expenditure on the purchase of industrial land acquisitions amounting to €58m from the years 2003 to 2008.

Chief Executive's Response

The capital reserves provide the financial underpinning for the delivery of the ambitious capital programme of the Council. With regards to the individual reserves identified above which are not dealt with elsewhere in the report the following should be noted:

(i) The Asset Management Contingency in Housing is a reserve for the upkeep and maintenance of Fingal County Council's social housing stock which numbers over 5500 units across the County.

(ii) The water contingency fund was created a number of years ago and was funded from water levies. It has been agreed with Irish Water that this fund will be used to finance specific water related projects in Fingal in the future.

(iii) The general funding reserve is in place to mitigate against significant debit balances elsewhere on the capital account as well as allowing the Council to mitigate against future costs including pension and retirement costs.

(iv) The insurance fund is in place to chiefly underwrite public liability claims that are made against the Council. The Council proactively manages claims, which has allowed us to mitigate against the trend of increased insurance costs in the market over the past number of years.

(v) The landfill reserve is in place in order to allow the Council to manage and maintain historic landfills into the future.

(vi) The Council has very significant debit balances, currently in excess of €70m, arising out of land acquisitions. The Council will continue to keep the level of debit balance under review.

6.2 Unsold Affordable Properties - General

The Council has 406 housing properties on their Fixed Asset Register that are being managed under the following basis:

- 244 unsold affordable units leased to the Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) under the Social Leasing Scheme to address social housing needs
- 162 unsold affordable units at the Parnell Estate are managed by a property company and an AHB on the Council's behalf.

Bridging loans of €54m remain outstanding on an interest only basis, in respect of the 406 unsold affordable housing units. The Council has a capital contingency fund and a capital leasing fund of €22m and €4.2m respectively.

The Council received a grant from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (the Department) of €7.2m in December 2021 to fund the purchase of 31 affordable units into social housing stock. In March 2022 the Council redeemed bridging loans to the value of this grant.

Chief Executive's Response

This Council continues to actively engage with the Department and the national working group established to consider a long-term solution for unsold affordable properties.

6.3 Unsold Affordable Apartments - Parnell Estate

As reported in previous audits, the 162 Council owned apartments in the Parnell Estate, Mulhuddart, were leased by a property company to private tenants. The Council continues to regularise this situation by allocating these apartments for social housing, when they become vacant, to an AHB under a caretaker agreement. These agreements are only temporary and a more permanent arrangement needs to be agreed between the different stakeholders. The funding of the capital costs of these vacated units must be an essential part of any agreement.

The Council's management agreement with the property company has been extended until 31 December 2022. While the provision of these services is not consistent with procurement procedures it provided continuity of services for the existing tenants. As recommended at last year's audit the Council has amended

the terms of this agreement with a reduced pricing structure to take account of reduction in the number of units leased to private tenants managed by the letting agent.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council is working with the AHB in question and the Department to regularise the situation. Properties continue to be allocated for social housing purposes as they become vacant. The terms of the management agreement with the property manager will be reviewed again at year-end.

6.4 Mixed Tenure Residential Development at Ballymastone

Fingal County Council is the contracting authority for the development of lands at Ballymastone, Donabate. The project, subject to planning permission, will provide 1,194 homes – 60% private (718), 20% private discounted units (238) and 20% social units (238). The procurement process commenced in October 2018 and was completed in December 2021 with the Development Agreement signed between the Council and the preferred tenderer. The main conditions of the agreement are as follows:

- Disposal of Council land (28.62 hectares) for €11m (Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 approved by members at the May 2021 council meeting)
- Council to purchase the social units (The Department issued an approval-in-principle for the proposed acquisition with funding provided on a phased basis as units delivered)
- The Council will nominate qualifying purchasers for the discounted properties. It is welcomed that in the event of an insufficient number of nominees, the Council are not committed to purchase these units.

The Council met the requirements of the Public Spending Code and also created the necessary governance structures in place with the Project Talamh Steering Group that was designed to ensure value for money is achieved.

Chief Executive's Response

The development of residential housing at Ballymastone will bring a significant boost to the supply of social and affordable housing in Fingal over the coming years.

6.5 Dun Emer Pilot Affordable Housing Scheme

The Council approved this pilot scheme in November 2020 to provide households that meet certain criteria, with an opportunity to purchase a discounted home. A procurement process selected the winning tender to assist the Council to provide infrastructure and 51 units, comprised of 39 affordable and 12 social properties. 5 of the social properties are Part V units with no cost to the Council. In exchange, the Council transferred the development site and will provide funding under the Department's Service Site Fund Initiative for infrastructure site works.

A development agreement was signed in February 2021 between the Council and the joint venture parties from the winning tender. On completion, the discounted units will transfer to the joint venture parties to be sold directly to the Council nominees. Each of 39 discounted units will have an equity charge for the discounted amount to be repaid by the purchasers to the Council within 30 years or earlier if the house is sold.

Chief Executive's Response

The development of the Dun Emer affordable housing scheme is an important part of Fingal County Council's overall housing delivery strategy in line with Government policy.

6.6 Swords Cultural Quarter Development

The current expenditure incurred on this project, for the purchasing of land and property interests, amounts to €3.3m with further properties yet to be acquired. During 2021, the Council awarded the design team contract through a public procurement process amounting to €3.8m. The Council has funded this project through the revenue budget and there is a year-end reserve balance of €5.9m. The Council commissioned an updated cost benefit analysis report and has to date met all the requirements of the Public Spending Code. The final business case and a budgetary plan must be completed before the award of the construction contract and this will reassess the ongoing validity of continuing with the project.

Chief Executive's Response

The development of the Swords Cultural Quarter remains a flagship project for Fingal County Council. A significant amount of progress has been made on this project to date. The business case continues to be kept under review as the project has evolved and it will be reviewed again prior to awarding of the construction contract. Provision has been made in the budget to ensure its funding is on a sustainable footing.

6.7 Design and Construction of Cycle Schemes

As part of the National Transport Authority's (NTA) 2020 Stimulus Programme, the Council was awarded funding for the construction of cycle lane schemes. The contractor was appointed by the Council without going to tender. I have outlined in the table below the original tender value and the current value of the contracts.

Changes to Contract	Hartstown & Huntsown €'000	Rathingle & Rivervalley €'000	Grange Road & Willie Nolan Rd €'000
Agreed Tender Value	789	733	1,746
Current Agreed Change Orders	1,764	1,714	404
Total committed amount	2,553	2,447	2,150

The Council from the outset recorded all income and expenditure through one capital account. The expenditure increased significantly over the course of the works and the Council created separate capital accounts for the different schemes. The Council need to reconcile the expenditure incurred into the new capital accounts to ensure that NTA grants can be allocated correctly.

Chief Executive's Response

The Active Travel Department has evolved quickly since it was set up just under two years ago. The initial funding for this department was as part of a Government stimulus package in 2020 which required the rapid delivery of active travel infrastructure. To date c.23 kms of protected cycleway has been delivered across Fingal. New capital codes have been set up for each job with the relevant expenditure allocated to the appropriate codes and a full reconciliation of the 3 schemes outlined above is underway.

6.8 Snugborough Interchange Upgrade

The cost of this project is budgeted at €21.7m. The NTA are funding 33% of the expenditure on this project. The Council is liable to pay from their own resources the balance of the cost of this project, which may also include additional costs due to change orders and contractor claims. This project is ongoing and is estimated to be completed in March 2023.

In 2020, the Council appointed engineering consultants for designer services and site supervision services for €499k and €746k exc. VAT, respectively. This appointment was made through a non-competitive tender process.

Chief Executive's Response

The negotiated procedure without prior publication process was used for this procurement. We note the auditor's comments with regards this and will review the process around this for future procurements. This approach was based on the justifications summarised below which were set out in the relevant Chief Executive Order.

Fingal County Council had previously appointed the incumbent scheme consultant to prepare the scope and pre-appraisal of the scheme, concept and feasibility stage, options selection, preliminary design, environmental evaluation, and Part 8 planning. Accordingly, said consultant has built up considerable knowledge and technical expertise on this project which will provide benefits to the Council in terms of progressing this project to completion without changing service provider at construction stage.

The design for the scheme is particularly complex and involves works over numerous utilities and telecoms infrastructure and a number of large structures over existing infrastructure such as the N3 national primary road and a trunk sewer, both of which have to be kept operational during works. Due to this high level of scheme complexity, there is a high potential for costly and disruptive construction claims arising. In order to minimise technical and commercial risk to the Council it was considered appropriate to retain the expertise already involved in this contract for the construction stage. The staff proposed by the consultant for the site supervision team have been previously involved in the design for the scheme including utility diversions.

The fees proposed have been evaluated and are considered value for money given the scale and complexity of the project and the resources required.

6.9 Hole in the Wall Road/Mayne Road Junction Upgrade

The Council agreed a final account with the Contractor for €8m compared to the original tender amount of €6.2m, representing a 29% increase. The Council has yet to purchase 13 plots of land as part of this project. The Council paid the consultant €1.1m exc. VAT for all stages of the project and as previously recorded only the preliminary design stage went through a competitive tender process. The Department has increased funding for this project to €6.6m with all remaining costs currently to be funded from the Council's own resources.

Chief Executive's Response

The tender sum did not include a number of Employer-instructed changes and contractor claims that came to light over the course of the construction stage. In addition, the project was curtailed by the shutting down of all sites during the COVID 19 pandemic, which had a significant impact on the scheme construction stage. The final agreed amount was determined by the appointed Conciliator. Taking all factors in to consideration the settlement reached was considered prudent.

We note the auditor's comments with regard to the appointment of the consultant and will review the process around this for future procurements. The Council is acquiring a total of 16 plots on the Hole in the Wall Road Project. Of this the acquisition of 5 plots have closed, 5 have heads of terms agreed with the remaining acquisitions in progress.

6.10 Exchange of Lands - O'Dywers GAA Club

The Council signed contracts with O'Dwyers GAA club to exchange lands to facilitate the development of Bremore Regional Park and a new sporting facility for O'Dwyers GAA club. The Council purchased land (3.02 hectares) from O'Dwyers GAA club at a cost of €3.5m. The valuation report provided to Audit for the purchase of this land was dated 2016 and valued the land at €3m. The Council sold their land interest (4.14 hectares) under a 250 year lease for €350k. No valuation report was sought prior to the disposal of this land interest. It is essential that the Council do not purchase or sell land without an independent valuation. I have been informed that the Council has introduced a new valuation programme in the Property Services Division and this will be reviewed at the next audit.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council approved the agreement for the exchange of lands at Bremore, Balbriggan in March 2020 in order to facilitate the development of Bremore Regional Park and the relocation of O'Dwyers GAA Club from residentially zoned lands to recreationally zoned lands in the area. The Agreement led to the acquisition by FCC of 3.02 hectares of residentially zoned land to facilitate development and road widening and the conditional lease of recreationally zoned land to O'Dwyers GAA to enhance sporting facilities and facilitate the development of Bremore Regional Park as envisaged in the associated masterplan.

An independent valuer was engaged by the Council to provide an initial valuation report in 2016 and to assist with the protracted negotiations with the Club's Valuer, ultimately final heads of terms were negotiated and agreed. The Auditor's comments are noted and the Council will ensure that valuation reports are available on completion of negotiations and retained on file.

7 Development Contributions Financial Systems

As reported in previous years, the planning management system (APAS) operated by the Council is not integrated with the Council's financial management system. Another separate system is used to generate invoices and control the financial element of the planning permissions. None of the systems operate a credit control function and this is performed manually. The continued use of these systems as currently configured represents a risk to the Council that has a fund of €179m of development contributions in the capital account. A course of action to address the risk of these systems needs to be agreed and implemented as a matter of urgency.

Chief Executive's Response

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department are currently setting up a project team with staff from the Council's Information Technology Department and the Finance Department to engage with the existing CBS provider to consider what upgrades are required to the current system.

8 Procurement

The Council's centralised procurement unit has a Head of Procurement plus a team of 7 staff members. It is responsible for the strategic and operational procurement policy and compliance across the organisation to deliver on the Council's corporate procurement plan. This plan is currently out of date and the Council is currently completing a revised plan for approval by the Chief Executive. Audit testing showed a high level of procurement compliance however as highlighted in this report there are instances of non-compliance. The Council should ensure that it always follows its own procurement procedures and policies.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council's corporate procurement plan has now been updated and approved by the Chief Executive. We note the auditor's comments with regards the importance of the Council following its own procurement procedures and policies and we continue to endeavour to ensure that these are adhered to.

9 Governance and Propriety

9.1 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met 7 times during 2021. At the February 2022 Council meeting, the 2021 annual report of the Audit Committee was presented. During the year there has been 4 new appointments to the Audit Committee to fill vacancies. The Audit Committee continues to deliver on its governance functions by monitoring the progress on the internal audit plan, reviewing the Council's risk registers and utilising the governance action reports with their engagement with the Council Executive.

Chief Executive's Response

The Chief Executive and Executive Management team will continue to support the work of the Audit Committee and regularly engage with them through presentations on risk registers and other areas of interest.

9.2 Internal Audit Function

The Internal Audit Unit completed 2 audit reports and carried out quality assurance work on the Public Spending Code during the year. During the first quarter 2021, the unit primarily focused on the Council's revised risk management assessment process involving staff engagement through workshops and presentations culminating in the completion of the Council's new risk management policy and the strategic and corporate risk registers.

In September 2021, the Council awarded a contract to an external provider to conduct the majority of internal audit work. The staff in the Internal Audit Unit will coordinate this work with the individual departments, track actions on the Governance Action Reports and continue to manage the risk management process.

Chief Executive's Response

The Internal Audit (IA) Unit will continue to work on the Public Spending Code and manage the external contract on delivering on the annual audit plan to the Audit Committee. The IA unit will continue to manage the risk management process and track actions on the governance tracker. The IA unit will also commence stock takes as part of their routine work.

9.3 Local Authority Companies

The Council listed the 2020 results for the Council's 26 associated companies in the Council's draft 2021 AFS. One company had only the 2018 audited AFS ready for inclusion. The Council need to inform company directors of the importance of ensuring the company's accounts are audited in a timely manner.

Chief Executive's Response

All accounts used in Appendix 8 were audited and sourced from the Company Registration Office (CRO). It is the responsibility of the directors of these companies to ensure that the accounts are completed and filed with the CRO in order that they meet statutory requirements. It has not proven possible for subsidiary companies to have year-end accounts completed, audited, and approved by the directors within the tight AFS deadline. The accounts of the company who last filled in 2018 have been brought up to date prior to the completion of the 2021 Audit.

The Council shall review its corporate governance arrangements with its associated companies and notify the company directors of the importance of the timely auditing of company accounts, by year end 2022.

Acknowledgement

I wish to record my appreciation for the courtesy and co-operation extended to audit by the management and staff of the Council.



Daragh Mc Mahon

Local Government Auditor

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Audit Committee Report on the Audited AFS

Section 121 (3) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, requires the Audit Committee to report to the Council on its consideration of the audited Annual Financial Statement (AFS) and the Statutory Audit Report.

On 9th November 2022, the Audit Committee met with the Local Government Auditor, Mr. Daragh McMahon, and considered and discussed the audited Annual Financial Statement and Statutory Audit Report for Fingal County Council for the year ended 31st December 2021.

The audit was carried out in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, as prescribed under Section 117 of the Local Government Act, 2001. The Audit Committee is pleased to note the unqualified opinion of the local government auditor as follows:

'In my opinion the annual financial statement, which has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for local authorities, presents fairly the financial position of the Fingal County Council at 31 December 2021 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.'

Overview of key discussion points:

- The Audit Committee discussed the contents of the Statutory Audit Report with Mr. McMahon, who provided explanations and clarifications on his findings and on the Chief Executive's responses to his findings.

- The Audit Committee reviewed the findings with a view to prioritisation based on the findings of the Local Government Auditor. As per its legislative requirements, the Audit Committee will be overseeing the implementation

of the Local Government Auditor's findings and associated recommendations.

- In relation to Fixed Assets, some time was spent discussing this area. It was noted that the County Council has started the complex and detailed process of reconciling properties from the Property Interest Register (PIR) to the Fixed Assets Register.

  This process has highlighted:

  - properties included in the PIR but registered to other individuals or entities with the Property Registration Authority (PRA);
  - properties identifiable in the PIR that cannot be matched to singular properties in the FAR; and
  - properties included in the PIR which are not registered at all with the PRA.

  It is essential the Council continue this work to ensure all Council assets are registered with the PRA and the full reconciliation is completed.

- The resourcing of the Internal Audit Unit, and the Finance function generally, were also discussed – vis-à-vis the importance of ensuring that sufficient qualified and experienced resources are allocated to these areas, particularly following on from the recent retirement of Mary McCarthy from the Internal Audit Unit.

The Audit Committee wish to confirm that the Audited Annual Financial Statement, the Statutory Audit Report, and our general discussion with Mr. McMahon, will continue to inform the Audit Committee's work and will be considered during the development of the Internal Audit Plan for 2023.

The Audit Committee will also monitor the implementation of recommendations made by Mr. McMahon during the coming year through the Governance Action Tracker, regular management reports and presentations.

Donagh Waters
Chairperson, Fingal Co Co Audit Committee

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Chairperson's Statement

As the Independent Chairperson of the Audit Committee (AC) of Fingal County Council (FCC), I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2022. The AC is an important part of the overall control assurance framework within FCC and this report reviews the work of the AC in 2022 and outlines the manner in which the AC has sought to deliver on its key legislative and governance functions.

The AC has an independent role in the provision of assurance to FCC and this includes oversight responsibilities for:

- The consideration of the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control systems, control environment and control procedures;
- Financial reporting, by way of review of the Annual Audited Financial Statements;
- Consideration of the Internal audit plan in response to organisational risks identified; and
- Reviewing the effectiveness of the Internal Audit Unit and providing advice and guidance in relation to the development of the Unit.

As Chairperson, I am satisfied with the performance of the AC during 2022, during which we met on six occasions. In addition to the regular agenda items, as laid out per the statutory functions of the AC, the work of the AC continued to bring benefit through enhanced engagement with the Executive in a series of management assurance briefings in relation to risk and other issues of importance across a range of Directorates. These management assurances were further supported by the continued utilisation of the Governance Actions Report in the meeting agenda.

On behalf of the AC, I would like to thank all those who gave of their expertise in preparing documentation for our deliberations. We thank the entire Internal Audit team for their ongoing work and commitment to constant quality improvements in the delivery of the internal audit function for FCC. We would also like to thank Emer O'Gorman, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services, for her commitment to the work of the AC and responding to the increased demands placed on the function in the betterment of the governance culture in FCC.

During late 2022 Mary McCarthy retired from her position as leader of the Internal Audit Unit. I would like to recognise the work done by Mary in her role and thank her for her professionalism and dedication. The process has begun to recruit Mary's replacement. The AC are strongly of the view that the Internal Audit Unit requires a suitably qualified and experienced replacement for Mary, given the size and complexity of FCC. From a risk mitigation perspective our opinion is that it is important that the Internal Audit Unit remains robust and is not weakened as a consequence of Mary's retirement.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and thank the Chief Executive and Management Team for their operational stewardship of FCC throughout 2022 and their efforts to continue to support and drive a culture of good governance across FCC.

Finally, I would like to thank all of my fellow members of the AC for their time, commitment and considered debate, which adds to the effectiveness of the work programme of the AC. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with so many dedicated external members and elected members of the Audit Committee.

Donagh Waters
Audit Committee Chairperson 2022

1.0 Introduction

Under the provisions of the AC Charter for the Council, and as per the requirements under Regulation 15 of S.I. No. 244 of 2014, the Committee is required to produce an Annual Report.

In accordance with the regulations, the Audit Committee comprises of seven members*, not less than four external members (including the Chairperson) and not more than three serving or retired elected Members*.

This Annual Report covers the period from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

The table below outlines the membership and attendance records throughout the period covered by this report and reflects seven members made up of three Councillors and four External Members.*

Member:	Meeting Date: 08/03/22	Meeting Date: 30/05/22	Meeting Date: 28/10/22	Meeting Date: 09/11/22	Meeting Date: 21/11/22	Meeting Date: 05/12/22
Donagh Waters * (Chairperson)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cllr. Cathal Boland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cllr. Brigid Manton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cllr. Punam Rane	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Dearbhla Fitzsimons*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chris Harmon*	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Noel O'Connell*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

2.0 Role of the Audit Committee

The role and functions of the AC reflect the provisions of relevant legislation. All regulations and additional obligations are included in the Local Government Reform Act 2014. The functions, as outlined in Section 59 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, are included in Appendix 1.

3.0 Role and Responsibility of the Internal Audit (IA) Unit

Internal auditing is an independent and objective appraisal activity that is guided by a philosophy of adding value to improve the operations of FCC. It helps the organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes. In line with its statutory duty in relation to the Internal Audit function, the AC continued to work to support the IA Unit in delivering good quality audit reports based on the Internal Audit Plan.

The AC, at each meeting, monitored the agreed audit plan for 2022, the work programme and timeframes, and the use of audit resources (both internal and external) to deliver on the plan.

4.0 Role of Management

Management within FCC are responsible for the:

- adoption and implementation of good governance arrangements
- establishment of an effective control environment
- review and maintenance of effective internal controls
- compliance with Risk Management Policy including the establishment and maintenance of integrated risk management structures
- prevention and detection of fraud, irregularities and resolution of any such situation
- support of the work of internal audit including the provision of information
- responding in a timely manner to audit queries and implementation of agreed audit recommendations.

5.0 Review of 2022 Audit Committee Activities

Committee meetings

Each meeting, as outlined in the schedule above, begins with private committee time. This allows the AC to deliberate on matters arising on the agenda, the contents of meeting documentation and provides an opportunity to discuss additional relevant issues.

Updates on risk, governance actions and procurement are regular items on the agenda for meetings.

Throughout the year, the Chief Executive and other members of the Management Team including the Director of Corporate Affairs and Governance and the Director of Finance were invited to present to the AC.

In line with Good Governance practice and in support of the AC's contribution towards the effective assurance arrangements within FCC, the AC met with the Local Government Auditor following completion of the 2021 audit process. The AC then followed up with a meeting with AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, which was a very useful and worthwhile collaborative meeting.

Internal Audit Plan

Progress in implementing the Internal Audit Plan was monitored by the AC with regular progress reports furnished by IA. The strategy adopted included supplementation by qualified external audit resources and this adds a further level of assurance to delivering on the Internal Audit Plan.

Internal Audit Reports

The audit reports reviewed / issued during 2022 are set out in Appendix 3 below. In respect of each report, the Committee reviewed the findings, conclusions and recommendations as well as management responses to the control issues raised. The implementation of recommendations is further monitored through the Governance Actions Report. The AC continues to work with the IA Unit in developing a robust Internal Audit Plan that reflects the key risk areas in the organisation.

Risk Management

The role of the AC includes to consider whether processes are in place to manage risks effectively, in accordance with organisational guidelines and Service Delivery Plans. Risk management is a key theme which underpins the work of the Internal Audit Team and is a live issue for the AC in its deliberations.

Local Government Auditor

Section 121 (3) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, requires the AC to report to the Council on its consideration of the audited Annual Financial Statement and the Statutory Audit Report.

On 9th November 2022, the AC met with the Local Government Auditor, Mr. Daragh McMahon, and considered and discussed the audited Annual Financial Statement and Statutory Audit Report for Fingal County Council for the year ended 31st December 2021.

- The AC discussed the contents of the Statutory Audit Report with Mr. McMahon, who provided explanations and clarifications on his findings and on the Chief Executive's responses to his findings.

- The Audit Committee reviewed the findings with a view to prioritisation based on the findings of the Local Government Auditor. As per its legislative requirements, the Audit Committee will be overseeing the implementation of the Local Government Auditor's findings and associated recommendations.

- In relation to Fixed Assets, some time was spent discussing this area. It was noted that the County Council has started the complex and detailed process of reconciling properties from the Property Interest Register (PIR) to the Fixed Assets Register.

- The resourcing of the Internal Audit Unit, and the Finance function generally, were also discussed – vis-à-vis the importance of ensuring that sufficient qualified and experienced resources are allocated to these areas, particularly following on from the recent retirement of Mary McCarthy from the Internal Audit Unit.

- The Audit Committee wish to confirm that the Audited Annual Financial Statement, the Statutory Audit Report, and our general discussion with Mr. McMahon, will continue to inform the Audit Committee's work and will be considered during the development of the Internal Audit Plan for 2023.

- The Audit Committee will also monitor the implementation of recommendations made by Mr. McMahon during the coming year through the Governance Action Tracker, regular management reports and presentations.

Following the meeting, the AC produced the Report to the Elected Members, in accordance with Section 121 (3) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

6.0 Assurance arrangements

The AC, IA and the LGA are key elements of the overall control and assurance framework within the Council. The IA and AC are key elements of "the third line of defence" after the first line - individual line management and staff; and the second line - the business risk and control functions within each Division / unit. Providing clarity and ensuring greater understanding and appreciation of the differing assurance roles and control responsibilities within these three lines is an ongoing priority for the Committee.

7.0 Audit Committee Evaluation

The AC continues to focus on the delivery of its functions in accordance with its Charter obligations and continues to hone and develop its own skills.

8.0 Acknowledgements

The Committee would like to thank the Chief Executive, Directors, senior management and other colleagues for their co-operation and assistance during 2022. It was challenging for the AC to continue to meet given the restricted arrangements that are necessary during a Pandemic. The Fingal team continued to provide a seamless virtual infrastructure and facilitated the AC in continuing to deliver on its statutory obligations.

In particular, the Committee would like to acknowledge the work of all the Internal Audit team and Emer O'Gorman, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services, in supporting the AC.

9.0 Conclusion

This Annual Audit Committee Report outlines the progress made in 2022 across all areas of the Committee's functions.

The Audit Committee looks forward to assisting and supporting Fingal County Council in the forthcoming year by delivering effectively on its mandate through its interactions with senior and line management, internal and external audit.

Appendix 1

AUDIT COMMITTEE STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

Functions of the Audit Committee ***(Section 59 Local Government Reform Act 2014)***
To review financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within the local authority that has established it.
To foster the development of best practice in the performance by the local authority of its internal audit function.
To review any audited financial statement, auditor's report or auditor's special report in relation to the local authority and assess any actions taken within that authority by its chief executive in response to such a statement or report and to report to that authority on its findings.
To assess and promote efficiency and value for money with respect to the local authority's performance of its functions.
To review systems that are operated by the local authority for the management of risks.

The Audit Committee Work Programme for each year will include activities and initiatives to ensure each of these functions are carried out.

Appendix 2

AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2022

No.	Topic
1	Select Chairperson for New Audit Committee
2	Preparation of Annual Report for approval by the Council in relation to Audit Committee activity from January 2021 to December 2021
3	Make Annual Declaration and Disclosure of Interests
4	Annual Report 2021 from Internal Auditor
5	Review the Annual Budget of the Council and review budgetary outturns and variance analysis of actual versus budget
6	Review Audit Committee and Internal Audit Charters
7	Meet with the LGA - a) within three months following submission of the LGA's report to the Council b) report to the Council on the outcome of the Annual External Audit
8	Review the Annual Financial Statement and the LGA's report on the Annual Financial Statement, statutory audit report, management letter and CE responses and follow up as necessary
9	Review performance and effectiveness of the Audit Committee
10	Develop and review Action Plan for issues raised from Self-Effectiveness Review
11	Meet with the CE of the Council on at least one occasion
12	Meet with the Head of Finance on at least one occasion to: a) review of FM and reporting arrangements as per Charter b) gain an understanding of budgetary practice
13	Review Protected Disclosures Policy, Audit Committee Protocol and Fraud reports
14	Approve the Internal Audit Plan 2023
15	Prepare 2023 Audit Committee Work Programme
16	Review resourcing of Internal Audit
17	Review relevant recommendations and findings made by LGAS and NOAC, including Performance Indicators. Review the CE's responses where relevant and follow up as necessary
18	Meet at least four Department Heads to receive presentations on their departments with regards to challenges faced, principal risks, how risk is mitigated, interaction with internal audit, and value for money initiatives
19	Consider Value for Money with regards to the Council's performance of its functions (e.g. VFM Reports from LGAS, Management presentations, etc.)
20	Review Recurring Items Updates – Audit Committee & Internal Audit Annual Plans, Reports and Outstanding Audit Actions, Procurement Reform, Corporate Risk Management
21	Hold at least four meetings during 2022
22	Meeting training needs of Committee members where identified.

Appendix 3

Internal Audit Reports for the period January to December 2022

Department	Audit Report	Date Signed	Audit Committee
People, Corporate & Digital Services	Health & Safety Framework in place across Departments during Covid emergency	28/02/22	Mar-22
People, Corporate & Digital Services	Official Complaints Compliance with Citizens Charter	28/02/22	Mar-22
People, Corporate & Digital Services	Issues noted in the implementation and adherence to overtime policy	04/05/22	May-22
Architects	Office procedures within the Architects Department relating to the monitoring of health & safety arrangements on building projects	06/05/22	May-22
People, Corporate & Digital Services	Business continuity planning for council buildings under the responsibility of the Corporate Building Facilities Unit	09/05/22	May-22
People, Corporate & Digital Services	Data & Records Management Policies, Procedures & Compliance	25/05/22	May-22
Finance	Low Value Purchase Cards	06/10/22	Oct-22
Council-Wide	Annual Public Spending Code Review		

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 19

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES AND GRANT OF WAYLEAVE

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1460

2nd February 2023

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed lease of land at Broomfield, Malahide, Co. Dublin to St. Sylvester's GAA Club

A request has been received from St. Sylvester's GAA Club to lease 0.840 acres of land approximately at Broomfield, Malahide, Co. Dublin to make provision for the extension of the existing ball wall.

It is proposed to grant a lease of land at Broomfield, Malahide, Co. Dublin to St. Sylvester's GAA Club, as shown outlined in red on map INDEX No: 6032 LD/MH/1/22, dated 30/09/2022 at Broomfield, Malahide, Co. Dublin 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 following terms and conditions:

1. That the property is shown outlined in red on the attached copy map (INDEX No: 6032 LD/MH/1/22 dated 30/9/22) having an area of 0.840 acres approximately.

2. That Fingal County Council shall grant a lease to St. Sylvester's GAA for a term of 35 years, to commence on a date to be agreed.

3. That the rent shall be €5,000.00 (five thousand euro) per annum, plus VAT if applicable.

4. That the said rent shall be abated to €100.00 (one hundred euro) per annum, plus VAT if applicable, provided the site is used for Sporting, Community and Recreational uses only, and for no other purpose.

5. That the rent shall be reviewed at the end of every 5th year and shall be fixed by reference to the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

6. That the rent is to be paid annually in advance.

7. That the lessee shall be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

8. That the lessee must sign a Deed of Renunciation prior to the signing of the lease.

9. That the lessee shall keep the property in good condition.

10. That the lessee shall obtain Public Liability Insurance indemnifying Fingal County Council in the sum of €6,500,000 (six million, five hundred thousand euro) and Employers Liability Insurance indemnifying Fingal County Council in the sum of €13,000,000 (thirteen million euro) against any and all claims arising from its use of the property and surrounding area/curtilage and shall provide proof of such insurances to Fingal County Council.

11. That the lessee shall be responsible for all outgoings – rates (if applicable), insurance (to pay the annual premium directly to the insurance company and provide proof of such insurances to Fingal County Council), and any other outgoings, statutory or otherwise, for the duration of the term of the lease from the date of commencement.

12. That the lessee shall ensure that the appropriate Health and Safety legislation is adhered to.

13. That the lessee must seek consent of the Council before undertaking any works, alterations or development, including the erecting of any structure, making any excavation or submitting an application for planning permission. All works will be at the expense of the lessee.

14. That the lessee shall not sell, assign, grant any sub interests, (with the exception of licence agreements) sub-divide, alienate or part with the possession of the property, without the prior written consent of the Council.

15. That in the event of the lessee failing to comply with any of the terms, conditions, warranties, covenants or the obligations and stipulations herein contained or becoming dissolved or going into liquidation, the Council may revoke this Agreement by giving the lessee notice in writing to that effect or unless otherwise stated in such Notice, this agreement shall cease immediately upon such Notice having been given.

16. That on the expiration or sooner determination of the lease, the lessee shall at their own expense remove all materials not belonging to Fingal County Council (if the Council so require it) and shall leave the property clean and cleared to the satisfaction of the Council.

17. That each party shall be responsible for their own professional fees in this matter.

18. That the lease shall contain all the covenants and conditions normally contained in Fingal County Council leases of this nature and any other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Law Agent.

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

20. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal agreement.

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County Council from Mr. James Nugent on 7th September 1976 for the purpose of community use.

A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee Meeting (Services B) held on 18th January 2023.

Aoife Brennan

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism
& Cultural Development Department

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT
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File Ref: LD 1456

2nd February 2023

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed grant of wayleave at Powerstown Road, Dublin 15 to Irish Water

An application has been received from Glenveagh Homes Limited to acquire a permanent wayleave for Irish Water to facilitate housing construction at Powerstown Road, Dublin 15. It is proposed to grant the permanent Wayleave to Irish Water 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 grant a permanent wayleave over the land outlined in yellow on Map No. LD-112-22, dated 13th December 2022 extending to 131 square meters approximately on folio number DN200990F.

2. That the Council shall retain the freehold title to the wayleave area.

3. That the compensation payable shall be in the amount of €3,000 (three thousand euro) plus VAT and Stamp Duty (if applicable).

4. That the full costs of the works shall be borne by the Applicant.

5. That the Applicant shall ensure they have the necessary planning permission (if required).

6. That the wayleave agreement shall state that full reinstatement works must be completed by the Applicant to the satisfaction of the Council.

7. That the Council shall reserve the right to create other legal interests in the wayleave area, subject to them not interfering with the apparatus.

8. That the Applicant shall have access to the wayleave area for the purpose of inspecting, repairing and maintaining. The Applicant shall provide fourteen days advance written notice to the Council of any intended works and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of the Council. All works to be carried out with minimum disruption. In the event of an emergency the above requirements can be waived. All works and work procedures shall comply with Health and Safety regulations.

9. That the Applicant shall pay the Council's Valuer's fee of €1,000 (one thousand euro) plus VAT and the Council's legal fees plus VAT in respect of the wayleave agreement.

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

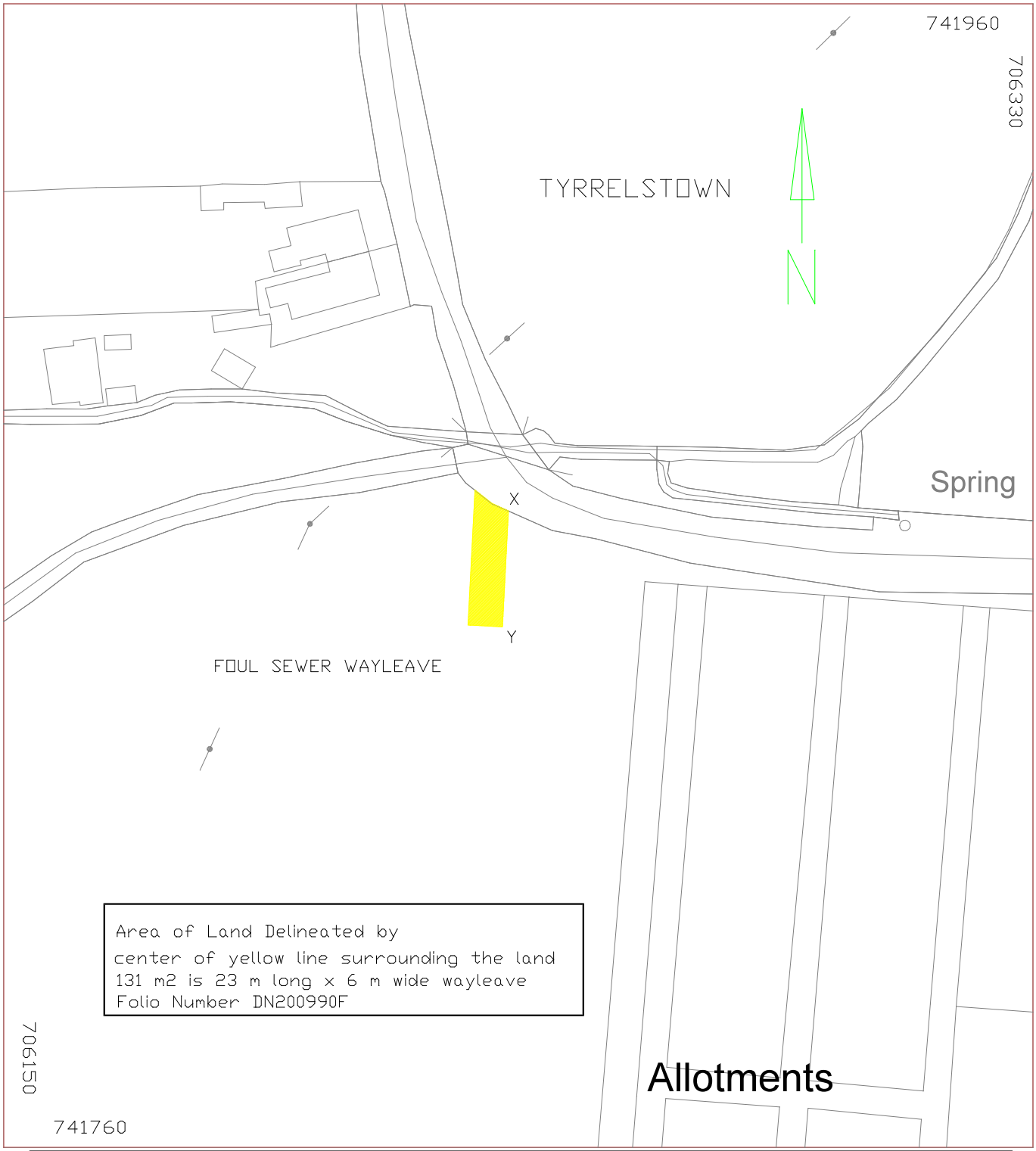
11. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

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 on 22nd April 1996 for the purpose of agricultural zoning.

A report on this matter is included on the agenda for the meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) to be held on 2nd February 2023.

Aoife Brendan

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism
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File Ref: LD 1412

2nd February 2023

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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In November 2022 the Council formally approved the disposal of land adjacent to 69 Brookhaven Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin15 to Ms Rosemary Gouldsbury in order to facilitate mapping rectification at the Property Registration Authority (PRA) to reflect the physical boundaries of the property on the ground. Due to a further amendment to the mapping associated with this disposal it is now 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 0.098 acres approximately and is shown outlined in red on Map Index No. 6021_01 LD/CM/01/22 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 22nd April 1996.

A report on this matter is included on the agenda for the meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) to be held on 2nd February 2023.

Roche Brendan

Senior Executive Officer
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File Ref: LD 1394

2nd February 2023

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed disposal of land at 78 Heathfield Terrace, Cappagh, Finglas, Dublin 11 to Jolanta Jachna and Arkadiusz Jachna

As part of the Council's new housing scheme at Liscappagh, Finglas, Dublin 11 a boundary discrepancy was identified between the proposed new housing development and the boundary of 78 Heathfield Terrace.

It is proposed subject to the necessary statutory approvals to dispose of land comprising an area of 35.33 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on drawing no. 18-362-9100 dated January 2022 to Jolanta Jachna and Arkadiusz Jachna 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 comprising an area of 35.33 square metres approximately is shown outlined in red on drawing no. 18-362-9100 dated January 2022.

2. That the market value of this site is €2000.00 (two thousand euro).

3. The consideration will be the nominal sum of €1.00 (one euro) plus VAT and stamp duty (if applicable).

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

5. That the purchaser shall be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

6. That each party shall be responsible for their own fees in this matter.

7. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consent being obtained.

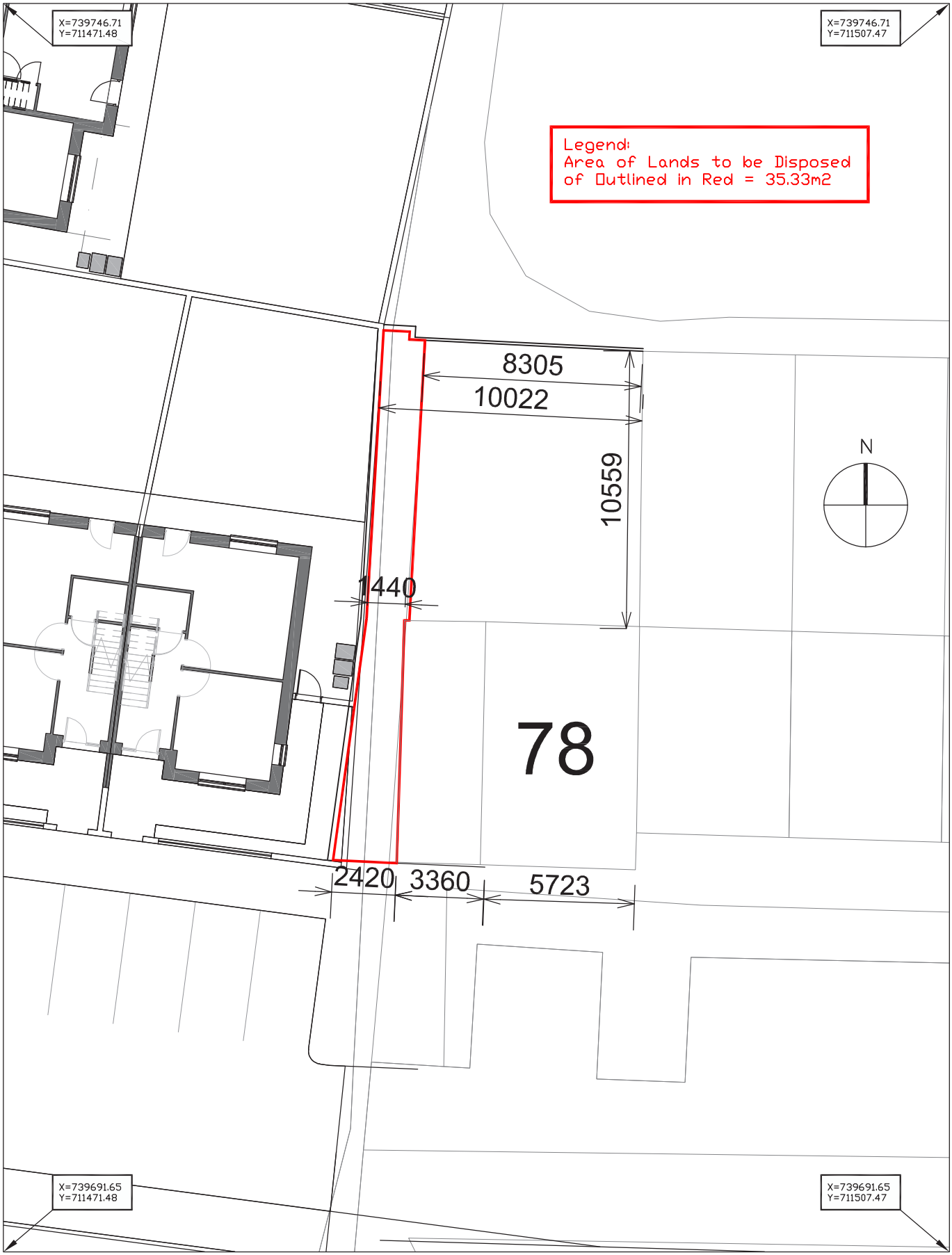
8. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County Council from Mr. Bryce Thompson IV on 29th May 1990 for the purpose of transportation.

A report on this matter is included on the agenda for the meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) to be held on 2nd February 2023.

Aoife Sheridan

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism
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MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO 19e

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST OF DWELLINGS

In accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, it is recommended that the disposal of the fee simple interest in the dwellings below to the persons as set out in the schedule, who have applied in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (No. 2) Act, 1978 to acquire the fee simple be approved.

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
29 Inbhir Ide Malahide Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 13/09/1975	£0.05 = €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = **€133.55**

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
72 Balglass Road, Howth, Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 01/03/1974	£15.00 = €19.05 x 59.17 = €1127.19	€1127.19 +€130.00 = **€1257.19**

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
74a St. Peter's Terrace, Howth, Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 13/03/1978	£0.05 / €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = **€133.55**

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

An Roinn um Pleanáil agus Infrastruchtúr Straitéiseach
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

Chief Executive's Report

County Council Meeting
13th February 2023

Strategic Infrastructure Development at Cappagh Industrial Park, Finglas, Dublin 11.



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Section 1 Background

1.1 Introduction

Padraig Thornton Waste Disposal Ltd has lodged an application with An Bord Pleanála for a Strategic Infrastructure Development at Unit 1, Cappogue Industrial Park, Cappogue, Dublin 11, D11 TX37 consisting of:

1. Processing of up to 300,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of waste material, to include:
    - 100,000 tpa of residual municipal solid waste (rMSW).
    - 50,000 tpa food waste.
    - 100,000 tpa construction and demolition (C&D) Waste.
    - 50,000 tpa mixed dry recyclable (MDR) waste.
2. Demolition of one annex of the existing building on-site (226 m2, 9.46 m in height) and the removal of an existing weighbridge.
3. Clearance of lands to the south of the existing waste facility.
4. Culverting of an existing surface water drain traversing the site.
5. Development of a new second entrance ca. 35 m south of the existing site entrance to accommodate vehicles accessing and egressing the proposed facility.
6. Upgrade and expansion of the existing building on-site, to be referred to MRF 1 (2,659 m2, to a maximum height of 12.48 m).
7. Development of a new building on-site, to be referred to as MRF 2 (1,735 m2, to a maximum height of 13.65 m).
8. Development of a new building on-site, to be referred to as MRF 3 (4,320 m2, to a maximum height of 13.85 m).
9. Advertising signage (8 m x 2 m) on the southern and western façades of the MRF 3 building and on the southern façade of the southern façade of the MRF 1 building,
10. internal site roads, parking and skip storage,
11. Administration building (272 m2, to a maximum height of 6.96 m),
12. 2 no. at-grade weighbridges and a weighbridge office (18.5 m2, 3.3 m in height),
13. Electrical sub-station (23 m2, 2.98 m in height),
14. Vehicle workshop (519 m2, to a maximum height of 8.44 m),
15. Vehicle refuelling facility adjoining the vehicle workshop, with an internal 45 m3 bunded diesel storage tank,
16. Vehicle wash (176 m2, 5.24 m in height),
17. Perimeter fencing (2.4 m in height), gate access and perimeter landscaping (ca. 6 - 8 m in height),
18. Site services, surface water management infrastructure, including an overground rainwater harvesting tank (with a floor area of 86.6 m2 and a capacity of 470 m3),
19. Fire pumps and a fire-fighting and control system,
20. Traffic management system,
21. Odour abatement system, with a 20 m high stack.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

Fingal County Council hereby sets out the submission of the Planning Authority on the proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development.

An Bord Pleanála, as the competent authority, will decide to grant or refuse this Strategic Infrastructure Development application.

1.2 Procedural Background

The application has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála under Section 37A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This states:

> *(1) An application for permission for any development specified in the Seventh Schedule (inserted by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006) shall, if the following condition is satisfied, be made to the Board under section 37E and not to a planning authority.*
>
> *(2) That condition is that, following consultations under section 37B, the Board serves on the prospective applicant a notice in writing under that section stating that, within one or more of the following paragraphs, namely—*
> *(a) the development would be of strategic economic or social importance to the State or the region in which it would be situate,*
> *(b) the development would contribute substantially to the fulfilment of any of the objectives in the National Planning Framework or in any regional spatial and economic strategy in force in respect of the area*
> *or areas in which it would be situate,*
> *(c) the development would have a significant effect on the area of more than one planning authority*

The proposed development involves increasing the quantity of waste accepted at an existing facility by 250,500 tonnes per annum. The categories of development specified in Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended include "An installation for the disposal, treatment or recovery of waste with a capacity for an annual intake greater than 100,000 tonnes".

The applicant engaged in consultations with An Bord Pleanala who concluded that the proposal would be of strategic economic or social importance to the State or region in which it is situated and would contribution substantially to the fulfilment of objectives in the National Planning Framework/Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and therefore constituted a Strategic Infrastructure Development within the meaning of Section 37A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Consequently the Board determined that the application for permission must be made to An Bord Pleanala.

Following the making of the application, Section 37E of the Act states the relevant planning authority must submit a report to the Board within 10 weeks from the date of the application being lodged, which sets out the views of the authority on the effects of the proposed development on the environment and on the proper planning and

sustainable development of the area, having regard to the matters detailed in Section 34(2) of the Act.

In the correspondence received by Fingal County Council from the Board, it is requested that the report address, where relevant, all of the issues identified in the guidelines for planning authorities prepared by An Bord Pleanála in respect of section 37A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. These address issues such as:

- Relevant national, regional and local planning policy;
- The planning history of the site and surrounds;
- Any designations which may apply to the site such as Special Amenity Area Orders, European designations, Natural Heritage Areas, Protected structures;
- Adequacy of water supply, sewerage facilities and surface water drainage facilities;
- Hydrology assessments;
- Comments on the Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted with the application;
- Environmental carrying capacity of the site;
- The Planning Authority's view in relation to the decision to be made by the Board;
- Planning authority view on conditions which should be attached in the event of the Board deciding to grant permission;
- Planning authority view on development contribution conditions which should be attached in the event of grant of permission.

The deadline for submission of the report to An Bord Pleanála is 20th February 2022.

In accordance with Section 37E(5) of the Act, this report will be presented to the Members of Fingal County Council at the February Council meeting. Where the Members decide by resolution to attach any recommendations to this report, they will be included in an appendix together with the minutes of the meeting.

1.3 Proposed Development

The principal aspects to the proposed development are as follows:

1. Increasing the annual waste acceptance rate from 49,500 tonnes to 300,000 tonnes.

2. Expansion of the existing structure on site to facilitate the proposed increase in waste intake.

3. Construction of 2 no. additional new waste processing buildings on site;

4. Construction of vehicle workshop, refuelling and washing facilities.

5. Construction of administration building, weighbridges and offices.

6. Culverting of an existing surface water drain traversing the site and provision of surface water drawing.

7. Associated site development works including electrical substation, odour abatement system and provision of an additional vehicular entrance.

According to the details submitted, the proposed scheme will facilitate the applicant in augmenting the waste treatment capacity and in achieving its commercial objectives, namely by allowing the applicant to accept and manage the wastes it collects at waste management facilities under its control in a manner that is self-sufficient, efficient, and cost efficient. It is contended that the proposed will contribute to meeting waste management needs defined by waste management policy and legislation together with municipal waste and construction and demolition (C&D) waste management capacity needs.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report outlines the activities ongoing at the facility. Waste is accepted into these premises which comprises of C&D waste, bulky skip waste and wood waste. Currently there is one single building operating at the facility.

According to the details submitted, the increased intake in the facility is proposed to be accommodated through operating on a 24/7 basis, with the majority of the waste acceptance, handling, and consignment stated to occur during the daytime and evening hours. It is stated that waste processing at fixed processing plants will not take place during the night, nor will it take place outside of the proposed structures on site.

1.4 Site Description and Surrounding Area

The application site is located off the Ballycoolin Road at Cappogue with the M50 located further south of the site. The site has a stated area of 3.38ha and is located c.2km north-west of Finglas Village and 2km east of Blanchardstown Village. Dunsink landfill and agricultural lands are situated further south of the site on the opposite side of the M50. Figure 1 illustrates the site location (see also Appendix 1).

The site comprises of the applicant's existing waste facility which comprises an existing building (2077.6 sq m) and is used as a waste recovery facility (located on the north-eastern side of the site). The remainder of the site comprises of undeveloped lands located to the south of the existing facility.

The main entrance to the site is from the eastern boundary off an internal road within the industrial estate. Car parking is located to the south of the existing building. The site boundary to the west and southwest is shared with residential units which are known as Coolbrook Cottages.



Figure 1: Site location map (see also Appendix 1)

1.5 Relevant Planning History

The planning history associated with the application site is detailed below:

FW20A/0122 Permission GRANTED for development at an existing C&D waste facility. The proposed development at the 0.75 ha site is for an increase in the rate of waste acceptance and processing at the facility up to 49,500 tonnes per annum, comprising mixed construction and demolition (C&D) wastes. The planning application was accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report. Condition No. 4 stated:

> The total volume of material to be accepted and processsed on the site shall not exceed 49,500 tonnes per annum, comprising mixed construction and demolition (C&D) wastes unless otherwise agreed with the planning authority.
> REASON: In the interest of clarity in the extent of the permitted development.

FW19A/0128 Retention permission GRANTED for 368.87m2 of floor space, including ground floor area (347.34m2) and first floor area (21.53m2) measuring a maximum height of 13.5m above ground level within the existing building permitted under previous Planning Permission FW13A/0053 and a 51 m long constructed boundary wall along the western boundary of the site consisting of a 2.7m high concrete wall with a 19m high palisade fence atop (total height 4.6m).

FW13A/0053 Retention permission GRANTED permission for a 2-meter-high earth mound along the new southern boundary of the application site and planning permission for 1) an extension to the existing premises to provide for a shredding area and a storage area. 2) the extension of the existing concrete yard in a westerly direction to provide for skip storage, general truck maneuvering and open material storage bays.

3) new boundary fencing along the new southern boundary. 4) additional car parking and 5) extension to existing surface water drainage and water main.

FW11A/0033 Permission GRANTED for a new waste recovery facility (total area 1393 sqm), including ancillary internal offices, open yard, staff car parking and associated site development works including boundary fencing, landscaping and connection to existing foul and surface water sewers and existing water main. The facility includes a weigh bridge operation, a truck washing bay and general skip storage areas externally. The facility also has an internal ELV (End-of-Life Vehicle) garage for de-polluting the ELV's, this garage houses hazardous material storage. This activity will be applied for with New Waste Facility Permit Application, under the Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) Regulations S.I. 821 2007 and S.I. 86 of 2008.

Section 2.0 Policy Context

2.1 Introduction

This section outlines the planning policy context for the proposed development including reference to relevant policy at national, regional and local level. The focus of this section is on policy applicable to waste management. Reference is also included to the regional waste management plan. In accordance with Section 22(10A)(a) of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, a Development Plan is deemed to include the objectives of the Waste Management Plan for its area.

2.2 National Planning Framework

One of the shared goals of the National Planning Framework is the sustainable management of water, waste and other environmental resources. The capacity to create beneficial uses from products previously considered as waste, creating circular economic benefits, is recognised.

The key future growth enablers for Dublin include improving sustainability in terms of energy, waste and water, to include district heating and water conservation.

National Policy Objective 56

Sustainably manage waste generation, invest in different types of waste treatment and support circular economy principles, prioritising prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery, to support a healthy environment, economy and society.

2.3 Eastern Midlands Waste Management Plan for the Eastern Midland Region

The Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015 -2021 was adopted in May 2015. The overall vision of the Regional Waste Management Plan is to rethink the approach taken towards managing waste and that waste should be seen as a valuable material resource. The Plan contains three targets:

- 1% reduction per annum in the quantity of household waste generated per capita over the period of the Plan.
- Achieve a recycling rate of 50% of Managed Municipal Waste by 2020.
- Reduce to 0% the direct disposal of unprocessed residual municipal waste to landfill (from 2016 onwards) in favour of higher value pre-treatment processes and indigenous recovery practices

The Plan details criteria which applications for future waste activities need to consider. These are divided into general environment issues and European Sites. They particularly relate to site sensitivity in terms of areas protected for example, for landscape, visual amenity, geological heritage, cultural heritage, Natural Heritage Areas, river habitats.

They include that sustainable drainage systems are applied to any development and that site specific solutions to surface water drainage system are developed. They also refer to assessing the impact from a transport perspective including road access,

network, safety and traffic patterns to and from the proposed facility in accordance with road design guidelines and/or relevant local authority guidelines in relation to roads.

Policies

E1. Future authorisations by the local authorities, the EPA and An Bord Pleanála of pre-treatment capacity in the region must take account of the authorised and available capacity in the market while being satisfied the type of processing activity being proposed meets the requirements of policy E2.

E2. The future authorisation of pre-treatment activities by local authorities over the plan period will be contingent on the operator demonstrating that the treatment is necessary and the proposed activities will improve the quality and add value to the output materials generated at the site.

E19. The waste plan supports the development of indigenous reprocessing and recycling capacity for the treatment of non-hazardous and hazardous wastes where technically, economically and environmentally practicable. The relevant environmental protection criteria for the planning and development of such activities need to be applied.

2.4 Eastern and Midlands Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019-2031

The Regional Strategic Objectives specified in the RSES include the sustainable management of water, waste and other environmental resources, with a view to increasing resource efficiency to realise the benefits of the circular economy.

Regional Policy Objective 10.25 states that "Development plans shall identify how waste will be reduced, in line with the principles of the circular economy, facilitating the use of materials at their highest value for as long as possible and how remaining quantums of waste will be managed and shall promote the inclusion in developments of adequate and easily accessible storage space that supports the separate collection of dry recyclables and food and shall take account of the requirements of the Eastern and Midlands Region Waste Management Plan."

2.5 Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023

Chapter 1 Introduction and Strategic Context

The strategic vision for the county includes:

- Make better use of key resources such as land, water, energy, waste and transportation infrastructure.
- Reduce climate change through settlement and travel patterns and reduced use of nonrenewable resources.

The Strategic Policy of the Development Plan will deliver on the main aims of the Plan through a number of actions including:

18. Secure the timely provision of infrastructure essential to the sustainable development of the County, in particular in areas of resource and waste management,

energy supply, renewable energy generation and Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

22. Minimise the County's contribution to climate change, and adapt to the effects of climate change, with particular reference to the areas of land use, energy, transport, water resources, flooding, waste management and biodiversity, and maximising the provision of green infrastructure including the provision of trees and soft landscaping solutions.

Waste Management

Objective WM02

Facilitate the implementation of national legislation and national and regional waste management policy having regard to the waste hierarchy.

Objective WM03

Implement the provisions of the Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015 -2021 or any subsequent Waste Management Plan applicable within the lifetime of the Development Plan. All prospective developments in the County will be expected to take account of the provisions of the Regional Waste Management Plan and adhere to the requirements of that Plan.

Objective WM04

Facilitate the transition from a waste management economy to a green circular economy to enhance employment and increase the value recovery and recirculation of resources.

Objective WM05

Prevent and minimise the generation of waste in accordance with the Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015 -2021 (or any subsequent plans).

Objective WM07

Promote the increased re-use of waste in accordance with the Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015 -2021 (or any subsequent plan).

Objective WM08

Promote and encourage the establishment of re-use, preparing for re-use and repair activities in accordance with the Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015 -2021 (or any subsequent plan).

Objective WM09

Promote increased recycling of waste in accordance with the Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015 -2021 (or any subsequent plan).

Objective WM12

Promote developments to manage food waste in accordance with the requirements of the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations.

Objective WM14
Promote the recovery (including recovery of energy) from waste in accordance with the Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015 -2021 (or any subsequent plan).

Objective RF93
Encourage the recycling of construction and demolition waste to reduce the need for extraction.

Traffic Impact Assessments
Objective DMS128
Require developers to provide a Traffic Impact Assessment where new development will have a significant effect on travel demand and the capacity of the surrounding transport network.

Chapter 12 – Development Management
Objective DMS163 Ensure Screening for Appropriate Assessment and, where required, full Appropriate Assessment is carried out for all plans and projects in the County which, individually, or in combination with other plans and projects, are likely to have a significant direct or indirect impact on any European site or sites.

Site Zoning
The lands are zoned GE - General Employment under the 2017-2023 Development Plan which has the objective to "Provide opportunities for general enterprise and employment".

The vision is as follows: Facilitate opportunities for compatible industry and general employment uses, logistics and warehousing activity in a good quality physical environment. General Employment areas should be highly accessible, well designed, permeable and legible.

Waste Disposal and Recovery Facility (Excluding High Impact) is included within the uses permitted in principle on GE zoned lands.

Waste disposal and recovery facility (excluding high impact) is permitted in principle in this zoning. The explanatory text for the Development Plan outlines what this use refers to, as follows:

> *The use of land or buildings for the removal or re-use of industrial or domestic refuse which has a low potential for odour, noise, dust and other nuisances and includes non-putrescible waste. Examples of such waste management facilities may be: transfer stations, processing of dry recyclable material which are contained within buildings, short term storage of small quantities of garden waste, civic waste facilities accepting material for recycling including the acceptance of WEEE and household hazardous waste, facilities for the treatment of end of life vehicles provided there is no stacking of vehicles, processing storage of de-polluted vehicles, scrap metal or recycling residues outside of*

buildings. Excludes landfills and waste facilities with high potential for odour, noise, dust, fire, and other nuisances in particular operations dealing with putrescible waste.

Waste disposal and recovery facility (high impact) is not permitted in this zoning. This use is defined as:

The use of land or buildings for facilities with high potential for odour, noise, dust and other nuisances including putrescible waste. Examples of high impact facilities are transfer stations and treatment plants for organic waste and residual waste which have a potential for odour, crushing and processing of construction and demolition waste, and facilities where waste is stored outside of buildings and which is visually intrusive or otherwise likely to be a nuisance, including scrapyards. Excludes landfills.

Map Based Policies and Objectives

There is an objective to Protect & Preserve Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows.

Transitional Zonal Areas

The application site adjoins land zoned for 'RS Residential' where the objective is to provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity

The Development Plan states that it is important to avoid abrupt transitions in scale and use in the boundary areas of adjoining land use zones. In dealing with development proposals in these contiguous transitional zonal areas, it is necessary to avoid developments that would be detrimental to the amenities of the more environmentally sensitive zone.

Objective Z04

Have regard to development in adjoining zones, in particular more environmentally sensitive zones, in assessing development proposals for lands in the vicinity of zoning boundaries.

Section 3 Planning Issues

3.1 Introduction

This section outlines the comments of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed development. These are provided in terms of the policy context and principle of development and subsequently in terms of specific issues associated with the proposal.

3.2 Internal Reports

A number of internal departments within Fingal County Council were consulted on this proposal and their comments have informed this Report. Comments were received from the following departments:

- Water Services Section – No objection subject to condition;
- Parks and Green Infrastructure - No objection subject to condition;
- Transportation Planning Section – No objection subject to condition;

The individual reports are included in Appendix 2.

3.3 Principle of Development

At a strategic level, the approach to waste is to reduce the quantity generated and promote increased recycling with a view to promoting the circular economy, thus waste becomes a resource rather than material for disposal. This view is espoused in the National Planning Framework, the Eastern Midlands Waste Management Plan, RSES and Fingal County Development Plan. Policy E19 of the Eastern Midlands Waste Management Plan supports the development of indigenous reprocessing and recycling capacity for the treatment of non-hazardous and hazardous wastes where technically, economically and environmentally practicable noting that the relevant environmental protection criteria for the planning and development of such activities need to be applied.

Objectives WM04 and WM07 of the Fingal Development Plan similarly support the transition to the circular economy and the minimisation of waste generation while Objective WM09 specifically promotes increased recycling of waste.

There is an established, authorised waste processing facility on this site. The activities being undertaken on the site, as outlined by the applicant involve the reception, screening and processing of C&D waste in one building which is segregated into 3 areas. Having regard to national, regional and local waste policy, the activities ongoing would support the circular economy through recycling and a reduction in the use of natural resources by utilising waste as a fuel. The continued development of the facility is considered acceptable from the perspective of the broad aims of current waste management policy.

The application site is located on lands zoned for 'General Employment' where the objective is to 'Provide opportunities for general enterprise and employment'. Waste disposal and recovery facility (excluding high impact) is permitted in principle in this zoning while Waste disposal and recovery facility (high impact) is not permitted. The difference between the two use classes is the high potential of the latter for odour, noise, dust and other nuisances and includes putrescible waste treatment plants for organic waste and residual waste and transfer stations.

The most recent permission on this site is Reg. Ref. FW20A/0122 which permitted the acceptance and processing of up to 49,500 tonnes of waste per annum, comprising mixed construction and demolition (C&D) wastes.

The applicant is seeking permission to increase the quantity of waste accepted at the premises by 250,500 tonnes so that they can now accept 300,000 tonnes per annum (tpa). This waste would include for:

- 100,000 tpa of residual municipal solid waste (rMSW);
- 50,000 tpa of food waste;
- 100,000 tpa construction and demolition (C&D) waste; and
- 50,000 tpa mixed dry recyclable waste.

It is stated that hazardous waste will not be accepted at the facility.

On comparison for the facility permitted on site it is noted that the applicant intends to expand the range of waste categories accepted at the site from solely C&D waste to accepting food waste, rMSW and mixed dry recyclable waste. The applicant provides a rational, within Section 5.4.3 of the EIAR, as to how the proposed facility will not be a high impact waste management facility.

The differentiation in waste disposal and recovery facilities identified in the Fingal County Development Plan is associated with impacts. Examples of high impact waste facilities are stated in the Development Plan to include "transfer stations and treatment plants for organic waste and residual waste which have a potential for odour, crushing and processing of construction and demolition waste, and facilities where waste is stored outside of buildings and which is visually intrusive or otherwise likely to be a nuisance, including scrapyards."

According to the details submitted, no outdoor handling, loading or storage of waste will take place at the facility and all waste acceptance, handling, storage and processing will occur inside buildings. It is identified that the rMSW waste will be accepted within a single designated building which will operate with negative air extraction and contain an odour abatement system. It is noted that the assessments contained in the EIAR in respect of odour, air quality and noise all conclude that significant impacts will not arise in respect of the proposed development. Crushing of C&D waste is not identified as an activity in the description of the proposed development contained in Chapter 4 of the EIAR.

Having regard to the specifics of the current proposal, it is not considered that it would constitute a high impact activity such as would represent a material contravention of the 'General Employment' zoning objective which applies to the site in the Fingal County Development Plan. Having regard to the established and permitted nature of the activities on site, the nature of the proposed development, the existing character of this area, the support for waste recycling and the circular economy at national, regional and local level, the principle of expanding the existing waste facility on this site is considered to be acceptable.

3.4 Visual Impact and Residential Amenity

The applicant is proposing to extend the existing building on site and provide for 2 no. additional units to undertake the proposed waste management activities. The structures are proposed to be located in the northern section of the subject site and range in height from 10m to a maximum of 13m. It is also proposed to provide for a vent stack which is 20m in height and located in the most eastern section of the subject site. As such all of the largest elements of the proposal area located in an area of the site which is furthest from the residential units. Notwithstanding this the proposed structures will be visible from the access road and also the Ballycoolin Road. The structures are utilitarian in form and, whilst acknowledging the nature of the activity to be accommodated within, it is nonetheless considered that the design of same would benefit from improvements to the proposed material finishes.

There are residential uses located immediately to the west and south of the facility. It is noted that the while the subject site is zoned under objective GE-General Employment it is also considered to be in a transitional zone as the zoning pertaining to land which forms the southern boundary with the subject site is RE-Residential. Objective Z04 of the Development Plan reflects the need to have regard to development in adjoining zones when assessing development proposals for lands in the vicinity of zoning boundaries.

With regard to noise potential from the proposed facility, chapter 12 of the EIAR reports that there are 21 noise sensitive locations within 500m of the development all of which are residential units. The EIAR sets out a number of mitigation measures, including the use of insulation of the proposed structures and fast acting roller shutters, in order to mitigate noise pollution during the operation phase. The predicted noise levels were described as being ambient levels and as such not significant.

The buildings in the development are set back from the boundaries with adjoining residential property. The area of land adjacent to the residential development to the south is proposed for use as a skip storage area. For the purposes of the noise assessment during the operational stage, the EIAR indicates that activities in the yard include vehicles idling at the reception/weighbridge area and vehicles entering/leaving buildings. Assumptions relating to the operation of the truck wash and vehicle workshop have been provided. Table 12-17 details the noise sources. It isn't clear whether noise associated with the loading and depositing of skips in the skip storage area adjacent to the site boundary is included in the assessment and what noise, if any,

this would generate. It is also not clear whether skips would be stacked in the storage area. To address these issues and ensure an appropriate transition between the adjoining land uses, the Planning Authority would recommend increasing the buffer zone along the southern boundary and clarifying the nature of the skip storage area.

Construction working hours are indicated as starting at 7am. The Planning Authority would advise that should permission be granted, this should be revised to 8am in order to protect residential amenities.

While section 12.7 of the EIAR sets out a number of mitigation measures to protect the amenities of the area, the Planning Authority would have concern over the proposal to operate at the proposed facility on a 24-hour basis. As such, in order to protect the current level of residential amenities, should permission be granted, it is recommended that the hours of operation be limited to remain in accordance with that permitted under Reg Ref. FW11A/0033 (07.00-19.00 Mon-Fri and 08.00-16.00 Saturdays only and closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays). Having regard to the significant increase in intensity of use proposed, proximity to residential properties and Objective Z04 of the Fingal County Development Plan, in the event that permission is granted, the Board may also wish to give consideration to a temporary permission in order that impacts on residential amenities could be monitored.

3.5 Access and Transportation

The Eastern Midlands Waste Management Plan refers to criteria for consideration in waste activities. These include assessing the impact from a transport perspective. Chapter 13 of the EIAR submitted includes a transport assessment.

The subject site is located at the end of cul de sac which is accessed from the Premier Business Park access road. The estimated daily traffic volumes generated by the development would be in the worst case scenario of 303 vehicles per day resulting in 606 two-way trips per day. The proposal for 24-hour day 7 days a week operation of the facility estimates approximately 20% of the HGV movements occurring between 9pm and 6am. This has not been taken into account in the assessment.

The estimated morning peak hour traffic generation would be 11 HGV's importing materials and 7 articulated HGV's exporting processed materials (36 two-way trips, 1.6 trucks per min). The estimated evening peak hour traffic generation is 15 HGV's importing and 5 Articulated HGV's (40 two-way trips,1.5 trucks per min) exporting.

This traffic assessment is based upon November 2021 classified turning count surveys of the receiving local road traffic flows and analysed the following junctions:

- Premier Business Park/Cappogue Industrial Park Internal Junction
- Ballycoolin Road/Premier Business Park Signal Junction
- Ballycoolin Road/Cappagh Road Signal Junction

The capacity analysis for the junctions indicates that there is significant reserve capacity in the junctions to cater for the development. The traffic assessment has made a

number of assumptions that would make the assessment robust. However, notwithstanding the above, it is not clear if the assessment was carried out utilising vehicle two-way trips or the number vehicle over. This requires clarity in order to determine if there is adequate capacity at junctions or if any works are required to facilitate the development.

The applicant is proposing to provide for 36 car parking spaces but has not submitted a rational for such in terms of staffing numbers. The provision of such numbers would be considered excessive in terms of the requirements of Table 12.8 of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023. The Traffic Assessment make reference to 22 no. staff and having regard to national policy which seek to reduce the reliance on private vehicles in favour of more sustainable travel modes such as public transport and cycling etc, the Planning Authority would be mindful that an overprovision of car parking for the proposed development should be avoided.

In terms of access, it is noted that the applicant is intending to retain the existing access point and provide for a new access which is located to the south of the existing. It is considered that the internal layouts should be reconsidered to provide segregation of staff/visitor traffic, pedestrian and cyclists from HGV movements and parking. Furthermore, additional mitigation measures should be provided to insure that car parking and HGV turning manoeuvres are separated with adequate pedestrian routes and crossing points.

It is considered that the applicant should amend the layout so that the proposed new vehicular entrance is restricted to serve HGVs only and the existing entrance serve cars, pedestrians and cyclists visiting the site.

Cycle Parking has not been included in the proposed layout. Covered Secure Long term cycle parking should be provided.

The Planning Authority would have a further concern over the lack of detail provided in the plans submitted with regard to the design details of the existing and proposed entrance. Plans should be submitted indicating how the new access and crossover of the existing footpath and cycle track would occur. While these works are outside of the red line associated with the application, they are required in order to facilitate the development, and as such in the event that the Board were minded to grant permission these details should be subject to a condition.

3.6 Water Services

The Eastern Midlands Waste Management Plan refers to criteria for consideration in waste activities. These include surface water management provisions.

There is an existing watercourse which transverses the subject site on the east west axis. This watercourse is a surface water ditch which currently remains open with its outfall being noted on the site location map, Drawing No. P21-120-0000-0002. From a review of the EPA Mapping Tool it is noted that this watercourse is not mapped. The

applicant is proposing to culvert this watercourse in order to facilitate the development.

While the objectives of the Fingal Development Plan seek to retain open water courses it is considered acceptable for the section of the watercourse which transverse the site to be culverted. However, it is unclear to the Planning Authority as to why the applicant is proposing to culvert the section of the watercourse which is located on the eastern boundary of the site. In the first instance it is unclear from drawings submitted if this section is within the applicant's ownership. Secondly, from interpretation of Drawing no. P21-150-0400-0001 and P21-150-0400-0002 which sets out the prospered boundary treatments, it is considered that the applicant is simply proposing to culvert the watercourse in order to erect the proposed replacement palisade fence. In the event that permission is granted, the Planning Authority would recommend that a condition be attached to ensure that the section of the watercourse located on the eastern boundary remain open and un-culverted.

3.7 Landscape and Boundary Treatment

The Planning Authority would have some concern over the boundary treatment being proposed with particular reference to the southern and western boundary which is shared with the residential units. From drawings submitted, the applicant is proposing to retain the existing boundary along the southern section of the site and provide for palisade fencing along the western section in additional to retaining some of the existing boundary which comprises of a gabion wall with palisade fencing above. The Planning Authority considers that the use of palisade fencing would not be appropriate at this location where a boundary is formed with residential units. In the event that permission is granted by the Board, consideration should be given to requesting a more appropriate alternative boundary treatment which would screen and protect the amenities of the surrounding residents.

3.8 Environmental Impact Assessment

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been submitted with the application which addresses the topical issues required by legislation.

In terms of the site context, within the site and its immediate environs there are no recorded monuments, items on the Record of Protected Structures, Natural Heritage Areas or Natura 2000 sites, watercourses or water bodies.

There are no Special Amenity Area Orders which apply to the application site which is situated within the 'low lying agriculture' landscape character area which has a low to medium sensitivity to development. The applicant is proposing to provide 2 no. additional building on site which are considered to be overly utilitarian in form. This has been discussed in the previous section of this report.

An Bord Pleanala are the competent authority with regard to Environmental Impact Assessment and should therefore satisfy themselves regarding the adequacy of documentation submitted.

3.9 Appropriate Assessment

An Bord Pleanala are the competent authority with regard to Appropriate Assessment and should therefore satisfy themselves regarding the adequacy of documentation submitted in this respect.

3.10 Section 48/49 Development Contribution Schemes

The 'Fingal County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2021-2025' is the applicable contributions scheme. Should permission be granted, the Board is requested to include a condition requiring the payment of a development contribution in accordance with the scheme.

Should permission be granted, a tree and hedgerow bond of €50,000 should be lodged with Fingal County Council prior to the commencement of development in order to ensure that the trees and hedgerows shown for retention are protected and maintained in good condition throughout the course of development.

There are no Section 49 supplementary contributions schemes either adopted or proposed that would affect this development.

Section 4 Conclusion and Recommendations

4.1 Chief Executive Recommendation

There is an established, authorised waste processing facility on this site. Many of the activities ongoing would support the circular economy through recycling and a reduction in the use of natural resources by utilising waste as a fuel. The continued development of the facility is considered acceptable from the perspective of the broad aims of current waste management policy. Therefore, an increase in the quantity of waste accepted at the site is considered acceptable in principle.

Having regard to the established and permitted nature of the proposed development and to the proposed arrangements for food waste and residual municipal solid waste (which would only be stored and processed within a building which has been fitted with an odour control system), the acceptance of these types of material, is considered acceptable. It is recommended that the quantities of the different waste types that can be accepted should be limited by condition. Otherwise, subject to the conditions below, it is recommended that permission be granted.

4.2 Recommended Conditions

The Planning Authority recommends that certain conditions be attached should An Bord Pleanála be mindful to grant permission for this development. These conditions are set out below and are not intended as an exhaustive list.

1. The development shall be carried out in its entirety in accordance with the plans, particulars and specifications lodged with the application, save as may be required by the other conditions attached hereto.
   REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the permission, and that effective control be maintained.

2. The intake of waste material to the site shall not exceed 300,000 tonnes per annum, of which no more than 50,000 tonnes shall consist of food waste; no more than 100,000 of residual municipal solid waste and 50,000 tonnes of mixed dry recyclable waste. No hazardous waste shall be accepted at the facility. The developer shall maintain records of all waste accepted at the site and these records shall be made available to the Planning Authority if required. The facility shall be not available for use directly by members of the general public.
   REASON: In the interest of clarity and to accord with the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023.

3. The structures hereby approved shall be for waste processing purposes only. The offices shall remain ancillary to the overall use of the site.
   REASON: In the interests of clarity.

4. All of the avoidance, remedial, mitigation and monitoring measures identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted with the application

shall be implemented in full by the developer, save as may otherwise be required other conditions attached hereto.
REASON: In the interest of clarity and the protection of the environment during the operational phases of the proposed development.

5. The development as permitted, including all associated on-site activities, shall operate between the hours of 07.00-19.00 Monday to Friday and 08.00-16.00 Saturdays only and closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays unless otherwise agreed with the Planning Authority.
REASON: In the interest of clarity.

6. (a) No storage, loading, unloading or processing, either permanent or temporary, of any materials shall occur outside of any structure shown on the Site Layout Plan (Drawing No. P21-150-0200-0001) submitted with the application.
(b) All organic material shall be transported to and from the site in sealed containers. No material that would attract birds shall be present on the open areas of the site at any time.
(c) Skips to be stored in the external areas shall not be stacked greater than a height of 3 metres.
REASON: In the interest of amenities, public health and safety

7. The following shall be complied with in respect of surface water management:
(a) No surface water/ rainwater shall discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.
(b) The surface water drainage arrangements shall be in compliance with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works Version 6.0 FCC April 2006.
REASON: In the interests of public health.

8. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the Planning Authority, details of the proposed finishes, design and colours of all elements of the proposed development. Trade brochures shall be submitted, and sample panels shall be erected on the site (if requested by the Planning Authority).
REASON: In the interests of the proper planning and development of the area.

9. The section of the watercourse located on the eastern boundary shall re-main open and un-culverted.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

10. The existing trees / hedgerow shown for retention on the landscape plan, drawing no. LD-THRNTNS-1-0 Landscape Master Plan, shall be retained and protected during construction works in accordance with BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to Design, Demolition and Construction Recommendations.

REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

11. Prior to the commencement of development, a Tree Protection Plan shall be submitted for the written agreement of the Planning Authority.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

12. A tree and hedgerow bond of €50,000 shall be lodged with Fingal County Council prior to the commencement of development in order to ensure that the trees and hedgerows shown for retention are protected and maintained in good condition throughout the course of development. This bond will be held by Fingal County Council for a period of two years post construction which may be extended in the event of possible construction related defects. For the tree & hedgerow bond to be released, a post construction report on the condition of the trees & hedgerows to be retained shall be undertaken by the project Arborist and all recommendations made within this report shall be carried out. On completion of this, the report and a Certificate of Effective Completion sign by the project Arborist shall be provided to the Planning Authority.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

13. (a) A detailed landscape plan showing cross section of boundaries, boundary treatment specifications, gabion planting proposals and an overall increase in depth of perimeter planting of a minimum of five metres along the north, west and eastern boundaries and 10 metres along the southern boundary with the adjoining residential properties shall be submitted for the written agreement of the Planning Authority prior to commencement of development. The landscape plan shall include a management and maintenance plan.
(b) The agreed landscape plan shall be implemented in full no later than the first planting season following commencement of operations in the proposed development. Any plants that are found to be dead, dying, severely damaged or diseased within five years of the completion of the development, shall be replaced in the next planting season by specimens of similar size and species in the first suitable planting season.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

14. Prior to the commencement of development, the following shall be submitted for the written agreement of the Planning Authority:
(a) Clarification as to whether the assessment and junction analysis has taken into account two-way vehicle trips for the importing and exporting of materials;
(b) A revised assessment of the junctions as necessary to determine capacity and if any works are required to facilitate the development.
(c) Any works required arising from the foregoing shall be at the expense of the developer and shall be implemented prior to commencement of operations in

the proposed development unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

15. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the Planning Authority details of the level of staffing and expected visitors to the site in order to determine the quantum of parking being provided and a revised site layout plan illustrating the provision of this parking.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

16. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the Planning Authority a revised site plan indicating the following amendments:
    a) The existing entrance shall serve as access/egress to the site for pedestrians, cars and cyclists only;
    b) The proposed entrance shall serve HGV traffic movements only; and
    c) Internal layout amended indicating segregated staff and visitor car parking from the internal HGV movements on site

    REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

17. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the Planning Authority, design details of the new access which considers crossover of the existing footpath and cycle track and the development shall be constructed in accordance with the agreed details.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

18. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the Planning Authority:
(a) details of the quantum of cycle parking and e-bike parking to be provided,
(b) proposal for cycle and e-bike parking which shall be secure and sheltered, and located in close proximity to the entrance to the main building;
(c) a revised site layout plan which illustrate a separate pedestrian and cycle access gate from the public road to the proposed parking area.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

19. The developer shall accord with any future requirements of the Planning Authority in relation to glint and glare issues that may arise and which only become apparent when the proposed installation is commissioned. Any such requirements shall be carried out at the developer's expense according to the specification and conditions of the Planning Authority.

REASON: To ensure the avoidance of any potential traffic, air or other hazard and in the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

20. All areas within and under the control of Fingal County Council shall be constructed to the Council's Standards for taking in charge or be brought to the Council's Standards prior to any future taking in-charge/hand over process being completed. The material finishes and design and construction details shall be agreed with the Planning Authority in writing prior to Construction.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

21. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the Planning Authority, a detailed Construction Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan which shall be prepared by the main appointed contractor and which shall address in detail haulage routes and construction phasing of the development.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

22. No additional development shall take place above roof parapet level, including air handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennas or equipment, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.
REASON: To protect the visual amenities of the area.

23. All works required to facilitate the development shall be carried out at the expense of the developer to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

24. The following environmental measures shall be implemented:
    a) All necessary steps shall be taken to contain dust and airborne pollutants arising from the site and to prevent nuisance to persons in the locality. This shall include i) covering skips, ii) covering slack heaps, iii) netting of scaffolding, iv) regular road and pavement damping and sweeping, v) use of water spray to suppress dust, vi) proper paved or hard stand access for trucks and vehicles to and from the site to prevent dirt and dust from the site being carried from the site on to public roads etc.
    b) Dust monitoring shall be carried out during the demolition and construction phases in accordance with the TA luft dust deposition limit value of 350mg/m² /day measured at the site which includes both soluble and insoluble matter. Monitory points shall be set up at the sensitive locations to measure total dust deposition rates. The amount of dust deposited anywhere outside the proposed development, when averaged over a 30-day period, should not exceed limit value of 350mg/m² /day

c) The cumulative noise from the site when operational as measured at the nearest noise sensitive location shall not exceed:
55 dB (A) Lar,15mins between the hours of 08.00 -22.00
45dB(A) LAeq 22.00-08.00 and/or shall not cause significant impairment of, or significant interference with amenities or the environment beyond the site boundary.

REASON: In the interest of environmental quality.

25. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the Planning Authority 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.
REASON: In the interests of sustainable waste management.

26. The following requirements shall be complied with in full:
(a) The hours of operation on all construction sites shall be restricted to between 0800 hours to 1900 hours Monday to Friday, and between 0800 hours to 1400 hours on Saturdays.
(b) No activities shall take place on site on Sundays or Bank Holidays.
(c) Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from Fingal County Council. Such approval may be given subject to conditions pertaining to the particular circumstances being set by Fingal County Council.

REASON: In the interest of public health and in the interest of residential amenity.

27. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, communal television, telephone and public lighting cables) shall be run underground within the site.

REASON: In the interest of orderly development and the visual amenities of the area.

28. All necessary measures shall be taken by the applicant/developer to prevent the spillage or deposit of any materials including clay rubble or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of development. In the event of any such spillage or deposit, immediate steps shall be taken to remove the material from the road surface at the applicant/developers own expense.

The applicant/developer shall be responsible for the full cost of repair in respect of any damage caused to the adjoining public road arising from the construction work

and shall either make good any damage to the satisfaction of Fingal County Council or pay the Council the cost of making good any such damage upon issue of such a requirement by the Council.
REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

29. Any security shutters shall be internalised behind the glass.
REASON: In the interest of visual amenity.

30. All bathrooms shall be fitted and permanently maintained with obscure glass. The use of film is not acceptable.
REASON: In the interest of residential amenity.

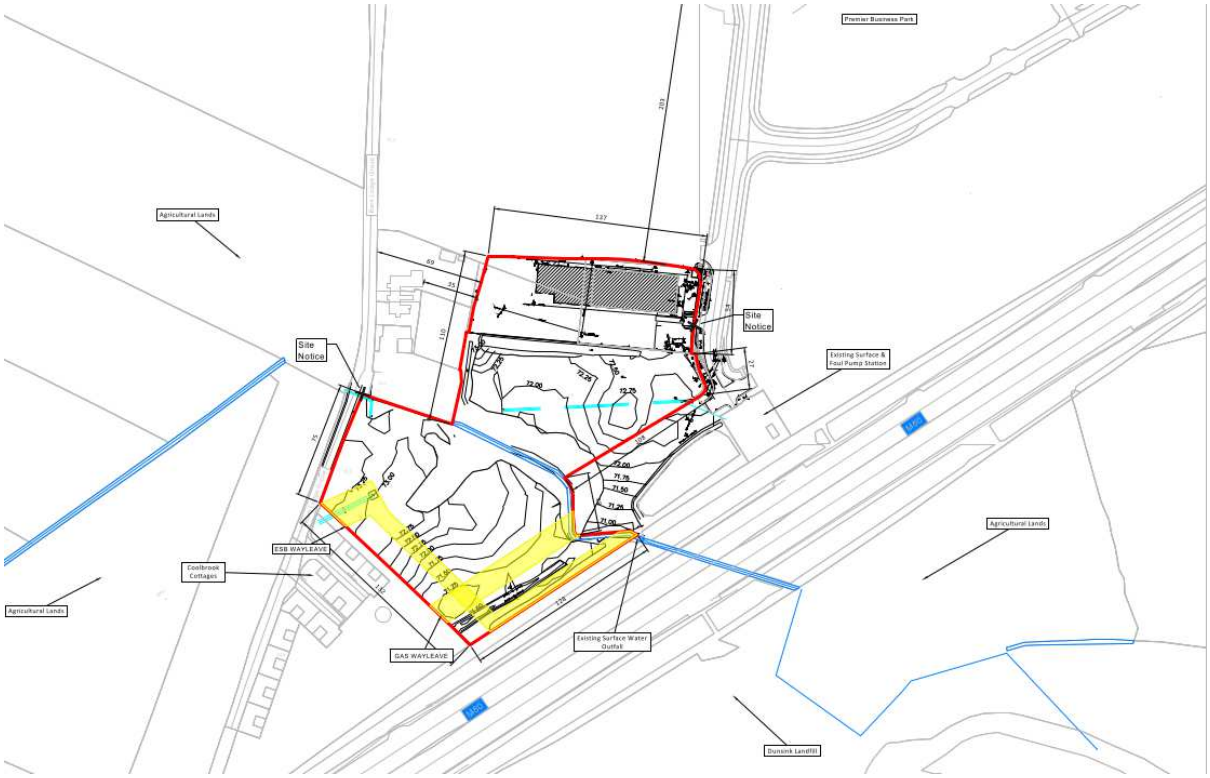
31. All external lighting shall be cowled and of a type that ensures the deflection of lighting downwards.
REASON: In the interest of traffic safety and to prevent light pollution.

32. The developer shall provide a piece of public art or sculpture or architectural feature, to be designed in consultation with the Council (please contact Public Art Coordinator, within the Community Culture & Sports Division of Fingal County Council). The piece of art shall have a relationship with the area. The location of the piece of art shall be agreed with the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division prior to the commencement of works on site.
REASON: To comply with Objective DMS05 of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023.

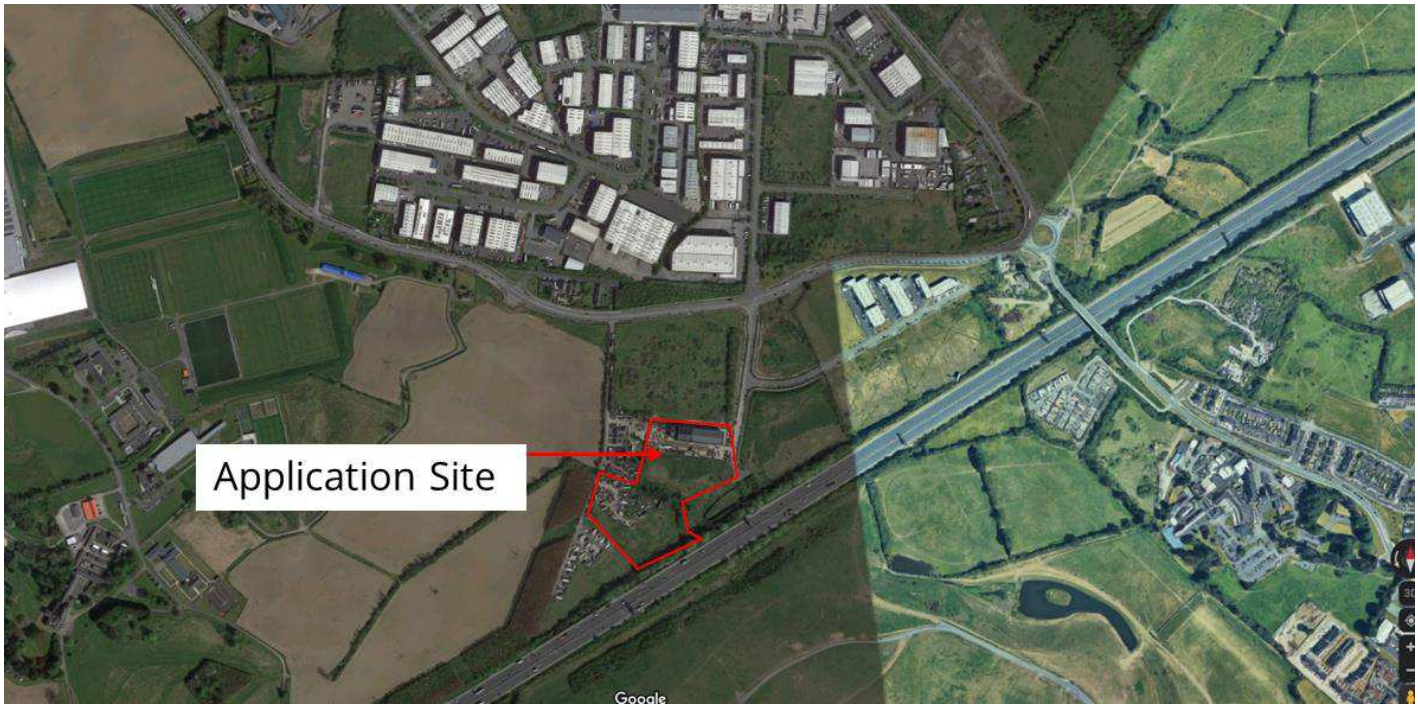
33. Where the Developer proposes to connect to a public water/wastewater network operated by Irish Water, the Developer shall sign a connection agreement with Irish Water, prior to the commencement of the development.
REASON: In the interest of proper planning and the sustainable development of the area.

34. Prior to commencement of development the developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution towards expenditure that was and/or that is proposed to be incurred by the planning authority in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the Authority, as provided for in the Contribution Scheme for Fingal County made by the Council. The phasing of payments shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.
REASON: It is considered reasonable that the payment of a contribution be required in respect of the public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the Planning Authority and which is provided, or which is intended to be provided by, or on behalf of the Local Authority.

Appendix 1 Site Maps



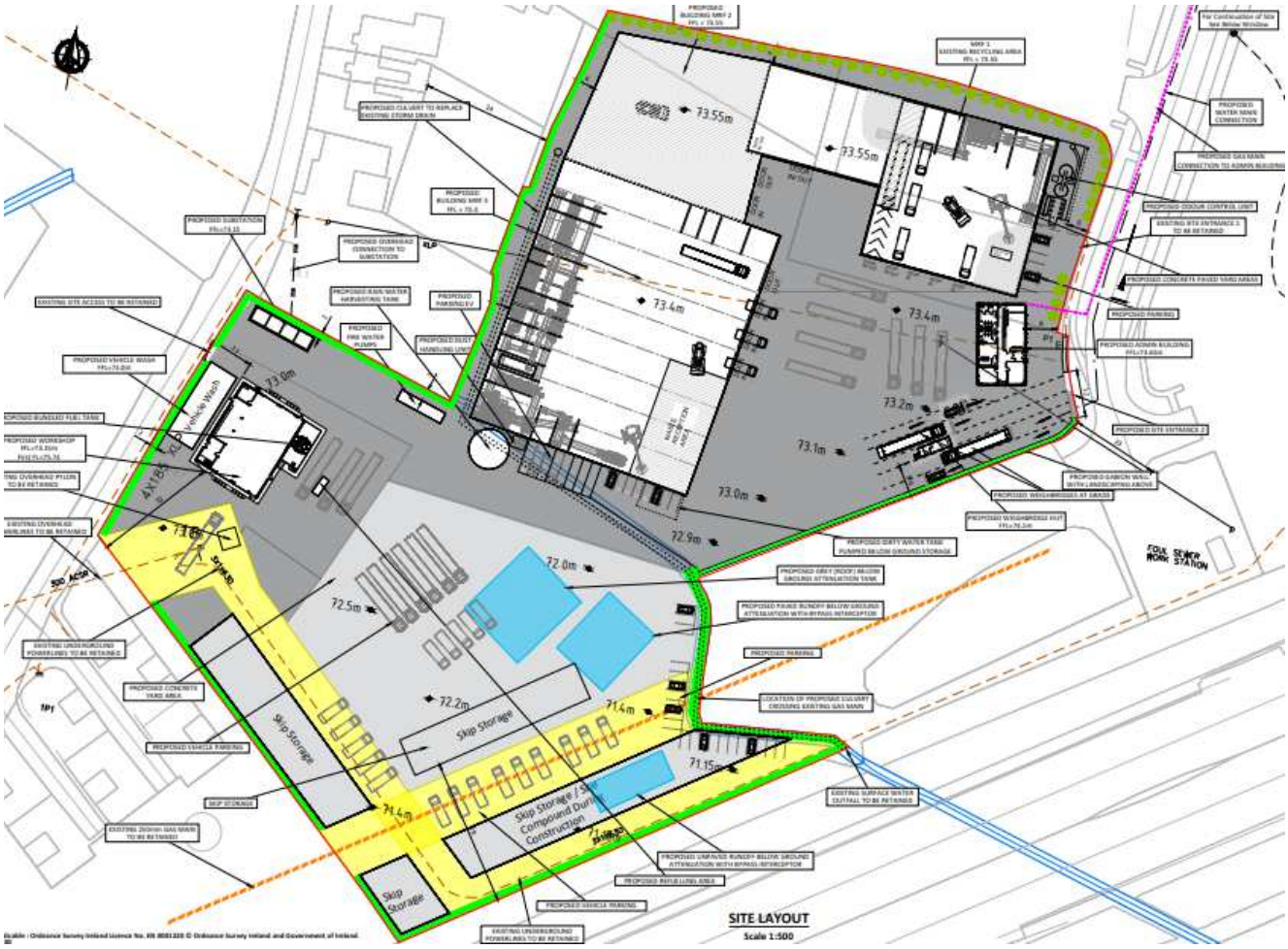
Site Location



Site location map (Source: Google maps)



Site zoning Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023



Site Layout Plan

Appendix 2 Departmental Reports

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: SID/05/22
Registration Date: 02-Dec-2022
Development: **** ABP Reference :- APB- 315257-22.

Documents are available to view at www.thorntons-cappogue.com

Padraig Thornton Waste Disposal Ltd. T/A Thorntons Recycling intends to apply for planning permission to expand an existing Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The existing MRF is situated at Unit 1, Cappogue Industrial Park, Ballycoolin Road, Cappogue, Dublin 11. The proposed development will involve the construction and operation of an expanded Materials Recovery Facility at a development site (3.38 ha in size) which falls across the townlands of Cappogue and Dunsink, south of the Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11. The proposed expanded facility will accept and process up to 300,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of waste material, to include: • 100,000 tpa of residual municipal solid waste (rMSW). • 50,000 tpa food waste. • 100,000 tpa construction and demolition (C&D) Waste. • 50,000 tpa mixed dry recyclable (MDR) waste. The proposed development will consist of the following: 1. Demolition of one annex of the existing building on-site (226 m2, 9.46 m in height) and the removal of an existing weighbridge. 2. Clearance of lands to the south of the existing waste facility. 3. Culverting of an existing surface water drain traversing the site. 4. Development of a new second entrance ca. 35 m south of the existing site entrance to accommodate vehicles accessing and egressing the proposed facility. 5. Upgrade and expansion of the existing building on-site, to be referred to MRF 1 (2,659 m2, to a maximum height of 12.48 m). 6. Development of a new building on-site, to be referred to as MRF 2 (1,735 m2, to a maximum height of 13.65 m). 7. Development of a new building on-site, to be referred to as MRF 3 (4,320 m2, to a maximum height of 13.85 m). 8. Development of ancillary infrastructure including:

a. advertising signage (8 m x 2 m) on the southern and western

façades of the MRF 3 building and on the southern façade of the southern façade of the MRF 1 building,
b. internal site roads, parking and skip storage,
c. an administration building (272 m2, to a maximum height of 6.96 m),
d. 2 no. at-grade weighbridges and a weighbridge office (18.5 m2, 3.3 m in height),
e. an electrical sub-station (23 m2, 2.98 m in height),
f. a vehicle workshop (519 m2, to a maximum height of 8.44 m),
g. a vehicle refuelling facility adjoining the vehicle workshop, with an internal 45 m3 bunded diesel storage tank,
h. a vehicle wash (176 m2, 5.24 m in height),
i. perimeter fencing (2.4 m in height), gate access and perimeter landscaping (ca. 6 - 8 m in height),
j. site services,
k. surface water management infrastructure, including an overground rainwater harvesting tank (with a floor area of 86.6 m2 and a capacity of 470 m3),
l. fire pumps and a fire-fighting and control system,
m. a traffic management system,
n. an odour abatement system, with a 20 m high stack.

Location: Unit 1, Cappogue Industrial Park, Cappogue, Dublin 11, D11 TX37
Applicant: Padraig Thornton Waste Disposal Ltd
Application Type: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Report

Foul drainage: Refer to Irish Water report

Surface water drainage: No objection subject to:

1. The proposal is generally acceptable. However:
    a. The allowable site discharge rate however shall only be factored once it is clearly demonstrated that the appropriate long-term storage (ie water that is being retained on site without the possibility of being discharged) has been provided. In cases where exfiltration is extremely low long-term storage is normally not feasible. Prior to commencement of construction the developer shall demonstrate that the required long-term storage volume (as per GDSDS requirements) is achieved, alternatively reduce the runoff rates to Qbar.
    b. FCC's preference is to retain open water courses in lieu of culverts. The section of the existing water course downstream of the site shall be left open and the riparian buffer protected.
2. 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: Refer to Irish Water report

Engineer: _____*pg*_____ Date: _____*6.1.23*_____

Endorsed: _____ Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference: SID/05/22
Registration Date: 02-Dec-2022
Development: **** ABP Reference :- APB- 315257-22.

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Report

General

The proposed development is located in a 50km/hr speed limit at the end of cul de sac accessed from Premier Business Park Access Road.

The proposed development consists of the expansion of an existing Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) situated at Unit 1, Cappogue Industrial Park, Ballycoolin Road, Cappogue, Dublin 11.

Traffic and Transportation Assessment

Chapter 13 'Traffic and Transportation' of the EIAR provides a Traffic & Transport Assessment.

The site currently has permission to process 49,500 tonnes of waste per annum and the proposed application would see an increase to 300,00 tonnes per annum.

The proposed expanded facility will accept and process up to 300,000 tonnes of waste per annum. In total the proposed development estimates that it will generate a daily volume of vehicles based on the typical payload for vehicle types as follows:

- 46 no. cars/vans,
- 203 no. smaller (3-12t) HGV importing materials to the site
- 54 larger (15-25t) HGV exporting material from the site

From the above the estimated daily traffic volumes generated by the development would be in the worst case scenario of 303 vehicles per day resulting in 606 two-way trips per day.

The proposal for 24-hour day 7 days a week operation of the facility estimates approximately 20% of the HGV movements occurring between 9pm and 6am. This has not been taken into account in the assessment.

The estimated am peak hour traffic generation would be 11 HGV's importing materials and 7 Articulated HGV's exporting processed materials (36 two-way trips, 1.6 trucks per min). The estimated evening peak hour traffic generation is 15 HGV's importing and 5 Articulated HGV's (40 two-way trips,1.5 trucks per min) exporting.

This traffic assessment is based upon November 2021 classified turning count surveys (Covid-19 Pandemic measures restricting travel were lifted and the existing traffic was on its way to normalising) of the receiving local road traffic flows and analysed the following junctions:

- Premier Business Park/Cappogue Industrial Park Internal Junction
- Ballycoolin Road/Premier Business Park Signal Junction •
- Ballycoolin Road/Cappagh Road Signal Junction

The Capacity Analysis for the junctions indicate that there is significant reserve capacity in the junctions to cater for the development. The traffic assessment has made a number of assumptions that would make the assessment robust.

However, it is not clear if the assessment was carried out utilising vehicle two-way trips or the number of vehicles only.

- The applicant should clarify if the assessment and junction analysis has taken into account two-way vehicle trips for the importing and exporting of materials and a revised assessment of the junctions should be carried out if necessary to determine capacity.

Construction Traffic would have a short term negative impact on the road network.

Parking

The Maximum parking in accordance with Development Plan Management Standards would be based on a rate of 1/40 sq.m Industry General. This rate would most likely give an over provision for parking for such a development.

The applicant is proposing to provide 36 car parking spaces. It is not clear how many staff would be employed at the facility as it is estimate that there would be 22 in the TA and given the National Policy as well as objectives within the current Development Plan Standards to reduce the reliance on private vehicles in favour of more sustainable travel

modes such as public transport and cycling etc. The Transportation Planning Section are mindful that an overprovision of car parking for the proposed development should be avoided.

- The details of the over all staffing levels, visitor s etc, should be provided to determine an appropriate amount of parking for the development.

Access and Internal Layout

The proposed development is retaining the existing vehicle access and proposes a new access to the south.

It is good practice that internal layouts should segregate staff/ visitor parking and pedestrian and cyclists from HGV movements and parking or additional mitigation measures should be provided to insure that car parking and HGV turning manoeuvres are separated with adequate pedestrian routes and crossing points. This has not been indicated on the plans.

The new access could be for HGv's only and all the staff car parking should be segregated in a sperate parking area accessed from the existing entrance to be retained order to provide this the proposed admin building would need to be relocated.

The existing access details and proposed access details are not clearly shown on the layout drawing.

- The design details of the new access and crossover of the existing footpath and cycle track have were not considered in the layout. The works are outside the red line boundary but are required, to facilitate the development

- Segregating staff and visitor car parking from the internal HGV movements on site should be considered and a revised layout provided.

Cycle Parking

Cycle Parking has not been included in the proposed layout. Covered Secure Long term cycle parking should be provided.

- Cycle parking quantum, e-bike parking should be agreed, and secure and sheltered parking should be located in close proximity to the entrance to the main building and a separate pedestrian and cycle access gate from the public road should be provided in the layout.

Lockers and showers are being provided.

Boundary with the M50

There would be no permanent works within close proximity that would prejudice any future plan to widen the M50.

Construction Management Plan
A Detailed Construction Management Plan should be prepared by the main contractor including a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan for the approval of the Operations Department.

Road Safety Audit
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.

Conclusion
If a grant of permission is being considered then the Transportation Planning Section recommends that the following conditions be applied:

- The applicant should clarify if the assessment and junction analysis has taken into account two-way vehicle trips for the importing and exporting of materials and a revised assessment of the junctions should be carried out if necessary to determine capacity and if any works are required to facilitate the development. Any works required shall be at the expense of the applicant.

- The details of the over-all staffing levels, visitor s etc, shall be provided to determine an appropriate amount of parking for the development and a revised layout agreed with the Planning Authority prior to construction

- The design details of the new access and crossover of the existing footpath and cycle track have not been considered in the layout. A revised drawing detailing these works and include in them in the Red, line boundary is required. The works are outside the red line boundary but are required to facilitate the development.

- Segregating staff and visitor car parking from the internal HGV movements on site shall be considered and a revised layout provided for the agreement of the Planning Authority prior to Construction.

- Cycle parking shall be located in close proximity to the entrance to the main building and a separate pedestrian and cycle access gate from the public road shall be provided in a revised layout for the approval of the Planning Authority prior to construction.

- Cycle parking quantum including e-bike parking shall be agreed, and secure and sheltered parking shall be located in close proximity to the entrance to the main building and a separate pedestrian and cycle access gate from the public road shall be provided in the layout.

- Any future requirement of the Planning Authority in relation to additional mitigation works in relation to glint and glare issues that may arise for road

users/residents but may only become apparent when the installation is commissioned shall be provided by the development.

- All areas within and under the control of Fingal County Council shall be constructed to the Council's Standards for taking in charge or be brought to the Council's Standards prior to any future taking in-charge/hand over process being completed. The material finishes and design and construction details shall be agreed with the Planning Authority in writing prior to Construction.

- A Detailed Construction Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan shall be prepared by the main appointed contractor which shall address in detail haulage routes and construction phasing of the development and submitted for approval to the Planning Authority prior to Construction.

- All works required to facilitate the development shall be carried out at the expense of the developer to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.

Signed: Niamh O Connor Endorsed: _____

Date: 26/01/2023 Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: SID/05/22

Registration Date: 02-Dec-2022

Development: **** ABP Reference :- APB- 315257-22.

Documents are available to view at www.thorntons-cappogue.com

Padraig Thornton Waste Disposal Ltd. T/A Thorntons Recycling intends to apply for planning permission to expand an existing Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The existing MRF is situated at Unit 1, Cappogue Industrial Park, Ballycoolin Road, Cappogue, Dublin 11. The proposed development will involve the construction and operation of an expanded Materials Recovery Facility at a development site (3.38 ha in size) which falls across the townlands of Cappogue and Dunsink, south of the Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11. The proposed expanded facility will accept and process up to 300,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of waste material, to include: • 100,000 tpa of residual municipal solid waste (rMSW). • 50,000 tpa food waste. • 100,000 tpa construction and demolition (C&D) Waste. • 50,000 tpa mixed dry recyclable (MDR) waste. The proposed development will consist of the following: 1. Demolition of one annex of the existing building on-site (226 m2, 9.46 m in height) and the removal of an existing weighbridge. 2. Clearance of lands to the south of the existing waste facility. 3. Culverting of an existing surface water drain traversing the site. 4. Development of a new second entrance ca. 35 m south of the existing site entrance to accommodate vehicles accessing and egressing the proposed facility. 5. Upgrade and expansion of the existing building on-site, to be referred to MRF 1 (2,659 m2, to a maximum height of 12.48 m). 6. Development of a new building on-site, to be referred to as MRF 2 (1,735 m2, to a maximum height of 13.65 m). 7. Development of a new building on-site, to be referred to as MRF 3 (4,320 m2, to a maximum height of 13.85 m). 8. Development of ancillary infrastructure including:
a. advertising signage (8 m x 2 m) on the southern and western façades of the MRF 3 building and on the southern façade of the southern façade of the MRF 1 building,
b. internal site roads, parking and skip storage,
c. an administration building (272 m2, to a maximum height of 6.96 m),
d. 2 no. at-grade weighbridges and a weighbridge office (18.5 m2, 3.3 m in height),
e. an electrical sub-station (23 m2, 2.98 m in height),
f. a vehicle workshop (519 m2, to a maximum height of 8.44 m),
g. a vehicle refuelling facility adjoining the vehicle workshop, with an internal 45 m3 bunded diesel storage tank,
h. a vehicle wash (176 m2, 5.24 m in height),

i. perimeter fencing (2.4 m in height), gate access and perimeter landscaping (ca. 6 - 8 m in height), j. site services,
k. surface water management infrastructure, including an overground rainwater harvesting tank (with a floor area of 86.6 m2 and a capacity of 470 m3),
l. fire pumps and a fire-fighting and control system,
m. a traffic management system,
n. an odour abatement system, with a 20 m high stack.

Location: Unit 1, Cappogue Industrial Park, Cappogue, Dublin 11, D11 TX37

Applicant: Padraig Thornton Waste Disposal Ltd
Application Type: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Report

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has no objections in principle to the above development.

The submitted landscape plan, drawing no. LD-THRNTNS-1-0 Landscape Master Plan is acceptable in principle subject to the depth of proposed boundary planting being increased.

In the event of planning permission being granted the following conditions should be applied:

Landscape plan:

A detailed landscape plan showing cross section of boundaries, boundary treatment specifications, gabion planting proposals and an overall increase in depth of perimeter planting of a minimum of five metres to be submitted and agreed with the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division prior to the commencement of works on site. A management and maintenance plan shall also be provided.
The agreed landscape plan shall be implemented in full within the first planting season following completion of construction works. Any plants that are found to be dead, dying, severely damaged or diseased within five years of the completion of the development, shall be replaced in the next planting season by specimens of similar size and species in the first suitable planting season.

Existing trees and hedgerows shown for retention:
The existing trees / hedgerow shown for retention on the landscape plan, drawing no. LD-THRNTNS-1-0 Landscape Master Plan, shall be retained and protected during construction works in accordance with BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to Design, Demolition and Construction Recommendations. A Tree Protection Plan shall be submitted and agreed with the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division prior to the commencement of works on site.

A tree & hedgerow bond of €50,000 is to be lodged with the Council prior to the commencement of development in order to ensure that the trees & hedgerows shown for retention are protected and maintained in good condition throughout the course of development. This bond will be held by Fingal County Council for a period of two years post construction which may be extended in the event of possible construction related defects.

For the tree & hedgerow bond to be released, a post construction report on the condition of the trees & hedgerows to be retained shall be undertaken by the project Arborist and all recommendations made within this report shall be carried out. On completion of this, the report and a Certificate of Effective Completion sign by the project Arborist shall be provided to the Planning Authority.

Officer: _Gemma Carr_____ Endorsed: _____

Date: _21/12/22_____ Date: _____

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 21

REPORT ON PUBLIC DISPLAY OF REVIEW OF RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES

The Record of Protected Structures (RPS) is a list of the buildings or structures in Fingal that are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest. A Review of the Record of Protected Structures in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023 was undertaken by the Council under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) that proposed 6 additions and 3 amendments to the Record of Protected Structures. The amendments related to the splitting of one existing entry into two to clarify that two significant structures are contained within the site. Both of the other amendments were for the correction of an anomaly where there were double entries on the RPS for the same structures. The two amendments are a correction of this but are not a complete deletion of either entry from the Record just a removal of their double entry, so they are still protected but no longer have double icons on the site. Notices were served on the owner of the property/land and the Review was put on public display from Friday 11th November to Friday 23rd December 2023 during which submissions or observations could be made. A table was included in the document on public display of corrections of typos and minor clarifications of descriptions for existing entries on the RPS. These corrections and clarifications do not change the nature of the existing protection but ensure that addresses are accurate, and descriptions are more reflective of current situation.

Submissions

In total 14 submissions were received. None of the submissions relate to the structures on public display that notices were served on for proposed addition or amendment. The submissions are seeking for other structures to be added to the Record of Protected Structures or for the creation of an Architectural Conservation Area. However, this falls outside the scope of the determination of this current public display.

A list of the submissions received is provided in the table below. It has been grouped by the content of the submission as 12 out of the 14 submissions relate to one or more of three structures in the Clonsilla area.

Structure Referred To	Submission Ref Number	Author	Brief Summary of Submission
Churchview (The Forge), Clonsilla Road, Clonsilla	FIN-C530-03	Cllr. Howard Mahony	Seeking addition of structure to RPS that statutory notice has not been served on.
	FIN-C530-04	Cllr. Tania Doyle	
	FIN-C530-05	Chris Moore	
	FIN-C530-06	Desmond Brown	
	FIN-C530-07	Desmond Brown	
	FIN-C530-08	Louis Watters	
	FIN-C530-09	Bob Leggett	
	FIN-C530-10	Gillian McCrossan	
	FIN-C530-11	Breda Achom	
	FIN-C530-13	Cllr John Walsh	
	FIN-C530-14	An Taisce Fingal West	
The Lodge, Clonsilla Road, Clonsilla	FIN-C530-03	Cllr. Howard Mahony	Seeking addition of structure to RPS that statutory notice has not been served on.
	FIN-C530-04	Cllr. Tania Doyle	
	FIN-C530-05	Chris Moore	
	FIN-C530-06	Desmond Brown	
	FIN-C530-07	Desmond Brown	
	FIN-C530-08	Louis Watters	
	FIN-C530-09	Bob Leggett	
	FIN-C530-10	Gillian McCrossan	
	FIN-C530-11	Breda Achom	
	FIN-C530-13	Cllr John Walsh	
Vernacular House (Keane's Cottage), Porterstown Road, Clonsilla	FIN-C530-01	Rachel Tuohy	Seeking addition of structure to RPS that statutory notice has not been served on.
	FIN-C530-03	Cllr. Howard Mahony	
	FIN-C530-04	Cllr. Tania Doyle	
	FIN-C530-05	Chris Moore	
	FIN-C530-06	Desmond Brown	
	FIN-C530-07	Desmond Brown	
	FIN-C530-08	Louis Watters	
	FIN-C530-09	Bob Leggett	
	FIN-C530-10	Gillian McCrossan	
	FIN-C530-11	Breda Achom	
	FIN-C530-13	Cllr John Walsh	
Creation of an Architectural Conservation Area for Clonsilla	FIN-C530-02	Aoife Gaffney	Request for ACA for Clonsilla concentrated around cluster of historic buildings at St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla Train Station and Shackelton's Gardens (former walled garden of Beechpark House)
Various water pumps in Rush	FIN-C530-12	Rush Tourism	Seeking addition of structures to RPS that statutory notice has not been served on.

Old Kenure Estate wall running from Skerries Rd to St. Catherine's Wood	FIN-C530-12	Rush Tourism	Seeking addition of structure to RPS that statutory notice has not been served on.
Knockdromin House Gate lodge & Gates	FIN-C530-12	Rush Tourism	Seeking addition of structures to RPS that statutory notice has not been served on. [NOTE: These are already protected structures. The gate lodge and gates of Knockdromin House are part of an existing entry RPS No. 284]

Under the separate but parallel process of the review of the County Development Plan submissions had been received from the public that sought specific additions to the RPS. These were forwarded to the Conservation Office and were examined as part of an overall review of the RPS in late 2022. For a structure to be protected it needs to be deemed to be of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest. The Council deemed 6 structures to meet this requirement and served statutory notices on the owners/occupiers in relation to their proposed addition to the RPS. The remainder of the structures were not considered to be of sufficient special interest under one or more of the eight criteria set out in legislation to justify addition to the RPS. A table was included on these in the *Review of the Record of Protected Structures Report November 2022* for information purposes to demonstrate that they had been assessed but as they were not being recommended for addition to the RPS no statutory notices were served regarding them. Churchview (The Forge) and The Lodge on Clonsilla Road, Clonsilla and a Vernacular House (Keane's Cottage), Porterstown Road, Clonsilla were examined and not considered to be of sufficient special interest. The submission on water pumps and dispersed sections of a former estate boundary wall in Rush does not relate to any structures within the *Review of the Record of Protected Structures Report November 2022* that went on public display. The designation of Architectural Conservation Areas can only be done as part of a review or variation of a Development Plan and cannot be done through the Section 55 Process.

Only those structures that statutory notices have been served on can be dealt with under the current process and so only submissions that relate to these can be addressed. None have been received regarding these. The proposed changes to the Record of Protected Structures to be agreed at the full Council

Meeting of 13th February 2023 is for the 6 proposed additions, 3 amendments and Correction of Typos/Descriptions that were outlined in the *Review of the Record of Protected Structures Report November 2022* (see Summary of Recommendation at end).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed additions and amendments in the "Review of the Record of Protected Structures November 2023" be agreed at the full Council Meeting of 13th February 2023 as outlined below:

ADDITIONS

PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES			
RPS REVIEW REF	STRUCTURE NAME	STRUCTURE ADDRESS	MINISTERIAL RECOMMENDATION
A001/22	Arsenal Building	West Pier, Howth Harbour, Dublin 13, D13 N2H0	Yes (NIAH Ref. 11359044)
A002/22	Eire 6 Sign	Upper Cliff Road, Howth, Dublin 13	No
A003/22	WWII Pillbox	Grounds of Forrest Little Golf Course, Forest Road, Fosterstown North, Swords, Co. Dublin	No
A004/22	Reynoldstown Bridge	R122, Reynoldstown, Naul, Co. Dublin	No
A005/22	Double Lime Kiln	Naul, Co. Dublin	No
A006/22	Santry Lodge	Old Ballymun Road, Santry, Dublin 9, D09 X4E8	No

AMENDMENTS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING PROTECTED STRUCTURES				
EXISTING RPS REF	STRUCTURE NAME	STRUCTURE ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT
265	Martello Tower	Tower Street, Rush, Co. Dublin	Early 19th century circular military stone Martello tower	Single entry for RPS No. 265 to be split into two separate entries RPS No. 265a & RPS No. 265b so that Martello Tower and WWII Look Out Post in its grounds are clearly indicated
876	Bridge	Bremore, Tankardstown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Mid-19th century single-arch railway bridge over road	Remove entry for RPS No. 876 as this is a double entry and the bridge is already protected under RPS No. 12
948	Wren's Nest Weir	River Liffey, off Lower Road (R109), Astagob, Lucan, Co. Dublin	Substantial V-shaped weir located at Astagob adjacent to the Wren's Nest on the River Liffey	Remove entry for RPS No.948 as this is a double entry and the weir is already protected under RPS No.734

That the correction of typos and minor clarifications of descriptions of existing entries on the RPS set out in a table within the *Review of the Record of Protected Structures Report November 2022* on public display a table be agreed.

CORRECTION OF TYPOS & MINOR CLARIFCIATIONS OF DESCRIPTIONS

RPS ID	STRUCTURE NAME	STREET NUMBER	STREET ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
0001	Knocknagin/Gormanstown Viaduct		off Drogheda Road (R132),Knocknagin, Co. Dublin	19th century railway viaduct over ~~Devlin~~ Delvin River

0004	Gormanstown Bridge		Flemington Road, Tobersool, Co. Dublin	~~Two~~ Double-arched stone road bridge over ~~Devlin~~ Delvin River which ~~may~~ potentially contains medieval fabric
0032d	Former Smyth's Factory		Railway Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Façade of late 19th century former Hosiery Factory (six-bay two-storey rendered corner building on northern side of Railway Street with ~~blank~~ medallions & decorative plaque facing Balbriggan Railway Station. The historic wording has been repainted into the medallions recently)
0034	Old Mill Bridge		Old Mill Road, Coolfores, Co. Dublin	Mid-19th century single-arch stone road bridge over Delvin River ~~Devlin~~
0101	Reynoldstown House		~~Naul~~ R122 Road ~~(R122),~~ Reynoldstown, Naul, Co. Dublin	Late 18th or early 19th century house, including outbuildings, gate lodge, gates & piers
0102	Naul House		~~Naul~~ R122 Road ~~(R122),~~),Naul, Co. Dublin	Late 19th century house with fine stone outbuildings
0104	Church (in ruins) & graveyard		~~Naul~~ R122 Road ~~(R122),~~ Naul, Co. Dublin	Remains of early 18th century single-cell stone chapel (plaque dates it to 1710 but retains earlier features) & enclosed graveyard
0105	The Black Castle		~~Main Street~~, Naul, Co. Dublin	Remains of medieval stone castle in lands between graveyard and Delvin River
0106	Naul Bridge		~~Main Street~~ R108 Road, Westown, Naul, Co. Dublin	18th century triple arched stone road bridge over River Delvin
0107	Former Flour Mill (“The Old Mill”)		~~Main Street, Westown,~~ Naul, Co. Dublin	Former 18th century water mill complex, converted to apartments within the development called “The Old Mill”
0108	Seamus Ennis Centre		~~Main Street,~~ Naul, Co. Dublin	Late 18th or early 19th century thatched structure, now an arts centre
0115	Mound		~~Naul Road,~~ Westown, Naul, Co. Dublin	Archaeological site of a burial mound (barrow) on a hilltop
0117	Cockles Bridge		Clonalvy Road, Commons Lower, Garristown, Co. Dublin	Late 19th century stone road bridge over ~~Garristown~~ Delvin River
0118	Garristown Bridge		Ardcath Road, Commons Upper, Garristown, Co. Dublin	Late 19th century stone road bridge over ~~Garristown~~ Delvin River
0272	Rush Library (Former St. Maur's Church)		Chapel Green, Rush, Co. Dublin	Renovated 19th century former Roman Catholic church, now community centre & library. Built on site of mid-18th century church
0334	Killossery (Rowlestown) Mill Complex & Miller’s House		Killossery, Rowlestown, Co. Dublin	Mill complex in ruins & former thatched dwelling. Historic sources refer to mill at Killossery from mid-17th century but in modern times often referred to as Rowlestown Mill

0458	Emsworth		Malahide Road (R107), Bohammer, Kinsaley, Dublin 17	Late 18th century five-bay two-storey house (designed by the renowned architect James Gandon) & outbuildings
0459	St. Doulaghs Church & Well & St. Catherine's Well		Malahide Road, Saintdoolaghs, Balgriffin, Dublin 17	Medieval stone church with tower ~~church~~ (with 19th century interventions). Set within graveyard with stone cross at entrance on road and two holy wells in adjoining lands (St. Doolagh's Well is enclosed in an octagonal building, St. Catherine's Well is within a rectangular vaulted building)
0512	St. Patrick's Church (RC)		Main Street, Ballalease West, Donabate, Co. Dublin	Early ~~19th~~ 20th century redbrick Roman Catholic church
0567	The Old Courthouse		Harbour Road, Howth, Dublin 13	Late 19th century four-bay single-storey former purpose-built courthouse (built in 1868)
0569	"The Old College" (Howth College)		Abbey Street, Howth, Dublin 13	Medieval building that had become a ruin, converted in early 21st century into modern residence
0609	Cloghran Church (in ruins) & Graveyard		Stockhole Lane, Cloghran, Swords, Co. Dublin	Site of early 18th century parish church (now demolished) and foundation remains of early medieval church within enclosed graveyard. Graveyard boundary wall had gun emplacements added in mid-20th century during The Emergency (WWII)
0657	Kilsallaghan Glebe		Glebe Road, Glebe, Kilsallaghan, Co. Dublin	Mid-18th century (built c.1748) former Glebe House & outbuildings & gates
0664	St. Thomas Church (CofI)		Rathoath Road, Hollystown, Dublin 15	Late 19th century Church of Ireland church and graveyard
0665	Hollywoodrath House		Rathoath Road, Hollywood, Dublin 15	Late 18th or early 19th century seven-bay two-storey house plus gate lodge, gates & gate piers & outbuildings
0719	Hillsboro House (now called Mount Pleasant House)		Stanford Hill, Clonee Road, Laraghcon, Lucan, Co. Dublin	Early 20th century house and earlier outbuildings
0826	Former Male ~~Recent & Acute Block~~ Infirmary (Building No. ~~25~~ 24)		St. Ita's Hospital, Portraine Demesne, Portrane, Co. Dublin	Turn of 20th century ~~seventeen-bay~~ sixteen-bay two-storey hospital ~~block~~ building
0898	Killian's Pub		~~Main Street, Westown,~~ Naul, Co. Dublin	Early- to mid-18th century former coaching inn with Dutch styled curvilinear gable fronting the street, attached to lower two-storey six-bay 19th-century building with pub frontage.
0914	Former Teagasc Building (Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together		Malahide Road, Kinsaley, Dublin 17	Mid 20th century symmetrical multi-bay former research building in the International style (main building only, excluding glasshouses and other office and research buildings on the site). Currently in partial use as a national school.

	National School)			
0938	Former Gate Lodge of Abbotstown House		~~National~~ Sports Ireland Campus, Ballycoolin Road, Sheephill, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Late 19th century four-bay single-storey-with-attic gate-lodge to former Abbotstown Demesne.
0939	Former Gate Lodge of Abbotstown House		~~National~~ Sports Ireland Campus, Ballycoolin Road, Sheephill, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Late 19th century three-bay single-storey gate lodge to former Abbotstown Demesne.
0944a	Royal Canal		Ashtown to St. Catherine's Park (Leixlip), Co. Dublin	Late 18th century man-made canal, including the tow paths, the canal channel with its stone and earth banks, historic stone culverts or arches within the banks, and the canal locks (10th, 11th and 12th Lock)

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 22

Section 85 Agreement between Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council to carry out statutory food safety functions

Local Government Act 2001, Section 85 agreement between Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council to carry out statutory food safety functions

A Section 85 Agreement is being sought between Fingal County Council (FCC) and South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to carry out statutory food safety functions by SDCC on behalf of FCC.

The making of an agreement by a local authority is under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and is a reserved function.

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) who are responsible for enforcement of food safety legislation, have requested that an Administrative Service Contract be put in place between the FCC and the FSAI.

This contract is a standard arrangement that the FSAI have in place with other local authorities.

This contract requires a Section 85 Agreement to be in place between Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council to carry out statutory food safety functions by SDCC on behalf of Fingal.

South Dublin County Council are agreeable to this.

Therefore, I recommend approval for a Section 85 Agreement between Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council to carry out statutory food safety functions by SDCC on behalf of FCC.

AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 AS AMENDED

AN AGREEMENT made the day of February 2023

BETWEEN:-

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL of County Hall, Main Street, Swords, County Dublin of the One Part

AND

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL of County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 of the Other Part.

1.

1.1 DEFINITIONS

Except where expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement:

a) ***"The 1998 Act"*** shall mean the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act 1998.
b) ***"The 2001 Act"*** shall mean the Local Government Act 2001.
c) ***"Section 85 Agreement"*** shall mean an agreement entered into under Section 85 of the 2001 Act.
d) ***"The Authority"*** shall mean the Food Safety Authority of Ireland established under Section 9 of the 1998 Act.
e) ***"The County Council Contract"*** shall mean the service contract entered into by Fingal County Council and the Authority pursuant to Section 48 of the 1998 Act.
f) ***"Food Legislation"*** shall mean the 1998 Act together with the legislation mentioned in the First Schedule of the said Act and shall also mean the European Union (Food and Feed Hygiene) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 22 of 2020).
g) ***"Functions"*** includes powers and duties and a reference to the performance of functions includes, with respect to powers and duties, a reference to the exercise of the powers and the carrying out of the duties as provided in the interpretation section of the 2001 Act

1.2 Any reference to a statute or statutes (whether particularly specified or not) or to any schedules, sections or sub-sections therein shall include any amendments or re-enactments thereof for the time being in force and all statutory instruments, orders, notices, regulations, consents and directions for the time being made or issued thereunder or deriving validity therefrom.

2. **RECITALS**

WHEREAS:

a) The County Council Contract commenced on 12th December 2022 for a period from said commencement date to 31st December 2023. The County Council Contract provides for the carrying out of certain functions of the Authority by Fingal County Council as agent for and on behalf of the Authority.

b) The purpose of this Agreement is to delegate the relevant functions of Fingal County Council under the County Council Contract to South Dublin County Council. In the ordinary course the parties hereto each have functions, including but not limited to functions relating to the taking of enforcement proceedings, within their respective functional areas under the Food Legislation.

c) Fingal County Council is of the opinion that the functions as specified in the Food Legislation to be exercised and performed within the functional area of the Fingal County Council should be performed by South Dublin County Council and the South Dublin County Council is able and willing so to perform the functions.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS: -

a) The parties hereto have agreed to enter into this Agreement under the provisions of Section 85 of the 2001 Act from the date hereof for the purpose of enabling South Dublin County Council to perform the functions of Fingal County Council within the functional and administrative area of Fingal County Council.

b) South Dublin County Council undertakes all the responsibility vested in Fingal County Council within its functional area under the provisions of the Food Legislation and will perform Fingal County Council's statutory duties and functions in relation to the Food Safety Authority of Ireland.

c) Fingal County Council will provide South Dublin County Council officers with any relevant authorisations that may be required by them in pursuance of their duties under this Agreement.

d) Notwithstanding what is contained in this Agreement, the Fingal County Council agrees that in the event of anything being required by the South Dublin County Council in performing the functions conferred on it by this Agreement, it will cooperate with South Dublin County Council in whatever manner is necessary.

e) It is agreed between the parties hereto that the performance of this agreement by South Dublin County Council shall not involve any financial expenditure by Fingal County Council. South Dublin County Council shall recoup any expenses from the Authority.

f) In the event of any dispute arising between the parties hereto as to the effect or interpretation of these presents or their respective rights or liabilities hereunder, the same shall be referred to the arbitration of an Arbitrator agreed between the parties and in default of agreement appointed by the relevant Minister, at the date of application, and the Arbitrator so agreed or appointed shall have all the powers of an Arbitrator under the Arbitrations Acts 1954 to 1980 as amended or extended and his or her decision shall be final and binding on the parties hereto.

g) This Agreement shall be valid until 31st December 2023. It may be renewed at the expiration of the Agreement with the express consent of both parties.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their seals the day and year first herein written.

THE SEAL OF THE SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL was affixed hereto by:

_____
COUNTY MANAGER

_____

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

THE SEAL OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
was affixed hereto by:

_____
COUNTY MANAGER

_____
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Dated this the day of 2023

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

AND

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

SECTION 85 FOOD INSPECTION AND SAFTEY SERVICES AGREEMENT

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

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DRAFT SPC POLICY PROGRAMME 2023

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

ANNUAL POLICY PROGRAMME 2023



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Appendix 1 – Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Themes, Strategic Priorities and Strategic Objectives

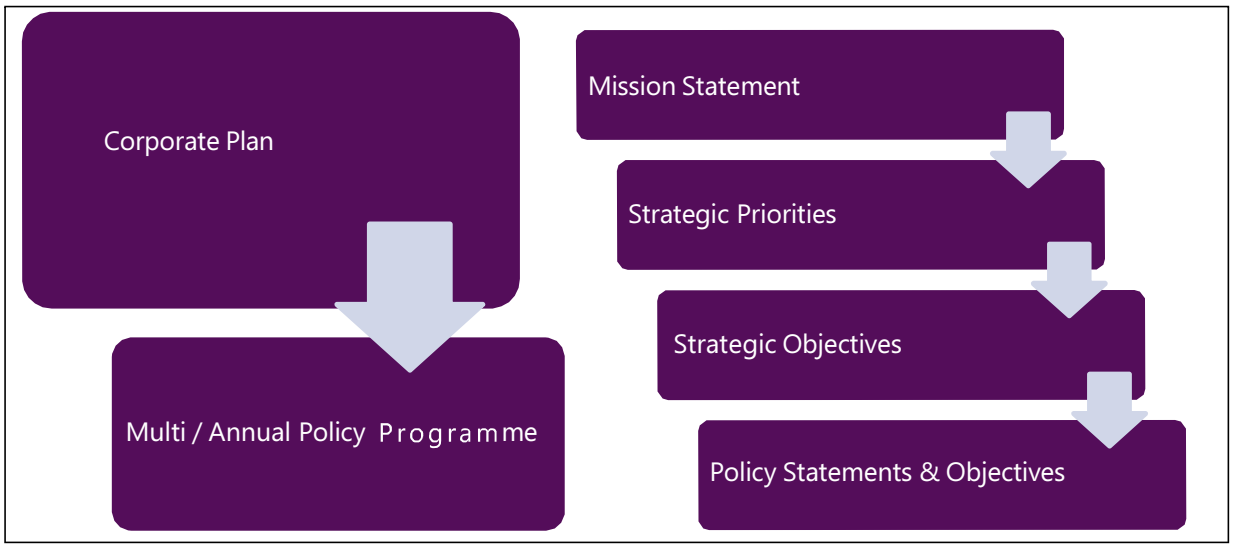
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Introduction

Fingal County Council's Annual Policy Programme 2023 is formulated and agreed by the Corporate Policy Group of the County Council in the context of the overarching vision of making Fingal "a great place to live, work, visit and do business".

The Council's Corporate Plan sets out the Mission, Themes, Strategic Priorities and Strategic Objectives over the five-year term of office of the Council. The Annual Policy Programme is guided by those priorities and objectives and sets out the policy matters to be considered by the Strategic Policy Committees during the year. Once considered, any resulting recommendations from the SPCs will be considered by the Corporate Policy Group and ultimately the full Council for consideration and adoption as Policy Statements and Objectives.

The table below sets outs of the **Hierarchy of Plans and Objectives** in the policy development structure-



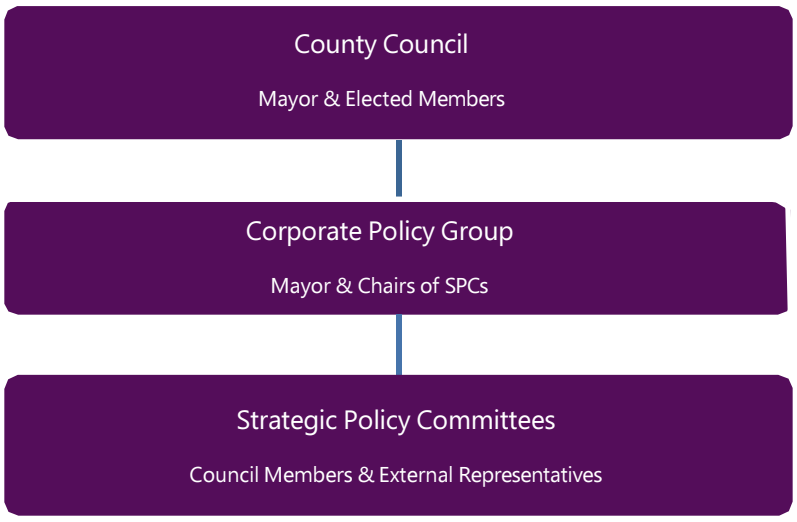
The Themes and Strategic Priorities, as set out in the Corporate Plan, are listed below and provide the framework within which policies will be considered and developed by the Elected Members through the policy development framework of the Council -

Reference	Theme	Strategic Priority
T1	Quality of Life	
T1.SP1		Support the Diverse Needs of the People of Fingal
T1.SP2		Ensure our Existing and New Communities are Safe, Inclusive and Sustainable
T1.SP3		Develop Engagement with our Stakeholders
T2	Quality and Climate Resilient Environment	
T2.SP4		Action on Climate Change
T2.SP5		Protect our Environment and Heritage

T3	Quality Business Environment	
T3.SP6		Promote and Enable Sustainable Economic Growth
T3.SP7		Grow and Enable Sustainable Tourism
T3.SP8		Provide and Maintain Strategic Infrastructure
T4	Quality in Our Work	
T4.SP9		Improve Democracy, Governance, Openness and Transparency
T4.SP10		Deliver Quality Services
T4.SP11		Strengthen Organisational and Staff Development

Appendix 1 sets out the full list of Themes, Strategic Priorities and Strategic Objectives contained in the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024.

Policy Development & Governance Structure



The policy development framework, consisting of the full County Council, Corporate Policy Group and Strategic Policy Committees, provides a governance structure to develop and monitor the effectiveness of policy development within the Local Authority.

The **Corporate Policy Group**, made up of the Chairs of the SPCs, fulfils a strategic role linking and monitoring the work of the different SPCs and providing a forum where policy positions affecting the whole council can be agreed for submission to the full council. The role for the Corporate Policy Group is as follows:

- The preparation of the Annual Budget
- The preparation of the five-year Corporate Plan and associated oversight
- Preparation, co-ordination and monitoring of SPC Work Programmes
- Consideration/monitoring of matters of general strategic concern to the Council or matters relating to the support of Council Members.

Strategic Policy Committees enable Elected Members to fulfil their role as policy-makers by providing a focus for their input into policy formation, opportunities for partnership with local interests and strengthening their role as leaders of their authority and the local community.

The SPCs consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the Local Authority and to advise the authority on those matters. In performing this role, the SPC is provided direction by the Work Programme agreed by the CPG and will, through the Chair, report on same to the CPG and the County Council.

These Work Programmes are prepared in the context of the Corporate Plan and the Annual Service Delivery Plan and take into account the budgetary objectives as set out in the Annual Budget.

SPCs meet at least quarterly, or as frequently as is considered necessary by the SPC Members, in order to deliver the Annual Work Programme.

Policy Programme Operational Framework

Interaction between the full Council, the CPG and the SPC will operate as follows:

1. The Corporate Policy Group, supported by the Chief Executive, will agree Annual Policy Programmes for all relevant SPCs. Submissions will be sought from Council Members, SPC Members and the Council Executive. The CPG will consider submissions, agree matters for inclusion and determine the order of priority in which SPCs are to explore issues.
2. SPC Agenda formulation will be a matter for the SPC Chair and the relevant Director of Service and may include any matter relevant to the business of the SPC. Policy recommendations may only be made on matters included on the agreed Annual Policy Programme.
3. Any matters that arise that are considered to warrant inclusion on the Annual Policy Programme may be submitted for agreement to the CPG. Re-ordering of priority or addition to the Annual Policy Programmes will be a matter for the CPG.
4. Once agreed at SPC level, the Chair of the SPC, supported by the relevant Director of Service, will present policy recommendations to the CPG for initial determination. The CPG may allow a recommendation to go forward to the County Council with or without amendment or may refer it back to the SPC for further investigation.
5. Following approval by the CPG, the Chair of the SPC, supported by the relevant Director of Service, will present SPC Policy recommendations to the County Council which may be adopted, with or without modification or rejected.
6. Where an SPC Policy recommendation, once approved, gives rise to financial implications it can only become operational once an appropriate supporting budget is in place.
7. The Chair of the SPCs, supported by the Director of Service, will provide progress reports to both the CPG and the County Council on Annual Policy Programme.

Strategic Policy Committee Membership

	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**JOAN HOPKINS**	**Howth/Mala**	**Soc. Dems**
Councillor	JK Onwumereh	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	John Walsh	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Labour
Councillor	Grainne Maguire	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Councillor	Seána Ó Rodaigh	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Councillor	Cathal Boland	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Social Inclusion	Vacant		
PPN	Abbi Wise		
Env	Vacant		

	CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**DAVID HEALY**	**Howth/Mala**	**Green Party**
Councillor	Mary McCamley	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Labour
Councillor	Pamela Conroy	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Green Party
Councillor	Joe Newman	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Councillor	Paul Mulville	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Soc. Dems
Councillor	Aoibhinn Tormey	Howth/Mala	Fine Gael
Env	Edward Stevenson		
IFA	Seamus McGrath		
PPN	Vacant		

	ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**DARRAGH BUTLER**	**Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk**	**Fianna Fáil**
Councillor	Tony Murphy	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non Party
Councillor	Ian Carey	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Green Party
Councillor	Ted Leddy	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Councillor	Siobhan Shovlin	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Councillor	Breda Hanaphy	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Howard Mahony	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Anthony Lavin	Howth/Mala	Fine Gael
Chambers	Anthony Cooney		
ICTU	Eric Fleming		
PPN	Yetunde Joyce		
PPN	Helen Keng Mobit		

	HOUSING SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**ROBERT O'DONOGHUE**	**Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk**	**Labour**
Councillor	Brigid Manton	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Adrian Henchy	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	James Humphreys	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Councillor	Natalie Treacy	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Daniel Whooley	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Green Party
Councillor	John Burtchaell	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Solidarity
Councillor	Kieran Dennison	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Chambers	Adeline O'Brien		
ICTU	Finbarr Geaney		
PPN	Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor		
PPN	Dayakar Reddy Komirelly		

	PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**BRIAN MCDONAGH**	**Howth/Mala**	**Labour**
Councillor	Tania Doyle	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Non-Party
Councillor	Dean Mulligan	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Ind 4 Change
Councillor	Punam Rane	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Councillor	Tom Kitt	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Brian Dennehy	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fianna Fáil
Env	Vacant		
Chambers	Vacant		
PPN	Paul Arnold		

	TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**TOM O'LEARY**	**Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk**	**Fine Gael**
Councillor	Ann Graves	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Karen Power	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Green Party
Councillor	Jimmy Guerin	Howth/Mala	Non-Party
Councillor	Eoghan O'Brien	Howth/Mala	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Angela Donnelly	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Sinn Féin
Env	Michael Lenehan		
Chambers	Sinead Kavanagh		
PPN	Vacant		

	MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**EOGHAN O'BRIEN**	**Howth/Mal**	**Fianna Fáil**
Councillor	Adrian Henchy	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Brian Dennehy	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Robert O'Donoghue	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Councillor	Ann Graves	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Paul Mulville	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Soc. Dems
Councillor	Tom O'Leary	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fine Gael
Councillor	Karen Power	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Green Party
Councillor	Cathal Boland	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non Party
Councillor	David Healy	Howth/Mala	Green Party
IFA	James Magrane		
Chambers	Vacant		
PPN	Máire O'Brien		
ICTU	Vacant		

Fingal County Council Policy Programme 2023

The following sets out the Policy Programmes to be considered by the Strategic Policy Committees during 2023.

Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment

Theme/Policy Issue
New Climate Change Plan
Biodiversity Plan
Litter Management Plan
National Waste Management Plan
RMCEI plan (Environmental Inspection Plan)
Bottle Bank Review

Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity

Theme/Policy Issue
Fingal Sports Strategy 2024-2028 – Preparation/New
Community Development Office Vision Statement 2019-2022 review/extend 1yr
Community Development Office Strategy 2024 – 2028 preparation
Age Friendly Strategy 2024 – 2028 preparation/new
Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2022-2027 (Part of EETCD workplan)
Update of the Council's Public Art Policy - private developments
Fingal Countywide Sports Facilities Audit 2023 New
Best Practice Guidelines for Fingal Community Facilities – New
Fingal Heritage Plan 2018 – 2023 – Implementation
Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019 – 2023 – Implementation

Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018 – 2023 - Implementation
Review into the Council's Youth and Education Policy 2017-2020
Fingal Residents Association Handbook – 3rd Edition
Community Childcare Review

Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Theme/Policy Issue
Fingal Tourism Strategy
Fingal Food Strategy
Fingal Economic Strategy
Fingal Skills Strategy Review
DBEC Strategy
Local Economic & Community Plan
Sustainable Fingal Progress Monitoring
Regeneration / Town Centre First
Regional & Local Enterprise Plans

Housing

Theme/Policy Issue
Update on Housing for All Plan
Mixed Tenure Developments
Affordable Housing Purchase Schemes
Cost Rental Schemes
Tenancy Management Process
Review of Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy
Update on Homeless Services
Review of Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support
Update on Choice Based Letting

Update on Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP)
Update on Housing Services for People with a Disability
Rightsizing Policy
Housing Stock Asset Management and Planned Maintenance
Update on Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme
Update on Local Authority Home Loan Scheme
Update on Ukrainian Crisis Response

Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development

Theme/Policy issue
Development Plan 2023 – 2029
Major Studies/LAPs
NTA - Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042
Major Capital Project Delivery
Green Roof Policy
Fingal Greenways/Cycleways
Residential Land Zoned Tax
Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2023-2026
Flood Risk Assessment
Building Control - Part B Fire Safety
Taking in Charge
Update on Biodiversity Action Plan

Transport and Infrastructure Management

Theme/Policy issue
Burial Ground Bye Laws
Review of Harbour Bye Laws
Review of Beach Foreshore Bye Laws
Implementation of Casual Trading Bye Laws Update
Active Travel Work Programme



Marine and Coastal Management

Theme/Policy issue
Biodiversity Plan (Coastal Aspect)
Coastal Erosion
Off Shore Wind Farms
Harbours Report & Work Plan
New Climate Action Plan
Coastal Water Sports Facilities

Appendix I – Corporate Plan 2019-2024: Themes, Strategic Priorities and Objectives

QUALITY OF LIFE	1	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	SUPPORT THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF FINGAL
	1	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Provide for the sustainable development of the county through the review of the County Development Plan - and the preparation of a new Plan
	2		Facilitate the supply of housing, both public and private, in the county to provide sustainable, quality, affordable, mixed tenure housing options through land use activation and development management
	3		Facilitate good quality private rented accommodation standards to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families living in the private rented accommodation sector
	4		Strive to ensure that all communities in Fingal irrespective of age, nationality, ethnicity, religious or cultural background are encouraged to participate in and avail of the services delivered by the Council
	5		Provide a safe and sustainable public realm to meet the needs of all the citizens of the County
	6		Develop and enhance the arts and cultural identity of Fingal, make space for the arts connecting people and ideas and encouraging participation in all art forms.
	7		Provide dynamic and inclusive library spaces and services for the community
	8		Support culture and recreation and enable literacy, education and economic development through innovative programmes
	9		Create effective pathways for citizens of Fingal to develop and participate in lifelong patterns of involvement in sport, recreation and leisure creating healthy lifestyles and building a sustainable approach to sport development
	2	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ENSURE OUR EXISTING AND NEW COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE
	10	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Develop plans to facilitate the increase of supply of housing in the county
	11		Build a strong sense of place, identity and wellbeing through the development of equal, inclusive and connected communities
	12		Support the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods
	13		Provide high quality parks and open spaces to meet the needs of all users and create a healthy environment
	14		Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development
	15		Support the development of strong, safe and engaged communities to actively participate in civic life celebrating our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport
	16		Support local communities and residents to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our society working with other agencies in Fingal
	3	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	DEVELOP ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS
	17	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Ensure that our citizens, businesses and organisations can easily communicate with the Council
	18		Engage and consult with citizens and stakeholders in a way that allows their views to be taken on board, through the use of both statutory and non-statutory processes

	19		Strengthen and support stakeholders and statutory providers by collaborating in the economic and social development of the county
	20		Strengthen, support and expand the work of the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN)

QUALITY AND	4	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
	21	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Deliver on the specific actions in the Climate Action Plan to improve climate resilience.
	22		Play a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society
	23		Promote and protect the biodiversity of the county and work to restore ecosystems and ecosystem services
	24		Promote and enforce a culture of compliance within the county to advance Climate Action commitments
	25		Foster a strong local economy through environmentally sustainable businesses
	5	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE
	26	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the county
	27		Promote the unique urban, rural and coastal landscape character of Fingal
	28		Support the unique cultural heritage of Fingal and the Irish language
	29		Promote the sustainable management of waste & the circular economy
	30		Reduce the environmental impact of Council activities
	31		Ensure our coast, beaches and waterways are managed in a sustainable manner

QUALITY BUSINESS	6	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	PROMOTE AND ENABLE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH
	32	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Foster collaborative leadership in the development of future skills in the county
	33		Support and promote the sustainable economic development of Fingal
	34		Support the performance, innovation, competitiveness, productivity and success of business in Fingal
	35		Support local economic development by promoting Fingal as a location in which to invest and by developing and implementing sectoral policy initiatives
	7	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	GROW AND ENABLE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
	36	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the county
	37		Facilitate the creation of a Fingal Food & Drink Tourism Destination
	38		Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage properties
	39		Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events
	8	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE
	40	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Activate lands by delivering infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of housing, economic development and sustainable communities
	41		Deliver a sustainable transport system for all citizens

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

QUALITY IN OUR WORK	**9**	**STRATEGIC PRIORITY**	**IMPROVE DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE, OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY**
	43	**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**	Provide the highest quality of service to our Councillors and all elected representatives
	44		Ensure good governance, openness and transparency within the Council
	45		Ensure that the democratic functions of the Council are performed in an open, informed and effective way
	46		Inform citizens through effective communications programmes
	10	**STRATEGIC PRIORITY**	**DELIVER QUALITY SERVICES**
	47	**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**	Deliver services in the most efficient and effective manner
	48		Foster a culture of continuous improvement in all our activities
	49		Use digital technologies to enable and transform our workplace and the delivery of services
	50		Apply the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision making to all projects, programmes and delivery of services
	51		Perform statutory obligations in a way that ensures fairness and efficiency for both the community being protected and those being regulated
	52		Deliver on the Public Sector Duty under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014
	11	**STRATEGIC PRIORITY**	**STRENGTHEN ORGANISATIONAL AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT**
	53	**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**	Build a workforce of the future by recruiting, retaining and developing high quality and motivated staff
	54		Protect and promote Health, Safety and Wellbeing amongst our staff
	55		Develop capacity and capability of the organisation
	56		Manage the organisation effectively

Appendix 2 - Submissions for consideration/inclusion in the SPC Programmes for 2023

Policy Programme Submissions 2023			
Submitted By	**Submission**	**For Inclusion – Yes**	**For Inclusion – No/Reason**
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY			
PPN Membership	Fingal Sports Strategy 2022-2026 – Preparation/New	Yes	Included as a specific theme/policy issue
PPN Membership	Review into the Council's Youth and Education Policy 2017-2020	Yes	Included as a specific theme/policy issue
PPN Membership	Community Development Office Vision Statement 2019-2021	Yes	Included as a specific theme/policy issue
PPN Membership	Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019 – 2023 – Implementation	Yes	Included as a specific theme/policy issue

HOUSING SPC			
PPN Membership	Boarded and Abandoned Houses	Yes	Included under theme/policy issues to do with rightsizing and housing stock asset management
PPN Membership	Under Use of Housing Stock	Yes	Included under theme/policy issues to do with rightsizing and housing stock asset management

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC			
PPN Membership	Bus Connect (Roll out and implementation)	Yes – under heading 'NTA - Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042'	
PPN Membership	The Development of an Integrated Public Transport system in Fingal.	Yes – under heading 'NTA - Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042'	
TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC			
PPN Membership	Cycle Parking Facilities	Yes	Will be addressed under Active Travel Work Programme
PPN Membership	Policy for dealing with water-pooling hazards	No	Correspondence has issued. Report will be brought to the SPC.
ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC			
PPN Membership	Renewable Energy	Yes	Will be addressed under "Sustainable Fingal" and as part of the Economic Strategy and LECP
PPN Membership	Develop an infrastructure of Markets to showcase Produce	Yes	Included as part of the Food Strategy

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 24

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS

Presentation at the Meeting

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

13th February, 2023
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Chief Executive's Foreword

The last month in Fingal has been a particularly busy time with lots happening around the county. In Dublin 15, the Liffey Valley Trail was launched at Shackleton Gardens highlighting 29 places of interest that showcase the rich diversity of historical sites, visitor attractions, shopping and recreational activities that can be enjoyed in the area. The trail, which stretches from Farmleigh in the Phoenix Park through the villages of Castleknock, Clonsilla, Blanchardstown and Mulhuddart will be of huge benefit to tourists exploring amenities in the area as well as those visiting from closer afield who are seeking to become reacquainted with all that Dublin 15 has to offer.

Pairing some of Fingal's most iconic and historic sites with a gathering of traditional and folk musicians made for a hugely successful TradFest last month. 50 acts graced locations including the Chapel at Swords Castle, the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre and Shackleton Gardens over 5 days for what was a true musical celebration. I was very pleased to have attended some wonderful events that took place as part of TradFest in Fingal.

Communities all across Fingal work tirelessly in their areas to ensure they are clean, safe and accessible for residents and visitors alike. Last month, 3 communities in Fingal were represented at the IPB Pride of Place Community Awards. Founded over 20 years ago through a Co-operation Ireland programme to acknowledge the invaluable work undertaken by volunteers and those involved in local community development. The annual event shines a spotlight on local communities and has grown into the largest competition recognising community development achievements on the island of Ireland. The community of Mountview Dublin 15, Balbriggan Men's Shed and Oldtown Community Council were finalists at the awards on January 21st with Mountview beating stiff competition in the 'Urban Neighbourhood' category to take home the award on the night. On behalf of the Elected Members and the Executive Management Team, I offer congratulations to all the finalists for their unyielding volunteer work which has been the finest example of collaboration between our Community Development Office and residents in these areas. Over the years, many positive changes have resulted in areas such as Mountview, Balbriggan and Oldtown becoming thriving hubs for sporting and community groups and have provided a focus and support for locals utilising facilities in the area.

Looking ahead to the next few months, plans are at an advanced stage for events such as Seachtain na Gaeilge in March, a series of 7 concerts taking place in Malahide Demesne in June and Flavours of Fingal later in the summer. Bike Week 2023 will also take place from Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 May 2023 and Fingal County Council's Active Travel unit are busy preparing a fun, educational and wide-reaching programme of events. News has just been announced that Bike Week 2023 will benefit from over €19k in funding from the National Transport Authority. This is a very welcome source of support which will ensure another hugely successful event catering to all ages and ability levels. The programme of events will be revealed in the coming weeks and we are looking forward to welcoming lots of cycling enthusiasts to Fingal in May.

With longer evenings approaching and also the anticipation of better weather ahead, many of us will be planning trips to coastal areas to take in breathtaking views and sea air. In Fingal we are fortunate to have 88km of scenic coastline to explore, some of which comprises the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere. Last month, Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony joined Lord Mayor of Dublin Caroline Conroy; Cathaoirleach, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Cllr Mary Hanafin and representatives from Iarnród Éireann at Dublin's Connolly Station to unveil a campaign to raise awareness of the Biosphere which tens of thousands of rail customers travel through on DART journeys daily. Travellers on the train line will

be treated to a wonderful visual display of animal and marine life commonly found in the Biosphere through a series of 12 specially designed window illustrations. Seals, goats, newts and harbour porpoise are just some of the species that brighten the journey for the public across 32 carriages in the fleet and are sure to promote the importance of biodiversity and sustainability as well as prompting visitors to keep a close eye out for the many interesting species who call this truly fascinating area home. I hope you get the opportunity to explore Fingal's coastline, regional parks and excellent facilities in the coming months.

In closing, I would like to express my deep appreciation and that of the Elected Members and Executive Management Team to Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services Emer O'Gorman for her leadership, insight and management of many key projects and initiatives during her time in Fingal County Council. I know you will join me in congratulating Emer as she will shortly be taking up her new position as Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council. Emer joined Fingal County Council in 2018 having previously worked in Louth and South Dublin County Councils and her vast experience in and knowledge of Economic Development was invaluable during the time in which she served as Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development. Our loss is certainly Wicklow's gain but Emer takes with her the good wishes of her friends and colleagues here in Fingal as she embarks on this exciting new chapter in her career.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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People Services

People Services' recruitment of staff continues in January 2023 with 35 active recruitment campaigns.

Recruitment Programme 2023	
Recruitment Campaigns	**35**
Campaigns Completed	0
Current Campaigns	23
Campaigns Pending	12
Interviews Held to date	**345**
Number of Appointments	**35**
New Starters	32
Internal Promotions	3
Number of Leavers	**8**
Resignations	7
Number of Retirements	1
Number of Job Offers Year to date	**78**
Number of Offers Declined	**7**
Number of Current Job Offers	**32**
Job Offers Internal	**17**
Job Offers External	**15**
Transfers	**4**

Wellbeing Updates

January saw the rollout of wellbeing seminars for staff covering the topics of: **Building Resilience, Mental Health 101 and Managing stress/Making Changes.**

These seminars were delivered online and broadcast live in Watery Lane and Coolmine depots for outdoor staff. The total attendance figures were 387. Recordings of the seminars will also be available to staff to watch later.

New Spectrum Life seminars will be launched in February. The theme for February and March seminars will be on the topic of Financial Wellbeing. (One of the pillars of our wellbeing strategy.) This topic was chosen based on feedback from the Wellbeing Champion and Committee meetings. See details below.

Financial 101	Fingal County Council	16/02/2023 10:00
Budgeting for Success	Fingal County Council	17/02/2023 10:00
Financial Planning	Fingal County Council	02/03/2023 10:00
Financial 101	Fingal County Council	15/03/2023 10:00
Budgeting for Success	Fingal County Council	23/03/2023 10:00
Financial Planning	Fingal County Council	29/03/2023 10:00

January also welcomed the rollout out of staff wellbeing packs. A wellbeing pack will be issued to over 1600 staff in the organisation. The wellbeing pack has several functions:

- It contains a selection of items staff may find useful and is a token of appreciation
- A visual reminder of Fingal's Staff Wellbeing Programme
- A reminder for staff to take time to look after their own wellbeing.
- Encourage staff to engage in wellbeing related activities such as wellbeing training provided, the EAS and wellbeing activities outside of work.
- Keep the conversation around wellbeing open in the organisation.



Blended Working

Blended Working arrangements for 2023 are now in place for those who availed of this scheme.

Learning & Development:

A new course for Grievance and Disciplinary training has launched in January and will be repeated for managers throughout 2023. New courses in Wellbeing also launched and recordings will be made available to staff. January is another busy month for training with the following 23 courses scheduled. With an estimated 603 attendees and approx. 435 training days.

Business & Interpersonal Skills

Grievance and Disciplinary Training
Diversity & Interculturalism
Managing Aggressive Behaviour Training
Courtroom Skills
Interviewer Skills
Ignite grade 3 & 4
Personal development grade 3 & 4
IPA Building Capacity for Grade 6 Programme
IPA Building Capacity for Grade 5 Programme
Staff Induction course
A-Z in Local Government

Health and Safety

Chain Saw Training
Woodchipper Training
Pole saw training
Safe pass Training
Manual Handling Practical's
Signing Lighting and Guarding Training
MEWP training

Wellbeing

Building Resilience
Mental Health 101
Managing stress/Making Changes.

IT

Microsoft Word
Practical Payroll

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU reviewed monitoring of Covid-19 staff self-isolations. Reporting has reverted to as isolations occur rather than daily reporting. Incidents of self-isolators remained low for the month of January. With the uptake in staff blended working applications the HSU has seen a large increase in staff requests for remote VDU assessments. The HSU is utilizing MS Teams to schedule and carry out remote assessments and this is running concurrent with office based VDU assessments with 69 assessments completed to date. Accident investigation [12] into dangerous occurrences and incidents were carried out during January along with safety audits [4] and site safety inspections [31]. A number of new risk assessments / SOPs were undertaken in the first month of 2023."

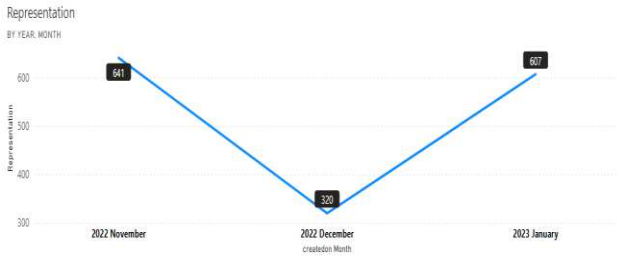
Customer Services

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

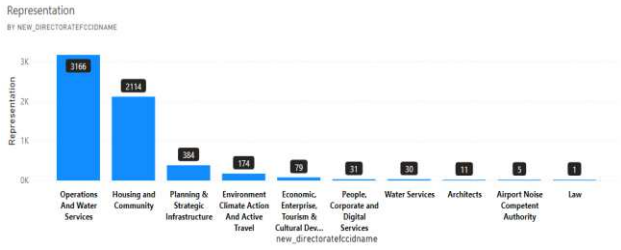
Calls	**17,259**
Emails	**388**
Footfall	**2,200**

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 January had a total of 607 Elected Members' representations.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2023.

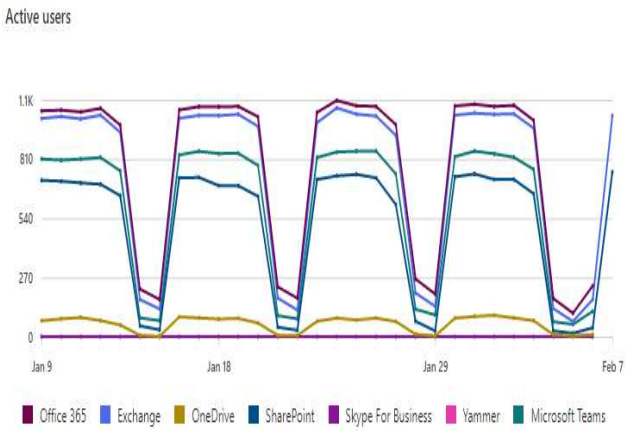


Digital Services

- **Digital Working**
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Digital Working

In January staff took part in 8,679 Teams meetings, 24,071 calls took place, and 896,262 emails were received or sent by the Council.



Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

1,149 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 12 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 100% network availability was achieved in the month of January.

Chief Executive Innovation Fund

Four pilot projects have been awarded funding through the Fingal County Council Chief Executive Innovation Fund.

The aim of the fund is to drive and support a culture of collaboration and innovation in the workplace. Fingal County Council staff can apply for funding to support and trial their innovative project or idea. By encouraging staff to submit innovative ideas, the overall aim of the fund is to bring greater value to the council through the awarded projects.

Projects being piloted in 2023 include, smart signage, access to virtual reality headsets in Libraries and improving community gaming activities in the community.

Smart Tappable Signage



Pilot project using integrated NFC chips in signage in two locations, to improve user-experience and access to information.

Virtual Reality Headsets in Libraries



Pilot project bringing VR headsets to Fingal Libraries, to enhance access to technology and immersive educational resources.

Staff Wellbeing Packs



Pilot project supporting the FCC staff Wellbeing initiative via staff wellbeing packs.

Community Gaming Outreach Programme



Pilot project to promote tabletop role-playing games (TTRPGs) in public libraries and in other community facilities.

Communications

Local Government Education Programme

As part of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's campaign to increase the participation of women and people of diversity in Local Government, Fingal County Council developed a Local Government Education Programme

The programme was delivered as four one-hour webinars featuring a presentation followed by questions and answers and ran every Tuesday from January 10 to 31.

- January 10 - An Introduction to Irish Politics
- January 17 – The Importance of Inclusion in Local Government
- January 24 – The Council
- January 31 – Finding Your Political Home

Those who took part in the modules included the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony; the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly; Professor Gary Murphy of Dublin City University; Mairead O'Shea of She Her Elected; and Valerie McAllorum Byrne, Fingal County Council's Integration Officer.

The fourth module featured representatives from each of the nine political groupings on Fingal County Council talking about their party or grouping. A total of 198 people registered for the programme of which 84% female and 27% of the participants were from a diverse background.

Recordings of the four modules can be viewed at www.fingal.ie/local-government-education-programme

Media

The Communications Unit issued 13 press releases on behalf of the Council during January. The topics covered included Mountview Community Centre's win at the All-Ireland Pride of Place Awards; the installation of the first Bike Bunkers for Fingal; updates on the Skerries Active Travel Plan and the Fingal Climate Change Action Plan; and the launch of the Community Living Rooms pilot.

The Unit dealt with 19 queries during January with the majority being for Housing (5), Planning (4) and Operations (3).

Social Media

Social Media followers continued to rise during January on the five main corporate channels. Facebook has 29,712 followers while there are 22,324 on Twitter and 6,160 on Instagram. LinkedIn has 6,647 followers and You Tube has 926 subscribers. The Communications Unit has also created a TikTok channel and is currently conduction tests to determine which type of content gains most engagement from users on the platform.

Videos

The Communications Unit released seven videos during January ranging from a visit by the Mayor of Fingal and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to the affordable housing scheme in Dún Emer, Rush, to the Retrofitting Programme for Social Housing. One of the most popular videos was a look inside Bremore Castle in Balbriggan which is not yet opened to the public. It can be viewed at https://youtu.be/qJA42jDo11I

Website

The fingal.ie website had 104,179 visitors during January which is an 11% increase on the same month last year when the number of visitors was 10,735. The number of views increased by 12% from 259,545 to 292,526, an improvement of 32,981 from January 2022. However, average time spent on the site dropped from 2:16 to 1:55 compared to 12 months ago. The January 2023 visitor and page views number are also substantially up on December 2022 when they were 81,067 and 197,883 respectively. Among the new pages created during January was one for the Liffey Valley Trail which can be viewed at https://www.fingal.ie/liffeyvalleytrail



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Tradfest events took place across Fingal from 26-30th January.

One of the signature events of Tradfest, Stephen Rae's "Saiocht", was performed in Swords Castle (above) & Malahide Castle. "Saiocht" is a significant event in the Tradfest calendar and marks a major step as we look to develop the Tradfest Fingal idea with Temple Bar Co into future years.

Additional events included "The Dublin Legends" in concert at Shackleton Gardens.



The launch of Tradfest took place in the Seamus Ennis Centre on Wednesday 11th of January.

Liffey Valley Trail Launch Event



The launch of the Liffey Valley Trail took place on Friday 27th of January in Shackleton Gardens. The attendees enjoyed traditional music, Irish dancing & Afternoon Tea.

St. Patrick's Day Parades



Calls on Social Media have gone out for participants in this year's parades in Swords, Blanchardstown, Balbriggan, Malahide & More, we have already received positive responses from more than 30 groups. The statutory meetings for all parades took place on Thursday 26th of January.

Festival & Events Funding Scheme



The 2023 funding scheme closed on the 31st of January, over 100 applications were received. Funding of up to €25,000 can be available per event, based on certain criteria been met. Details of the funding schemes can be found at: https://www.fingal.ie/festivalandevents2023

St. Brigid's Day Events



Our St. Brigid's Day events in Clonsilla took place and was fully booked. A fun day of crafts and storytelling workshops took place in Mountview Fortlawn Community Centre.

Tourism Development

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029

The initial consultation phase of the strategy is completed with individual and focus group interviews now completed.

Together with Crowe Consultants, a multi-stakeholder workshop involving representatives from State bodies, tourism agencies and the tourism industry, was held on 1st February 2023.

The purpose of the workshop was to focus on the tourism product: to identify, explore and assess the tourism assets and potential in the county, gaps and opportunities and the strategic marketing messaging which will support the development of strategic growth and improvement objectives.

The inputs and insights from the industry experts are vital in informing a refreshed tourism strategy with the ambition to create growth opportunities for "a sustainable, innovative, resilient and inclusive tourism sector in Fingal".





Fingal Food Network

The Fingal Food and Drink Network met on 24th January with the Council's Events Unit to discuss the promotion of Fingal produce at the Flavours of Fingal County Show this coming July.

The group is currently assessing ideas and will be submitting a proposal to Paul in the coming weeks.

The groups are also currently driving membership and a mini social media campaign is ongoing to encourage same.

The next meeting of the network will be 21st February 2023 where addition key action for 2023 will be confirmed.

Fingal Food Policy



The development of a new Fingal Food Strategy has commenced. The strategy will develop 2 key overlapping strands:

- Develop Fingal Food & Drink Tourism Offering
- Grow the Fingal Food and Drink sector

The consultant is currently evaluating the current landscape, conducting an audit in the region, identifying what are the unique selling points for food and drink producers? What do businesses require to strive and develop?

Heritage Properties
Swords Castle



The tender for the next phase of conservation works at Swords Castle has now been published.
The works will consist of the upgrading of electrical services, landscaping improvements and conservation works to the Knights and Squires quarter.
It is envisaged that works will commence in early May with completion in late July.

Newbridge House And Ardgillan Castle Roof Projects





The roof and joinery conservation works at Ardgillan Castle and Newbridge House are progressing well and on schedule. Extensive scaffolding continues to be erected at both sites.
Both properties continue to operate as normal with all facilities currently open to the public.

Catering Services





Following the evaluation of mini competitions for catering Services in respect of the Coachhouse Café, Newbridge and Ardgillan Castle in January, it is envisaged that new contracts will now be in place in late February/early March.

Arts Office
Tradfest Fingal 2023





TradFest, Irelands largest folk and traditional music festival has extended its reach, beyond Dublin city, and out to some of Fingal's most iconic and picturesque venues. These include Malahide Castle, Swords Castle and Shackleton gardens in Clonsilla, Dublin 15. There will be a series of events and performances over the month of January
This new initiative was launched in the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, on Wednesday 11th January.



Public Art Programme – St. Patrick's Heritage and Art Trail Skerries





Artists are advancing the completion of new artworks to accompany the new public signage as part of Failite Ireland's Destination Towns funding for Skerries. 5 artists have been commissioned through Fingal County Council's Public Art Panel and were asked to respond to the local environment and the local and visitor experience of the St Patrick's Heritage and Art Trail. The new works will form a long-term outdoor exhibition along the trail and the arts team are working with the Skerries Autism Friendly Town Network on an initiative that aims to animate the artworks for the neuro diverse community through workshops and the development of an online/physical handbook. Selected artists include Atsushi Kaga (Featured Image, above left), Liliane Puthod (Featured Image, above right), Mary Conroy, Marie Farrington & Bennie Reilly. Works will be in-situ this quarter.

Fingal Artist's Support Scheme 2023



Fingal County Council invites applications from artists for up to €5,000 of an award towards travel and professional opportunities, a residency, or the development of work. The award is open to practising artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, literature, film and dance.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. The funding is for projects or initiatives which will take place between 1st May and 31st December 2023. Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 24th February 2023 at 4.00pm.

Music Generation Fingal

Music Generation Fingal
Fhine Gall

Music Generation Fingal continues to develop and expand in Fingal in 2023, at present it is involved in specific projects in Balbriggan & Swords. Music Generation is Ireland's National Music Education Programme which helps children and young people access vocal and instrumental tuition locally.



Draíocht

Since opening in 2001, there have been 1 million plus visits to Draíocht Arts Centre in Blanchardstown. People of all ages are entertained as audience members, participate in a wide range of programmes and create their own work, giving their voice a platform.

They engage and support local, national and international artists of all disciplines in the presentation and creation of work. Now in its 22nd year of operation, Draíocht will continue to offer family friendly events and performances, exhibitions and events during 2023.

Theatre at Swords Cultural Quarter – A New Vision for Swords



The newly planned theatre at Swords Cultural Quarter, aims to be a unique venue which will make a vibrant contribution to the cultural, educational and social life of Swords and the north county. The Council's vision is that the theatre will offer something for everyone, from local amateur theatre companies and performers to the best of professional touring theatre companies, performers, musicians and comedians.
The Councils vision is to empower people to feel a sense of ownership and membership of the new venue, whether by learning new skills, putting on productions, or simply enjoying the experience as a member of the audience, we whole-heartedly welcome people to be a part of this new local theatre venue.

Libraries

Viewpoints

As part of the Creative Ireland programme, Fingal Libraries is delighted to host Viewpoints, a touring art exhibition, available through The Glucksman's Art Library, an innovative approach to sharing art and knowledge driven by the principles of creativity, inclusion and participation. The art exhibition is aimed primarily at families and children and provides a fun and accessible way to explore art and includes drawings from Ireland's most talented illustrators: Mary Murphy, Róisín Hahessy, Niamh Sharkey, Peter Donnelly, Fatti Burke, Chris Haughton and Chris Judge.

From January to June, members of the public are invited to view the exhibition as it tours Fingal's network of ten libraries. The touring exhibition will culminate with a day of fun and creativity on Saturday, 10th June at Cruinniú na nÓg in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown. The opening of the exhibition took place on Saturday 28th January at Malahide Library with a giant doodle for young children which was led by Mary Murphy and Niamh Sharkey. Up to 40 children and their families attended this exciting and interactive event. Watch out for Viewpoints as it tours your nearest library: https://www.fingal.ie/viewpoints-touring-art-exhibition-coming-fingal-libraries

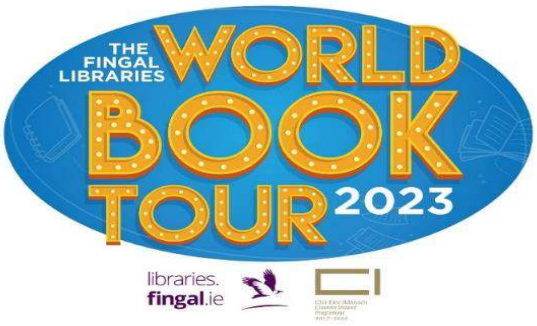


St Brigid's Day Celebrations

Fingal Libraries and Creative Ireland will mark St Brigid's Day with a number of special events to celebrate the creativity and talent of Fingal Women both past and present. In partnership with the Fingal Local Enterprise Office, two inspiring and celebratory talks from three local female entrepreneurs will take place both at Malahide and Blanchardstown Libraries. Noelle McEvoy of Supernature, Lauren McDonald of Lynotts Jewellery and Giselle Makindle of Cream of the Crop will discuss their lives and careers in entrepreneurship with two local secondary schools, inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs. St Brigid's Day celebrations will also include a local history talk about Irish feminist Frances Power Cobbe (1822-1904) and a number of children's events.

Fingal Libraries World Book Tour

To celebrate World Book Day Ireland 2023 (2nd March), popular Irish authors Alan Nolan, Patricia Forde, Eve McDonnell, Erika McGann and Peter Donnelly, will visit libraries and schools in the Fingal community between 27th February and 3rd March for lots of fun and mischief! The programme is curated by children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan and should reach up to 300 children. Each child will be gifted with a book, activity sheet and a fun fact sheet about their visiting author. The aim of this programme is to encourage and instil in children (especially reluctant readers) the love and enthusiasm for reading and creating, and to engage with their favourite author.



EU50 Exhibition at Blanchardstown Library

As part of the 50th anniversary of Ireland joining the EU, the Department of Foreign Affairs is organising an EU50 programme that has a number of elements including an exhibition. The exhibition will feature the impacts of EU membership on Ireland over the years and will comprise of 12 double sized panels so that the exhibition can be displayed bilingually in Irish and English. Blanchardstown Library is delighted to host the exhibition from Feb 7th to March 4th.

Spring Events at your Library

Welcome to the Spring 2023 programme of events which will run from January to April across Fingal Libraries:



This year's programme will include a financial wellness talk with "The Money Mentor", author and TV presenter Santis O'Garro, an interactive 4 week programme of talks to inspire our citizens to kick start a more sustainable lifestyle, a series of internet safety talks for children, teens and parents and a very special One Dublin One Book 2023 event with RTÉ's Sinead Crowley, Andrew Hughes (One Dublin One Book author) and author Nicola Cassidy.

There will be a full programme of Healthy Ireland at your Library events to inspire and motivate people to lead a healthier 2023 plus a range of family sensory friendly events. The Spring programme also includes a series of Fingal Maker Space workshops which will facilitate STEAM learning in an informal setting for school students, and an array of events to encourage older people to meet and interact with others at their local library. Check out the full programme of events throughout Spring 2023 here.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy

Planning continues for a Student Skills Expo in 2023 with consultants engaged to assist with event planning. The event is being planned for October 2023 and participation will be promoted with Fingal Schools.

Fingal County Council has been successful in an application for Interreg Funding as a partner in the SKYLA Project "Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition". The project will have a term of 4 years and will focus on enhancing the role of VET in smart specialisation sectors. Projects partners include Italy, Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece and Belgium. The project will be co-ordinated by the Fingal Skills Strategy Team and the project will commence shortly.



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, which will commence in Q1 2023. The Green IT Your Work & InclusEU Project Kick-off meetings for both projects took place in January 2023.

Green It Your Work
The Green It Your Work project which aims to encourage young people in the green transition & promote green jobs will have its initial meeting in Romania in February 2023.

InclusEU
The IncluEU project which aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe will have the initial meeting in Spain in March 2023, with Fingal scheduled to host international partners and host an event for young people in Balbriggan in August 2023.

Sustainable Fingal
The Council continues to work 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. Tender submissions for consultants to carry out the feasibility study are currently under evaluation with a consultant anticipated to be appointed in February.

Local & Rural Development

Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Fhine Gall
Fingal Local Community Development Committee

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. The last Meeting of the Fingal LCDC was held in December.

Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2022-27
Consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders is planned to commence in Q1 2023. Procurement is underway to engage consultants to assist with facilitating the consultation process and drafting the LECP.

Community Support Fund
The Community Support Fund (CSF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal has been allocated €341,875 in funding for groups across the county. Community and voluntary groups in Fingal are invited to apply for funding with a submission deadline of 10th February 2023. Groups can use the funding to assist with operational costs or to carry out small upgrade works and to purchase equipment to support their

activities. Grants are available to a maximum of €10,000 for Capital Funding and a maximum of €3,500 for Current Funding.

Community Recognition Fund

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal has been allocated €1,813,912 with project proposals to be submitted by the Local Authority for communities hosting high numbers of Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants by the 15th March 2023. 60% of the funding must be drawn down in 2023 and 40% in 2024, with all projects required to be complete by 18th October 2024. The Fund is being administered by Fingal LCDC and consultation is commencing with the LCDC, Local Response Forum and relevant stakeholders.

SICAP

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme continue to be leveraged to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response. 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. Confirmation was received during December that the Fingal SICAP Programme has been allocated €304,369 in 2023 specifically for Fingal's Ukrainian Refugee Response.

The KPIs and Annual Plan for the 2023 SICAP Programme were agreed in principle by the SICAP Oversight Committee in November and were fully approved by the Fingal LCDC at its meeting in December.

The 2023 Budget for SICAP is €1,424,714. The SICAP Annual Plan 2023 will be brought to the LCDC on 28th February for formal approval.

Currently the End of Year Review Process for 2022 is taking place and will also be brought to the LCDC meeting on 28th February for formal approval.

Leader Programme

In December, the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) approved in full the allocated LEADER 2021-22 Transition Programme for eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG submitted an Expression of Interest to manage the new LEADER Programme 2023-27 for Rural Dublin. This Expression of Interest has the support of Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Fingal LEADER Partnership, the LAG's Implementing Partner.

On 26th January Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, announced details of the applicant groups who were successful under Stage 1 of the 2023-2027 LEADER programme, Fingal LCDC was successful to run the next LEADER Programme.

The successful applicants will now move on to Stage 2 which will see them develop their LEADER Local Development Strategies. These strategies will support sustainable development in rural communities.

New Healthy Fingal Coordinator



A new Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator, Niall Mc Guirk, formerly of FCC Sports Office, has been appointed and he has commenced work on the new Healthy Ireland Strategy. The Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator will also provide support to the local health and wellbeing agenda through collaboration and coordination with relevant groups and implementation of various healthy initiatives and projects.

Let's Play Rush



Let's Play Rush held a meeting in January to devise a plan and schedule of play events for 2023, building on the success of 2022. This collaboration project includes local representatives and staff from EETCD, Community, Libraries and local community groups to promote play on the streets and public opens spaces in the area. Events planned as part of this project include St. Patrick's Day, National Play Day (June), Sports Day, Teddy Bears Picnic and a water sports event among other events planned for all ages during the year to encourage free play in the town.

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 fitouts can be considered.

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of December were all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.



Demand for the new Remote Working Hubs in BASE and Beat remain strong particularly after running two Connected Free Voucher Scheme during August and December 2022.

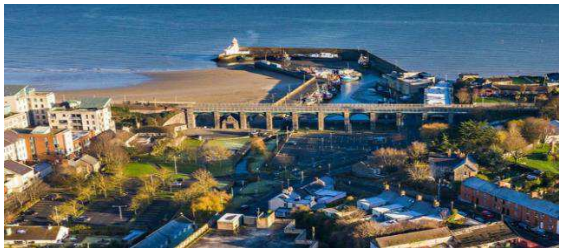
Fingal County Council was approved for €50,000 in new funding to promote Remote Working Hubs in the County under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Marketing Measure. A cross-departmental team within the Council is implementing initiatives to promote Fingal as a Remote Working Hub base for remote workers.

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 Education, Skills & Employment and the Local Economy Pillar groups are scheduled to meet in February. Both groups are progressing objectives as set out in the town plan. The third edition of the Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival is set to take place on the last week of March, led by the DDLETB it includes a wide range of stakeholders including schools, community groups, education services and business. The Balbriggan Leadership Group Meeting is scheduled to take place on February 22nd and will receive updates from all five pillar chairs.





The Quay Street & Environs scheme is in final detailed design phase with works anticipated to commence in late 2023/2024 and be completed on a phased based in 2025. 2 – 4 Dublin Street transformation as a centre of creativity, innovation & technology is in the final stages of preparing planning pack for internal circulation in FCC in Q1 2023.

Work to finalise a comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan is nearing completion and are expected to be published by end Q1 2023.

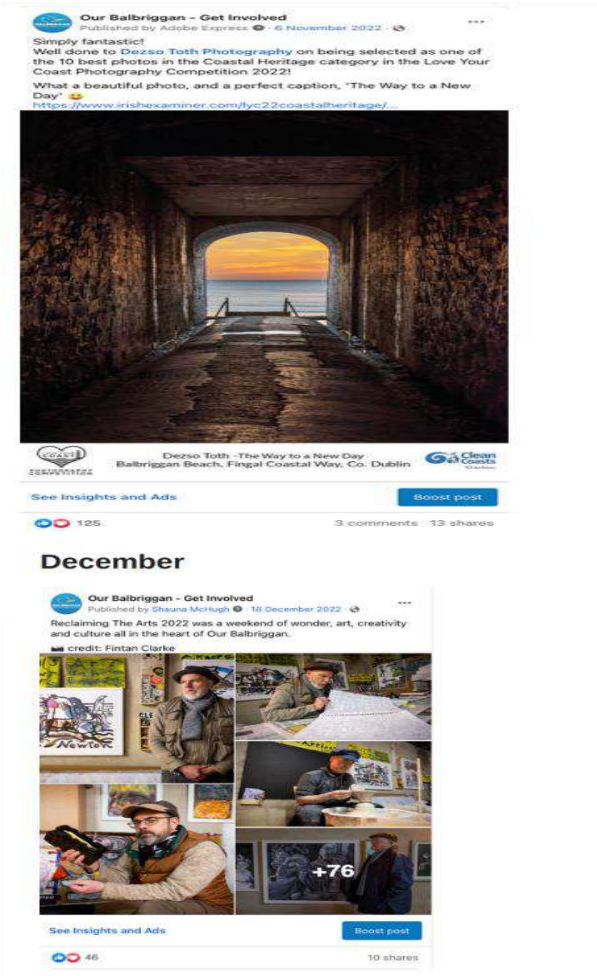




In advance of the full transformation of the Harbour (former O'Sheas Night Club) the site has been levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space'. Steel Corten planters with timber framed seating, bins and bike racks have been installed.

A temporary tarmac finish completes this newly defined safe allowing a free flow of pedestrians and cyclists. A package of minor work improvements on the harbour including seating, lighting, storage and additional harbour amenities will commence in February 2023 to be completed May 2023. FCC Operations team have served notice of provisional determination of abandoned vessels at Balbriggan Harbour.

The appointment of a Harbour Master has assisted with closer co-operation between harbour users and begun initiating a number of processes which will assist with general uplift at this location.



The Our Balbriggan communications strategy and social media accounts are responsible for generating frequent and original content which receive consistently high levels of engagement across channels. Highlights from 2022 include:

95 pieces of print coverage (45 online and 50 print)
1,148,804 number of people reached across all social media platforms (x4)
1,957 total posts
694 new Facebook followers (4,897 total),
2,641 likes
298 new twitter followers (1,737 total)
33 new followers on Linkedin (287)
146 new Instagram Followers (2,825)
2,750 subscribers to Our Balbriggan e – bulletin mailing list

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

The Council was recently approved for funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development of €100,000 for the Rush Streetscape Scheme and €36,000 for a new Donabate Streetscape Scheme with work progressing on the implementation of these schemes. Residents, businesses and community groups in Rush were asked to submit expressions of interest for various grants for enhancement measures such as painting, shopfront repair, signage lighting and planting. The maximum amount of funding available to each property is €10,000 overall and following a review 30 properties in Rush have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development and will be availing of funding from the scheme. The Council is in the process of writing to all applicants.

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (Oris)



The Department of Rural & Community Development under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) is providing funding of €23,400 for the development of the Castleknock Historical Walking Trail. ORIS is also providing funding of €28,800 for enhancements to the Balbriggan Historical Walking Trail. Consultation on both projects has commenced with local groups.

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
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 January 2023 are as follows:

Local Enterprise Week 2023



Plans are underway for Local Enterprise Week 2023 which will run from 6th – 10th March. The week will include daily events both in person and online where small business owners can learn new skills or partake in networking and other events. The series of activities was launched on Friday 3rd February with the publication of a full schedule of events. Details and bookings are now available on our website, and events are open to all small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs in the Fingal area.

Leo Fingal Approves €1,300,000 Grant Support & 206 Net New Jobs



Local Enterprise Office Fingal announced that a record €1,300,000 of grant assistance was approved in 2022 for small Fingal businesses, including Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion grants, as well as Trading Online grants and Export incentives. It was further announced that 206 net jobs were created in client businesses supported by LEO Fingal, not including companies that transferred from LEO Fingal on to Enterprise Ireland. The new figures show that LEO Fingal financially have supported 239 small businesses in their portfolio across the county, and these companies in turn employ 1069 people.

Fingal Enterprise Awards 2023

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Fingal Enterprise Awards 2023

The Fingal Enterprise Awards competition is organised annually by the Local Enterprise Office to acknowledge the achievements of small businesses. This is part of a national competition in which one overall winner from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas will compete for the National awards. Each of the finalists who complete the full judging process will be eligible to share in the overall prize fund of approximately €10,000 to be invested in their business. The Fingal winner will be announced and presented at an event to be held during Local Enterprise Week 2023.

Following an assessment of eligible applications these are the 7 Fingal Businesses that have been shortlisted and are now going forward to the judging phase of the competition:

The Little Wax Company Ltd (Balbriggan), Zow Foods Ltd T/A Cream of the Crop Gelatos (Blanchardstown), Parenting Institute Ltd T/A Platform55 (Malahide), Prints of Ireland (Skerries), Culinary Microherbs (The Ward), Lynott Jewellery Holdings Ltd (Swords) and Milk Bath Ltd. (Donabate).

Start Your Own Business Course - Ukraine

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Crois Dhearg na hÉireann Irish Red Cross



A new Start your own Business course developed specifically for Ukrainian Refugees commenced in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy on Thursday January 19th. The inaugural event was attended by over 80 Ukrainian aspiring entrepreneurs who are looking to start their own business. This initiative is being run at the request of the Irish Red Cross in conjunction with the Fingal County Council Ukrainian Response team and supported by Fingal LEO. This programme was open to Ukrainian refugees within Dublin & surrounding areas. The entrepreneurs are now attending online modules of the course with the final module on Feb 9th.

Fingal Business Briefing

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FINGAL BUSINESS BRIEFING

The first Business Supports Briefing of 2023 was held on Friday January 27th in the Riasc centre in Kinsealy. The event was well attended with many people remaining behind to ask follow-on questions. Fingal LEO plan to do a hybrid of online and in person briefing sessions throughout 2023. At the Briefing events, information is shared about supports available to small business owners and Q&A plus 1-1 follow ups are also available on the day.

FINGAL BUSINESS NETWORK

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Fingal Business Network





The LEO's Fingal Business Network held its first meeting of 2023 on Friday January 20th in the Riasc Centre in Kinsealy. The theme of the meeting was "The Board you can't afford ©" and gave attendees the chance to pitch their business to a group of like-minded small business owners, receive feedback and agree on the next steps for their business in 2023. The groups worked well together, creating connections and the feedback from the event was very positive. The Fingal Business Network encourages information sharing, discussion, peer to peer learning and facilitated networking among local businesses.

Leo Fingal 2023 Training Schedule

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UPCOMING TRAINING & EVENTS IN FINGAL

Training has started apace at LEO Fingal with demand for courses proving strong. LEO Fingal's schedule of courses for 2023 includes the flagship Start your own Business course and Digital Marketing & Social Media training. The training programme is one of the key services provided by LEO Fingal and consistently receives positive feedback from attendees. In 2023, a new Leadership Development programme will be launched, aimed at owner managers to increase their skill levels in Leadership, Sales and other business disciplines.

TRADING ONLINE VOUCHER SCHEME





An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV (Trading Online Voucher) scheme supports 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. 111 applications were approved in 2022, in the amount of €237,079. There is still strong interest in E-trading with applications and approvals running at nearly double pre-covid years. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar is on Thursday 2nd February 2023 and attendees can apply for the voucher after attending this event.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) is continuing to welcome new members in 2023. As part of Local Enterprise Week 2023, FEWN will host a special event on the 10th of March 2023 entitled "Challenging your own relationship with FEAR & ACTION" which will feature guest speaker Sonya Lennon. The event will take place in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport.

Evaluation And Approvals Committee

The first Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 15th February. In 2022, 47 applications were approved for a total of €1,045,384 being the highest grant approval amount for Fingal LEO in a single year.

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 addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors. Eight clinic days were held In January 2023, offering advice and support to 73 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continued in January 2023 with a total of 20 clients receiving one-to-one mentoring.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with "soft" loans of up to €25,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. 15 applications were processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland) in 2022. In 2023 LEO Fingal will continue to assist clients with their applications to enable them to raise much needed capital. Applications submitted through LEO Fingal get a reduced interest rate of 4.5% APR

Showcase Ireland



Ten design and craft businesses supported by LEO Fingal had the opportunity to meet international buyers from all over the world as part of the Local Enterprise Showcase 2023 which was hosted in the RDS, Dublin from January 22nd - 24th. About 100 LEO-supported businesses from across the country were present at the event, with the biggest number hailing from Fingal!

Student Enterprise Programme



The 2022/23 Fingal Student Enterprise Programme is well underway with 26 Second level schools

across Fingal participating 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. Fingal LEO boasts the largest enterprise programme prize fund for second level students in the country with prizes including an international educational trip to a European City for the senior category winning student and teachers. Final preparations are underway for the Fingal County Final will take on Wednesday 15th March 2023 in the Crowne Plaza Blanchardstown.

Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme



Assistance for business energy costs is being awarded to qualifying businesses affected by the increase in input costs or supply chain issues in relation to the Ukraine war. Clients are being advised to speak to the Local Enterprise Office to assess eligibility and to apply.

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Communication Board Signage in Ardgillan Playground

The first installation of a Communication Board has been introduced into the Ardgillan Demesne Playground. The text, Images and wording has been devised through a collaboration with Inclusion Ireland and Trinity Collage Dublin. The board is based on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AACs) which support or replace spoken communication. They allow for playground users who may have language difficulties to interact and communicate.

The board displays a series of images from the specific playground and a set of core words and activities displayed as individual graphics. There have been two printed up for Ardgillan Demesne Playground.

It is now planned to roll this new signage out in all FCC Playgrounds.



Inclusive Roundabout Newbridge Demesne Playground

As part of a countywide refit of existing playground equipment a new Inclusive Roundabout has been installed in Newbridge Demesne Playground.



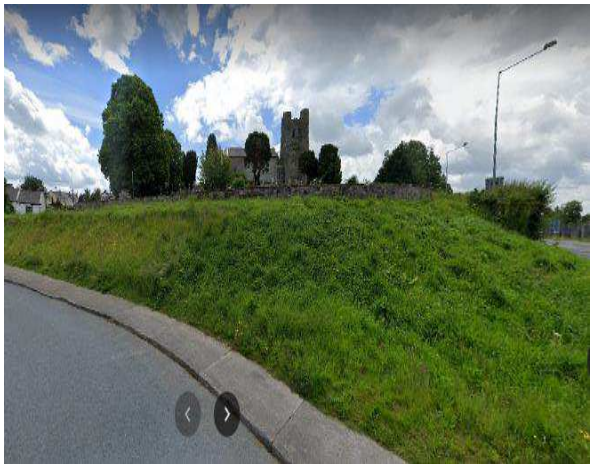
Landscaping Scheme Portrane Green

As part of the 2022 POW a new landscaping scheme was agreed and implemented at Portrane Green



Calisthenics Area Portrane Green

As part of the 2022 POW a refurbishment of the old outdoor adult fitness area was planned for Portrane Green. The final landscaping improvements for this area will be carried out during 2023.



Before - Landscaping Scheme Balrothery



After - Landscaping Scheme Balrothery

As part of the Urban and Village Renewal Funding scheme for Balrothery a new landscaping scheme in front of Balrothery Graveyard is currently underway. The scheme will consist of an extensive perennial pollinator planting scheme that will provide flowering and seeding interest throughout the year. It will provide a major focal point at the entrance to Balrothery along the R132.



Oldtown Village – Entrance Feature

As part of the 2022 Programme of Works a new entrance stone was installed at the entrance to Oldtown Village



Newbridge Farm – Farm Fencing

As part of the continuing upgrades to the animal paddocks in Newbridge farm replacement fencing will continue throughout 2023



Newbridge Demesne – Car Park

As part of the continuing upgrades to the infrastructure at Newbridge Demesne a redesigned area at the car park entrance is currently underway.



Skerries Town Park

As part of the continuing improvement upgrades to the infrastructure at Skerries Town Park a new Goal Post Storage Area has been installed adjacent to the sports pitches. This is to facilitate the storage challenges faced by the clubs using the space.



Chainsaw operator training

As part of ongoing staff training for chainsaw operators in the Balbriggan Swords Area

Howth/Malahide Area

The Draft Works Programme 2023 has been put together by the Howth Malahide team and will be presented at the 1st February ACM to the Elected Members for their discussion & consideration. Once the POW 2023 has been approved and adopted by the Full Council, work will begin on the works contained in it.

Programme of Works

New Road drainage was installed at the Junction of the R106 and R107 Swords Malahide Rd. This area is locally known as McAllister's Garage. This work will address the flooding issues at the junction and will also keep soil and debris off the road surface. As part of this project Operations Department installed traffic ducting that will facilitate future upgrading of the traffic lights at the junction.









The concrete works and junction build outs have been completed on the Station Rd Footpath and Cycle path on Station Rd Portmarnock.





Roads/Footpaths/ Drainage Works

The road drainage on Station Road, Portmarnock was Jetted and had CCTV surveys carried out to find any damaged and missing sections and ensure that all road gullies were connected to surface water network.

New Gullies were installed, and repairs were carried out on the damage line and buried chambers were uncovered and reconstructed. This work is being done before the road is overlaid in February 2022.







The ditches along Chapel Rd have been cleaned to prevent the flooding of Chapel Rd and on the R124.





Upgrade of footpaths

The Roads Crews replaced Defective Concrete Footpaths in Offington Lawn in Sutton.





Upgrading of new road surfacing within the Demesne

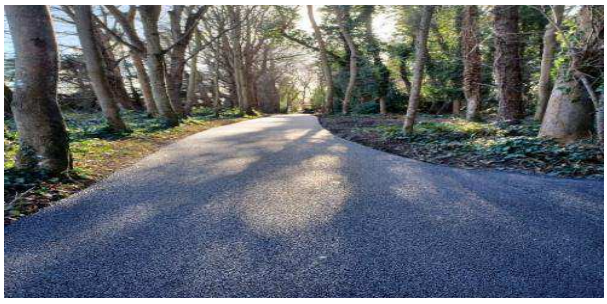
Contractor scraping existing surface prior to regulating with fresh stone before the final Tarmacadam surface is laid. These works will eliminate any water from pooling and will make it a more enjoyable experience for the general public using the park.

Before





After





Commemorative Tree Planting

An additional 50 Quercus Robar were added to the commemorative grove within the grounds of the park. This is a lovely tranquil place to gather your thoughts, to remember loved ones and enjoy your surroundings.

All trees have been planted by our own staff within the park.



Woodland Management at Malahide Demesne

The last of the tree works being completed. Below shows the Contractors working on the Large Oak just off the Main Avenue as you approach the castle.



Butterfly House Update

Work is ongoing on the new energy efficient heating system for the Butterfly House, Malahide Demesne. When completed it will reduce the carbon footprint and running costs by up to 60%.



Inside of New Boiler House for Butterfly House



Ongoing work showing underground heating before grills are in place



Underground heating trench complete with new grilles in the Butterfly House

West Lawn - Talbot Botanic Gardens, Malahide

Work on the new bamboo style fence around the pond in the West Lawn has just finished. This fence is a replica of ancient Japanese bamboo fencing designed in powder coated bamboo coloured galvanised steel to blend in with the Japanese / Asiatic Garden.



Bamboo style fencing based on ancient Japanese fencing West Lawn Malahide



Wonderlights - Memories from this year in the West Lawn, Malahide



Phoenix carving lit up, West Lawn



Asiatic Garden showing Dragon carvings surrounded by mystical figures

Parks & Open Spaces

Ongoing works are being carried out at Paddy's Hill / Robswall Park to alleviate problems with water seeping onto the paths which then freezes in the colder weather.

This work will make the paths a much safer and comfortable place to enjoy a leisurely walk.



Paddy's Hill Drainage Works



Example of flooding before Drainage works

Howth Lower Cliff Walk

This walk is a hugely popular coastal pathway leading to spectacular views across Dublin Bay and towards Irelands Eye and Lambay Island, along the north coast.

Improving access as far as the first viewing point at Howth Head Peak will make this walk more inclusive. It will allow people with disabilities and older adults increased use of and access to this fabulous natural amenity so they too can enjoy these amazing views from Howth Head Peak and The Nose of Howth.



Before: Howth Cliff Walk Works



After: Howth Cliff Walk Works



Rough ground at viewing area making it difficult to access this area.

Before



After

Visibility works to highlight obstacles along the pathway were carried out to improve the area for visually impaired and wheelchair users.



Works to improve visibility of obstacles at Howth

Burial Grounds Works

Work has been ongoing at all the Burial Grounds in the Howth Malahide LEA. This month Balgriffin Cemetery works are highlighted.



Topping up of our graves burial grounds

Balgriffin cemetery site works for new storage building & designated area for storage and deployment of our seasonal lifeguard huts



Balgriffin Cemetery Works





Storage area for Lifeguard Huts during the non-bathing season

Cleansing

Baldoyle Main Street and surrounding area being cleaned and swept.





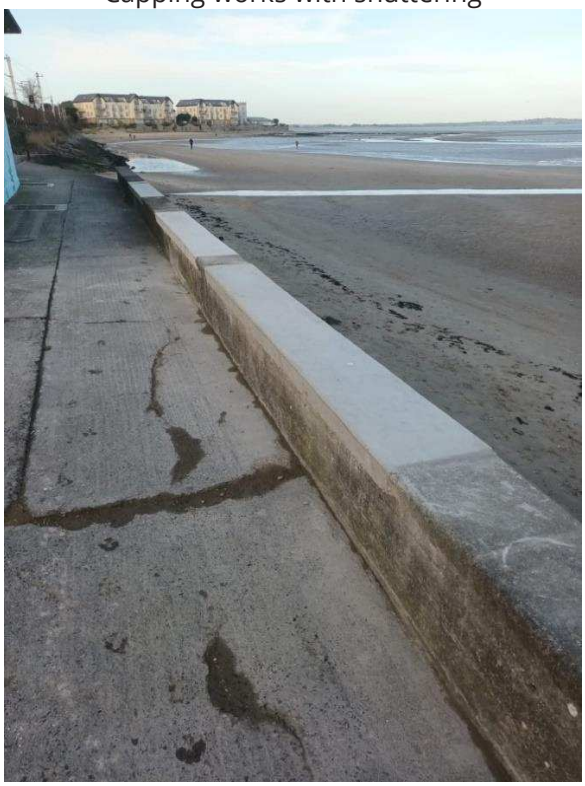
Sweeper cleaning the path

Beaches

Claremont beach replacement of sea wall capping as part of ongoing works .



Capping works with shuttering



Completed capping works

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Liffey Valley Trail

Official Launch of Liffey Valley Trail on Friday 27th January at Shackleton's Gardens.





The Operations Crew recently installed new chevrons at Kilshane Cross.



Mick Walsh Park, Mulhuddart

From Wednesday 1st February the car park at Mick Walsh Park will be opened 24/7 on a trial basis.



Recently installed new calisthenics and fitness conditioning equipment at Mick Walsh Park for use by the clubs and the public





Planting

New Perennial flower bed being planted in Wellview Estate



Heather bed planted in Shackelton's Gardens





St Catherine's Park

New greeting sign erected outside St Catherine's Park entrance in Lucan



Milllenium Park, Christmas Tree Chipping

Fingal crews Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operational Area chipping Christmas tree in Millennium Park



New Holly Ilex Hedge planted opposite Charlestown Shopping Center along center reservation of road where new fence was also erected



Ivy Removal Works carried out by Operations Staff on the Railings and Peers of the Bramley Estate on The Carpenterstown Road



Tree removal works carried out at Maple Glen by the tree crew





Car Parking Services - January 2023

There was a total of 1264 parking tickets issued during January 2023.
Breakdown of Parking Offences:

Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	166	13.13%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	301	23.81%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	696	55.06%
Disabled Parking Bay	18	1.42%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	83	6.57%
Total	**1264**	**100%**

Location	Main Ticket Locations January 2023
Airside Motors Park Road 2 Swords	147
Main Street - Swords	115
North Street - Swords	62
South Strand Skerries	48
Strand Street - Skerries	48
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	45
The Green - Malahide	42
The Mall - Malahide	40
Railway Street Balbriggan	37
Church Road - Malahide	36

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 122 Internments in January 2023 (excluding Mulhuddart Cemetery).

Traffic Operations County-wide

Works are ongoing to deliver the Programme of Works across all three areas. In addition, the Traffic Engineering team have been putting together the draft 2023 Programme of Works for presentation and consideration by Members at the three Area Committee (Services A) meetings in February. Once the POW 2023 has been approved and adopted by the Full Council, work will begin on the works contained in it.

Works carried out by the Traffic Section in January 2023

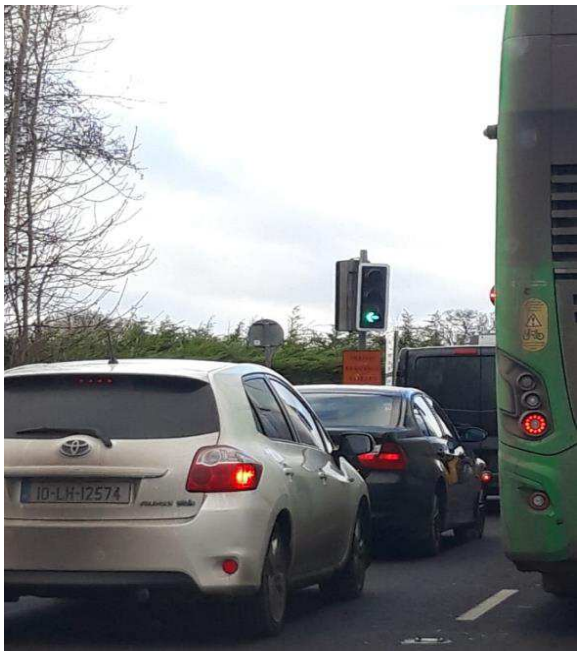
New Road Lining



Swords – Thornleigh Educate Together School Lining & School Warden Crossing

Addition of filter light

In mid-January, a left only filter light was added to the off-ramp on junction 4 on the M3, which has an added an extra phase to turn left into Littlepace. This should improve traffic flows at the junction and alleviate queues on the off-ramp.



A left turn only filter light has been added to the off-ramp on Junction 4 on the M3

Old Hansfield Road

Works began in January for the new pedestrian crossing west of Clonsilla train station on the Old Hansfield Road



Works in progress for the new pedestrian crossing on Old Hansfield Road

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

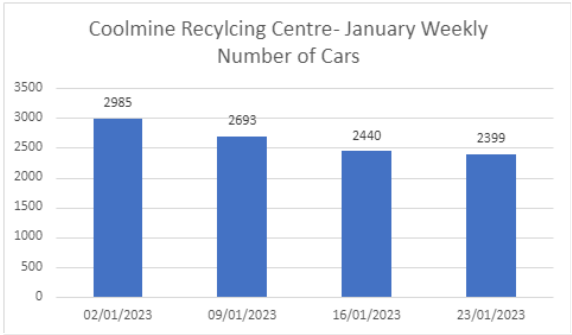
104 hires were put in place from 3rd January 2023–23/12/2023, engaging 2 suppliers.

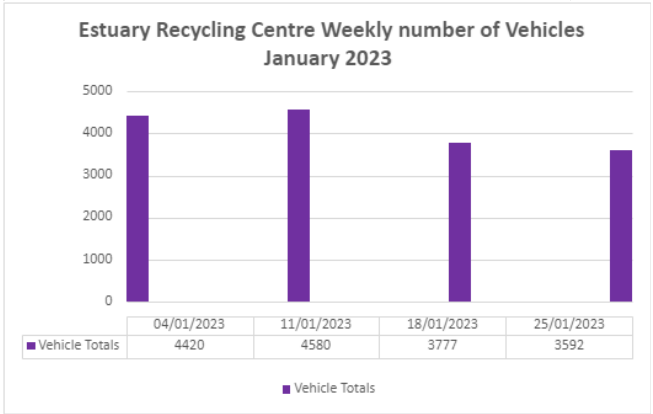
41 Tenders were awarded in January 2023.

Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 96.6% of all lights switched to LEDS.

Recycling Centre's Update





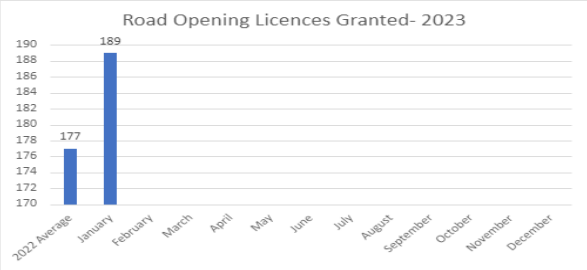
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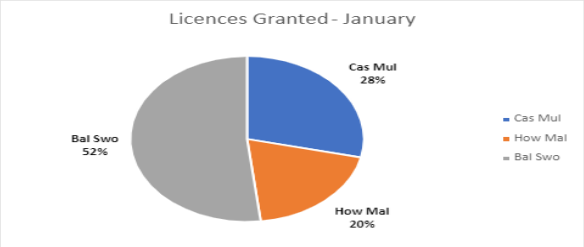
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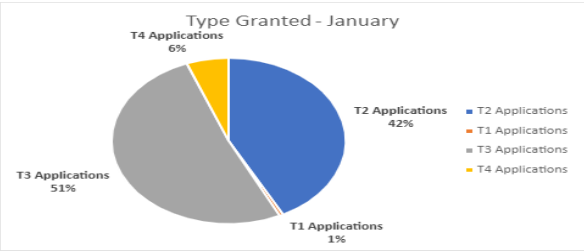
The new efficiency functionality with respect to automated granting of T3 licences is operating well. Since 1st June 2022, the majority of T3 ROL applications have been granted by way of automation and 3 Clerk of Works has been appointed to Swords/Balbriggan, Castleknock/Mulhuddart and Howth/Malahide areas to carryout 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.

189 Licences were granted in the month of January.







Casual Trading Licence

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department are currently in the process of renewing Casual Trading applications for 2023. The licences are valid 01 March 2023 to 29 February 2024.

There has been significant interest to date in a variety of pitches for coffee, ice-cream, hot food, and flowers at burial grounds and applications are being processed accordingly.

All details of Casual Trading pitches and fees available at www.fingal.ie/casual-trading.

Closing date for new applications is 15th February 2023 at 4pm.

Water Services

Water and Wastewater Connections

There are 9 applications in progress as of from 30th January 2023 which consists of 5 Water Connection applications and 4 Drainage Connection applications as per Maximo/D365

39 applications were returned to Uisce Eireann as of from 30th January 2023, 23 of them were water connections and 16 were drainage connections.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations Update

Operation and maintenance of the Stormwater Network is ongoing.

A preventative maintenance programme for 2023 is currently being developed. CCTV works will commence this month in Garristown then moving on to the D15 area later in January.

Operational maintenance works were carried out on a number of assets in January with ironworks being replaced in Rush & Skerries.

Mapping of unknown networks and internal liner repair works are ongoing in the Portmarnock area.

Works were carried out to repair a collapsed section of pipe causing road flooding along Carpenterstown Rd in Castleknock.

Figure WS.1 Extent of blockage removed.



Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 14 projects valued at approximately €3.63 Million. Below is a brief update in relation to the current status of some of the planned projects.

Howth Stormwater Culvert:

The tender for the CCTV and Flow and Monitoring survey element of the Howth Stormwater Culvert Project is now complete with the contract due to be awarded to the winning bidder in the next few days. The CCTV and Flow Monitoring survey will confirm the current condition and capacity of the existing stormwater sewer enabling the project team to consider preliminary designs.

Wendell Avenue/Heather Walk:

Stormwater sewer rehabilitation works are continuing to progress well at Heather Walk and Drewbury Park Portmarnock. Significant progress has been made in upgrading the existing stormwater network serving Wendell Avenue Portmarnock. Due to existing site conditions a section of new network and new manhole was constructed which when completed will return the existing network to full capacity. Additional gullies were added to Wendell Avenue which will improve drainage of Wendell Avenue and increase the half-life of the road surface.

Figure WS.2 Installation of new stormwater sewer and new manhole in Heather Walk Portmarnock.





Burrow Beach

Scott Cawley Consultants working in Partnership with Brady Shipman Martin signed off on the required Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for the Burrow Beach Project and finding that the Burrow Beach proposed works have been screened out enabling Fingal County Council to progress to the next stage of the project.

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

A new Irish Water-Local Authority agreement, replacing the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements, to ensure that Irish Water has full accountability for the 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.

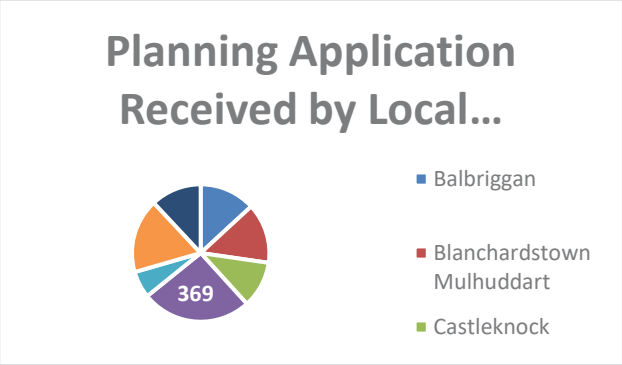
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

There have been 1422 planning applications received to the end of December 2022. 119 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1303 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.



Planning Decisions

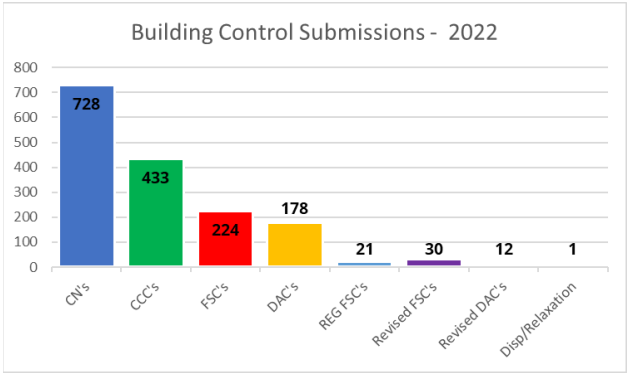
A total of 1210 planning decisions have been made to the end of December 2022. There have been 993 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 217 refusals of permission (18%). There have been 82 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 576 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 281 commercial/retail grants of permission and 25 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 13 relate to development of 2 - 20, 4 relates to 20 – 50 and 2 relate to 50 -100 and 6 which relates to 100+.

Building Control Admin:

Building Control received 1,627 Building Control submissions during 2022. This was made up of 728 Commencement Notices, 433 Certificates of Compliance on Completion, 275 Certificates related to Fire Safety and 191 Certificates related to Disability Access submissions.

Commencement Notices and Certificates of Compliance on Completion are submitted online through the Projects module on BCMS. The preferred option for submitting Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications is online through the Applications module on BCMS, submissions can also be made by hard copy directly into the office.

The Building Control Admin team processed 1,240 decisions in 2022, relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 442 decisions to grant, 7 invalids, 3 refusals and 788 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

The Draft Fingal Development Plan is now in the final Stages of the plan-making process. This stage relates to the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan. The proposed Material Alterations (Amendments) originated from the consideration of the submissions received between February and May 2022 on the Draft Development Plan 2023 - 2029. The Chief Executive prepared a report on these submissions and the Elected Members considered the report at Special Council Meetings

held in September and October 2022, where the members resolved to amend the Draft Plan.

The public consultation on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Fingal Development Plan ran until 22nd December 2022. 197 submissions have been received. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions received was issued to the members on 15th January 2023. The final meetings to discuss the CE Report and adopt the Development Plan will take place later this month.

The new Development Plan will come into effect 6 weeks after its adoption.

The Material Alterations to the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and submissions received can be found at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-material-alterations-draft-fingal-development-plan-2023-2029 alongside all other documents and news relating to the Draft Fingal Development Plan.



Sustainable Swords

The Sustainable Swords Strategy was agreed by the Members at the December meeting. This follows extensive consultation and engagement with the local community. The Strategy outlines 16 possible projects which would transform Swords. The agreed Strategy and all other supporting documents can be found here:
www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords



Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Government's 'Housing For All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland 'proposed a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes as a part of the Pathway to Increasing New Housing Supply.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax was introduced in the Finance Act 2021. The process to identify land to which the tax applies is now underway and the tax will be payable from 2024.
The objective of the tax is to activate land that is serviced and zoned for residential use or mixed use, including residential use, in order to increase housing supply and to ensure regeneration of vacant and idle lands in urban locations. These locations have been identified within statutory land use plans as being appropriate locations for housing and they have benefitted from investment in the key services to support the delivery of housing.

Fingal County Council has prepared a draft map of the land considered to be in scope for the RZLT (Residential Zoned Land Tax) as of October 1, 2022.

The draft map is available to view here:
https://fingalcoco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5871c1ac8daa40e081292b978e1ee83a.

121 Submissions have been received and assessment of these is now ongoing. Submissions can be viewed here: https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/residential-zoned-land-tax-consultation

A supplemental map will be published on 1 May 2023 identifying additional land considered to be in scope as a result of a change of zoning, servicing

or where the local authority becomes aware of the fact that land, which didn't appear on the draft map, may meet the criteria for being in scope, such as where this has been identified during submissions. The supplemental map will also be on public display and open to submissions which may challenge the inclusion of additional land on the map.

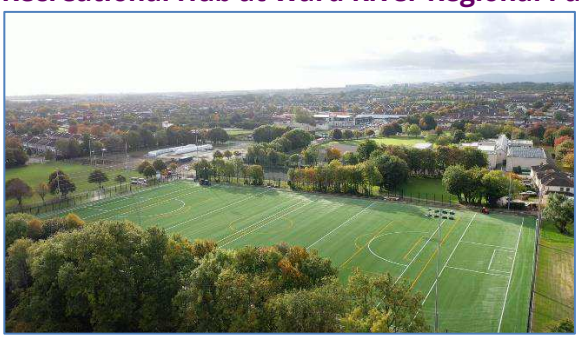
Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Porterstown Park Recreational Hub



Works on the new All-Weather Pitch & Running Track are at an advanced stage. Recent milestones include the completion of 540 metres of security fencing and the ball stop net. Quality street furniture including litter bins, boot cleaners, stainless steel bollards & bicycle racks have also been installed. The commissioning of the LED floodlighting system is expected to progress over the coming weeks along with the installation of a water drinking station.
The main outstanding project deliverable is the surfacing and lining of the running track. This specialist work is highly weather/temperature dependent, and it is anticipated that it may be late April of this year when suitable conditions prevail to complete this works item. Following testing & certification it is planned to open the facility for public use shortly thereafter.

Recreational Hub at Ward River Regional Park



Works continue to progress towards the substantial completion of the all-weather 3G pitch and ancillary car & bicycle parking at the Ward River Recreational Hub. The commissioning of the LED floodlighting system is now complete, and the goal posts will be installed as the finishing touch just prior to handover of the facility. The automated gate system at the car park entrance is currently being installed while the completion of the surfacing of the shared route to the cycle parking is scheduled for completion this week.
Outstanding works, which are weather dependent, include the completion of a Go Games/training pitch facility at the north of the carpark and the reinstatement of grassed areas in and around the site. Notwithstanding these weather dependent works, it is planned to make the 3G pitch and car park available for use by the public in the coming weeks following certification of the facilities.

Ward River Regional Park Development Project



Work continues toward achieving part 8 planning permission for a new regional park. This month has seen the completion of phase 1 vegetation clearing works at Brackenstown Walled Gardens. Topographical and service surveys have commenced north of the river around the lands at Swords Manor to enable the design of a northern recreational hub. A LiDAR survey of the entire park was completed and is currently being processed for use in the design process. Site inspections of the historical structures within the park were completed by all consultants in January and will

form the basis of prioritising any works required to ensure the structure stability of the structures in the future. A contractor has been procured to execute a survey of these structures. The draft stage 1(analysis) report has been reviewed and is nearing completion. This will inform the second stage of the project, namely design, which has just commenced. Building on the valuable contributions and feedback to date, a second phase of public consultation will take place in the first half of 2023 to further develop the preliminary design proposals.

Bremore Regional Park GAA Pitch and Boundary Works



The second phase of the works on the boundary around the newly constructed GAA pitch at Bremore Recreational Hub have commenced this January. Fencing materials have been ordered and construction on the entrance from Bells Lane to the facility is planned to start during February. It is anticipated that the overall construction phase for the boundary works will be completed during the second quarter of this year.

Built Environment Division

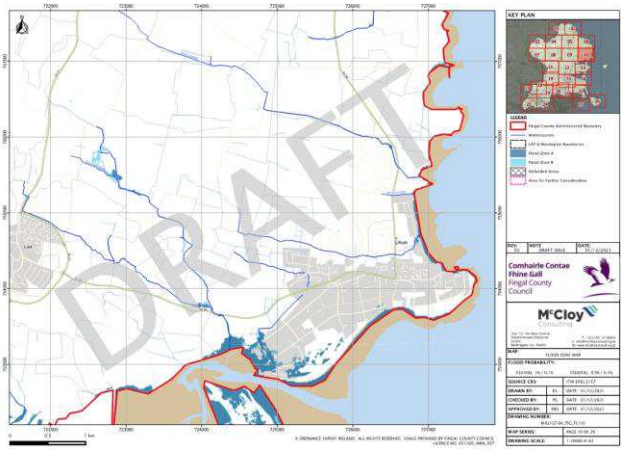
Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Development Management December 2022

- 71 no. new planning files have been received.
- 15 no. Additional Information files have been received and 0 clarification on Additional Information.
- 4 no. Compliance Submissions have been received; 3 no. have been processed.

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA (STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT) flood mapping & report has been completed and staff are working with Planners on the Material Alterations.
- 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.

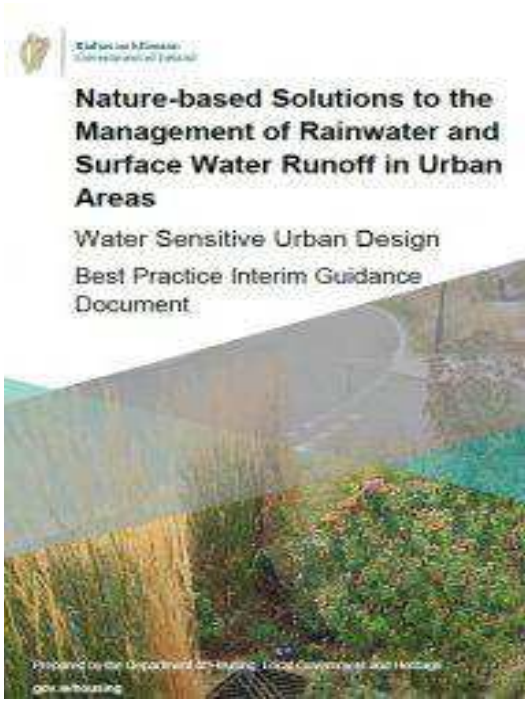


- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice 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.The tenders were assessed and a recommendation for progression to the next phase took place in December.

Irish Water

- Staff continue to liaise with Irish Water regarding existing constraints within the water/wastewater networks and identifying solutions to resolve.

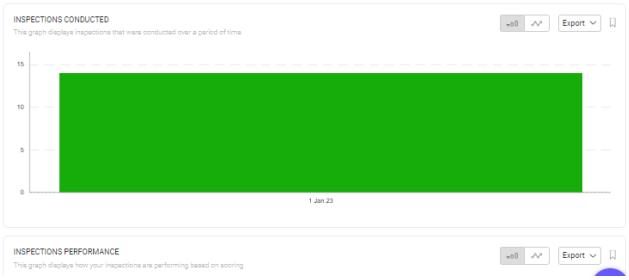
- Connection and Developer Services – staff continue to provide a planning review of water/wastewater connection applications on behalf of Irish Water however there have been 5 CDS applications during December.
- Staff continue to complete Irish Water templates for every planning file completed.

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 01/02/2023

Building Control

- There were 14 Building control site visits in January 2023 with 39 separate buildings being inspected.



- There were no enforcement notices issued in January but there were 3 requests for further information following site visits.

Taking in Charge

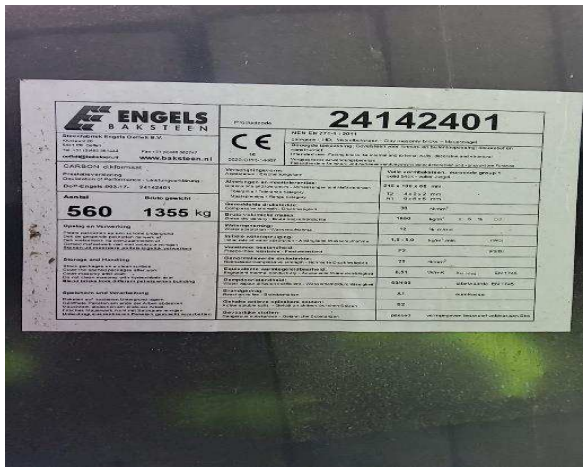
- The 2 developments, "New haven Bay" and "Cois Inbhir" were taken in charge on the 17th January 2023.

Dangerous Structures

- There was 1 dangerous structure notified in January 2023. There are a total of 46 dangerous structures active in our database. Two dangerous structures files were closed in January.



Inspecting fire sealing of services passing through walls on a site in Carpenterstown.



Checking CE marking and Declaration of Performance for bricks being used on a site in Carpenterstown

Transportation Planning

Donabate, Swords and Kinsealy Transportation Schemes

Stage 1 of the procurement process for an engineering consultant has been completed for a consultant to work on a range of schemes across Donabate, and the Stage 2 process is currently underway. The procurement of a consultant to be appointed to progress a package of schemes in Swords and Kinsealy schemes is also currently underway, Stage 1 is under assessment with Stage 2 to follow on later in Q1. The project team will undertake informal briefings with the elected members as soon as the consultant is appointed for each of these work programmes to provide further details and visibility on the scope of the projects.

Ongar-Barnhill Link Road

Construction of the Ongar Barnhill Link Road is scheduled to commence in summer 2023. The project will significantly improve safety and connectivity of the transportation network for all users in the area especially pedestrians and cyclists and will underpin significant residential development and provision of new homes in the area. Advance site clearance and fencing works are taking place at the moment, to the north of Barberstown Lane South. These works are being undertaken outside of the nesting season to minimise the impact on nesting birds. The main works contract is currently at Stage 1 of the two-stage tender process, and the main contractor appointment is expected to take place in Q2 with site works to take two years.

Snugborough

The Snugborough Interchange upgrade is progressing and is expected to be complete in Q3 of this year. Many of the structural elements of the scheme have been completed at this time and the underpass under Snugborough Road will be completed in Q2 following utility and traffic diversions. Work is progressing well on this large and complex scheme as per the scheme photo attached.



Church Field Link Road Project

The Church Field Link Road project includes the provision of high-quality cycling and pedestrian links to Gaelscoil an Chuilinn and Powerstown Educate Together schools with integration to the wider cycle and pedestrian network. Works on the Powerstown Road to provide a two-way off carriageway cycle track and pedestrian footpath are well progressed as per attached photo. The route to the school campus will also include additional Safe Routes to School interventions such as signalised pedestrian crossings and carriageway surface treatments. Work on the main link road section is also well advanced as can be seen from the attached photo. Bituminous surfacing has recently been undertaken, as this work can only be undertaken above a certain temperature. Works to the Wellview Avenue section of the project will commence in Q2.





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Church Fields, Dublin 15

The contractor is currently on site 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 Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest /Prequalification) of a two-stage procurement process for the appointment of a contractor to construct the 300 units concluded in December.

The second stage in the process is currently underway and a tender will issue to the successful applicants in Q1 2023.



Outlands, Swords

Housing Delivery

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	231
Tender Stage	377
Planning and Design	1,048
Part V	139
TOTAL	1,656

Projects on site

Fingal County Council construction scheme at Outlands, Swords – 11 dwellings



Fingal County Council infill scheme at Clonsilla Road, Dublin 15



Part V Units under construction at Seamount, Malahide, Co Dublin



Units under construction which will be delivered in partnership with Cluid Housing Association at Station Road, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin



About Praxis Care

Established over 35 years ago Praxis Care provides a range of services for people with disabilities across Ireland. Praxis Care now provides services and supports to over 400 adults and children in Ireland and has four residential services for people with an intellectual disability in the Fingal region. These services include support to attend day opportunities and clinical supports.

Praxis Care is a non-for-profit organisation, with charitable status, that is funded through an Annual Service Arrangement with the HSE. Praxis works with many partners in its mission, but particularly with the HSE and Fingal County Council.

Praxis Residential Services

The organisation established Praxis Housing Association, which is an Approved Housing Body (AHB). Through this AHB, Praxis currently provides residential and supported living services to adults with an intellectual disability and ensures they have a home for life within their local community. There is an urgent need to increase Praxis residential services for people with an intellectual disability especially as our ageing carer population results in many elderly parents being unable to continue in a caring role.

One funding source that has proved highly successful for Praxis to date is the Capital Assistance Scheme which is facilitated through Fingal County Council's Housing Department. As such, Praxis has benefited greatly from CAS in order to address the residential needs of its service users, of which five will be accommodated in CAS-funded homes. For these individuals, it is more than a home – it is a chance to live a life of greater independence and inclusion. It also relieves parents and carers of a worry that is so permanent and profound in their lives.



How CAS has benefited Praxis Housing Association?

The Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) is designed for the provision of rented accommodation for those with priority needs, i.e. elderly, disabled and homeless. CAS has enabled Praxis to provide an additional two distinct types of full-time residential accommodation to service users. A two-bed bungalow in Rush is in the process of receiving CAS funding and a bungalow in Swords that provides high support accommodation has already been approved. The photo above shows the Swords unit and it provides fully supported accommodation for up to four service users who each have their own private en-suite rooms.

CAS enables Praxis to provide residential solutions in a timely manner to adults with an intellectual disability who are on the Housing List. It allows the residents to have a greater level of independence in an environment suited to their support needs, whilst reducing the demand on ageing parents and carers. While CAS provides the capital funding in partnership with Fingal County Council, the HSE provides the revenue to deliver the necessary residential supports. "*I never imagined that my son would be given this opportunity to live in the community in such a pleasant bungalow. Thank you so much." (Parent)*

Praxis looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with Fingal County Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide more homes to adults with an intellectual disability in the Fingal region. Praxis would also like to thank the Elected Members and staff of Fingal County Council for all their help and support to date.
Praxis currently have CAS supported homes in Swords, Balbriggan and Rush.

Housing Loans Update

Government circulars issued at the end of 2022 are now in effect with regards to interest rates and the Mortgage Protection Insurance rate for home loans. The new lending interest rate is 3.35% for under 25-year terms and 3.45% for under 30-year terms. The new MPI rate is 0.038%. There is also a new MPI provider selected for the scheme, which is Cornmarket.
The Local Authority Home Loan was created last year and continues to attract a high level of queries and applications from members of the public seeking to secure a mortgage with the Local Authority. There have been 266 Local Authority Home Loan applications received to date under the scheme. Also, to date, €18.1 million of lending has been approved, with approximately €5 million of applicants having moved to the sale agreed stage.

Housing Asset Management Report
Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Ninety-two properties were retrofitted under the highly successful 2022 programme, exceeding the DHLGH-set target of 81 for 2022 and which followed a pilot energy retrofit programme in 2021. Starting off in Jugback Estate, Swords, the project then moved to St. Paul's Balbriggan, Lissenhall in Swords and Whitechapel Clonsilla, where extensive works were carried out including electrical upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard.

The 2023 programme will see further growth and expansion of this project throughout the Fingal region. Works will shortly commence in Strandmill Road, Portmarnock. St. Catherine's Close, Rush and Whitestown Gardens, Blanchardstown are currently at survey stage.

Fingal County Council and the SEAI are to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore the possibility of undertaking pilot projects to test a partnership approach to upgrading privately-owned homes funded by SEAI government grants in existing local authority estates where Fingal County Council are undertaking works funded by the DHLGH.



External insulation underway in St. Paul's, Balbriggan.

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	30th January 2023
In the letting process	61
Undergoing re-let repairs	27
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	8
TOTAL	**96**

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. Works are reaching completion in Dromheath Avenue, Cruise Park and St. Brigid's Court and Park, Blanchardstown. Works have commenced in Mooretown and Seatown, Swords. Works are due to commence in Abbeylea, Swords next week.



Before and after in St. Brigid's Court

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. The recent discretionary increase by the Minister for Housing (to 35% of the basic HAP rate) allows the Local Authority to increase the basic HAP rate payment in line with rent on an income to rent ratio. In January 2023, 30 new tenancies were set up by the Fingal HAP Team.
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

The new rent review process has commenced and batches of tenants have been receiving their Rent Assessment Form (RAF). Tenants are required to complete this form and return it to the Rents Section with relevant documents to ensure they are charged the correct rent. The rent will then be reviewed on a two-year cycle basis.

The Rent Arrears team are working methodically through accounts in substantial arrears to encourage tenants to engage with the Council in reducing their arrears. In cases where there is no engagement, despite repeated efforts, proceedings have issued through the legal arena and to date the Rents Section has secured one Possession Order with 4 others currently before the courts.

The Rents team encourage any tenant who is experiencing difficulty paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions. 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.

Housing Adaptation Grants

Fingal County Council approved its full allocation of grant funding for 2022 from the Department of Housing for works under the Housing Adaptation Schemes.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support
Housing Position

Following Completion of the Housing Needs Assessment on 29th November 2022, the current housing list position is in preparation for all applicants.
This will be available through the CBL portal on fingal.ie shortly. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password. The most recent list position issued on 1st April 2022 is available in the portal currently.
Letters will issue to applicants, this year, in addition to the portal.

Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

In accordance with Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment)(No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands will increase with effect from 1st January 2023.

Income thresholds prior to 2023 detailed below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children
1	€35,000	€36,750	€35,875	€36,750

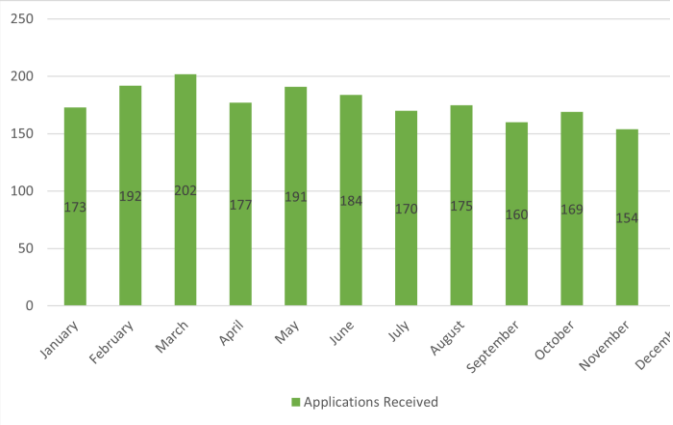
Band	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€37,625	€39,375	€42,000

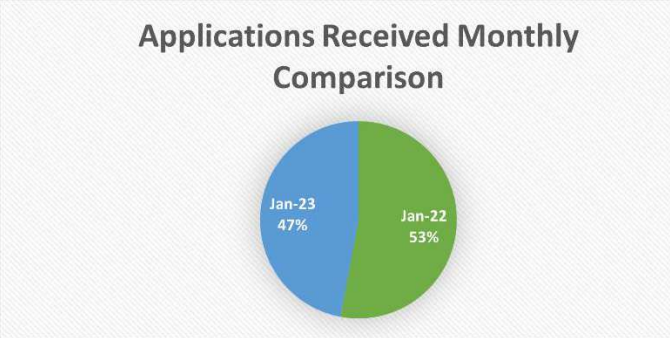
The revised thresholds from 1st January 2023 for different household compositions are detailed in the table below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children
1	€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000

Band	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€43,000	€45,000	€48,000

Breakdown of 2,044 Housing Support Applications received 1st January to 31st December 2022





Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing in order to be eligible for review. Appeals received after this time may result in automatic refusal.

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.

Choice Based Lettings *January Advertised Properties*





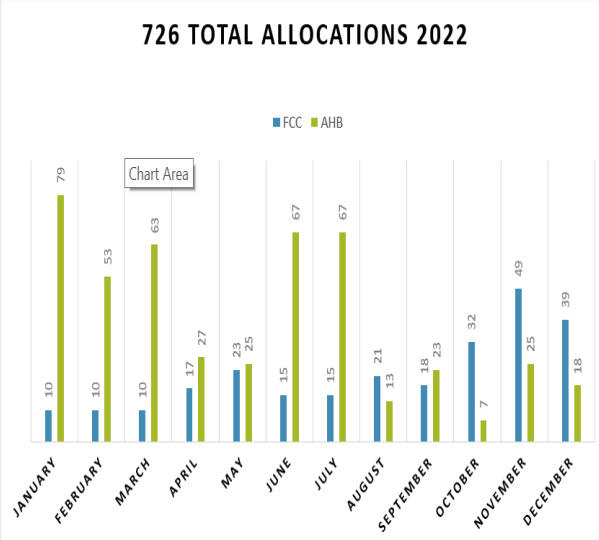
Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of Interest
11th - 17th	Chapel Hill, Garristown	3 x 2	Semi-D	1150	159
11th - 17th	Mayeston Green, Finglas	2	Apt	683	106
11th - 17th	Beechfield, Castaheany	2	Terrace	1214	242
11th - 17th	Wellview, Mulhuddart	2	Terrace	886	145
18th - 24th	Westend, Blanchardstown	3	Apt	669	72
18th - 24th	Clonmethan, Oldtown	3	Bungalow	915	97
18th - 24th	Windmill Row, Garristown	3	Terrace	814	108
25th - 1st	Bremore, Balbriggan	3	Duplex	767	61
25th - 1st	Martello Road, Balbriggan	3	Terrace	821	104
25th - 1st	Millstream, Portmarnock	1	Apt	670	127
25th - 1st	The Kilns, Portmarnock	2	Apt	1128	159
			Total	**9,717**	**1,380**

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

APPROVED HOUSING BODIES

Approved Housing Bodies are independent, not-for-profit charities registered as approved housing body under the Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Act 2019. Fingal County Council make offers of Social Housing by nomination of applicants to Approved Housing Bodies from the Council's list of approved housing applicants for housing support provided in the County by these Bodies.

Total allocations for 2022



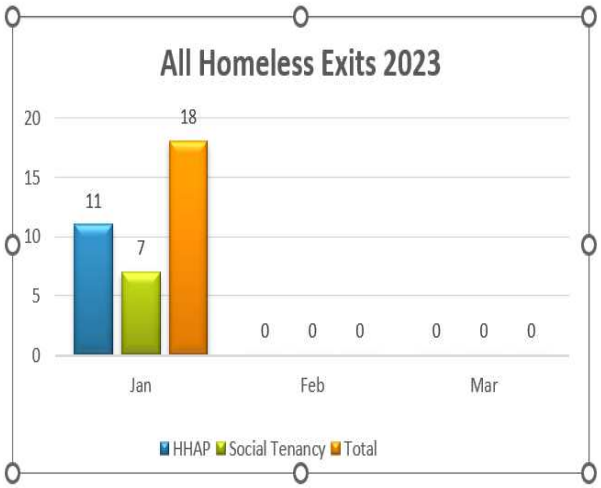
This chart shows a breakdown of allocations for FCC and AHB stock in 2022

Respond received the most nominations in 2022 from Fingal County Council with their developments in Charlestown and Carr's Lane providing approximately 197 units in total.
The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is having a positive impact in the delivery of social housing, we aim to minimise the length of time units are vacant. FCC aim to work under the Best Practice guidelines as per the Code of Practice with an aim to continually refine and make improvements to the allocation process

Homeless Services

Homeless Exits 2023

During January 2023, 18 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme. Homeless HAP accounts for 11 of these tenancies, comprising 10 homeless prevention and one who exited from emergency accommodation.
Separately there were 7 households that exited Homelessness into social tenancies.
In total 8 FCC households exited emergency accommodation during January 2023.



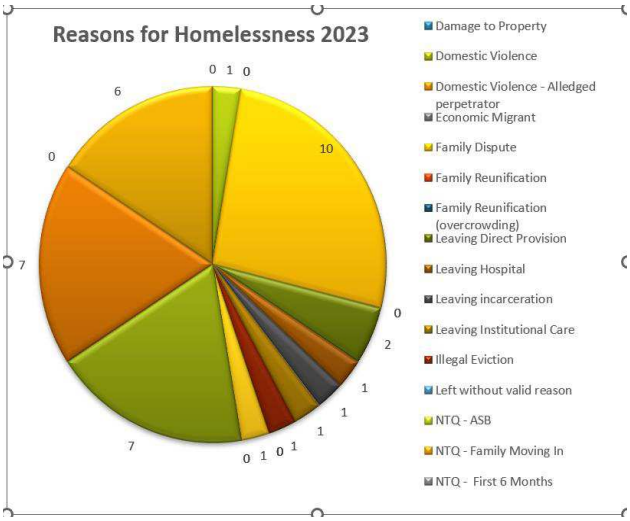
Homeless Presentations

Fingal's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.
In January 2023 there were a total of 38 full homeless assessments completed – comprising **14** families and **24** singles/couples.

During January 2023, of the Homeless Assessments carried out, only one case resulted from a **Notice to Quit** (NTQ) having been served due to rent arrears. This low figure for January reflects the Winter Eviction Ban 2023 currently in place for NTQs. The only NTQ's that can be exercised during the ban are those relating to non-payment of rent or ASB. **Renting a room** or licensee presenters are not covered by the Winter

Eviction Ban 2023 and accounted for 18% of assessments during January 2023.

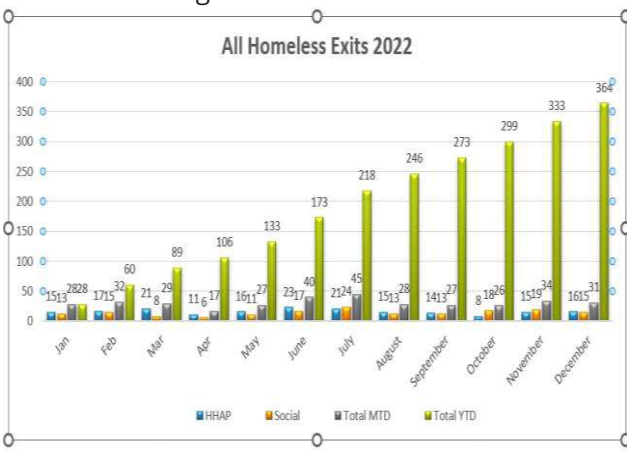
There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to **family breakdown** (26%). Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in **overcrowded conditions** (18%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining reasons are outlined on the chart below.



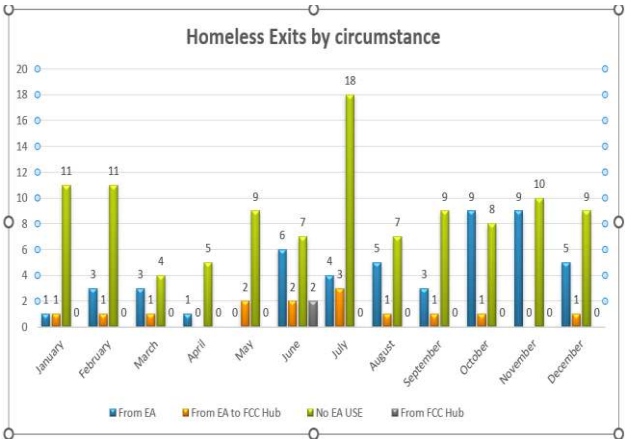
Homeless Exits 2022

Homeless exits for the year 2022 were 364 in total. This total figure comprises of two branches. The first is the Homeless HAP Scheme. During 2022 there were 192 new Homeless HAP tenancies created.

Additionally, there were 172 allocations of social tenancies during 2022.



The 172 homeless exits to social tenancies comprise of 49 households who exited directly from emergency accommodation (EA). There were 108 exits that were categorised as no emergency accommodation use during 2022 (No EA Use), most of these exits comprised households from existing (pre-2022) Homeless HAP tenancies or over-holding situations. There were two allocations of social tenancy where the applicants exited directly from an FCC HUB and 13 of the exits were households who were accessing emergency accommodation and nominated to an FCC HUB.



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 individuals.

Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team continue to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer supports. Regrettably, some rough sleepers are reluctant to engage with service providers and may refuse offers to access emergency accommodation. Any rough sleeper who is willing to engage with the Outreach Team and/ or the Council or will be assisted.

The Council will carry out homeless assessments and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services.

Rough Sleepers Co-ordination Group

In January 2023, the Housing Department established a Rough Sleepers Co-ordination Group comprising senior staff from the Homeless Team and the Housing Inspectorate.

This Group meets weekly and the role will be to track any reports of rough sleepers and to continue to monitor reported locations of rough sleepers. The Group will also work in collaboration with our Operations Department as required.

Cold Weather Strategy 2022/ 2023

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has activated its Cold Weather Strategy 2022/ 2023 which runs from November 2022 to the end of March 2023. This is to meet a likely increase in demand for homeless services and to have the appropriate contingency plan in place for cold weather conditions.

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

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 based on 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 Programme

Traveller Accommodation

A significant programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on Traveller specific sites is currently ongoing in conjunction with staff from the County Architect's Department. 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 Officials continue 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.

Circular 45/2022 required the Council to carry out the "Annual Estimate of Accommodation of Traveller Families for 2022", Fingal's Annual Estimate returned a total of 588 Traveller families (end Dec 2022) residing within the Local Authority area to the Department.



Recently delivered mobile homes to a Council Traveller Specific Site in accordance with the Pilot Caravan Loan Scheme.

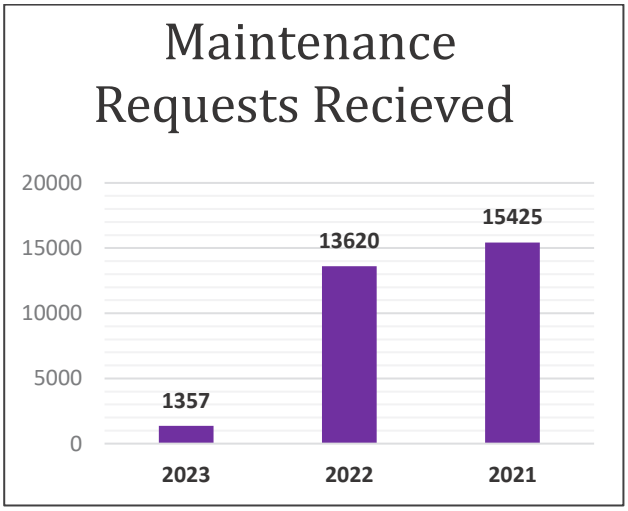


On-site maintenance works and removal of waste by the Council.

Housing Welfare Service

The Estate Management Section continues to offer support to the most vulnerable of our Tenants in collaboration with our Social Workers, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and work collaboratively with external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable through a range of support services.

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 are working across the County in areas such as Dromheath, Whitechapel, Turnapin, Abbeylea and Dún Saithne.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The 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. The Council has recently been granted an Exclusion Order which is in force for a period of three years, made by the District Court, pursuant to Section 3 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1997, as amended. This Exclusion Order was sought by the Council as a consequence of ongoing and persistent anti-social behaviour by an individual. A copy of the order has been issued to An Garda Síochána.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health 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.

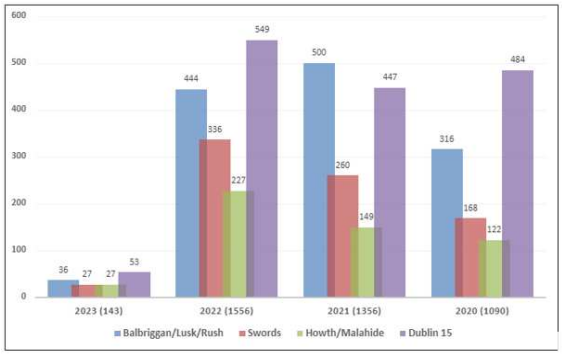
ASB Caseload Management

Jan 2023	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	27	12	14
North County	61	16	13
Total	88	28	27

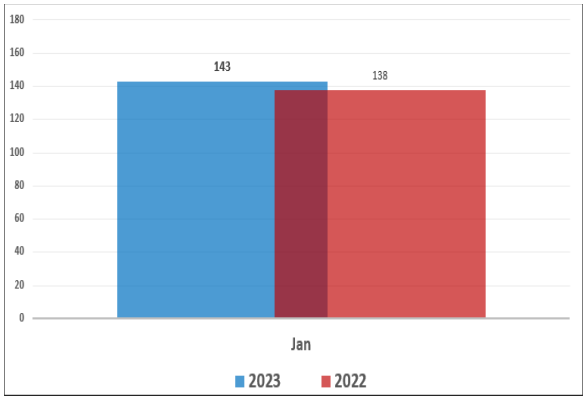
All complaints are received in confidence.

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2023 – 2 (Jan)

Area Breakdown 2020-2023 – ASB Complaints Received



Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023 Interviews Held 2022	**8** 101
Tenancy Alerts 2023 Tenancy Alerts 2022	**0** 39
Tenancy Warnings 2023 Tenancy Warnings 2022	**0** 6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023 Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	**148** 1673
Estate Inspections 2023 Estate Inspections 2022	**78** 1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023 Estate Management Inspections 2022	**141** 2109

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

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The Council's Fingal Ukraine Response Forum continues to meet regularly to assist co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community.

Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre was re-opened as temporary accommodation for displaced Ukrainians on the 2nd November 2022 to cater for increasing pressures on the accommodation situation in the country for displaced Ukrainians. The centre is presently utilised for new arrivals to the country with various statutory agencies linked with the centre to provide support to the new arrivals. Every effort is made to move the rest centre occupants to more permanent accommodation as soon as possible with a steady stream of moves to pledge accommodation. Supported by the Council and the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT), **82** persons have moved from the rest centre to pledge accommodation across the county and country since the 2nd November 2022 with further moves to pledge accommodation to take place in the coming days.

Pledge Accommodation

387 pledge properties (vacant and mainly house share) in the county 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 in early 2022 operated via the Irish Red Cross (IRC). The Council sought to contact all 387 owners. The Council work with its implementing partner (PMVT) to match Ukrainian displaced persons to these properties where the properties remain available and suitable. To date, 106 of these properties have been occupied. **8** house share properties remain to be occupied but are not immediately available for occupation or in a process of matching. The balance were deemed unsuitable following assessment for various reasons, including pledge withdrawn by the property owner, or the property owner has not responded to contact to date.

A new national call for vacant unoccupied properties to accommodate Ukrainian displaced persons was launched on the 24th November 2022. In terms of the Fingal area, **10** properties have been pledged to date. **3** of these properties are occupied with another property due to be occupied in the coming days. **3** properties were withdrawn or deemed unsuitable following inspection with the remaining **3** subject to inspection and dialogue with the owners. The Council is engaging with **6** other property owners who have not formally pledged a property but have made an expression of interest. It should be noted that the monthly recognition payment is now €800 per month. To pledge an unoccupied property, please visit the national portal at https://offerahome.ie or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie

Vacant Homes

The Council's Vacant Homes Action Plan was launched on the 9th December 2022.
The Vacant Homes Plan will help continue to bring vacant properties back into use as a cost-effective and sustainable way to increase the supply of housing to meet housing need. In doing so, the Council believes it can help improve neighbourhoods, increase access to housing and help to improve quality of life for those living in the towns, villages, rural and larger urban areas within the county.



Croí Cónaithe

The Vacant Homes office is accepting applications under the Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Grant Scheme. This is a national scheme administered by local authorities introduced under *Housing for All*. This scheme provides new choices for people to live in towns, villages and rural areas in Ireland through the provision of a grant to support the refurbishment of vacant properties subject to the application meeting the scheme criteria.

Note the scheme is expanded to cover all parts of the country (urban and rural). Accordingly, applications are now accepted with respect to all areas in Fingal.

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 vacant property is confirmed by the applicant to be derelict (i.e. structurally unsound and dangerous) bringing the potential total grant available for a derelict property up to a maximum of €50,000.

New applications and expressions of interest continue to be received.

To date, **11** applications have been received. **3** have been approved with works underway. In addition, staff are engaging with **21** other expressions of interest.

An information campaign by the DHLGH has also commenced to raise more awareness of the scheme and to further promote the grant scheme
A separate Croí Cónaithe (Serviced Sites Fund) is also in place. 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.

For enquiries on the above schemes, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Office
Community Development

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Mid East Network
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Comhairle na nÓg

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Welcome Rooms in three community centres

Master Class developing a marketing strategy

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Integration
Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy Pillars Meet to update actions in the Action Plan 2022-23

Funding
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Activity Funding Awarded in 2023
External Funding Application Support

Age Friendly Fingal
Fingal's Older Peoples Council
OPC Retirement

Sports Office
Moving For Life & Older Adult Exercise programme
KickFit Inclusion Programme
Sports Conditioning
Fingal HomeFit Pilates

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community Building community capacity, strengthening community participation and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities. In December and January the Community Development Office worked in partnership with several community groups and partners to support the projects/Initiatives set out below Mountview, Dublin 15 wins Best Urban neighbourhood in the IPB Pride of Place Awards



The community of Mountview in Dublin 15 was the big winner for Fingal County Council at the 2022 IPB Pride of Place Awards finals which honours the best in community development in all of Ireland. The awards, now in its 20th year, are organised by north-south organisation Co-operation Ireland Each community applicant is visited by a team of judges, following a presentation. Fingal was represented by Mountview, Balbriggan Men's Shed and Oldtown Community Council and Judging took place in September. High praise was received for community spirit among the residents of Mountview when awarding the prize. The community "work extremely hard to maximise, to fully utilise the facilities that are available to them. They made a positive and enthusiastic presentation to the judges who were impressed by what they have achieved to date and their plans for the future". The Mountview entry, supported by the FCC Community Office saw the Mountview Youth and Community Centre, Family Resource Centre, Neighbourhood Youth Project and the residents of the Fortlawn estate and Flower Power group collaborate to showcase all that is great in this vibrant urban neighbourhood. Mountview Boys and Girls FC and the local Kurdish Community Group were also represented in the entry. The Community Office is now actively looking for groups to represent Fingal in the 2023 competition, which will be launched in the next few weeks.

St Catherines Resident Association

Nominated for the Tesco *Community Funds* initiative; St Catherines Estate Commitee in Rush were recently awarded with a cheque for €806 euro from the Tesco store in Rush. A commited group of local residents who come together regularly to enhance the estate and promote a sense of pride amongst all the age groups living in St Catherines. Overseeing the instalation of flower boxes around the estate was one such initiative, whilst taking the time to promote and support recreational opportunities for residents including *Lets Play Rush Events* or *Halloween* activities. Working with FCC Community Development department, they continue to build their capacity as a commitee. They are proud of the fact the local people of Rush decided how the Tesco Community Fund would be shared and that Tesco deemed them to be worthy recipients. Continuing their great work, plans are already being made for 2023. The fund awarded is a valuable contribution to the work of the commitee and an acknowledgment of their commitement to creating a sense of place for the residents of St Catherines Estate.



Pictured are: ***Steven Leavy Tesco Rush store manager alongside Matthew Knowlden and Denis Cullen from St. Catherine's Estate Committee and Debbie Rennicks Customer Service Agent from Tesco Rush.***

One town Voice Singers Swords

St. Colmcille's GAA, Swords welcomed back the local singing talents of the One Town Singers. Coordinated by the Community Development Office and meeting every Tuesday night under the musical direction of Aine Daly & Tony Cox, the group continue to grow in numbers and musical ability. People from all over the world including Mexico, Germany, Lithuania sing to the tunes of ABBA, Queen and The Beatles.

Mid-East Network

The managers from the four Community centres in Swords continue to meet to create a workplan for the centres for 2023. Upcoming events for International Womens Day, St. Patricks Day and summer events are in preparation. The sharing of ideas, information sessions held in all the participating community centres facilitate the reaching of all parts of Swords and Mid East Fingal.

Thrive Balbriggan Sub-Groups and Action Research Officer

On the 12 January 2023, Thrive Balbriggan members came together to form subgroup committees for 2023 and to discuss the introduction of a Thrive Action Research Officer to further strengthen, develop and expand Thrive Fingal while capturing and documenting achievements and developing the evidence base for Thrive in Ireland.

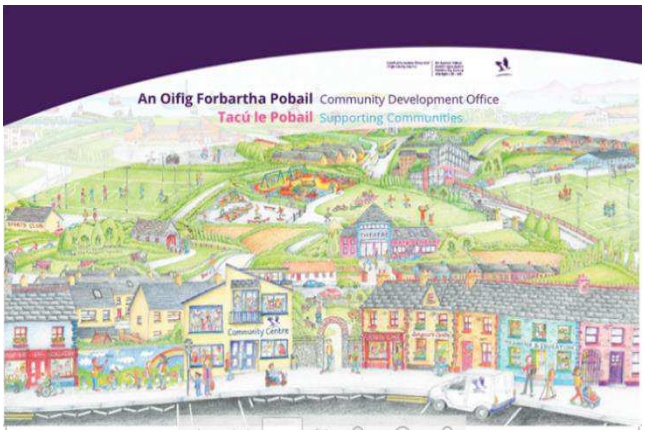
Strongly supported by the Community Development Office, Thrive Balbriggan's objective is to create a happy and healthy habitat for all citizens, an environment that could be conducive to positive mental health and a programme which reflects the character and identity of the community. The group is going from strength to strength and have developed 4 working groups. These subgroups consist of; Steering committee, Comms and PR; Campaigns and Events; Mental Health and the Community. Thrives steering committee met to identify actions for their subgroup in relation to constitution, funding and community leadership positions.

On the 2nd of February 2023, the Mental Health and the Community sub-group will meet in Flemington Community Centre under the Hub Approach. This sub-group will focus on meeting needs & identifying barriers in the community.



Flemington International Women's Day 2023 Committee

Flemington Community Development Hub held the first meeting of the International Women's Day Committee for the Flemington area. The committee consists of several stakeholders including; Community Development Officer, Flemington Community Centre, Trimleston Residence, Taylor Hill Residence Association, Balbriggan Bake Club, The Irish Wheelchair Assocation members, Community Office, Mental Health Ireland and Fingal Sports.



Fortlawn Community Garden Open Day

Fortlawn Community Garden is being supported by the Community Office through the Mountview Community and Sports Hub to host an Open Day on the 9 February. This event will celebrate the recent Pride of Place award for the community and is also designed to act as a recruitment drive for new volunteers.



Clonee Women's Shed

The Community Development Office attended the first meeting of the ***Clonee Women's Shed*** on the 11 January. There was an incredible turn out and it was wonderful to see so many women from the area come together and in such a determined way. The Community Office looks forward to supporting this group in the coming months by offering pre-development supports.



GLAS @ TU DUBLIN

January saw the first project partner meeting for the new Glas @ TU Dublin Community Garden Project. This initiative sees The Community Development Office work with Global Action Plan (GAP) and TU Dublin on bringing GAP's successful community garden model from Ballymun to Dublin 15. Community groups and local organisations will be invited to participate in this new initiative over the coming weeks with a view to an official launch of this project in May.

Dublin 15 Community Development Network for Community Centre Managers

A second meeting of this new network which aims to drive community development initiatives through the community centres across Dublin 15 was held in January with the support of the Community Develoment Office. A new community development calendar has been created to support Community Centres to plan around key dates such as National Volunteering Week, International Women's Day and Halloween among other projects. It is anticipated that this group will also provide peer support to community centre managers, aid collaboration and support a cohesive approach to community development in Dublin 15.

Parslickstown House Community Garden

Committee members from the community garden met with Hans Zomer of Global Action Plan, who visited Parslickstown House to provide valuable start up advice and information to the group. There are plans for some of the committee to visit the Global Action Plan Garden in Ballymun to see this project in action and to garner some gardening tips and advice from their onsite gardener. This project continues to develop with the support of the Community Development Office.

Tyrrelstown Community and Sports Hub

The first Garda Property Marking Clinic for Tyrrelstown Community Development Hub of 2023 was a great success. The local community showed up in force with their bikes, laptops, tools and other items to be marked with their Eircode. This will ensure that property is returned to its owner in a prompt manner if it becomes separated from its owner.



Facilities

Welcome Rooms

In January, The Community Development Office supported and funded the development of 'Welcome Rooms' within three community centres in Fingal, two in Dublin 15 and one in Swords. Parslickstown House, Corduff Resource Centre and Rivervalley Community Club were identified as the three spaces to roll out the initiative on a three-month pilot phase, running to the end of March. The rooms are designed to be a Living Room space within the community centre and are equipped with armchairs, board games, books, a kids play

area, TV's, a radio and charging points for devices. There is also the facility for people to help themselves to tea and coffee and light refreshments. The space is freely available to all. The rooms are available broadly in line with the opening hours of the centres. Neighbouring Local Authorities have visited the Welcome Rooms and expressed an interest in developing the initiative within community spaces in their remit.



Developing marketing strategies in community centres



30 community facilities participated in a Masterclass "Developing a Marketing Strategy" The training covered a wide range of topics. Piecing together a successful marketing strategy is essential for any social enterprise to survive. This training looked at developing an effective and high performing strategy. It also provided an opportunity for community centres to look at their target audience and start to reach outside the norm.

She Leads International Women's Days



Fingal She Lead's, an initiative of Fingal County Council, as part of International Women's Day 2023 is celebrating women's leadership in a visual way, through a photography exhibition. The exhibition will feature portraits of women from Fingal who are leading in Community Action. Accompanying stories will showcase their leadership achievements. This exhibition will be on display in Fingal County Council's County Hall during the International Women's Day celebrations and will serve as a powerful inspiration for women and encourage others to become active in their communities. Community & Voluntary groups or services in Fingal are invited to nominate a female member(s) of their group who has demonstrated leadership in their community. Closing date for nominations is ***Friday 10th February, 5pm.*** https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/2023-iwd-leadership-exhibition

Summer Projects Expression of Interest



Over €70,000 funding will be made available to groups to provide summer projects in 2023. To find our more, please express your interest by the 24th February 2023. https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council-2023-summer-project-expression-interest-form

From the 23 January, community and voluntary groups are invited to register their interest to host a Summer Project. Only groups that have expressed an interest can progress to applying for funding. Closing date for this Expression of Interest is the 24 February 2023– click here to register https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council-2023-summer-project-expression-interest-form

Community Facilities Promotional Video series.
The filming of the second in a series of videos promoting the work of the Community Facilities Management Support Unit in the Community Office was completed in January. The finalised video will be ready in February.
The video will highlight the origins and work of Fingal Community Facilities Network which now has a membership of 34 Community facilities throughout Fingal. The production features contributions from Naomi Weir Senior Executive Officer as well as managers and staff from Baldoyle Community Hall, Parslickstown House Community Centre, Huntstown Community Centre and Luttrellstown Community Centre. The video is scheduled to be released on the FCC YouTube channel when post-production is completed in February.

Strategic

Comhairle na nÓg

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held a meeting with all members. 13 new members have joined Fingal's Comhairle na nÓg bringing the total up to 26 from across Fingal. They discussed how to move the topic on from the AGM. The topic they will focus on for 2023 is Education. One past participant has agreed to volunteer with the Comhairle over the next year, helping the appointed Foróige Youth Officer. The Pobal report for 2022 and request for funding for 2023 have been completed and submitted. The first steering committee meeting of 2023 will be held on February 7.



Integration

The Fingal Integration Team works to deliver the Fingal Migrant Social Cohesion Strategy 2019-2024. The Team promotes inclusion and diversity in all areas of work and support delivery of actions through collaborative work / initiatives across the county of Fingal.
Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy Pillars Meet to update actions in the Action Plan 2022-23:

The Pillar Chairs meeting took place on the 24 January to progress the action plan for 2022-23. Pillar Chairs are committed to completing Actions outlined in the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy. In 2022 the group said a big thank you to Brian Buckley SEO Corporate Department who has since retired and welcomed Nicola Halleran onboard. The group look forward to working with Nicola in our continued commitment to deliver on strategy actions.


Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

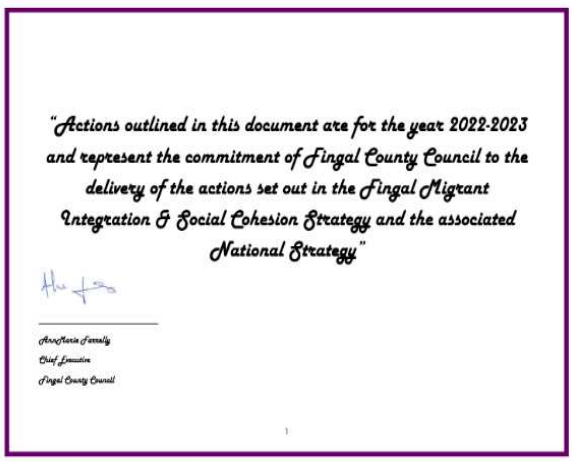
Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy

Action Plan

2022 – 2023

Date: 8th December 2022

AUTHOR:
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"Actions outlined in this document are for the year 2022-2023 and represent the commitment of Fingal County Council to the delivery of the actions set out in the Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy and the associated National Strategy"

Ann Marie Farrelly
Chief Executive
Fingal County Council

Age Friendly

Age Friendly Fingal is committed, through this strategy, to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach which supports interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

Fingal's Older Peoples Council



Fingal Age Friendly's "*is committed to enhancing the quality of life of older people in Fingal, by guiding and coordinating the strategic development of Fingal as an age friendly county, through the development and oversight of cross sectoral age friendly initiatives*".

Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2018-2024. To achieve this, Fingal County Councils plans must be informed by the needs of today's older people, so that future generations will experience their communities as age friendly.

Fingal's Older People Council (OPC) which is a representative group of older people formed to identify priority areas of need, raise issues of importance and inform and influence the decision-making process of Fingal County Council's Age Friendly Programme is seeking new members. If you are a member of an older aged group in Fingal and would like to represent them on Fingal's OPC please email community@fingal.ie for more details.

OPC Retirement



After many years of dedicated service to the Fingal's Senior Citizens forum and Fingal's Older Peoples Council – Kathleen O'Brien has retired from her role as OPC treasurer to concentrate fully on her extensive and valued volunteer work in her local town.

On Tuesday 24th January 2023 the OPC presented Kathleen with flowers and a gift as a token of their appreciation for the commitment Kathleen has given to the group over the years.

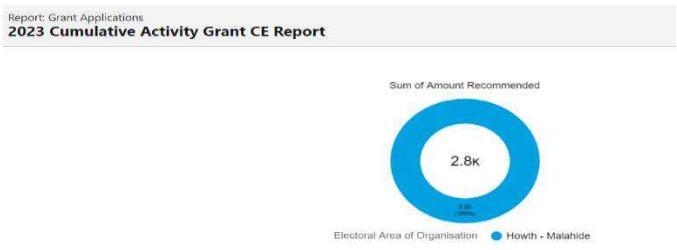
We wish Kathleen the very best in her future endeavours.

Funding

Fingal LCDC Community Supports Fund Information Session

Over 70 groups attended the *Fingal LCDC Community Support Fund* online information session on Wednesday 25 January. The session was delivered by the Community and Sports Development Office to generate an awareness of the scheme and support groups when making the funding application.

Activities Funding (up to 31st January 2023)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 1 project to the amount of €2800 to date.

Howth Malahide – €2,800K

External Funding Application Support

During January 2023, the Community Development Office has supported 7 Community and Voluntary organisations in their application for external (non-Fingal County Council owned) funding.

Sports Office

The Sports Office supports and delivers programmes aimed at increasing participation in sport, targeting specific groups such as children, youth at risk, disadvantaged groups, teenage girls, women in sport, older adults and people with disabilities

Moving for Life & Older Adult Exercise Classes



Both the Moving for Life programme in St. Maccullin's Community Centre in Lusk and the Older Adult Exercise Classes in Balbriggan Combined Clubs recommenced in January. Participants numbers across both programmes has increased to over sixty and continues to grow. The increased numbers of participants reflect the increased demand for in-person physical activity classes after the years of Covid restrictions and the importance of social interaction. Both programmes cater for men and women and are led by trained instructors specialising in exercises suitable tutors for those returning to exercise and whose mobility may have declined during the Pandemic. Both programmes will run for ten weeks on Tuesday morning in Lusk and Thursday in Balbriggan.

Kick Fit-Inclusion Programme

The Kick Fit-Inclusion programme started on Wednesdays in both the ALSAA Sports Centre and The Combined Clubs in Balbriggan with four adult day services from Rush, Balbriggan, Swords, and Howth taking part. This programme aims to keep the service users fit and moving through the winter period when access to the outdoors is limited because of weather. Each day service will host a blitz every six weeks and many of the participants have filtered into local Inclusive soccer clubs.



Sports Conditioning

The Sports Conditioning programme recommenced in January with three Balbriggan primary schools taking part in movement skill assessments. This will be followed up by multi activity sessions in the school in addition to staff training. The new and key outcome emanating from this initiative is provision for pupils, especially those not engaged in after-schools clubs, to have the opportunity on Saturday mornings to take part in a new Multi-Sport Club in Flemington Community Centre as an extension of this programme. This development aims to address the drop-off in sports participation among certain cohorts.





Fingal HomeFit Pilates

The Fingal HomeFit Pilates resumed for 2023 with nearly 100 participants attending the first online class in early January. Jane from Core Healthy has been delivering a beginners Pilates programme. Pilates is a non-impact form of exercise that focuses on controlled movements to improve posture, strength and flexibility. You do not need to have any prior experience for these classes which are suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. The programme will continue until 20 February.

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Protected Cycle Lanes

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Minor concrete, line marking and bollards works were carried out over the past month. The scope of works for the protected cycle lanes has now been completed by the contractor. At present the project is currently going through the snagging phase to progress the project to close out. Snagging works will be carried out on Grange Road, Warrenhouse Road, Dublin Road and Howth Road.

St. Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

Site works are now back in full swing after a well-earned Christmas break for the contractor. We are now entering into the final quarter of works and starting to see the whole project coming together for the benefit of the local community. The contractor is currently tackling some of the more challenging work elements having commenced the upgrading of the T-junction at St. Cronan's Avenue and Brackenstown Road. Works are progressing well with this junction upgrade with the contractor nearing completion of the new concrete kerb realignment and installation of civil works for new zebra crossings. The existing T-junction will now be upgraded to a mini roundabout with pedestrian crossings on two arms to provide a safer and more efficient junction for all road users. Two new concrete pavements were constructed along Brackenstown Road where the buses wait to go into services and at the Swords Manor shops. A number of new cycle paths were constructed to connect St. Cronan's View and St. Cronan's Way to the new cycle paths and Zebra crossings.







Figures 1: Junction upgrade works at Brackenstown Road and St. Cronan's junction





Figure 2 & 3: New connecting paths from housing estates to cycle lanes and new bus layby

Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

The project team are now reviewing two consultant draft reports on the completion of the Public Consultation stage and research by the ESRI into Behavioural Change to Active Travel. Elected members will be briefed at the Area Committee meeting regarding the findings of these reports and both reports will be published on Fingal's Consultation Portal for public viewing. Preparation of tender documents will now proceed to appoint an integrated design team to develop Active Travel measures for Skerries Town.

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 evaluated through a multi criteria analysis. The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established 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 Constraints

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 considered for removal and works proposed to improve for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled persons. This list is currently being reviewed by the various departments to ensure that the removal of these constraints provide a positive impact in these areas. On completion of the review Fingal County Council Active Travel in conjunction with Operations will be coordinating the removal of these access constraints across the county.

Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

Our Contractor is gearing up to commence new bike parking infrastructure in the Howth & Malahide, Swords and Dublin 15 areas in Q1 of 2023. Locations are currently being agreed for expansion of virtual e-bike parking in public areas. Active Travel has taken delivery of six new bike repair stations and will be rolling out two stations in each of the electoral areas in the coming weeks.



Typical bike repair station



Typical virtual e-bike parking bays

Road Safety

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 1 contract is making great progress at each of the three school sites. Works to date have progressed well, with little or no disruption to the schools or traffic in each of the three areas. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

1. Rush and Lusk Educate Together

Works are now complete on Raheny Close junction upgrade with the raised table ramp installed in January and all footpath refurbishments and landscape reinstatement completed.





Works under the SRTS Programme close to Rush & Lusk Educate Together to install new pedestrian crossing point at the end of Raheny Lane also along the R127

1. Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

Junction tightening, and footpath works have been completed. Pencil bollards have now been installed around the area leading up to the school. Over the coming weeks, the roadworks will be carried out to install raised tables at 3 no. Junctions around the school. Note this phase of the works is weather dependent. Works overall are progressing very well with excellent feedback from residents.





Bayside Junior & Senior School

Junction tightening has been completed at Alden Park, Verbena Lawn and Sarto Park. The tabletop ramp has been installed at the junction between Verbena Avenue & Sarto Park. Works have commenced on installing a dedicated pedestrian crossing outside the school.





Round 1 – Tranche 2

Design is currently underway for the Tranche 2 schools (4 no.) with a view to progressing to construction later in the year.

Round 2

In mid-December An Taisce announced Round 2 of the Safer Routes to School programme, with the following Fingal schools selected:

- Holy Family Junior National School, Forest Fields, Swords
- Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock
- St. Colmcille's Girls' National School, Chapel Lane, Swords

The Active Travel team will shortly commence a review of our procurement strategy in this regard.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

St Cronan's Walking Bus

We are continuing the Walking Bus Initiative in St Cronan's JNS & SNS for the next 4 weeks to try and build momentum amongst the parents. The Walking Bus aims to encourage children and their parents to swap out the car in favour of a walk to school. The Walking Bus has scheduled 'stops' around the school that participants get collected from. Walking Buses are a key element of encouraging the adoption of more Active Travel measures in schools.



Figure: Walking Bus December 2022

Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses restarted in January for 2023. We are currently running courses in Corduff Sports Centre and Applewood Community Centre. In 2023, courses are also planned for Flemington Community Centre, Tyrrelstown Community Centre, Donabate Portrane Community Centre.





Figure: Learn 2 Cycle Sessions 2022

Rush Men's Walk & Talk Group

Following on from the success of our other Men's Walk & Talk Groups we are launching a new group in Rush on the 7th February. The group will meet at the entrance to Kenure Park each Tuesday night and go for a 5km walk around the Rush area.

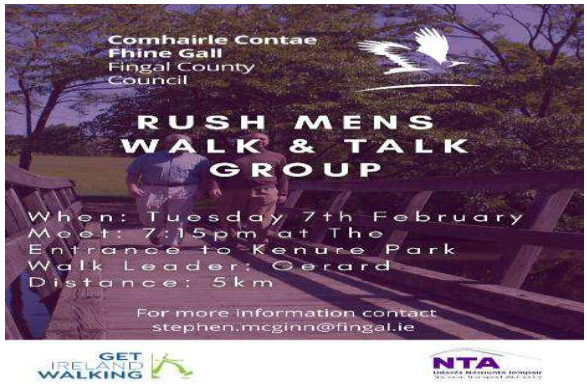


Figure: promotion leaflet for Rush Group

Staff Walk on Wednesdays

As part of our Staff Engagement plan for Active Travel we will be holding guided walks once a month and encouraging staff to Walk on Wednesday with colleagues at lunchtime. The first walks are taking place on Wednesday 1st February in Swords and Blanchardstown.

Bike Bunkers – Barnwall Court Balbriggan

We have partnered with Barnwall Court Management Company CLG to pilot a Bike Bunker Scheme for the residents. Designed to provide secure, covered bike parking for up to 6 adult bikes per bunker and with 2 bunkers installed, this innovative storage solution from manufacturer Castit Ltd is a step forward for Active Travel in the Balbriggan area.

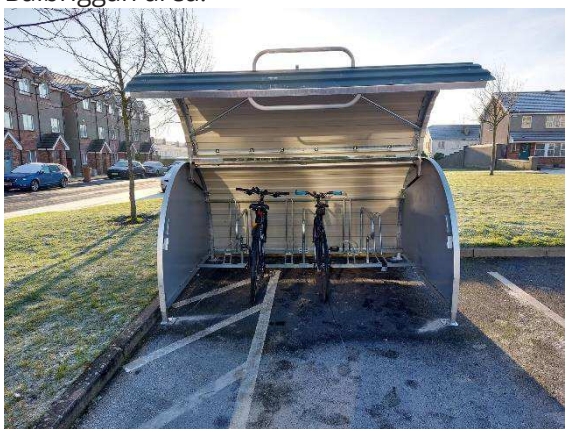




Figure: Bike Bunkers in Barnwall Court

School Talks – St Cronan's JNS & SNS

As part of the awareness campaign around the new Safer Routes to School Infrastructure that is being installed around the St Cronan's Schools, our Walking & Cycling Officers have been engaged with the schools on various projects. Recently, they spoke with students from Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 3rd Class, and 4th Class to discuss Active Travel, the benefits to the Environment and the purpose of the new infrastructure being built. The students had some brilliant ideas around Active Travel and how we can use Active Travel to tackle Climate Change. Talks are also scheduled for early February with the remaining classes as well as the Parents Association.



Figure: Active Travel Presentation in St Cronan's

One to one Cycling Lessons – Adults

As a precursor to our Adult Learn to Cycle Group Lessons in February, we are holding a number of one-to-one lessons with adults who are complete beginners to cycling. These off-road lessons are being facilitated by a qualified cycling tutor and it is hoped that participants will progress to a level that will allow them to participate in the Adult Group Lessons that are restarting at the end of February in Baldoyle.

Adult Cycling Lessons

From 21 February 2023, a six-week group adult cycling course will begin in Baldoyle Racecourse Park, aimed at novice cyclists to learn key cycling skills, bike safety skills, and to gain confidence for on-road cycling.



Figure: Adult Cycling Lessons Oct 2022

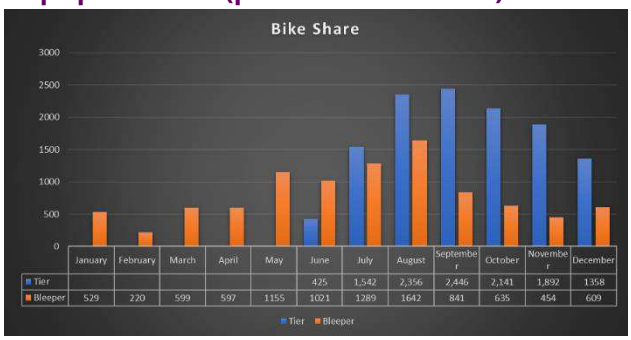
Cycling Without Age – Santry

On Saturday 21st January we trained another 17 volunteers for Cycling Without Age in Santry, This Trishaw is due to launch in early February. We are undertaking an awareness building campaign among the local service providers who would benefit the most from the service. More information on Cycling Without Age can be found at their website https://cyclingwithoutage.ie/



Figure: Cycling Without Age Volunteers Santry

Bike Share Schemes
Trips per month (previous 12 months)



Bleeper Bike December 2022; Other Key Statistics – Bike Share Countywide:

609 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in December

614 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in December

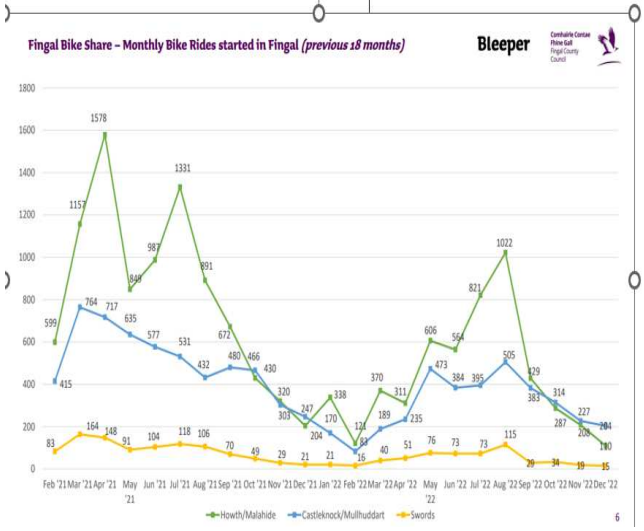
Highest usage recorded on Fridays (18.9%) & Wednesdays (17.6%)

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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

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. In December 2022, we surpassed the 50,000km travelled by eBike mark in Fingal. This is a phenomenal achievement in the first six months of the Pilot.

TIER Mobility December 2022; Other Key Statistics

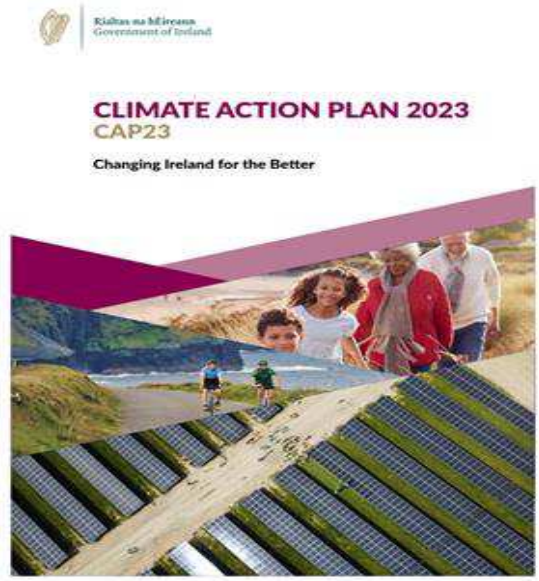
Metric	December
Active Vehicles	247
No of Customers	645
Trips / Customer	2.1
Distance Covered (KM)	4,496km
Average Trip Duration	15.28min
Average Trip length (KM)	3.3km

If you notice any bike parked incorrectly or vandalism in your area, please contact the TIER customer care team by email or through the App at support@tier.app.

Climate Action

The Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) was launched in Sept 2019, and actions are ongoing.
The CCAP Third Annual Progress Report was presented to the Corporate Policy Group in January 2023 and was well received. The Report presents an overview of progress against each theme of the Plan in a very accessible format, and outlines progress in summary against all of the actions in the Plan. The Report can be viewed at https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024

The Governments Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP23) was launched on 21 December 2022. It sets out how Ireland can accelerate the actions that are required to respond to the climate crisis, putting climate solutions at the centre of Ireland's social and economic development. A supplementary Annex of Actions will be published early in 2023. The Plan can be viewed at: https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7bd8c-climate-action-plan-2023/



Environmental Awareness

Launch of School Waste Sorted videos: The Dublin Local Authorities in partnership with VOICE Ireland charity have developed videos to help schools manage their waste better. The videos are freely available to all schools in Gaeilge and English and can be streamed online at www.youtube.com/@schoolwastesorted These videos collect and share best practice from Irish primary and secondary schools. Both videos were filmed at Howth Road Mixed National School, Dublin 3.



Circular Economy

The Corporate Policy Group was presented with a Circular Cities proposal in January 2023, following a recommendation by the Climate, Biodiversity and Environment SPC and it was well received. The Council agreed to sign up to the Circular Cities Declaration in January 2023. In doing so, the Council will be committing to work to accelerate the transition from a linear to a circular economy within the Dublin region.

Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

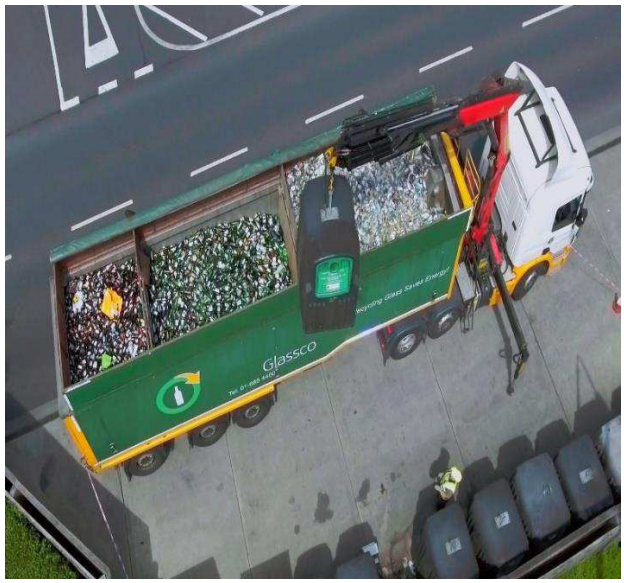
New Signage erected Sutton Tennis Club. Some of the Wheelie Bins have also been replaced here in late January.



Segregate the glass at our Bottle Banks

All our Contractor's collection vehicles have three individual sections in the trailer to accommodate the three different colours of glass. Each section has a dividing door which allows them to empty the glass into the correct colour bay when the vehicle arrives back at the processing facility this initial colour sorting makes it a lot easier to recycle the glass back to new glass bottles and jars in various colours. Of all the material that reaches the plant, less that 1.3% ends up in landfill. This material is mainly made up of labels, corks, plastic rings and lids. Different types of glass have different properties and are not all recyclable. Bring banks cannot take ovenware glass or "Pyrex", lightbulbs, leaded glass, glazing glass or ceramics such as cups, plates and saucers this is displayed on all our signage.



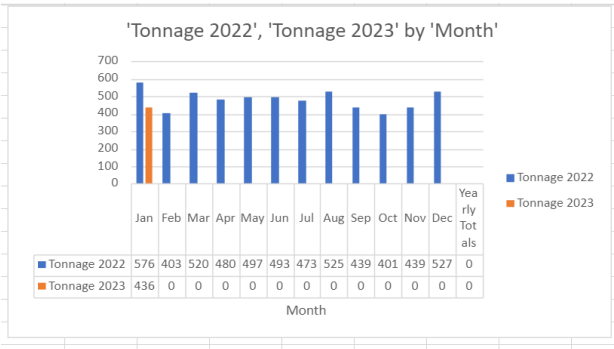


Assessment on Castleknock, Mulhuddart Potential sites for Bring Banks

Environment in conjunction with Fingal County Council's Operations Department have identified some potential sites for installation of bottle banks and will be working to progress these sites in the first and second quarter of 2023.

Bottle Banks /Can Banks

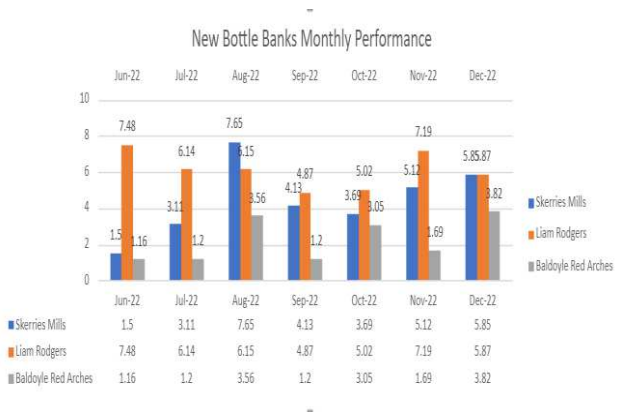
The Glass Tonnage Report for January 2022 year to date compared to tonnage collected January 2023 is shown below. There were 435 tons of glass collected for recycling to the 25th of January 2023. This is compared to 576 tons which were collected in the month of January 2022.



Assessment of Recently Added Bottle Bank Sites

The Chart below shows the performance of three of our new Bottle Bank facilities for the period June to Dec 2022.This shows the steady increase on all

sites once the public become aware of the new location and continue to use it. A total of 119 tons of glass has been collected and recycled from these three sites in the period.



Textile Banks

The Textile Tonnage Report for 2022 compared to 2021is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for January 2023 will be available next month.









Litter Management

In January, the Litter Wardens continued their campaign to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling in the Fingal area. They also erected anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.

A total of **231 planned route** inspections on litter black spot areas were carried out.

They also carry out inspections on the bring banks in the Fingal to ensure that there was no dumping. Any dumping found was investigated under the Litter Pollution Act. They carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars and burnt-out cars. Local businesses were also inspected, to ensure they were keeping their premises free of litter.

In the district court in January 2023, three case was successfully prosecuted, and cost were awarded. Two cases were paid in advance and were struck out.

2023	Fines/notices issued	
Month	Fines	Notices
January	44	16

From 1st January 2023 to 26th January 2023, 111 cases were assigned to the Litter Warden for investigation under the following heading from the CRM system.

CRMs created between 1st January 2023 and 26th January 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	1
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	22
Env - General Litter Issue	40
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	8
Env – Abandoned cars	38
Env litter incident with witness	2

Abandoned Vehicles

2022 Summary: The Abandoned Vehicles Pilot scheme is one year on, with a total of 383 vehicles reported to the Environment Department between 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022. Following investigations, a total of 13 abandoned vehicles and 3 burnt-out vehicles were removed by the Environment Department in 2022.

2023: 38 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st Jan 2023 – 24th Jan 2023. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department, 1 burnt-out car was removed in January 2023

The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles.
For further information on abandoned vehicles, there is a dedicated webpage on the Fingal Council website:
https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as at 24/01/2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as at 24/01/2023
January	0	1
Total	0	1

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to issue on the spot fines to dog walkers/owners who are in breach of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, as amended. Dog walkers/owners should make themselves familiar with the regulations in order to avoid being issued with an on the spot fine.

34 on the spot fines were issued by the dog wardens in January in relation to the Control of Dogs. A number of these fines included restricted breed dogs being unmuzzled while in a public place. There is a strict, zero tolerance policy in relation to restricted breed dogs being unmuzzled and owners using an incorrect lead while out in a public place with such dogs.

The dog wardens are also continuing door to door licence checks. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10 day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to Environment@Fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and/or keeping a dog without a valid licence. The fine per offence is €100.

34 fines were issued in January in relation to dog licences.

Month	10 Day Notices	Fines Issued	Fines Paid
December	13	84	€3,600
January	40	68	€4,760

Total fines paid in 2021: €1,200.
Total fines that were paid in 2022: €15,650.
Total fines paid between the 1st of January and 26th of January: €4,760.

The dog wardens responded to 38 calls received in January regarding stray dogs and control of dogs.

Dog Licences

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased in December, compared to November. 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. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
December	469	54	€16,940
January	635	65	€21,800

In December, five cases in relation to the Control of Dogs were successfully prosecuted in the District Court. A total of €3,585 including costs was awarded to Fingal County Council by the District Court judge on the day.

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 12 dogs in the shelter. During January, 13 dogs were found straying/seized and 4 dog was surrendered by their owner.

Of these 29 dogs, 3 have been reclaimed by their owners, 8 dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 7 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of January there are 10 dogs remaining in the shelter.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of December	12
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13
Surrendered by owners	4
Reclaimed	3
Rehomed to Rescue	8
Rehomed to Public	7
PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of December	10



Arlo was surrendered by his owner on the 19th of January and rehomed on the 22nd



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Blair has been in the shelter for 105 days and is still looking for his forever home



An un-microchipped lurcher was found straying and brought to Village Vets, Clonsilla where the wardens collected her and brought her to the shelter

Horses

Weekly inspections are continuing to take place on Dunsink Lanfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. Currently there are 111 horses on the main landfill site. There are now 10 hay feeders being refilled by the Operations Departament on a weekly basis. In January there were 2 seriously welfare compromised horses taken from the Landfill.

Flood Schemes

The OPW have recently appointed ARUP consulting engineers to undertake a scheme viability review of several schemes in Dublin, Meath & Louth. This review will include the schemes at Portmarnock, Malahide & Rush.

The review is likely to be completed by the end of the year. Further progress with the above schemes will be dependent on the outcome of the review.

Waste Enforcement & and Regulation

Environmental Inspection Plan 2023

The Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI Plan) 2023 is currently being finalised and will be submitted to the EPA in early February. The overall objective of the Plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities under key areas such as Litter Management, Water Pollution, Waste Enforcement & Regulation and Air & Noise Pollution to ensure that Fingal County Council effectively comply with its obligations under all environmental legislation.

The legislation underpinning the Inspection Plan is designed to protect the environment and minimize the risk of pollution from a variety of different activities. The Inspection Plan takes account of a range of National Enforcement Priorities as well as several Local Environmental Priorities for 2023.

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) have confirmed the following high-level enforcement priorities for 2023:

National Waste Priorities 2023

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) have set out the following high-level priorities for 2022 to 2024:

- ✓ Tackling Significant Illegal Waste Activity
- ✓ Construction and Demolition Activity
- ✓ Waste Data & Waste Flows
- ✓ End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs) & Waste Metal Industry
- ✓ Waste Collection - Household & Commercial Waste
- ✓ Producer Responsibility Initiatives and Additional Local Priorities

National Water Priorities 2023

- ✓ Pressures from agriculture (slurry soiled water collection and storage)
- ✓ Pressures from agriculture (slurry and fertiliser spreading)
- ✓ Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWWTS) and Septic Tanks
- ✓ Discharge licences and Misconnections
- ✓ Local priorities and water quality monitoring

National Air & Noise Priorities 2023

- ✓ Solid Fuel
- ✓ Air Quality Monitoring and Data Use
- ✓ Environmental Noise Directive
- ✓ Air and Noise Control (including Planning)
- ✓ Ongoing Air and Noise Enforcement Work

The Environmental Inspection Plan is an important element of the Environment Division Operational Plan 2023, under the objective "to protect and enhance the natural environment of Fingal through effective education, awareness, monitoring and enforcement of national and local legislation and policy". The Plan will be reviewed periodically throughout the year to take account of any legislative or policy changes that arise.
During 2022 a total of 1,372 waste related inspections were undertaken across 57 different work areas. A total of 1,427 work days involving 6 waste enforcement officers were allocated to ensure that all waste priorities were addressed and targets achieved as set out within the Inspection Plan 2022.

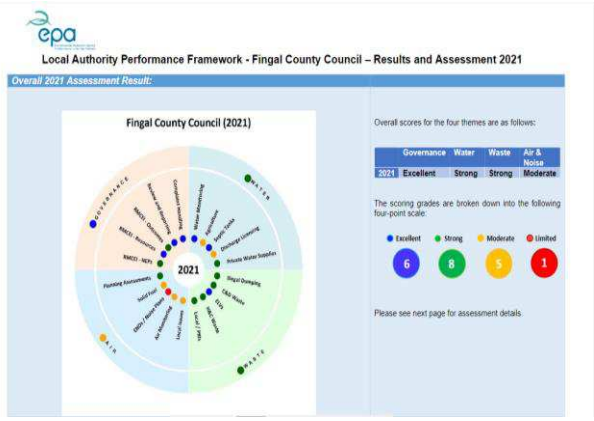
Environmental Inspection Plan - Inspections Completed in 2022

Category	No. of Planned Inspections	Inspections Completed
Waste Enforcement	1,208	1,372
Water Pollution	999	1,246
Litter Management	3,216	3,387
Air & Noise Pollution	334	345

A detailed summary of all inspection completed in 2022 (RMCEI Data Return) will also be submitted to the EPA in conjunction with a National Enforcement Priorities (NEP) Report to tell the story behind the inspection statistics and how key assessment criteria were met such as the following:

1. A Documented Compliance Rate
2. Appropriate Site Selection
3. Non-Compliances/Unauthorised Activities Detected
4. Clear Environmental Outcomes Achieved
5. Collaborative Work
6. Proactive Approach and Innovation
7. Promotion of Compliance & Environmental Awareness
8. Significant Enforcement Actions and Prosecutions
9. Case Studies Provided

The Environmental Inspection Plan 2023, the NEP Report 2022 and the EPA Data Return 2022 will then be assessed by the EPA to provide each Local Authority with a performance score in each of the key areas of Governance, Water Pollution, Waste Enforcement, and Air & Noise Pollution. Fingal County Council performed well in 2021 as detailed below with a score of "Strong" for Waste Enforcement and Water Pollution and a score of "Excellent" noted for Governance including handling and investigation complaints and implementation of the Environmental Inspection Plan.



Complaints

A total of 10 waste complaints were recorded for the month of January. Waste complaints related to backyard storage of waste/backyard burning and fly tipping/dumping. 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 three bins (black, green and brown) to manage their waste. To report unauthorised waste collectors or illegal dumping contact environment@fingal.ie or Tel: 01 8906799.









End of Life Vehicle Project

Inspections at high and low risk illegal ELV sites continues to be a major priority for the Waste Enforcement & Regulation Section in 2023. Significant progress has been made to date with 81 illegal ELV sites closed. 1 high risk ELV site reopened in January following receipt of a complaint from a member of the public alleging the operator was dismantling ELV's without the appropriate waste authorisation. A follow-up inspection is underway and enforcement action will be taken against the operator to ensure the illegal activity ceases. Legal files have been prepared to tackle the more difficult high risk ELV sites where site operators/landowners are refusing to remove ELV's.





A recent court case heard in the District Court resulted in a site operator in Lusk pleading guilty to offences under Section 32, 39 and 55 of the Waste Management Act 1996 for storing and illegally dismantling ELV's without the appropriate waste authorisation and for failing to comply with a Section 55 Notice to cease illegal activity and clear the site of waste. The case was adjourned until June 2023 to allow the operator to clear all remaining waste from the site. The Judge will determine sentencing and costs in June dependant on the extent of clearance works undertaken by the operator in the interim.

Waste Facility Permits

Waste Facility Permit WFP-FG-22-0001-01 has been granted to Amazon Data Services Ireland Ltd for a facility at Northwest Business Park, Dublin 15. The facility will be used for the reception, storage, inspection and preparation for treatment of closed containers of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment generated at the permit holder's data centres, including shredded hard drives. The shredding of hard drives will not take place at this facility but at the data centres where they are generated, using a mobile shredding unit.





A recent case at the District Court saw a metal recycling company holding a Waste Facility Permit plead guilty to breaches of its permit conditions relating to the quantity of waste handled at the facility in 2021 and 2022, an offence under Section 39(9) of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended. The Court indicated it would apply Section 1.1 of the Probation Act if the company made a contribution of €1,000 to the Little Flower Penny Dinners charity and discharged the Council's costs. The matter was adjourned to allow the company time to organise payments.





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Rates

Overall rates collection to the end of December 2022 is running at **96%.**

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	132.3
Rates Collection %	96%

Making of the Rate

Following determination of the Annual Rate on Valuation by the Members at the Annual Budget Meeting, the rate was made by the Chief Executive on the 23rd January 2023. The total amount of current rates assessed for 2023 is €155,097,523. Rates Bills were issued to customers by post in the last week of January 2023.

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of December is €28.0 this is c. **107%** of the overall collection during 2021.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	38.0
Levies collected as % of 2021	107%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of December was €78.1m which is c. **100%** of outturn year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	78.1
Percentage of outturn to 31/12	100%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of January

Procurement Activity		**Note**
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	7	
Value €m	0.47	
Procurements ongoing at end of January		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	9	(i)
Value €m	15.9	
No. of procurements under evaluation	45	(ii)
Value €m	45.8	
No. of procurements at approved	12	(iii)
Value €m	16.4	

Financial Reports

Monthly financial reporting of the Revenue/Capital accounts and on Debtors will commence, as normal, from the period ending February 28, 2023 for the March Council meeting.

Notes:

(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of January.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the January.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of January.

Appendix 1
Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Operations	Design and Installation of 25 Linear meters of ARMCO Crash Barrier along R122 Outside St. Margarets National School	Motorway Care	€ 29,670	03/01/2023	28/02/2023	1	**23/01/2023**
Operations	Removal of Dangerous Dead Trees overhanging the Turvey Avenue and the R126 at Cobbes Lane	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 26,000	23/01/2023	23/02/2023	1	**20/01/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 5 New 80 kw 4 wheel drive tractors	Midlouth Garage	€ 171,000	12/12/2022	12/12/2023	12	**09/01/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 4 New Electric Dumpers with 1500kg Payload Capacity	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€ 78,000	05/12/2022	04/12/2023	12	**09/01/2023**
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services	McQuillan Environmental John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 101,028	09/01/2023	08/07/2023	6	**09/01/2023**
Digital Services	Citrix Licences and Support Services Ltd	Arkphire Security Ltd	€ 25,540	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**
Digital Services	Upgrade of Broadband Bandwidth for Public Internet Access in Fingal Libraries	Virgin Media	€ 36,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	**01/01/2023**

Appendix 2
Active Travel Investment Grants 2023 Allocations

Table A: Fingal County Council

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations

Project Code	Project Name	2023 Allocation
Fingal County Council		
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 800,000
FCC/13/0001	S2S Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 200,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 200,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 1,700,000
FCC/19/0005	School streets (non-SRTS)	€ 100,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 450,000
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking	€ 150,000
FCC/20/0008	Church Fields Link Road	€ 1,000,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 220,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth	€ 300,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 200,000
FCC/21/0005	Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route	€ 100,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 235,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane	€ 185,000
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown / Huntstown /Mountview Road	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0005	St Cronins Road rapid build active travel	€ 1,387,711
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle / Rivervalley Road Swords	€ 176,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan Road, Mill Street and Drogheda Street	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County	€ 465,000

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations

Project Code	Project Name	2023 Allocation
Fingal County Council		
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge Lane	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 905,000
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Road to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	€ 140,000
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	€ 140,000
FCC/22/0015	Rush - South Beach (Bawn Road across carpark and out to S Shore Road) New footpath and cycle path	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0016	New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme	€ 583,899
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects (traffic, air, noise)	€ 60,000
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	€ 655,000
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review	€ 282,500
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddys's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA Active Travel Route	€ 350,000
FCC/22/0026	Active Travel Office - Staff Costs	€ 1,100,000
FCC/22/0027	Swords Cycle Network - Sustainable Swords	€ 200,000
FCC/22/0028	Active Travel scheme Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	€ 90,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction upgrade design	€ 200,000
FCC/22/0030	Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway	€ 150,000
FCC/23/XXXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway	€ 220,000
FCC/23/XXXX	Chapel road to An Tagasc building Active Travel	€ 155,000
FCC/23/xxxx	St Catherine's Park Boardwalk	€ 100,000
FCC/23/xxxx	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure	€ 120,000

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations		
Project Code	**Project Name**	**2023 Allocation**
Fingal County Council		
FCC/23/xxxx	Castlelands Active Travel routes	€ 50,000
FCC/23/xxxx	Active Travel Pathfinder - Swords to Airport quick build	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Travel Routes	€ 40,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinsear - Bayside Senior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - St. Luke's NS Tyrrelstown Dublin 15	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Ghrainne CNS	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Bayside Junior School (Scoil Náisiúnta Muire agus Iósef, Sóisear)	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Choilm CNS	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Rush & Lusk ETNS	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Castaheany ETNS	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - St. Benedict's NS	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Ladyswell National School	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - St. Patrick's N.S. Diswellstown	€ 200,000
	Total:	**€ 17,110,110**

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*	*Q1 2023* *Phased delivery*
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	Q1 2023 *Phased delivery*
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Church Fields Phase 2B https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qCJehgaJZj38	**67** 6x1Bed 17x2Bed 34x3Bed 10x4Bed	On Site	Q4 2021	Q1 2023 *Phased delivery*
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Outlands, Swords 53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W - Google Maps	**11** 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	On Site	Q4 2022	Q4 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	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023

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 second stage in the process is currently underway and a tender will issue to the successful applicants in Q1 2023.	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	**62** 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	Development agreement being finalised with contractor.	Q1 2023	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	**10** 10x2Bed	Tender evaluation has concluded. Current estimation on a start date is Feb 2023.	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	**5** 5x2Bed	Tender evaluation has concluded. Current estimation on a start date is Feb 2023.	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
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 second stage in the process is currently underway and a tender will issue to the successful applicants in Q1 2023.	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
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Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee Meeting	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date (est) *	Handover (est)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar		Mixed Tenure	Church Fields, D15 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**700**	Pre-Planning and design stage. Part 10 to be lodged to ABP April 2023	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**	Part 8 - public consultation period to conclude on 20th March 2023	Q1 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	**13**	Part 8 -public consultation period to conclude on 10th Feb, 2023	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53.459572, -6.218227 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	**36**	Part 8 - public consultation period to conclude on 14th Feb, 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2025
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**	Part 8 - public consultation period to conclude on 10th Feb, 2023.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Limited	Mixed Tenure	Ballymastone Donabate 53.487935, -6.137834	**172**	Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) lodged by Glenveagh Living Limited 16th Sept 22 for 432 units. 20% social 20% affordable	Decision to Grant Permission was made by Fingal County Council. An appeal has subsequently been lodged on 8th Dec to ABP.	TBC

The above estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

Appendix 4
Community Funding Dec/Jan

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Statis	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Department of Rural & Community Development	Dormant Accounts Fund Engagement Project	LGBTI Engage Pilot Project	Successful	€40,000	December 2022
POBAL CSP funding	New application for 2023 contract	Mulhuddart CC	Successful	TBC	January 2023
POBAL CSP funding	New application for 2023 contract	Mountview CC	Successful	TBC	January 2023
POBAL CSP funding	New application for 2023 contract	Huntstown CC	Successful	TBC	January 2023
POBAL CSP funding	New application for 2023 contract	Baldoyle Forum	Successful	TBC	January 2023
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Parslickstown House	Waiting on second release		

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 26

MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR H. MAHONY

No Report

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 27

CONFERENCE REPORT



Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government

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Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government

COLLEGE

College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences

DURATION

12 weeks

TEACHING MODE

Part-time online blended

QUALIFICATION

Certificate in Continuing Professional Development

NFQ LEVEL

Level 7

FEES

€850

Course fees payable to UCC will be €525 per participant (reduced from €850 due to AILG sponsorship) and will be paid over 2 instalments during the course duration: €270 on registration and the balance of €255 in March. Local Authority Elected Members can avail of provisions of Circular LG05-2022 in relation to the payment of the reduced course fee. Applicants will pay the fees of €525 and may claim a reimbursement following successful completion of the course. Applicants should contact their Local Authority in advance to agree this. Please refer to AILG guidance on reimbursement for educational fees.

TO APPLY

Visit the following link https://ucc.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply, create an account, and enter the enrolment code GOV23.

Application Closing Date: January 15th 2023

START DATE

1st February 2023

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Delivery: Part-time online/blended delivery with mix of asynchronous and synchronous 3 hours per week with 2 Saturday workshops/fieldtrips.

Duration: 12 weeks (6 weeks per module)

Dates of delivery will be scheduled according to the start date of the programme.

For more information on programme content, contact mark.kernan@ucc.ie.

Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

This level 7 certificate has been designed specifically for county and city councillors in local government in Ireland, and it will cover up to date policies and initiatives such as the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act and the Climate Action Plan, amongst other pressing climate related issues. This course is the only university bearing credit CPD programme of its kind in Ireland offering a recognised qualification in this sector. Its purpose is to provide a unique opportunity for councillors to upgrade and upskill their professional & academic qualifications. The online and fieldtrip component is designed for local government staff to interact with each other with a view to building relationships and networks between participants from across the local government sector in Ireland. Students who successfully complete this course will also as a recognition of prior learning gain exemption from module AD 1082/1085 Perspectives on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (10 credit module) within the Diploma in Environment, Sustainability and Climate.

SKILLS AND CAREERS INFORMATION

This unique programme aims to develop student's knowledge and skills base with a view to support their effectiveness in their professional role. The wide-ranging content, subject specific material, peer-to-peer learning and sharing of practice in this course also act as a strong foundation for students to further their professional and academic development in the crucial subjects of global warming, sustainability, and the environment more generally.

TESTIMONIALS

"I would highly recommend this course to all councillors. As a mature student I found the course content extremely relevant, the lectures and the recordings both before and after the online discussions very helpful and challenging. The course helped me as a councillor understand the issues regarding the climate crisis and the role that Local Government can and must play in achieving our national and international climate goals. Networking with the other councillors was a huge bonus that I didn't really anticipate but found very enjoyable and helpful. The lecturers were engaging and extremely knowledgeable, the discussions and workshops were enjoyable, and the online sessions were manageable from a time management perspective. Overall, it was a great experience and I'm so glad I completed the course."

-2022 Student

"AILG are again delighted to partner with UCC in offering their bespoke Level 7 Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government to our Local Authority Elected Members. AILG are particularly proud that 24 of our members completed the course in 2022 and have received their level 7 certificate. It is a tremendous personal achievement for them and for AILG, as we continue to achieve our goal of developing our Bespoke Externally Accredited Training Programme for our Elected Members. Leading the local response to climate change is a new emerging role for local authorities, and it is imperative that our Elected Members have the necessary knowledge, education and leadership expertise to lead this challenge. This bespoke accredited course in climate action is of vital importance to AILG and I encourage all members to consider undertaking this course."

-Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, President of the AILG

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"A Briefing on the Electoral Reform Act"

AILG are pleased to announce our February 2023 Elected Members Training Programme.

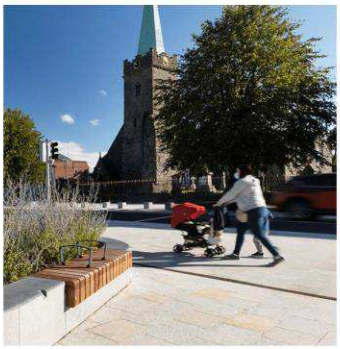
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Chris Tidswell, Head of CIPFA Wales, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
and
Julian Blake, *Stone King*; **Faye Elliott**, *Barking and Dagenham Council*; **Ingrid Koehler**, *Local Government Information Unit*; **Abigail Hunt**, *Trades Union Congress*

Chaired by:
Baroness Bennett

This conference will bring together policymakers and key stakeholders to discuss next steps for local government procurement, and the way forward for implementation of significant changes to policy.

It comes as the Procurement Bill progresses through Parliament, and will be a timely opportunity to discuss issues and opportunities arising from the new rules it will introduce affecting public service provision at a local and regional level.

Areas for discussion include:

- implementation of a move away from awarding criteria based on price, to include considerations of social value, public benefit, wellbeing and suitability
- establishing timelines for transparency notices, with a Procurement Review Unit able to investigate concerns around awards and transparency

Delegates will consider how best to define, implement and measure social value, and adapt procurement strategies to meet the broader objectives of local government, such as local economic growth and decarbonisation.

Further sessions look at ways to streamline procurement regulations for local authorities, priorities for improving transparency and efficiency of procurement systems, and next steps to help local authorities better engage with charities and SMEs.

We also expect discussion on the Local Government Association's *National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in England 2022*, as well as its response to the Procurement Bill at the House of Lords report stage.

Overall, areas for discussion include:

- the Procurement Bill: key issues for implementation - how rules could be better adapted to suit the goals and needs of local authorities
- social value: assessing options and best practice for defining, measuring, and being able to implement social value in procurement
- collaboration and partnerships: where greater flexibility and discretion in procurement rules might be needed to allow local authorities to deliver public services more effectively
- accountability: priorities for the development and use of tools, including through new technology, to consistently improve accountability, transparency and scrutiny across local authorities
- capabilities: tools, training, expertise and support needed for procurement to effectively and efficiently facilitate public service delivery
- SMEs: priorities for policy and local procurement strategies to foster the inclusion of smaller and new suppliers in the supply mix

[jump to more detail on the discussion]

We are pleased to be able to include keynote sessions with **Lindsay Maguire**, Head of Engagement, Procurement Reform, Cabinet Office; **Councillor Abi Brown**, Chair, LGA Improvement & Innovation Board; **Dr Andrew Larner**, Chief Executive, Improvement and Efficiency Social Enterprise (iESE); and **Chris Tidswell**, Head of CIPFA Wales, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

The conference will be an opportunity for stakeholders to consider the issues alongside policy officials who are due to attend from Audit Wales; BEIS; Cabinet Office; Defra; DLUHC; DfT; DHSC; HMRC; POST; and the Welsh Government

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The agenda:

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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bennett

9.05 **The Procurement Bill and implications for local government - implementation priorities and the way forward for flexibility and discretion in public service procurement**
Lindsay Maguire, Head of Engagement, Procurement Reform, Cabinet Office
Councillor Abi Brown, Chair, LGA Improvement & Innovation Board
Questions and comments from the floor

9.45 Break

Embedding social value in procurement for public services

9.50 *Case studies: national and regional initiatives and best practice*
Senior representative, regional government
Senior representative, devolved administration

10.10 *Strategies and opportunities for implementation - developing partnerships, maximising positive impact on local economies, and contributing to sustainability targets and reduction in regional disparities*

Julian Blake, Partner, Stone King
Faye Elliott, Social Value Coordinator, Barking and Dagenham Council
Senior representative, social enterprise
Commentator

10.35 Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Bennett

11.00 Break

11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.10 **Governance and transformation in local government procurement - next steps for supporting innovation in procurement practices, and improving scrutiny and transparency**
Dr Andrew Larner, Chief Executive, Improvement and Efficiency Social Enterprise (iESE)
Chris Tidswell, Head of CIPFA Wales, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 Break

11.45 **Promoting efficiency and consistency in local government procurement - developing planning and expertise, supporting innovation and digital transformation, and improving transparency and efficiency**
Ingrid Koehler, Head of Content, Local Government Information Unit
Abigail Hunt, Policy Officer - Public Services, Trades Union Congress (TUC)
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **Policy priorities and next steps for public procurement in local government**
Senior representative, policy

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Patrick Owen, Senior Researcher, Westminster Social Policy Forum

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Key areas for discussion:

The Procurement Bill

- local government priorities: looking at the Bill's potential impact on local government procurement and the delivery of public services
- implementation: key issues including areas where flexibility and discretion may be needed to deliver services effectively

Social value

- in practice: discussing how social value should be defined, implemented and measured
- implementing change: embedding social value as a fundamental principle of procurement, rather than added value
- sustainability: measurement of local government supply chain emissions - use of frameworks to promote green suppliers - inclusion of procurement in net-zero and transition strategies
- levelling-up: incorporating procurement into local and regional strategies - discussing flexibility required to allow leveraging of contracts to support local economic growth and development

Transforming procurement systems

- planning and expertise: next steps for sharing knowledge and guidance - building expertise throughout the system
- digital transformation: using digital tools effectively to create transparent and efficient services
- trust and scrutiny: promoting transparent practices in local procurement - building trust in council operations

SME engagement

- policy: the impact of new procurement rules on SME engagement and whether more needs to be done
- strategy: building SME, charity, and social enterprise engagement into early planning - fostering effective communication

Relevant developments:

- *Procurement Bill* - currently progressing through Parliament, with proposals to:
    - move from awarding criteria based on price to include considerations of social value, public benefit, wellbeing, and suitability
    - create a single, central platform for contract data and registration
    - introduce new processes for emergency buying and crisis procurement
    - establish timelines for transparency notices, with a Procurement Review Unit able to investigate concerns around awards and transparency
- *Transforming Public Procurement - planning and preparation checklist* - from GCF in October 2022, in preparation for forthcoming changes outlined in the Procurement Act
- *Getting Ready for the New Procurement Act: update on the official learning and development offer for contracting authorities* - GCF guidance from October 2022
- Angela Rayner sets out Labour procurement policy at conference - outlining a five-point National Procurement Plan in September 2022
- *National Procurement Strategy for Local Government in England 2022* - from LGA in August 2022, with ambitions for added social and commercial value, closer partnerships and coordination, better use of data, and improved relationships with suppliers
- *Procurement Bill, Report Stage, House of Lords, 28 November 2022* - LGA response to the Procurement Bill
- *Procurement Bill: call for evidence* - as the Public Bill Committee accepts written evidence from January 2023 and is scheduled to report by Thursday 23 February

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I do hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be a most useful morning, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Peter

Peter van Gelder
Director, Westminster Social Policy Forum

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13th January 2023

An Taoiseach,
Department of An Taoiseach
Government Buildings,
Dublin 2
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Re: Referendum on voting rights for Irish citizens abroad.

Dear Taoiseach,

I wish to inform you, at the January meeting of Leitrim County Council the Members passed the following resolution:

"That Leitrim County Council call on this Government to hold, without any further delay, the long promised referendum on voting rights for Irish citizens abroad.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett

Kieran Brett
Meetings Administrator
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CC: All Local Authorities

From: Aoife MacMahon <Aoife.MacMahon@irishlights.ie>
Sent: 18 January 2023 09:08
To: Nicola Halleran <nikki.halleran@fingal.ie>
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Subject: Response to query re: Nomination of a Fingal Councillor to the Board of the Commissioners of Irish Lights

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Dear Nikki,

I am responding to your query below on behalf of Yvonne Shields O'Connor, the Chief Executive of Irish Lights.

Query
To ask the Chief Executive what is the reason that the Council does not have the power to nominate a Councillor to the Board of the Commissioners of Irish Lights, whereas Dublin City Council, (DCC) can nominate four Councillors, with only three from DCC nominated to date, and if this matter can be raised with the Commissioners of Irish Lights with a view to addressing the matter?"

Response
The Commissioners of Irish Lights was established by the Dublin Port Act of 1867 (30 Vic. cap. 81) but derives its origin and constitution and jurisdiction, (although not its power), from an Act of the Irish Parliament of 1786 (26 Geo. III, cap. 19), which is entitled "An Act for promoting the trade of Dublin by rendering its Port and Harbour more commodious".

The Act of 1786 created a body entitled: "The Corporation for preserving and improving the Port of Dublin", the functions of which, as indicated by its title, were limited to the maintenance and preservation of the Port of Dublin. Until the year 1810, it had no jurisdiction over or connection with lighthouses or allied matters. Subsequent to the abolition of the Irish Parliament, an Act was passed by the British Parliament, entitled "Lighthouses (Ireland) Act, 1810" 50 Geo. III, c.95, which transferred to the Corporation created by the Irish Act of 1786 all powers, duties and functions relating to the control of lighthouses around the coast of Ireland. However, the title and constitution of the Corporation remained unchanged.

In line with the 1786 legislation, The Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin plus three Co. Councillors of the City of Dublin are appointed as ex officio Commissioners of Irish Lights. In addition, there are ten co-opted Board members. The latter are appointed via a process which includes wide advertisement, interview and a negative resolution by the Department of An Taoiseach.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Kind regards,

Aoife

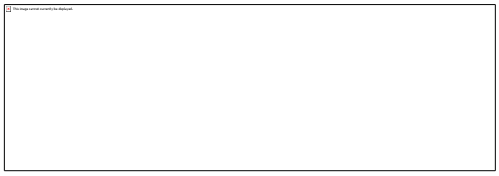
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20th January, 2023

For the attention of Each Meetings Administrator

A Chara,

At the January Meeting of Tipperary County Council the Members considered the following Notice of Motion and resolved that it should be forwarded to All Local Authorities for their consideration: -

"I am looking for support from Tipperary County Council to strengthen the control of Dogs Act Legislation in Ireland. A complete reform of dog owner's responsibilities must take place immediately for public and animal safety. An immediate review of the Dangerous Dogs Act must also take place banning ownership of these dogs in the State. A proper public indemnity insurance requirement must also be enshrined in new legislation for all dog owners. I am asking this Local Authority to write to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Rural and Community Development and Minister for Housing on this issue".

I would be obliged if you could bring this to your members attention for their consideration.

Mise, le meas

Ger Walsh
Meetings Administrator

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Dear Meetings Administrator,

At a recent meeting of Cavan County Council the following resolution was passed and the member proposing the motion asked that I forward the motion to all other local authorities.

To ask Cavan County Council, having regard to the thousands of people who are suffering with adverse effects from Covid-19 for long periods of time (long Covid)-

- To write to the Minister for Health Mr. Stephen Donnelly, T.D., the Oireachtas Health Committee and the HSE Chief Executive Officer requesting that the provision of Long Covid Clinics be retained and expanded.
- To raise it with our Regional Health Board and/or local hospital and
- To circulate this motion to the rest of the Councils around the Country asking them to consider doing the same.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine McGinn
Senior Staff Officer,
Cavan County Council.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 30

LACK OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN FINGAL AREA - SAFETY MEASURES AND THE USE OF THEM

Motion: Councillor P. Rane

"That the Chief Executive addresses the lack of defibrillators around the Fingal area, with more houses/apartments being built, the population is growing, this creates a need for more safety measures, an increase of defibrillators will save lives and encourage others to take the time to know how to use them."

Report:

The Council will carry out an audit of defibrillators across the county and circulate to Members when complete.

There are a number of on online AED locator resources which may be useful to Members in locating AEDs in their LEA:-

- AED Locator (rescue.ie)
- https://helpinghearts.ie/pages/aed-map-for-ireland

Source of Report:
Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO. 31

LIGHT UP OUR PARKS

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

"That the Chief Executive examines parks across the county to determine which ones could be lit up for certain hours to create longer windows to exercise with light to commence in winter 2023."

Report:

The total size of the Fingal County Council's Regional Parks and Open Spaces is 2,035Ha. We encourage the public to use the full amenities and resources of the parks and open spaces from opening to closing. Requests for lighting on areas of public open space can be considered on a case-by-case basis, when all the items below are taken into consideration.

When considering public lighting in the parks or on open spaces we must consider a range of matters including but not limited to the following: -

- Safety of persons using the space
- Prevention of light pollution
- Disturbance to animals.
- Installation disturbance to existing trees and wildlife habit
- Access to bus stops, schools, and commuter routes.
- Resident's concerns living near the Park/Open Space
- The potential for anti-social behavior
- Costs (both capital and ongoing).

Lighting is in place on many open space locations across the county where the request merited a solution. On many occasions it is not advisable to encourage people to visit our parks at night-time and the park opening hours reflect this in

some locations. On some open spaces the addition of lighting may be deemed appropriate but only when all the criteria above are taken into consideration.

Using public open space in darkness hours for exercise purposes can be assessed but only on a site-specific basis, however, apart from very defined arrangements such as all-weather floodlit pitch use or managed occasional events there is no justification or indeed significant demand for making general provision for people to use the parks during the hours of darkness.

All our parks and open spaces are areas of great important for wildlife habit including mammal species and bird species. Artificial lighting has a negative impact on nocturnal species, particularly, bats. Many of the larger open spaces are havens for nocturnal wildlife and all efforts to protect these areas of valuable urban habitat must be taken.

The Operations Department would decide on whether lighting is required and the location and level of lighting necessary for people to travel safely about the County, at night and in some specific suitable locations. Public Lighting in Parks and Open Spaces is therefore assessed on a case-by-case basis, and it is recommended that this process continues.

Source of Report:
Mary T Daly, Director of Services, Operations and Water Services

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ITEM NO. 32

FAILURE IN PLANNING FOR SCHOOLS

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

"That this Council notes the failure of the Department of Education to engage in effective longer-term planning for the construction of new schools and expansion of existing schools in Fingal and calls on the Department to engage with local public representatives, school patrons and local communities to ensure proper planning of school infrastructure in line with demographic trends."

Report:

The provision of schools across the County is the responsibility of the Department of Education. The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department meets with officials from the Department of Education regularly to consider the requirement and optimum location for schools across the County.

These requirements are considered alongside population projections and the strategic objectives of the Development Plan which indicate where future growth will be concentrated.

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department will continue to work with the Department of Education in the selection and location of sites for schools and ensure these are in accordance with the requirements of the Development Plan and the Department of Education's requirements.

Source of Report:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 33

PROGRESS OF THE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN RESPECT OF DAA

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

"That the Chief Executive presents a report on the progress of the enforcement actions taken in respect of the daa."

Report:

An Bord Pleanála granted permission ref: PL06F.217429 for the North Runway subject to 31 conditions. Following receipt of a number of planning enforcement complaints relating to the operation of the north runway a planning enforcement file has been opened and a warning letter was issued to the daa.

A response to the warning letter was received 19th October 2022. Following review of response received, the Planning Authority requested further information on 9th December 2022 as part of the ongoing investigations into the alleged offences.

On the 16th of December the daa advised that there is not a standard form of the requested monitoring report available and that there is significant work involved for daa and its external consultants, to compile the raw data and present it in a useful manner to comply with our letter of 9th December. Accordingly, an extension of the timeframe for response to the requested further information was requested and granted by the Planning Authority on 21st December 2022, with information sought to be submitted no later than 6th February 2023.

The Council received responses from the daa on Friday 3rd February and Monday 6th February. This information is currently being reviewed.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 34

NAMING NEW HOUSING ESTATES IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive outlines what the criteria is for the naming of new housing estates in Fingal, who is responsible for doing so and if there is such a thing as a 'Naming Committee' for the Council, has it ever sat and who the members are."

Report:

The current process used in the naming residential developments has been in place for a number of years and was last presented to councillors at 2018 SPC meetings. The methodology was developed in response to the increased volume of requests and time pressure-as naming is a requirement to progress critical stages of development including power connection etc. and is now subject to the compliance timeframe.

Residential Development Naming Process

- Where planning permission is granted for a new residential development, a planning condition is included in respect of the naming of the development.

- When a compliance submission is received by the planning compliance section, a report is requested from the Heritage Officer.

- The Heritage Officer undertakes research on the proposed name, generally liaises with the relevant local historical society, evaluates the

proposal and reports on its suitability. If a naming proposal is unacceptable a more suitable proposal is sought.

- The Heritage Officer returns report to planning compliance section; the planning compliance section evaluates other aspects e.g., the numbering scheme and when all issues have been dealt with satisfactorily, the relevant planning officer approves, and a letter issues to developer and to relevant public bodies.

To note Fingal County Council has a Naming and Commemorative Memorial Policy and process that pertains to the naming of certain types of public infrastructure to honour or celebrate individuals, groups or events of significance in Fingal https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2019-04/Final%20Naming%20and%20Commemorative%20Memorial%20Policy.pdf

Implementation of Naming Process

Naming submissions reflect local history, folklore and/or place names in accordance with Objectives CH53 and DMS38 of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023.

The onus is on the developer to propose a suitable naming scheme which complies with Development Plan policy.

Objective CH53: Ensure that the naming of mixed residential and mixed-use schemes reflect local history, folklore and/or place names and are stated in the Irish language.

Objective DMS38: Naming of streets and residential estates shall reflect the local placenames and local people of note, heritage, language or topographical features as appropriate and shall incorporate old placenames from the locality as much as possible and where appropriate shall be in Irish. The use of bi-lingual signage will be required.

Names can refer to historical buildings or structures, the local topography, archaeological monuments or features, the local landscape, or an association with a significant local historical individual, custom or event. In particular, the use and promotion of historical and current townland and parish names in the urban and rural environment are promoted.

Names must be in both in the Irish and English languages, or in the Irish language exclusively. The exclusive use of Irish language names is encouraged.

Duplication of existing names in Fingal and adjoining counties is avoided. This is in the interests of owners, occupiers, visitors, service and utility providers and for rapid emergency service provision.

In 2022 the Heritage Officer received 30 referrals for compliance with a condition for naming of new estates.



In order to minimise inappropriate submissions, the Heritage Officer has drafted guidelines for developers, which details the naming requirements and offers useful sources.

Historical Societies and Heritage Groups have a wealth of knowledge that is invaluable in fulfilling the naming objectives of the Development Plan. The Fingal Fieldnames project continues to be useful in feeding into the process, especially in areas of high demand. A number of members of the Fingal Heritage Network were members of a Council naming committee that met prior to c.2017.

Considering the compliance deadlines and the sporadic nature of submissions and referrals, the responses from the Heritage Network members, have been continually prompt and efficacious under the current process, and the Heritage Office is extremely grateful for their continued input and sharing of local placename knowledge which we endeavour to preserve, in the naming of new residential estates.

Source of Report:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 35

INTRODUCTION OF PILOT SCHEME FOR ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES

Motion: Councillor R. O Donoghue

"That this Council calls on the Government and Minister of Social Protection to introduce a pilot scheme for artists with disabilities, to co-exist for the duration of the Basic Income for Artists pilot scheme, which would remove the weekly earnings limit and means test from those in receipt of disability supports."

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister of Social Protection to introduce a pilot scheme for artists with disabilities and when a reply is received the Council will be informed.

Source of Report:
Emer O'Gorman, Director of Service, People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 36

DEFIBRILLATORS ACROSS FINGAL

Motion: Councillor A. Henchy

"That the Chief Executive together with all other relevant stakeholders including the HSE, Irish Heart Foundation and Defibrillators Suppliers look at all options in piloting a system across Fingal that quickly and readily identifies on a persons' phone the nearest available defibrillators to any person or organisations who identify that they need access to defibrillators, given that time is of critical importance, I am calling on a renewed emphasis and focus to this proposal for Fingal."

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the CEO of the HSE and the Minister for Health and when a response is received the Members shall be informed.

Source of Report:
Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 37

EXTENSION OF ZEBRA CROSSING PILOT SCHEME

Motion: Councillors P. Mulville and J. Hopkins

"That this Council calls for the Minister for Transport to immediately open up and extend the pilot scheme for the provision of zebra crossings without the flashing orange Belisha beacon lights, currently only in place for Dún Laoghaire and Limerick, so that every Local Authority who wishes to, including Fingal County Council, can take part in the scheme and pilot a few locations for study in their own respective functional areas."

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister for Transport and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

Source of Report:
Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 38

ADDITIONAL NATIONAL CAR TESTING CENTRE

Motion: Councillor JK ONWUMEREH

"That the Council considering the rising number of customers on waiting lists for NCT at the Ballymun Centre, considers liaising with relevant bodies to initiate the establishment of a second NCT centre in Fingal to help decongest this troubling waiting list and bring some comfort, connectivity and movement to car owners in Fingal."

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister for Transport and when a response is received the Members shall be informed.

Source of Report
Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services